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Water is life as expressed by this happy beneficiary at a Red Cross rehabilitated and operational water point in Côte d'Ivoire/Zakari ISSA, International Federation

In brief

Programme outcome: National Societies in the region are supported to contribute to improving the lives of vulnerable populations within the framework of Strategy 2020 and in line with ARCHI 2010.

Programme(s) summary: The West Coast Regional Representation worked in close collaboration with partners to support West Coast National Societies in the implementation of activities towards improving the lives of the vulnerable population in the region and also enhancing these National Societies' development. The West Coast Regional Representation was able to support the National Societies in the implementation of their disaster management activities especially in the area of building the capacities of target communities in disaster risk reduction, the preparation of the contingency plans against disaster such as floods and population movement. Some National Societies were also supported through the International Federation DREF allocation to assist people affected by disasters in 2009. Health related activities were also scaled up in 2009. The Regional Representation supported National Societies who participated in the various mobilization campaigns as well as HIV/AIDS awareness activities in the region. Water and sanitation activities were also supported in target countries. In collaboration with partners, evaluation of CBHP and polio activities were carried out while National Societies' H2P projects were also supported. The West Coast Regional Representation contributed to the implementation of the various developmental activities of the West Coast National Societies especially in the areas of development of financial and accounting systems, governance and management support, participation in national and international gatherings and in the organization of partnership meetings.

However, lack of prioritization of activities, late reporting (financial and narrative) on the part of the National Societies are some of the challenges the Regional Representation faced during 2009.

Financial situation: The total budget for (2009-2010) initially was CHF 9,882,113. However, due to low appeal coverage of the budget during the first half of 2009, the West Coast Regional Representation revised the 2009 budget to reflect a more realistic budget of **CHF 5,913,027 (USD 5,442,270 or EUR 4,125,463)**. From the revised budget, 80 per cent was covered. Expenditure overall was 44 per cent.

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No. of people we have reached: An estimated total of 3,100,000 people including children, volunteers and members of the Red Cross directly benefited from the secretariat-supported programme interventions in 2009.

Our partners: Apart from the partners of the West Coast Regional Representation such as the Swedish Red Cross, Irish Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross and Icelandic Red Cross, others include the British Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, Netherlands Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross and ICRC. UNICEF, WHO, WFP, DFID, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), Ys Men International are also collaborating with the West Coast Regional Representation. The Belgium Red Cross, Nestlé and Shell also supported projects in the region in 2009. National Societies also worked in partnership with other corporate organizations and government agencies in their respective countries. The West Coast Regional Representation will continue to give support to National Societies for more potential partners and donors.

Context

The Socio-political situation in the West Coast region in 2009 was that of relative stability which varied from one country to another. Tensions and apprehension were evident in Côte d'Ivoire and Togo due to the anticipated national elections in those countries. In Nigeria, insecurity in the Niger-Delta region of the country coupled with ethno-religious violence in some parts of the country kept recurring and negatively impacted on the socio-economic life of the vulnerable population. Political tension in neighbouring Guinea Conakry initially posed the challenges of population movement to her neighbours (Sierra Leone, Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia) that prompted the West Coast Regional Representation to support the National Societies of these countries in reactivating and updating their contingency plans for possible population movement. The region continued to witness communal clashes in many countries. The clashes are mainly over land ownership and the desire of one community to lord over the other.

The global financial crises, the threat of food insecurity and floods have contributed to the high cost of living in the region. With majority of the population in the region living below one US dollar, access to medical facilities remains a challenge in most countries in the region. Social infrastructures in many countries in the region are in a deplorable state especially in the rural communities. However, National Societies in the region with support from the International Federation were able to carry out some of their planned activities in 2009.

Progress towards outcomes

Disaster Management

Programme Component 1: Community preparedness/Disaster risk reduction

Outcomes

- Vulnerabilities and capacities of target communities are known and preventive measures are taken to mitigate and respond to them in the most appropriate ways;
- Community-based disaster management committees (CBDMC) have been established at community level by National Societies;
- Risk reduction activities are sustained through CBDMC empowerment.

Achievements

Activities under the West Africa Disaster Management Capacity Building (WADMBCB) pilot project were carried out in the three pilot countries of Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The project planning for 2009 in Nigeria was finalized after a visit by the representatives of the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), its consultant from the United Kingdom and the representative of the International Federation. The Sierra Leone Red Cross Society (SLRCS) implemented activity 4 and 5 under the pilot project with consultation meetings held with staff and volunteers of the pilot branches and the beneficiary communities.

A preliminary survey on Community Risk Management (CRM) project was carried out in Nasarawa and Kaduna States of Nigeria by the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) in collaboration with the International Federation. The project which focused on enhancing the capacity of the target communities to reduce their vulnerabilities has since commenced in the two states. The Federation also supported the NRCS in reviewing its technical management plan for other DM activities.

The Community-Based Disaster Management Committees (CBDMCs) scaled up their income generating activities in their communities. These activities and other risk reduction activities supported by the European Union were carried out in 2009 at the chiefdom and community level in all the SLRCS branches in the country.

The previous training in VCA, first aid, contingency planning acquired by the SLRCS volunteers and staff in DM operational areas in the country have enhanced the community awareness on hazards that had caused disasters in the past and which still have the potentials to cause disasters in the future. Now they are not only getting engaged into mitigating the impact of those disasters but they are also better prepared for any reoccurrence.

