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CHAD: SUDANESE REFUGEES

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In Brief

Appeal No. 23/2003; Operations Update no. 7; Period covered: 4 September to 30 September 2004; Appeal coverage: 61.0%; [Click here to go directly to the attached Contributions List, also available on the website.](#)

Appeal history:

- Emergency Appeal 23/2003 launched on 2 December 2003 for CHF 2,303,000 (USD 1,779,508 or EUR 1,448,063) for six months to assist 65,000 beneficiaries. http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/2303.pdf
- Operations Update no. 2 dated 4 May 2004 extended the operating timeframe seven months until 31 December 2004. http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/230302.pdf
- Operations Update no. 3 dated 25 June 2004 revised the Appeal budget to CHF 3,968,000 and confirmed the timeframe extension until 31 December 2004. http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/230303.pdf
- Revised Emergency Appeal 23/2003 dated 27 July 2004 revised the Appeal budget to CHF 14,215,000, increased the number of beneficiaries to 80,000, and confirmed the timeframe until 31 December 2004. http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/2303r.pdf
- Final Report is therefore due on 31 March 2005.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 160,000

Outstanding needs : CHF 5,542,643 (USD 4,379,000 or EUR 3,568,000)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

- Chad Annual Appeal no. 01.42/2004_ - http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/014204.pdf
- Sudan Annual Appeal no. 01.06/2004_ - http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/010604.pdf

Operational Summary:

The Tréguine camp received on 27 September 2004 its first residents transferred from the overcrowded Bredjing camp. Basic infrastructure in the camp including tents, latrines, water and medical services are well in place for the refugee population. Additional non-food items are arriving and will be distributed in the coming weeks. Some sensitization and hygiene awareness activities have already started. A new plan of action is underway to include other non-food support to the destitute host community. UNHCR has requested the Red Cross to manage as well the Bredjing camp.

The Appeal has received further donor response both in cash and in kind, allowing the operation to scale up as planned.

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Background

Severe armed conflict has continued in the Darfur region of western Sudan for the last 18 months. Thousands of people have been displaced, predominantly within Sudan but with many thousands fleeing into eastern Chad. Some refugees have been on the border more than a year; without adequate humanitarian assistance; their health and living conditions continue to deteriorate.

In response to the urgent needs, the Red Cross of Chad and the Federation have been working in the affected region of Chad since June 2003. This Appeal was revised in late July 2004 with a focus to establish a refugee camp in Tréguine, east of Abéché to house initially 17,000-20,000 refugees with the potential for additional 10,000-20,000. This allows operational flexibility to address any further influxes from Sudan.

Operational developments

The following are the key developments during the reporting period:

- The Tréguine camp received its first group of 200 Sudanese refugees on 27 September 2004 from the largest and most-crowded Bredjing camp. Transfers aboard Red Cross trucks will continue over the next few weeks at about 400 a day until the camp reaches its maximum capacity.
- A sustainable source of water supply is guaranteed and more than adequate for the planned population of 17,000 in the camp. The possible lack of sustainable water source in Bredjing implies that there may be an increased number of refugees to be settled in the Tréguine camp.
- The medical centre run by the Basic Health ERU in the camp is operational and performs medical check for the incoming refugees.
- Additional in-kind donations and locally purchased non-food items for the beneficiaries will arrive in Abéché in the coming week, including kitchen sets, soaps, sleeping mats, buckets, ITN¹, generators and multi-purpose tents. A distribution plan is being developed in collaboration with the community leaders in the camp.
- More than 400 latrines have been constructed. A sensitization programme on the use of latrines as well as a hygiene awareness programme have started.
- A joint office space for the Red Cross of Chad and the Federation will soon be established in Abéché to enhance cooperation and implementation of the operation, and to build on the capacity of the national society.



The Basic Health Care ERU is performing basic medical screening for refugees arriving in the Tréguine camp.

¹ ITN – Insecticide treated mosquito bed nets

- A plan is underway to include other non-food assistance to the local population to cater for their needs and to ease increased tension with the camp population. A longer-term approach is being integrated in the next plan of action.
- Communication and security has been greatly enhanced with further telecommunication equipment installed in Tréguine camp, Hadjar Hadid compound, and in Abéché Federation compound. All handsets radios and mobile radios are programmed and distributed. A base station and SAT-Phone back up has also been set up in the new Federation office in N'Djamena.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action - objectives, progress, impact

During this initial phase of the revised Appeal, the vast majority of efforts are directed to the establishment of the refugee camp in Tréguine, the final movement of refugees from the border area, and the enhanced infrastructure of the Hadjar Hadid base camp. This emphasis is reflected in the reports against objectives below.

