

FINAL REPORT



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PAPUA NEW GUINEA: AITAPE POST- EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY

23 October 2002

Appeal No. 11/02

Launched on 1 May 2002 for CHF 149,000 for 2 months for 4,000 beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries: 4,000

Period covered: May - June, 2002

IN BRIEF

Appeal coverage: Covered

Related Appeals: Pacific regional programmes (01.40/2002)

Outstanding needs: None

Summary: The Appeal was totally funded by AusAID and there are no outstanding needs. The cancellation of the disaster management workshop and a less than anticipated use of a helicopter charter has left a balance. The PNG Delegation are discussing with Australian Red Cross and AusAID how to handle this situation.

Operational Developments w

On 10 January 2002, a massive earthquake - 6.8 on the Richter Scale - affected more than 20,000 people in Aitape area of Sandaun province of Papua New Guinea (PNG). Two hundred homes, more than 300 wells and water points were damaged. In consultation with the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), National Executive Council (NEC) and the National Disaster Committee (NDC) of PNG as well as Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Caritas, World Vision, Save the Children Fund and AusAID, the PNG Red Cross Society (PNGRCS) - supported by the Federation - took on the water sanitation project for the affected population based on the joint needs assessment done in cooperation with ADRA.

During implementation, the PNGRCS and the Federation coordinated closely with their partners. The PNGRCS and the Federation also facilitated an NDC meeting, which made information sharing and input from stakeholders possible.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action w

The PNGRCS at national level activated its emergency plan as soon as the earthquake hit and immediately mobilised its Disaster Assessment and Response Team (DART) members. The Madang branch of the PNGRCS, being the closest to the disaster zone, continued to monitor the situation. Throughout the first two weeks, the PNGRCS deployed two members of the DART to participate in the assessment. PNGRCS took the lead in establishing communication with Aitape District Administration, Aitape Catholic Diocese, District Health as well as Sandaun Provincial Administration office in Vanimo. In response to the disaster, the Emergency Appeal was launched by the Federation on behalf of the PNGRCS on 1 May 2002, seeking CHF 149,000, to assist 400 families (4,000 beneficiaries) ,to install tanks to make drinking water available for the victims.

Water and sanitation w

Objective: 1 *Installation of Water catchment systems (To secure access to potable water for approximately 400 families - 4,000 people - in Aitape/Lumi District)*

Procurement:

After a baseline survey was completed to identify the beneficiaries, an invitation for quotations was sent out to suppliers of 2,000 gallon polythene tanks, and the comparative bid analysis was then done by PNGRCS and the Federation.

Duration:

The PNGRCS and Federation started the procurement process from the second week of May. Due to the unavailability of ships, which transports tanks from PoM to Lae, the delivery was delayed. These tanks arrived in Aitape on 27 July, and the installation of 39 tanks was completed by the end of August.

Selection of Beneficiaries:

In the process of conducting the baseline survey, the principles were emphasised as the guideline for the identification of the beneficiaries. As with all communities, there are norms and customs that have to be considered and the issue of gender is always prevalent when identifying the locations for installations so that there is equal accessibility.

Transportation:

Only 32 tanks out of 40 arrived in Aitape on 14 June 2002 due to shortage of cargo space on the vessel. Of these, one was found damaged during the transportation from Lae to Aitape, which needed to be replaced. The remaining 8 tanks arrived in Aitape on 27 July 2002 with the deliveries to the remaining 8 beneficiaries overseen by the Red Cross contact person.

The claim to replace one tank was sent to the supplier immediately. However, onus of this damage was long disputed by the supplier and the shipper while the Federation made the payment for 39 tanks. World Vision, which also distributed their tanks in neighboring communities in the same area, distributed one to the last community on Red Cross list. After the linkup with World Vision, the PNGRCS completed its distribution to 39 communities.

Distribution and installation:

Distribution of the tanks was from 17-25 June 2002 with a chartered Heli Niugini helicopter airlifting eight tanks to Lumi, which is inaccessible by road, on 21 June 2002. The PNGRCS DP Programme Officer, who is the Red Cross contact person, along with a Diocese of Aitape staff were responsible for the distribution of the tanks. Unfortunately, the distribution period coincided with National Election/polling period in PNG. Many of the vehicles available in the area were utilized for the National Election. As not many vehicles for transportation of tanks were available, distribution took longer than expected. Actually, the beneficiaries of Aitape islands of Tumleo and Sele/Angel provided their own transportation for their tanks.

After all these tanks were put in place, PNGRCS Branch staff and volunteers visited targeted communities to make sure that all the tanks were appropriately installed and operative. This assistance by PNGRCS and the Federation was well received by the beneficiaries.

Impact on the beneficiaries

The people in the targeted communities used the rain water or water from wells with small containers in very poor hygienic conditions for drinking after the disaster. Now they have big tanks for clean drinking water and also received a training on how to keep the tanks in good condition, fill them and keep the water clean.