During the first half of 2009, the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire has prepared and finalized all documents related to its disaster risk reduction project in schools. Nearly 1,000 pupils were reached out through this programme with the aim of creating risk awareness culture at an early age and use them as change agents in their respective families and surroundings.

A risk reduction initiative has been undertaken by the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire, with support from the Shelter and Settlements Department of the secretariat in Geneva in partnership with CRATerre. The initiative has set up a pilot project in the Bin-Houyé area that has defined a diagnostic method and developed tools suited to a community setting and community skills. This is contributing to enhancing mitigation measures and strategies to adapt traditional housing. About 24 local bricklayers and carpenters have been trained through field training in new techniques and improved local practices for resilient communities.

Programme component 2: Organizational preparedness and response

Outcomes

- National Societies in the region have developed and maintained a disaster management data base;
- A national disaster management system assessment is conducted using the Well-Prepared National Society (WPNS) self-assessment tool in Sierra Leone;
- A regional/national disaster response team RDRT/NDRT database is developed for effective disaster response in the region;
- The quality of pre-positioned relief items by the National Societies in the region for distribution during disasters conforms to SPHERE standard;
- The rapid interventions of National Societies in the region have reduced the morbidity and mortality rates caused by disasters;
- National Societies have prepared contingency plans and risk-mitigating activities and the communities sensitized on the risks.

Achievements

The International Federation supported the Togolese Red Cross in the completion of its warehouse for basic emergency relief items. The warehouse was completed in 2009 and has since been put into use. In its effort to contribute to the pro-activeness of the National Societies in the West Coast region, the International Federation carried out the replenishment of pre-positioned regional stocks and commenced the process of decentralizing the stocks by having them in selected countries that are more at risk of disasters like floods and for easy accessibility in the region.

The National Societies of Côte d'Ivoire and Togo were supported in the revision of their respective election contingency plans ahead of the 2010 national elections in these countries. The Red Cross of Benin with support from the International Federation reviewed its flood contingency plan before the commencement of the 2009 raining season. The revision assisted the National Society in its relief intervention during the DREF funded flood operation in the country in 2009.

With support from the International Federation and to improve on its flood response intervention, the Togolese Red Cross organized a workshop to enhance the knowledge of its staff and volunteers on water and sanitation during emergency operations. The knowledge acquired during the workshop contributed to the reduction in rate of recorded cases of water related diseases during the floods period in 2009. The Red Cross taking the promotion of good hygiene habits as one of its priorities sensitized vulnerable population on the importance of good sanitation habits and water treatment during the 2009 floods operation in some parts of the country. The efforts of the Togolese Red Cross in this regard increased the knowledge of beneficiaries on good water and sanitation habits.

The Sierra Leone Red Cross Society (SLRCS) organized a consultative forum on International Disaster Response Laws (IDRL) with stakeholders in Sierra Leone. The meeting focused on adaptation of the IDRL into national laws. The National Society developed the first draft report on laws, policies, interviews and practices on disaster response activities and operations in Sierra Leone.

The International Federation from its DREF supported some National Societies in the region to contribute to alleviating the suffering of population affected by disasters. The Togolese Red Cross with allocation from the DREF and support from UNICEF was able to contribute to reducing the spread of the cholera outbreak which commenced in the country during the last quarter of 2008 into the first quarter of 2009. The National Society carried out sensitization activities and reached about 353,120 persons. The intervention of the Red Cross of Benin during the storm disaster in the country reached a total of 18,000 persons with sensitization and distributed relief items to 60 most affected households. The 2009 DREF funded flood operation in Benin supported more than 28,800 affected persons with relief items and 575 water wells treated while more than 18,000 persons were sensitized on good hygiene practices. The Ghana Red Cross Society with support from the DREF provided relief assistance to people affected by flood in the coastal area of the country in 2009. A total of 1,000 families benefited from the Red Cross assistance. The NRCS provided support to some 1,400 displaced persons from the Bakassi Peninsular in 2009. The International Federation also supported the NRCS to assist some 500 families affected by the 2009 floods in some parts of the country. These DREF operations also assisted the beneficiary National Societies in enhancing the capacities of their staff and volunteers through training in emergency response. The operations have also enhanced the visibility of the Red Cross among the beneficiaries and strengthened cooperation with other humanitarian actors including government agencies.

Programme Component 3: Disaster planning

Outcomes

- National Societies have carried out the mapping of food insecurity risk areas in the region and have developed food security strategy;

- National Societies in the region have established an early warning system for disasters;
- National Societies have provided training and supported communities in livestock farming and animal traction.

Achievements

In its community preparedness activities against floods the Togolese Red Cross completed its Early Warning System (EWS) pilot project during the first quarter of 2009. Activities carried out include the development of documents related to the Early Warning System, the installation and construction of 20 beams to know the level of rain water in the identified and selected five villages of 5,000 inhabitants. A training session was also organized for community leaders and volunteers on the use of the system. The National Society also distributed IEC materials to volunteers to facilitate their sensitization activities. The sensitization has enhanced the knowledge of the beneficiary communities on floods, its impact and measures to adopt during floods.

The Nigerian Red Cross Society carried out food security activities under its DFID funded DM projects in 2009. Some of these activities have been contributing to enhancing the community empowerment in self-sustainability and improve their income base. About three communities of more than 500 households each benefited from this programme in learning backyard gardening especially with off-seasons crops in the drought prone areas of Borno State.

