

Annual report



Guinea

Appeal No. MAAGN001

08/07/2009

This report covers the period 1/1/2008 to 31/12/2008.

In brief

Programme(s) summary: The Federation has phased out of Guinea since December 2007 when it closed its country representation but supporting the national society from the Sahel sub-region office in Dakar. As it focuses on accompanying the Red Cross Society of Guinea (RCSG) in developing its capacity to be a Well Prepared National Society and serve the most vulnerable of its communities. The Disaster Management had an integrated approach for developing programmes around First Aid and Cholera eradication in most vulnerable regions.

Financial situation: The total budget is **CHF 541,095 (EUR 10,434 or USD 356,311)**. The appeal coverage is 138 per cent. The expenditure overall was 38 percent

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No. of people we help: The Disaster Management programmes reached out 38,200 beneficiaries.

Our partners: The Red Cross Society of Guinea was supported by ICRC to build a headquarters after 20 years in rented premises by the Federation in the framework of emergency operations. The building was equipped with radio communication system with the support of ICRC and the National Society was working since 2007 without an Internet connection, with no phone and no water. Electricity is provided solely from a generator. To improve the situation and facilitate communication with the outside world, the Federation IT

department made a visit to Conakry in August to assess needs and install the necessary equipment for the Internet connection. It was not easy because of the remoteness of the new headquarters downtown. The system is operational from October. A process is underway to connect to the national water and electricity network. This support was provided through the Spanish Government grant for Institutional Development.

Context

Guinea though rich with its soil holding precious minerals is a paradox as the country has been in chronic humanitarian needs because it is prone to floods, epidemic outbreaks such as cholera, meningitis, yellow fever and other haemorrhagic fevers as well as socio-political crisis. High poverty levels, malnutrition and poor access to health services increase the vulnerability of the people with a poor basic sanitation (18 per cent by 2007) due to poor hygiene practices being responsible for diarrhoeal diseases such as cholera. There is a high level of malnutrition, acute respiratory infections (ARIs) and diarrhoeal diseases due to poor access to safe water and lack of sanitation.

To reduce vulnerability of the affected population, a long-term programme-based approach -as opposed to emergency response – is required. This is being achieved through improving the access to safe water and basic sanitation, hygiene and nutrition –targeted health education, malaria control, vaccination and improved livelihoods (especially for women), as all these factors impact on child health, and on the nutritional status of children.

Repeated socio-political instability was reflected in the national society leadership which lead to a change in the governance of the society. Donors' interest was limited to emergency response rather than long-term programming, while the Federation has been supporting the national society in their on-going programmes rather than designing new ones. Most of this support has been given in collaboration with the ICRC, present in the country and partners such as ECHO and DFID under its Institutional Strategic with the Federation, which is running through for four years since 2007.

With the new governance in place, some Participating National Society (PNS) have shown interest in supporting RCSG. The Danish Red Cross for example supports in the development of the financial system.

Progress towards outcomes

The long standing socio-political instability of Guinea has not only aggravated the vulnerability of communities but also weakened all capacity development invested especially through humanitarian efforts. Despite the level of investment in training and preparedness at community level to face natural disasters, the socio-economic crisis has contributed to a severe food insecurity situation in many areas of the country. With dilapidated health care infrastructures as well as the water distribution system, the country is prone to waterborne diseases and epidemics.

The Red Cross Society of Guinea has responded to most crises with the support of the Movement components based on the capacity building of its staff and volunteers in managing risks at community level and organising response teams. Most of risks are being addressed in a holistic and integrated approach with pilot projects at community level.

Programme component 1: Disaster preparedness and risk reduction at community level

Outcomes:

- An early warning system is in place in disaster prone areas;
- A community based disaster risk reduction project has been implemented as model;
- Food security projects are implemented in the disaster prone communities

Through the concept of early warning and early action with the dissemination of climate related information to the areas prone to flood, branches were informed of flooding risks. However it still has a long way to go in setting up an appropriate communication line for information exchange. Although the community based disaster risk reduction project was not previously set up as an outcome, the national society used a new approach of training in the module for community based training. At least two Community-based Disaster Response Teams (CDRT) were trained with thirty members each in Siguiri and Woya, both able to undertake risk mapping and risk reduction activities in times of calm and provide appropriate, coordinated and efficient response in times of disaster in their respective communities. More than 1,800 people benefited also from a community Disaster Risk Reduction project in Woya with ten water points rehabilitated, raised and protected to reducing the risk of contamination by floods. The construction of dikes and establishment of a river bank management committee for flooding risk was achieved as well. As a result, cholera and other waterborne diseases risks were reduced by 90 %. Besides, two community risk mappings were conducted and a sanitation and flood risk reduction project was implemented in the community of Woya.

As for food security, the participatory assessment tool and exercises helped to develop and implement two community based food security project in Kissidougou for more than 200 households headed by women. A community based rice farming initiative in Manfran and Kissidougou was launched for household consumption and income generation of the local community through the women cooperative.

Programme component 2: Disaster response

Outcomes:

- The response capacity of Red Cross Society of Guinea has been strengthened;
- Community members in disaster risk areas sensitized and trained on CBFA.