Objective 1: To install infrastructure and initiate operations in the Tréguine Refugee Camp, and to provide services for more than 17,000 refugees in the fields of camp management, basic health, sanitation and community services.

Camp Management

On 27 September 2004, the Tréguine camp opened to the Sudanese refugees who have been residing spontaneously outside the Bredjing camp where resources are being strained for a population more than double its planned capacity. The opening, delayed due to water supply, has finally been resolved when a sustainable water source (three cubic meters per hour) was found by Oxfam and UNCHR through the drilling of new boreholes on 24 September. It was then agreed with the UNHCR that the first 4,000 refugees could be transported to the camp. On the same day the first refugees arrived, the news of a successful drilling was announced, with a well supplying up to 40 cubic meters per hours. This supply is more than adequate for the planned population of 17,000. Around 400 refugees every day are transported to the camp using the Red Cross of Chad trucks.

A lot of work has been done to prepare for the first transfers following a Tréguine camp registration and transfer plan which was adopted by all key partners involved in the transfer. Refugees within spontaneous population identified and confirmed for transfer. Meetings held with transfer group leadership from the refugee population to transparently explain the plan and procedures. Subsequently, a ten person Red Cross team spent a week confirming that key transfer messages have passed from the spontaneous leadership down to individual households. Refugees are guided by national society staff all the way from the Bredjing camp to their new home. An additional 40-person team is responsible for the installation of the tents. A national society welcome centre has been constructed next to the registration centre. Around 1,500 refugees are being accommodated in the Tréguine camp as of 2 October.

The new camp residents are being housed in the camp taking into consideration their community origin in Sudan. This arrangement has significant social impact for the refugees who have been severely affected psychologically. At the same time, distributions to the camp populations can be better coordinated and secured. The Federation continues to work closely with different partners to ensure smooth transfer of refugees from Bredjing to Tréguine and securing the basic infrastructures and services of the Tréguine camp.

The national society is responsible for distributing both food and non-food items to the refugees. Substantial non-food items have been mobilized from within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to assist the camp population. A logistics centre has been set up in the Tréguine camp. Locally purchased items including 8,000 kg of soap, 4,000 sleeping mats and 4,000 buckets will also be transported from N'Djamena to Abéché on two 20-tonne trucks on 4 October. Some office equipment purchased earlier is already in use. Two warehouse tents (Rubbhalls) are set up in the camp for storing non-food items. One Rubbhall is offered to the WFP for temporary storage of their food until their facility is installed.

In response to the needs reflected in the previous update, the British Red Cross is sending four additional aircrafts carrying their donation of 3,508 kitchen sets, 6,000 plastic buckets, 1,090 jerry cans, 8,000 ITN, 3 cholera kits, 2 Rubbhalls, 7 generators and 14 multi-purpose tents. Arrival in Abéché is expected 3-9 October.

Basic Health Care

The Basic Health Care ERU team is conducting basic medical check for the incoming refugees and registers the nutritional conditions for children under-five. This screen will help to establish a baseline of health information for the Tréguine camp and immediately ensure care as needed for new arrivals. The medical centre, after much delay caused by storms, has been operational since 30 September in the camp with a capacity to treat up to 200 patients a day. A temporary health post will also be set up in Bredjing providing medical care for the spontaneous refugees awaiting their transfer. Some local medical personnel will soon join the team to support the medical services. With the cholera and malaria risk on the rise after the rainy season, the Federation medical coordinator along with the Red Cross of Chad is coordinating with other agencies on preventive measures in the camp. There are currently sufficient medical supplies including new health emergency kit and cholera kit pre-positioned in Tréguine and Abéché for necessary deployment. Both the Red Cross and MSF will provide medical supplies and technical support to the health center based in Hajar Hadid (local nearby community). MSF will also provide referral services and training opportunities. This effort is aimed at ensuring that the local population receives an equal level of service as that of the refugee populations.

Sanitation

During the reporting period, the Mass Sanitation ERU undertook a lot of works regarding health promotion, vector and garbage control, and the drainage infrastructure within the camp. Sanitation teams are being established for vector control and national society volunteers have been identified to support a hygiene awareness programme. To date, more than 400 latrines have been constructed and works are progressing rapidly for the remaining 350. A programme to sensitize the camp residents on the use of latrines has started. Teams are formed from within the residents to maintain the latrines. The two sanitation ERU members have ended their mission, successfully ensuring sufficient sanitation facilities for the current and forthcoming camp population. A Sanitation Delegate will soon arrive to support the Federation WatSan Delegate for three months in hygiene-awareness activities.