Constraints or Challenges

Lack of comprehensive action plans from the National Societies in line with the current trends and realistic budgets were some of the main challenges encountered in 2009.

Health and Care

Programme component 1: HIV and AIDS

Outcome

- Vulnerability to HIV and its impact is reduced by preventing further infections, expanding care, treatment, and support, and reducing stigma and discrimination.

Achievements

The Federation had limited resources during the period under review to support the West Coast National Societies in the area of HIV and AIDS. However the Sierra Leone Red Cross was supported through the CBHP programme to reach 45,125 peers through the peer education activities and also reached 105 PLWHIV with positive prevention messages. The Sierra Leone Red Cross Society continued to provide nutritional and livelihood support to orphans and vulnerable children. The Nigerian Red Cross Society was supported to train 27 trainers under the Global Alliance on HIV programme and produced 21,235 IEC materials to enhance its HIV/AIDS activities. The Togolese Red Cross Society with the support from the Swiss and Danish Red Cross Societies was able to make modest achievements in the area of HIV/AIDS programme implementation. This includes reaching 118,842 people with HIV prevention messages and 4,450 VCT referrals. About 1,159 OVCs were supported with educational and nutritional support, 673 PLWHIV were also reached through support groups that were formed. Twenty-seven staff members of the Togolese Red Cross and volunteers can now access ARVs through the Masambo Fund. During the second quarter 2009, the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire carried out sensitization activities on Voluntary Non-Remunerated Blood Donation (VNRBD). The National Society was able to mobilize the collection of 220 pints of blood from VNRBD activities.

Programme component 2: Community based health and first aid

Outcome

- Increased “healthy communities” capable of coping with health and disaster challenges achieved through community-based integrated health and first-aid activities.

Achievements

The West Coast Regional Representation continued to support National Societies in community-based health programme and first aid in 2009. During this reporting period, the office provided technical support to the Liberian Red Cross Society in carrying out an evaluation of its CBHP programme in November 2009.

The West Coast National Societies (NS) were involved in providing first aid during emergency operations. Red Cross volunteers were trained on first aid and good hygiene practices. They in turn sensitized the communities during emergency operations. The West Coast Regional Representation supported the malaria focal persons from the Nigerian Red Cross Society, Liberian Red Cross Society, Ghana Red Cross Society and the Sierra Leone Red Cross Society to attend the malaria tool kit training in Nairobi, Kenya. Under the malaria project the Ghana Red Cross Society was able to carry out distribution of 4,500 bed nets. While the NS of Sierra Leone and Côte d'Ivoire distributed respectively 60,000 nets and 1,000 nets. The community-based volunteers of the Sierra Leone Red Cross and the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire referred respectively 492 and 1,250 children aged 0-5 years for prompt treatment of malaria. Meanwhile, 680 and 900 pregnant women were referred for IPT (intermittent and prophylactic treatment) by both NS of Sierra Leone and Côte d'Ivoire respectively. These efforts have been contributing towards the fight against malaria among the vulnerable population in the region.

In the second quarter of 2009 the USAID funded Nigeria malaria project in Cross River State was finalized and was scheduled to commence in November 2009. However, with the recruitment of a Malaria delegate finalized, activities under this project are expected to fully start in 2010.

The Sierra Leone Red Cross was supported to carry out a yellow fever vaccination campaign through the West Coast Regional Representation and reached 1,581,340 people aged 9 months and above. In the second quarter of 2009 the National Societies of Côte d'Ivoire, and Ghana, participated in the 2009 polio eradication campaigns. The National Societies mobilized and deployed their team of volunteers in target communities and sensitized the communities on the need for polio vaccination. The activities of the Red Cross volunteers contributed to the high coverage recorded during the campaigns. The data from the two National Societies showed that Ghana Red Cross Society was able to reach 61,215 children aged 0-59 years while the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire reached a total of 252,236 children aged 0-59 years.

The West Coast Regional Representation organized the annual regional health workshop which had 14 participants from the seven West Coast National Societies (two each), the Senior Malaria Officer in Geneva, the Zonal Health and Care Coordinator (Dakar) and the three West Coast Health, HIV and H2P Officers in attendance. The meeting provided participants the opportunity to exchange experiences, lessons learnt especially in public health in emergency, H2P projects and social mobilization activities. It also brainstormed on finding solutions to some of the challenges in the implementation of health programmes in their various National Societies.

Programme component 3: Health in emergencies

Outcome

- Improved access to curative and preventive health services in the target communities.

Achievements

The National Societies of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Togo participated in 2009 regional polio campaigns funded from the International Federation's DREF. The activities of the Red Cross volunteers contributed to the good coverage recorded. Data from Benin, Togo and Côte d'Ivoire showed that 1,032,000 children aged 0-59 months were reached through the activities of 1,302 volunteers in this round.

The National Societies of Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Sierra Leone sustained their public health in emergency (PHE) activities during the 2009 implementation year. This is in line with the Zone's health strategy. During the second quarter of 2009, The Ghana Red Cross Society trained 400 community dwellers on emergency preparedness and response while the National Societies of

Sierra Leone and Côte d'Ivoire empowered 300 and 170 community members respectively on emergency preparedness and response. The focal persons from the three National Societies were supported to attend the PHE evaluation workshop in Bamako in December 2009. The workshop focused on the review of the three-year project with a view on plotting an exit strategy from PHE to CBHFA and conceptualizing the 2010 plans for the three National Societies.