Achievements

The financial support of ECHO and DFID contributed to providing quality training followed by a simulation exercise of 150 members of the national society emergency brigades. The acquiring of an ambulance for evacuation during emergency operations was effective as well as an improved communication network for the intervention teams. The Community Based First Aid (CBFA) training in Disaster Management with a focus on risk reduction through the setting up of functional Community Disaster Response Teams (CDRT) enhanced the response mechanism of the Red Cross Society of Guinea. A total of 60 trained members joined the national disaster response team (NDRT)

Programme component 3: Contingency planning

Outcomes:

- A contingency plan has been developed and disseminated to local communities;
- The national society's contingency plan is harmonized with that of the local authorities and OCHA.

Achievements

The contingency planning process especially for floods and population movement in the country risks took place at national level. The documents produced have to be disseminated and tested up to the community level and the standard operating procedures (SOPs) are yet to be developed. Despite the participation of the Red Cross Society of Guinea in the coordination meeting at national level, its plan has not yet been fully integrated in the country plan and the inter-agency one because of the lack of clear definition of roles and responsibilities.

Constraints or Challenges

The transfer of responsibility to the Zone office in Dakar after the closing of the Federation office in the country, made it difficult for the RCSG in implementing its plan accordingly and many activities suffered some delay. The low level of response for funding to the plan and the integrity issue is also another challenge as it led to reluctance of some donors

Working in partnership

The collaboration with ECHO has permitted to develop the emergency response capacity of the national society. A total of 150 members of emergency brigades were trained, and equipped with first aid kits, stretchers as well as some non-food items for at least 100 families. A well equipped ambulance has been also acquired.

How we work	
The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".	Global Agenda Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.• Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.• Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.• Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.
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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	541,095	0	0	0	0	541,095
B. Opening Balance	-699,413	0	0	0	0	-699,413
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
DFID Partnership grant	77,903					77,903
ECHO	386,987					386,987
Irish Government	29,446					29,446
Other	-3,049					-3,049
PRM, US Dept. Population Refugees & Migration	90,000					90,000
Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)			1,921			1,921
UNHCR (UN Agency)	430,596					430,596
C1. Cash contributions	1,011,882		1,921			1,013,803
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
DFID Partnership grant	77,119					77,119
ECHO	600					600
PRM, US Dept. Population Refugees & Migration	-102,150					-102,150
UNHCR (UN Agency)	2,888					2,888
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	-21,543					-21,543
<u>Other Income</u>						
Miscellaneous Income	452,964					452,964
C5. Other Income	452,964					452,964
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	1,443,303	0	1,921	0	0	1,445,225
D. Total Funding = B + C	743,890	0	1,921	0	0	745,812
Appeal Coverage	137%	0%		0%		138%

II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	-699,413	0	0	0	0	-699,413
C. Income	1,443,303	0	1,921	0	0	1,445,225
E. Expenditure	-743,890					-743,890
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0	0	1,921	0	0	1,921

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		541,095	0	0	0	0	541,095	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief		5,460					5,460	-5,460
Clothing & textiles	114,000	28,615					28,615	85,385
Food		1,032					1,032	-1,032
Seeds,Plants		8,005					8,005	-8,005
Water & Sanitation		33,670					33,670	-33,670
Medical & First Aid	177,244	66,275					66,275	110,969
Teaching Materials		840					840	-840
Utensils & Tools		4,134					4,134	-4,134
Other Supplies & Services		5,377					5,377	-5,377
Total Supplies	291,244	153,407					153,407	137,836
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Land & Buildings		6,318					6,318	-6,318
Vehicles	60,906	58,756					58,756	2,149
Computers & Telecom	14,800	31,631					31,631	-16,831
Medical Equipment	-6,400							-6,400
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	69,306	96,705					96,705	-27,400
Transport & Storage								
Storage	4,800							4,800
Distribution & Monitoring		4,747					4,747	-4,747
Transport & Vehicle Costs	4,866	45,510					45,510	-40,644
Total Transport & Storage	9,666	50,257					50,257	-40,591
Personnel								
International Staff	43,432	5,832					5,832	37,600
National Staff	4,400	22,849					22,849	-18,449
National Society Staff	13,524	75,193					75,193	-61,669
Consultants		22,256					22,256	-22,256
Total Personnel	61,356	126,130					126,130	-64,774
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	147,552	60,036					60,036	87,516
Total Workshops & Training	147,552	60,036					60,036	87,516
General Expenditure								
Travel	-100,000	18,965					18,965	-118,965
Information & Public Relation	6,400	29,515					29,515	-23,115
Office Costs	20,400	10,591					10,591	9,809
Communications	0	2,629					2,629	-2,629
Professional Fees		4,684					4,684	-4,684
Financial Charges		94,243					94,243	-94,243
Other General Expenses	0	-10,753					-10,753	10,753
Total General Expenditure	-73,200	149,876					149,876	-223,076
Depreciation								
Depreciation		4,879					4,879	-4,879
Total Depreciation		4,879					4,879	-4,879
Programme Support								
Program Support	35,171	48,351					48,351	-13,180
Total Programme Support	35,171	48,351					48,351	-13,180
Services								
Services & Recoveries		24					24	-24
Total Services		24					24	-24
Operational Provisions								

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A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		541,095	0	0	0	0	541,095	
Operational Provisions		54,224					54,224	-54,224
Total Operational Provisions		54,224					54,224	-54,224
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	541,095	743,890					743,890	-202,795
VARIANCE (C - D)		-202,796	0	0	0	0	-202,795	