Objective 2: Conducting Disaster Management Workshop for Aitape Local Administration/Community

It was unfortunate that the Basic Disaster Management workshop did not eventuate. This was due to the fact that the District Administrator was not available in the district to get authorization for the workshop to take place. Other contributory factors included telecommunications breakdowns preventing liaison with the Red Cross contact in Aitape and the limited venue options unavailable in this period. In the meantime due to the Mt. Pago volcanic eruptions at the beginning of August 2002, much of the focus of the resource personnel shifted to the response required in West New Britain.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement -- Principles and Initiatives w

During the detailed assessment, HIV/AIDS awareness T-shirts with the PNGRCS logo, were given to the Aitape District Administrator, his staff and several community leaders.

As much community involvement as possible was engaged to transport, install and to make the beneficiaries aware that the tanks are community properties to be cared for and used by.

National Society Capacity Building w

PNGRCS has considerable experience in the coordination of relief operations, including Aitape Tsunami, Elnino drought and the Bougainville relief operations over the past five years. The volunteers trained in Community Based Self-Reliance Programme are important assets. The society has good relations and working networks with National and provincial authorities. From the Aitape post earthquake relief operations, the DART personnel have been exposed to dealing with cultural sensitivities as well as gender issues when identifying the beneficiaries and the locations for where tanks are to be located. The desire to have Red Cross presence in Aitape has been numerously expressed by the local people as well as the authorities. The authorities in fact offered an office space for free for use by the Red Cross.

Federation Delegation w

The Federation Delegation in PNG consists of Head of Delegation, Organisational Development delegate, DP delegate, and Finance Administration delegate (FAD). The DP and OD delegates worked closely with PNGRCS to implement the operation. The FAD monitored the procurement process in collaboration with the PNGRCS at HQs. Information sharing and communication with PNSs was done through Geneva Secretariat in close consultation with the Delegation.

Advocacy/Public Information w

As the Aitape area does not have facilities to relay to most of the media, dissemination of information was more effective via the community and government leaders of the area and also in coordination with the Catholic Diocese who has a strong establishment there including communication (HF radio) network. Though isolated, some communities were able to be informed by word of mouth which travelled with the movement of people. Though not technical, some of these methods proved to be reliable at most times.

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All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

This operation seeks to administer to the immediate requirements of the victims of this disaster. Subsequent operations to promote sustainable development or longer-term capacity building will require additional support, and these programmes are outlined on the Federation's website.

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I - CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE TO APPEAL

FUNDING	CASH		KIND & SERVICES		TOTAL INCOME
	Contributions		Goods/Services	Personnel	
Appeal budget less Cash brought forward	149,000				
TOTAL ASSISTANCE SOUGHT	149,000				
<u>Contributions from Donors</u>					
Australian Govt.via Australian Red C (DGNAU)	156,031				156,031
<u>Outstanding pledges</u>					
TOTAL	156,031				156,031

II - Balance of funds

Opening balance	
CASH INCOME Rcv'd	156,031
CASH EXPENDITURE	-107,843

CASH BALANCE	48,188
OUTST. PLEDGES	

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III - Budget analysis / Breakdown of expenditures

Description	Appeal Budget	CASH Expenditures	KIND & SERVICES		TOTAL Expenditures	Variance
			Goods/services	Personnel		
SUPPLIES						
Shelter & Construction						
Clothing & Textiles						
Food/Seeds						
Water	40,000	40,787			40,787	-787
Medical & First Aid						
Teaching materials						
Utensils & Tools						
Other relief supplies						
Sub-Total	40,000	40,787			40,787	-787
CAPITAL EXPENSES						
Land & Buildings						
Vehicles						
Computers & Telecom equip.						
Medical equipment						
Other capital expenditures						
Sub-Total						
TRANSPORT & STORAGE	39,000	28,245			28,245	10,755
Sub-Total	39,000	28,245			28,245	10,755
PERSONNEL						
Personnel (delegates)	20,000	20,615			20,615	-615
Personnel (local staff)	8,000	3,425			3,425	4,575
Training						
Sub-Total	28,000	24,040			24,040	3,960
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION						
Assessment/Monitoring/experts						
Travel & related expenses	5,000	1,226			1,226	3,774
Information expenses	3,000	44			44	2,956
Administrative expenses	3,000	1,625			1,625	1,375
External workshops & Seminars	15,000					15,000
Sub-Total	26,000	2,895			2,895	23,105
PROGRAMME SUPPORT						
Programme management	10,000	7,280			7,280	2,720
Technical services	3,000	2,180			2,180	820
Professional services	3,000	2,418			2,418	582
Sub-Total	16,000	11,877			11,877	4,123
Operational provisions						
Transfers to National Societies						
TOTAL BUDGET	149,000	107,843			107,843	41,157