In 2009, the Togolese Red Cross Society was supported through the Federation DREF and carried out cholera sensitization and health education activities in Lomé and its suburbs during the outbreak of the epidemic in the country. About 285 volunteers were mobilized and have reached 353,120 people in 102,846 households.

The USAID funded H2P planned activities in Liberia, Nigeria, Ghana and Benin were carried out during 2009. With the recruitment of a regional H2P officer by the West Coast Regional Representation and the technical support from the Zone's H2P Coordinator, the International Federation continued to support the pilot National Societies in strengthening their preparedness capacities at community level. The National Societies involved in the project recruited H2P focal points who participated in a zonal H2P workshop in Saly in October 2009. The National Societies held coordination and consultation meetings on AH1N1 pandemic in their respective countries in 2009. The four National Societies intensified activities with the development of their preparedness plans. Plans of action and detailed budgets were prepared and submitted to the Secretariat in Geneva. Awareness workshops were organized for stakeholders in the pilot countries while National Societies with support from the Federation's H2P team in West Africa conducted Training of Trainers' (ToT) workshops to enhance the knowledge of volunteers in preparedness and response strategy. About 40 Red Cross volunteers were trained in the respective pilot countries while step down training was conducted for 1,000 volunteers in Nigeria, 800 in Ghana, 300 in Benin and another 300 in Liberia. The step down training continued into the first quarter of 2010 in Liberia. In Benin, the National Society trained 31 staff and volunteers on H2P communication strategies and has commenced adapting the H2P key messages into national context for distribution. The trained volunteers carried out sensitization on AH1N1 at the community level targeting schools, households, churches and mosques as well as market places. The sensitization activities have reached 1,000,000 persons in Benin, 500,000 in Nigeria, 200,000 in Ghana and 60,000 in Liberia as at December 2009.

Programme component 4: Water and Sanitation (watsan)

Outcome

- Access to safe water and sanitation services in the target communities is improved.

Achievements

The water and sanitation projects in Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria continued during the 2009 implementation period. The water and sanitation projects in Côte d'Ivoire made some modest progress towards stated objectives during the first half of 2009. In Côte d'Ivoire, from the first Nestlé pledge, a total of 50 pumps serving 30,000 direct and 50,000 indirect beneficiaries were rehabilitated and are functioning. Eight public latrines serving 4,000 direct and 4,800 indirect beneficiaries were constructed. Also in Côte d'Ivoire, toilet facilities for 1,500 children were rehabilitated, while 18,480 community members were provided with hygiene education. The project also trained 50 volunteers on PHAST. Water and Sanitation Management Committee (WSMC) Capacity building was provided for 400 direct and 18,480 indirect beneficiaries.

Under the Shell supported water and sanitation (watsan) projects, the 20 boreholes serving 12,000 direct and 20,000 indirect beneficiaries were repaired/rehabilitated during this reporting period. Six public latrines serving 3,000 direct and 4,800 indirect beneficiaries were constructed. Hygiene education was also conducted for 10,080 community members. 22 volunteers benefited from PHAST training while WSMC capacity building was provided for 200 direct and 10,080 beneficiaries.

The Zone watsan team and the representatives of Shell and Nestlé carried out field monitoring mission to Côte d'Ivoire in 2009 to assess the progress made and impact on beneficiaries.

All the water and sanitation committees in Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria were set up by the end of the second half of the 2009 implementation year. Hygiene awareness and social mobilization are now being carried out by the community members under the close supervision of the Red Cross trained volunteers while finalization of construction work for latrine and water points is ongoing in Nigeria.

The capacity of the National Society of Côte d'Ivoire to manage water and sanitation projects is improving. There are 9,660 community members in Nigeria and 19,660 in Côte d'Ivoire who have access to basic water and sanitation and have adopted good hygiene behaviour.

In Côte d'Ivoire the watsan project allowed the training of thirty Red Cross volunteers and equipped them to promote good hygiene and to carry out PHAST planning sessions with the targeted population in 2009. The project also completed five out of six public latrines which were in the process of being handed over to beneficiary communities in Côte d'Ivoire as at end of 2009. The guidelines for the management of the latrine have also been produced. The construction work for the remaining latrine was delayed due to administrative procedures for acquiring a reliable site. Furthermore, the project has identified and selected 15 sites for the implementation of more planned activities using extra funds from Zambia watsan project.

In Nigeria, thirty community members were trained on sanitation, and Sanplat slabs construction in July 2009. In September, twenty volunteers were trained to conduct hygiene awareness, and PHAST planning sessions in the target communities. By December 2009, construction work commenced in 10 water point sites. Seventy family latrines have been constructed by the target population using the Sanplat slabs provided by the project. About 4,400 people now have access to safe drinking water in the target communities and 1,400 people with access to other basic sanitation facilities.

In Sierra Leone the watsan project under the Community-Based Health Programme (CBHP) reached 84,620 people through hygiene education activities. The SLRCS constructed latrines for 40,000 community dwellers while 86,000 people benefitted from the provision of safe water points.

Constraints or Challenges

The internal management personnel changes within some of the National Societies in the region were a challenge to the achievement of all the planned activities. The avenues for sustained support and partnership in-country and with PNSs as a means of scaling up on the HIV intervention programmes need to be effectively exploited. Delay in submission of report from the National Societies was also a major constraint.