Community Services

There has been close collaboration and discussions with the community representatives prior to and after the transfer of refugees from Bredjing to Tréguine. Initial discussions have also been held with the UNHCR technical lead for community services. A Social Welfare Delegate is being recruited to further address the needs of the refugees in the socio-cultural aspect, ensuring more comprehensive community services provided in the camp.

Objective 2: Capacity Building

A first step to achieve this objective has been undertaken by renting a joint office space in Abéché for the Red Cross of Chad staff and the Federation sub-delegation. The initiative, while providing more acceptable living and working conditions, can facilitate frequent interaction between the Federation and the Red Cross of Chad, and provide space to facilitate training activities for the volunteers. Joint telecommunications and fleet management will further enhance the operational cooperation. The Federation also facilitated closer cooperation at camp level. The joint Federation and the Red Cross of Chad logistics office in Abéché is also building on the logistics capacity of the national society. Recognizing the establishment of proper financial management structures as a precondition for further capacity building, the Red Cross of Chad has requested a Financial Development Delegate to assist them for up to four months to establish new accounting systems and training for financial staff. The Federation regional finance unit in Dakar will support the training. The operation has also received support from the Regional Disaster Management Coordinator and more recently from the Regional Health Coordinator, with a view to integrate current activities in the respective areas into an overall development strategy.

Objective 3: Support to the Local Population

The erratic rainfall this year has greatly affected the agricultural output of the host community. The massive influx of refugees is consuming the already limited natural resources such as water and wood in the area. To prevent their living conditions from being further deteriorated and to ease the increased tension between the refugees and the local population, a plan is underway to include water, sanitation, social welfare and protection to the local population in addition to direct material support. The introduction of the Better Program Initiative into the plan of action could facilitate this process.

Objective 4: Re-deployment of the Transport Support Package (TSP)

As highlighted above, under objective 1, the TSP vehicles are being used initially to move refugees from border areas to new camps further inland. Except the six used in the south refugee operation, 22 of the 29 vehicles are used in the Sudanese refugee operation: five are giving logistical support to Oxfam and Red Cross activities in Tréguine; five are deployed to facilitate the transfer of refugees from Bredjing to Tréguine; eight are supporting UNHCR activities in the Iriba area, transporting food and non-food items; one truck has been cannibalized and three are awaiting additional spare parts for their repair.

Objective 5: Telecommunications

Telecommunication equipment (HF and VHF) has been installed and a base station in Tréguine camp, in Hadjar Hadid compound, and a VHF base installed in Abéché Federation compound. All handsets radios and mobile radios have been programmed and distributed to the staff. More handsets are being purchased. This greatly enhances communication abilities and security. Radio equipment has been installed at the Iriba base and is fully operating. In N'Djamena, a base station and SAT-Phone back up has been established in the new Federation office. A Telecom Delegate has been identified and will facilitate training activities in particular.

Objective 6: Food pipeline

The national society is responsible for distributing food provided by WFP and non-food items provided by the Federation to new camp residents. As the WFP food supply has been regular, the operation will continue to place emphasis on the purchase and storage of non-food items for the time being. About 20 additional national society volunteers have arrived to assist in these distributions.

Communications - Advocacy and Public Information

An Information Delegate has arrived in Chad to strengthen the profiling of the operation through the Federation website and the international media for six weeks. The opening of the camp was broadcast live on a German television. British and Dutch televisions and a number of journalists from print and electronic media also witnessed the event. This operation has enhanced greatly the profile of the Red Cross of Chad. The national society has been widely recognized in the country as one of the major partners of the UNHCR in refugees operation.

Situation in Sudan

This current Update does not include information specific to activities or events in Sudan.