Organizational Development

Programme component 1: Programme development and management capacity

Outcome

- Regional training on programme/project strategic development is organized for National Societies.

Achievements

To enhance the knowledge of National Societies' programme staff in project planning process (PPP), the West Coast Regional Representation facilitated the participation of the Nigerian Red Cross Society's DM Coordinator in the Federation organized PPP workshop in Nairobi during the third quarter of 2009 while the Secretaries-General of the Red Cross of Benin and the Togolese Red Cross participated in the French version of the same workshop in Saly, Senegal in September. The workshop has increased the knowledge of the participants in one of the Federation's planning tools which they hoped will assist in future in planning, implementation and monitoring of any potential projects in their respective National Societies. The West Coast

Regional Representation supported the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire during the preparation of its partnership meeting in May. The technical support in the area of planning, presentation and budgeting contributed to the success recorded at the meeting. The Sierra Leone Red Cross Society had earlier organized its partnership meeting during which the National Society received input from partners on its operational alliance project with focus mainly on humanitarian values. The SLRCS organized another partnership meeting in November 2009 to deliberate on its programme implementation and funding.

Programme component 2: NS leadership capacities improvement

Outcome

- Members of governance have clearly understood their role as stipulated in the statutes.

Achievements

The West Coast Regional Representation through an OD consultant worked with the governance and management of the Nigerian Red Cross Society to identify the challenges facing the National Society and provide the way out. The National Society is making use of some of the recommendations in its reorganization process.

The Federation West Coast Regional Representation also supported the Ghana Red Cross Society during the organization of its general assembly which produced a new governance team in October. Similar support was given to the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire for the organization of a seminar on the auxiliary role of a National Society linked to the International Disaster Response Laws.

The Nigerian Red Cross Society with support from the International Federation and the ICRC office in Abuja, Nigeria organized governance and management workshop for newly elected governance members of three branches in the south of the country.

The Federation with funding from the Swedish Red Cross supported the SLRCS youth participation at the General Assembly meeting in Nairobi as well as the International Youth camp organized by the Kenya Red Cross. The participation of the SLRCS youth was well acknowledged as the participants were able to present the various youth empowerment projects of the National Society to other participants. The SLRCS youth representatives were also given an award in recognition of these projects.

Programme component 3: NS systems, procedures, staff and financial sustainability

Outcomes

- Efficient and effective management and administrative system is in place in all the National Societies in the West Coast region;
- Improved financial management system is in place in all National Societies in the region;
- Income generation for sustainability is enhanced.

Achievements

The Federation supported the Sierra Leone Red Cross Society in developing effective financial systems and procedures within the National Society. The support facilitated by a finance development delegate was completed in March 2009. A joint evaluation on financial management and control of the SLRCS was conducted by the British Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross and the Federation. The outcome was very positive and the team recognized the successful implementation of the finance development planned activities.

The West Coast Regional Representation in supporting the volunteer development programme of the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire supported in the remuneration of the volunteer development focal person of the National Society from June 2008 till May 2009. During the last quarter of 2009, the

Regional Representation also signed a MoU with the Red Cross of Benin to support the capacity building of the management staff for a period of six months starting from January 2010.

In pursuance of its management reorganization, the NRCS with funding support from the Federation carried out financial audit of its activities since 2006. The outcome of the audit was expected to guide the National Society in its effort to move ahead with the management restructuring.

The Sierra Leone Red Cross Society scaled up its commercial first-aid activities during 2009. First aid is one of the main activities in its fundraising for self- sustainability.

Programme component 4: NS grassroots units and services development

Outcome

- Local branches are strengthened to improve service delivery to communities.

Achievements

The Federation Regional Representation in Abuja continued to work with partners in supporting the National Societies in the West Coast region to strengthen and develop their local structures.

The Intensified Capacity Building project of the Ghana Red Cross Society (GRCS) with funding from the International Federation reached the replication stage and massive roll out was carried out in all the administrative regions of the country. The initiative is currently functional in all the regions though with varying degree. Physical activities in the project are also visible at almost all public and community functions where the GRCS is involved.

Constraints or Challenges

The frequent changes in the management team of some National Societies remained a challenge in the organizational development of the affected National Societies. The coming on board of new hands with or without any Red Cross knowledge often times impact on programme implementation. There is the need to emphasize on the separation of responsibilities between the governance and the management. Sharing of knowledge acquired during trainings or workshops within National Societies also remained a great challenge to their development.

Principles and Values

Programme component 1: Promotion of humanitarian principles and values

Outcome

- Dissemination of the Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values is strengthened.

Achievements

The West Coast National Societies continued to disseminate messages on the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross as well as humanitarian values. The Red Cross volunteers disseminated these messages during emergency operations like the Benin and Ghana flood operations and during the various social mobilization campaigns for vaccination carried out in 2009. The International Federation supported the Red Cross of Benin during the celebration of the May 8 World Red Cross Day. The National Society carried out various activities including candlelight procession, carnival-like fanfare, road safety awareness session, donation of non-food items to the less privileged homes and award to a deserving past president of the NS among others. These activities have contributed to enhancing the image of the Red Cross and to a better understanding of the Red Cross mission and mandate among the population.

Programme component 2: Anti-discrimination and violence prevention/reduction

Outcomes

- Improved respect for child and woman's rights;
- Cases of gender-based violence and discrimination against war affected people have reduced in the region.

Achievements

The child advocacy and rehabilitation, community animation and peace support as well as the youth empowerment projects of the Sierra Leone Red Cross Society continued to impact in reducing the trauma of war among the target population in the country. A total of 600 children were registered for vocational skills acquisition in tailoring, cloth weaving, hair dressing, baking and catering and carpentry among others. About 450 beneficiaries graduated and received certificates and start up kits. The National Society continued to provide feeding and recreational facilities for children in its CAR centres. The SLRCS intensified its literacy project. The National Society also carried out individual and group counselling sessions to sensitize the target communities on the rights of the child and reintegration. A total of 420 home visits were carried out in 2009 and 40 Community Staff Association's (CSA) were organized to discuss issues surrounding the welfare of children. The counselling sessions have been contributing to changing the behaviour of the children while the various recreational facilities have been helping in reducing their trauma. It was also observed that many of the beneficiary children are impacting the vocational knowledge acquired to others in their communities thereby creating a multiplier effect.

In 2009, the SLRCS continued to support vulnerable communities in self-reliance. Farming tools and seedling were procured and distributed to target beneficiaries. 32 communities continued with their soap making activities with support from the Red Cross. Farm groups were formed with support from the SLRCS. This has contributed to increased household income. The various community groups also actively participated in good hygiene promotion and practices as they always engaged in monthly sanitation exercise with tools provided by the Red Cross.

The SLRCS under its Community Animation and Peace Support (CAPS) project organized training in conflict resolution and leadership skill building for youth, women group, community elders, teachers and nurses. About 12 new Community Peace and Consolidation Committees (CPCCs) were formed in 12 new communities while peace clubs were also formed in seven schools. The activities carried out under this project have strengthened community cohesion and family ties. More women now participate in peace building and development activities in their communities. There is also reduction in the number of court cases and wife battering as the communities are now quite aware of the rights of the child and the woman.

Constraints or Challenges

National Societies need to be encouraged to always make provision for the dissemination of the Movement Principles and promotion of Red Cross activities in their core programme. Accessing funds for these activities remained a challenge during this reporting period.

Coordination

Achievements

The West Coast Regional Representation continued to work as the coordinating unit in the region. In its effort to strengthen coordination, planning and harmonization of activities of the Movement in the West Coast region, the West Coast Regional Representation participated in all the quarterly coordination meetings of the Movement partners in Abuja. The Regional Representative continued to liaise with ICRC office in Abidjan for better coordination of support to National Societies of countries covered by the office in the region especially Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana. During his maiden visit to Benin and Togo in 2009, the Regional Representative met with government agencies in Benin and advocated for more government collaboration and support for the Red Cross activities in Benin. A meeting was also held with representatives of PNS operating

bilaterally in Togo on how to enhance collaboration with the National Society and the support the West Coast Regional Representation could offer in the bilateral cooperation. The West Coast Regional Representation worked in collaboration with the Netherlands Red Cross to assist the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire in organizing a successful partnership meeting during the second quarter of 2009.

The West Coast regional health team continued to assist National Societies in the coordination of health activities. The Regional Health Manager with representatives of other Movement partners participated in the CBHP evaluation exercise carried out in Liberia in November 2009 and the 2009 polio campaign evaluation in Côte d'Ivoire during the same period. The health team organized its regional health meeting in Accra in 2009. All health focal points of the National Societies in West Region were present and participants at the occasion shared experiences on best practices in their respective countries.

The West Coast Regional Representation supported the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire in the organization of the West Coast Regional Group meeting in July 2009 in Abidjan. The Representation facilitated the successful election of the Chair and the Secretary of the Group at the meeting. The Group is made of presidents and secretaries general of the seven National Societies in the region. The Regional Representation coordinated the participation of the West Coast National Societies at the General Assembly meeting in Nairobi in November 2009. National Societies were also supported in their participation in other regional meetings, training sessions and workshops such as the PPP workshop organized in Nairobi, Kenya and Saly, Senegal and the West and Central Africa communicators' workshop held in Dakar in January 2009. The Regional Representation continued to give logistic and other needed support to Movement partners on mission in the region in 2009.

With the resumption of the Regional Representative and the signing of the legal status of the International Federation by the Nigerian government, humanitarian advocacy and representation activities have scaled up. The Regional Representative has been meeting and discussing the International Federation's activities and areas of possible collaboration with the different diplomatic missions and International humanitarian organizations based in Abuja, Nigeria.

Working in partnership

Collaboration with partners in 2009 was consolidated and new partnership opportunities explored especially with the assumption of the office of the Regional Representative. The Finnish Red Cross continued to support Red Cross activities in the area of community-based health programme, public health in emergencies and commenced the process of kick-starting its DM support in Nigeria. DFID continued its support to the Nigerian Red Cross Society in disaster management and disaster risk reduction project in Côte d'Ivoire. The Netherlands Red Cross continued to work in partnership with Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire within the framework of the 8-NS Initiative.

The water and sanitation projects in Nigeria and Côte d'Ivoire are implemented with support from Shell, Nestlé and the Belgian Red Cross. The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) continued its disaster management capacity building pilot projects in Nigeria, Liberia and Sierra Leone while the support of the Swedish Red Cross cut across the four global agenda of the Federation in the region. The Irish Red Cross supported regional programmes and coordination of the West Coast regional Representation.

The Red Cross of Benin was supported by the Japanese Red Cross in the celebration of the World Red Cross Day in 2009. The Japanese Red Cross also supported National Societies in the region in their participation at the General Assembly meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in 2009. The Ys Men International provided support to the Sierra Leone Red Cross Society in its fight against malaria.

Emergency operations carried out in the region received support from Movement partners and partners outside the Movement including the European Union. With the signing of the legal status

to the International Federation by the Nigerian government, the West Coast Regional Representation intensified its humanitarian diplomacy and advocacy in 2009 to enhance partnership and collaboration. The Nigerian Red Cross Society worked with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) during the armed conflict in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria during the first half of this year. The Ghana Red Cross Society continued to collaborate with the country's Disaster Management Organization (NADMO) and the Ghana Health Service. The West Coast National Societies involved in the polio eradication campaigns have been working in collaboration with their country's Ministry of Health for wide and effective coverage during the vaccination period.

The Togolese Red Cross intensified its bilateral cooperation agreement with Movement partners in Togo. The Sierra Leone Red Cross Society continued with its operational alliance focusing on humanitarian values. The Spanish Red Cross through its DISAO+ project partnered with the National Societies in the region in capacity building. The West Coast Regional Representation in collaboration with the ICRC has been holding quarterly coordination meeting with the Nigerian Red Cross Society on better programme development and implementation.

Contributing to longer-term impact

The disaster risk reduction projects and the WADMBCB focusing on building capacity of communities to mitigate disasters will be strengthening the community capacities in early action. Emergency operations and other few activities carried out have contributed to building the capacities of National Societies in the region. The cholera operation in Togo has assisted in curtailing the spread of the disease while the target communities have enhanced their knowledge in good hygiene and sanitation practices. The assistance provided to the people affected by the violent storm in Benin has contributed to their quick rehabilitation as most of the beneficiaries have rebuilt their houses thereby reducing overcrowding in their temporary places.

The water and sanitation projects already commissioned have been contributing to improved health and hygiene in the beneficiary communities as they now have access to safe drinking water. The constructed and rehabilitated latrines will be contributing to the reduction of diseases in the beneficiary communities. The sensitization on good hygiene practices will assist in reducing the impact of any possible epidemics. The activities carried out during this period were also focused on strengthening capacities at the grass root.

Working in collaboration with other humanitarian agencies in the region has proved to be effective in terms of coordinated service delivery to the vulnerable populations. The West Coast regional office shall continue to encourage National Societies in this regard.

Looking ahead

National Societies in the region shall continue to receive the support of the West Coast Regional Representation in community-based capacity building in disaster management and epidemic prevention. National Societies in the region shall continue to receive the support of the West Coast Regional Representation in community-based health programming. The H2P projects in Ghana, Liberia Benin and Nigeria and the mini H2P projects in Sierra Leone and Côte d'Ivoire shall also be given priority attention. The water and sanitation projects will continue with the rehabilitation and repair of water points and the completion of the latrines in Côte d'Ivoire. The Nigerian watsan projects will also be given priority in 2010. National Societies of Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Sierra Leone will be supported in the roll out of PHE which has now been transformed into CBHFA.

The West Coast Regional Representation will continue to contribute to the strengthening of the leadership and management capacity in the National Societies in the region. National Societies shall continue to be encouraged to strengthen local partnership and improve on their revenue generating base and community empowerment. Effort shall be intensified to ensure that the NRCS' restructuring is supported with the finalization of the recruitment of an OD delegate who will be working with the National Society. The Regional Representation will be supporting the

management team of the Red Cross of Benin in the area of Capacity building for effective service delivery to the vulnerable population of Benin.

Working in collaboration with other humanitarian agencies (UNICEF, WHO and Rotary International) at country level has proved to be effective in terms of coordinated service delivery to the vulnerable populations. The West Coast Regional Representation shall continue to encourage National Societies in this regard.

How we work	
<p>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".</p>	<p>Global Agenda Goals:</p> <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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Appeal	MAA61002
Budget	APPEAL

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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	1,115,698	2,570,087	690,061	945,106	592,075	5,913,027
B. Opening Balance	248,511	1,199,884	62,126	2,263	141,725	1,654,509
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>British Red Cross</i>	0	30,832	16,569	165,042		212,444
<i>Capacity Building Fund</i>			-37,839			-37,839
<i>Danish Red Cross</i>		8,424				8,424
<i>DFID Partnership grant</i>	190,444					190,444
<i>European Commission, Europe Aid</i>	34,205					34,205
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>	49	18,283				18,331
<i>Finnish Red Cross (from Finnish Government)</i>	275	103,603				103,878
<i>Icelandic Red Cross</i>			24,488			24,488
<i>Irish Government</i>			83,599			83,599
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>			56,514			56,514
<i>Nestle</i>		90,000				90,000
<i>Netherlands Red Cross</i>			12,488			12,488
<i>Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Government)</i>			16,308			16,308
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>		3,261	11,981			15,242
<i>Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government)</i>		29,352				29,352
<i>Other</i>	195,664	109,845	115,070		198,312	618,891
<i>Sweden Red Cross</i>	21,126	201,674	49,976	358,492	4,394	635,662
<i>Sweden Red Cross (from Microsoft)</i>				125,137		125,137
<i>Sweden Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>	37,260	83,706	29,831	102,247	201,039	454,084
<i>Swiss Red Cross</i>	37,354					37,354
<i>Swiss Red Cross (from Swiss Government)</i>	22,500		0			22,500
<i>Swiss Red Cross (from Switzerland - Private Donors)</i>			0			0
<i>Unidentified donor</i>	-1,051	-0	-1,579			-2,630
<i>Y's Men International</i>		183,000				183,000
C1. Cash contributions	537,825	861,982	377,407	750,919	403,745	2,931,877
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Nestle</i>		61,065				61,065
<i>Sweden Red Cross</i>				8,921		8,921
<i>Sweden Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>		0				0
<i>USAID</i>		1,059,183				1,059,183
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		1,120,248		8,921		1,129,169
<u>Income reserved for future periods</u>						
<i>European Commission, Europe Aid</i>	-31,161					-31,161
<i>USAID</i>		-1,059,183				-1,059,183
C3. Income reserved for future periods	-31,161	-1,059,183				-1,090,344
<u>Inkind Personnel</u>						
<i>Irish Red Cross</i>					59,500	59,500
<i>Netherlands Red Cross</i>	39,267					39,267
C5. Inkind Personnel	39,267				59,500	98,767
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Miscellaneous Income</i>			899		1,535	2,434
<i>Services</i>		-4,500				-4,500
C6. Other Income		-4,500	899		1,535	-2,066
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	545,931	918,547	378,306	759,840	464,780	3,067,403

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D. Total Funding = B + C	794,442	2,118,431	440,431	762,102	606,505	4,721,912
Appeal Coverage	71%	82%	64%	81%	102%	80%

II. Balance of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	248,511	1,199,884	62,126	2,263	141,725	1,654,509
C. Income	545,931	918,547	378,306	759,840	464,780	3,067,403
E. Expenditure	-557,434	-1,276,918	-383,441	-606,441	-455,942	-3,280,175
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	237,009	841,513	56,990	155,662	150,564	1,441,737

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure						Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	
A		B						A - B
BUDGET (C)		1,115,698	2,570,087	690,061	945,106	592,075	5,913,027	
Supplies								
Construction Materials					66,252		66,252	-66,252
Clothing & textiles		16,235					16,235	-16,235
Food		83	3,330		19,154		22,567	-22,567
Seeds,Plants					790		790	-790
Water & Sanitation	605,319	9,844	174,585		4,030		188,459	416,860
Medical & First Aid	180,364	1,142					1,142	179,222
Teaching Materials	246,734		2,312		15,609		17,921	228,813
Utensils & Tools	105,000	23,137	3,775		44		26,956	78,044
Other Supplies & Services		2,812			371		3,183	-3,183
Total Supplies	1,137,417	53,252	184,002		106,250		343,504	793,913
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Land & Buildings					-101		-101	101
Vehicles			13,749				13,749	-13,749
Computers & Telecom	72,765	4,112	7,283	2,741	1,591	7,303	23,028	49,737
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.			383		1,105		1,488	-1,488
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	72,765	4,112	21,414	2,741	2,594	7,303	38,164	34,601
Transport & Storage								
Storage			4,561		1,510	1,747	7,818	-7,818
Distribution & Monitoring	31,211	1,623	11,350	474		513	13,960	17,251
Transport & Vehicle Costs	398,714	31,531	101,554	24,891	89,617	5,883	253,476	145,238
Total Transport & Storage	429,925	33,155	117,466	25,365	91,127	8,143	275,254	154,670
Personnel								
International Staff	166,851	68,218	80,450	24,465		124,786	297,919	-131,068
Regionally Deployed Staff		1,164					1,164	-1,164
National Staff	376,230	150,738	88,136	58,138	14,105	149,203	460,320	-84,090
National Society Staff	728,377	12,557	251,578	107,240	259,128	-8,502	622,000	106,377
Consultants			4,088	11,731	402	5,141	21,362	-21,362
Total Personnel	1,271,458	232,676	424,251	201,575	273,634	270,629	1,402,765	-131,307
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	1,172,243	63,219	220,017	75,249	22,342	11,394	392,222	780,021
Total Workshops & Training	1,172,243	63,219	220,017	75,249	22,342	11,394	392,222	780,021
General Expenditure								
Travel	566,203	9,758	95,925	25,849	6,202	32,108	169,842	396,361
Information & Public Relation	380,179	13,702	111,393	13,544	1,120	4,045	143,805	236,374
Office Costs	338,032	50,545	57,470	16,215	25,315	80,114	229,659	108,372
Communications	20,062	8,849	18,272	5,667	12,702	38,985	84,475	-64,413
Professional Fees		8,197	3,561	8,194	2,825	26,095	48,873	-48,873
Financial Charges	21,597	19,396	49,395	25,348	80,363	-72,313	102,190	-80,592
Other General Expenses	118,800	59	833	370	2,517	3,159	6,937	111,862
Total General Expenditure	1,444,872	110,507	336,850	95,187	131,045	112,193	785,781	659,091
Programme Support								
Program Support	384,347	34,388	91,641	26,005	42,441	26,940	221,415	162,931
Total Programme Support	384,347	34,388	91,641	26,005	42,441	26,940	221,415	162,931
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		26,125	-118,724	-42,681	-62,992	19,341	-178,931	178,931
Total Operational Provisions		26,125	-118,724	-42,681	-62,992	19,341	-178,931	178,931
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	5,913,027	557,434	1,276,918	383,441	606,441	455,942	3,280,175	2,632,852
VARIANCE (C - D)		558,264	1,293,169	306,620	338,666	136,133	2,632,852	