Annexes

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No.23/2003

PLEDGES RECEIVED

04/10/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->	14,215,000					TOTAL COVERAGE 61.0%
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM	400,000	USD	506,600	27.02.04		
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM	2,000,000	USD	2,529,000	22.09.04		
AMERICAN - RC	100,000	USD	126,450	04.08.04		WATER & SANITATION ACTIVITIES
BRITISH - RC	100,000	GBP	228,600	17.08.04		
BRITISH - RC	2,661	GBP	6,083	11.08.04		PROGRAMME SUPPORT
BRITISH - RC	20,000	GBP	45,720	21.09.04		OFFICE INFRASTRUCTURE
DANISH - RC			57,933	19.12.03		
DANISH - GOVT	3,315	USD	4,192	23.07.04		PROGRAMME SUPPORT
FINNISH - RC	40,000	EUR	61,940	19.12.03		
ICELANDIC - RC	2,000,000	ISK	34,800	25.06.04		
IRISH - RC	25,000	EUR	38,988	04.04.04		
JAPANESE - RC	58,700	USD	76,222	12.12.03		
JAPANESE - RC	30,000,000	JPY	343,200	19.08.04		
LIBYAN - RC			7,000	11.12.03		
MALAYSIA - PRIVATE DONOR			975	03.08.04		
MONACO - RC	2,500	EUR	3,900	31.12.03		
NETHERLANDS - RC	1,065,000	EUR	1,628,385	06.07.04		PURCHASE OF KITCHEN SETS, BLANKETS, TARPULINS, MOSQUITO NETS, MEDICINES, TRANSPORT & DISTRIBUTION COSTS, PERSONNEL, TRAINING
NETHERLANDS - RC	4,527	USD	5,724	23.06.04		PROGRAMME SUPPORT GOODS
NETHERLANDS - RC	2,588	EUR	3,988	23.06.04		
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC	1,200,000	NOK	222,000	23.01.04		
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC	31,850	NOK	5,892	23.01.04		PROGRAMME SUPPORT, GOODS
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC	14,950	NOK	2,766	23.01.04		PROGRAMME SUPPORT, STAFF
PRIVATE DONORS			3,370	08.09.04		
SWEDISH - RC	1,000,000	SEK	172,000	10.12.03		
SWEDISH - RC	100,000	SEK	16,900	01.01.04		IN-COUNTRY COST DELEGATE
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC	1,000,000	SEK	167,500	29.07.04		
SWISS - GOVT/RC			85,562	02.12.03		
SWISS - RC	4,359	USD	5,510	28.06.04		PROGRAMME SUPPORT
UNHCR	150,000	USD	187,350	22.01.04		TRANSPORT OF 80'000 REFUGEES
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH			6,578,550	CHF		46.3%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
AUSTRIAN - RC		22,000	EUR	33,638	26.07.04	MASS SANITATION ERU

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DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
BELGIAN - RC		12,000	EUR	18,348	09.08.04	ERU LOGISTICS
BRITISH - RC		71,513	GBP	163,478	16.08.04	VEHICLE, TARPAULINS JERRY CANS
BRITISH - RC		71,637	GBP	163,763	11.08.04	4160 JERRYCANS, 2000 TARPAULINS, 1 TOYOTA, TRANSPORT
DANISH - GOVT/RC				230,000	19.08.04	ERU TELECOMMUNICATIONS
DANISH - GOVT		51,000	USD	64,490	23.07.04	300 FAMILY TENTS
FRENCH - RC		4,500	EUR	6,934	22.07.04	ERU MASS SANITATION, LOGISTICS, HEALTH CARE
GERMAN - GOVT/RC		497,000	EUR	759,913	16.08.04	BASIC HEALTH CARE ERU
NETHERLANDS - RC		147,650	USD	186,703	23.06.04	500 FAMILY TENTS, TRANSPORT/ INSURANCE
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		490,000	NOK	90,650	23.01.04	RELIEF GOODS
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC				42,000	23.01.04	DELEGATE
SWEDISH - RC				26,400	01.01.04	RELIEF & LOGISTIC DELEGATE, 6 MONTHS
SWEDISH - RC		500,000	SEK	83,750	26.08.04	ERU WATSAN DELEGATES
SWISS - RC		141,566	USD	178,940	28.06.04	505 TENTS, TRANSPORT, INSURANCE
CANADA RC	DELEGATES			44,800		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				2,093,807	CHF	14.7%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	

Annex 2: Mobilization Table, Planned Commodities and Donations

Commodity	Planned needs	Donations: Donor	Outstanding needs
Generator, 6 kVA	3	1=British RC	2
Generator, 15 kVA	3	3=British RC	Complete
Genreator, 30 kVA	1	1=British RC	Complete
Salt, kg	13,500	n.a.	13,500
Sugar, white, kg	81,000	n.a.	81,000
Maize, kg	1,080,000	n.a.	1,080,000
Sunflower oil, litres	135,000	135,000=Finnish RC	Complete
White beans, kg	216,000	n.a.	216,000
Plastic buckets, 14 L	6,000 (revised)	6,000=British RC	Complete
Jerry-cans, 10 L	14,000	8,000=British RC; 6,000=Norwegian RC	Complete
Mattress	12,000	n.a.	12,000
Hurricane lamp	6,000	n.a.	6,000
Soap, body, 100g	180,000	n.a.	180,000
Blanket, 1.5x2m	35,250	5,120=Norwegian RC; 30,130=Finnish RC	Complete
Mosquito net, 2x2x2m	8,000 (revised)	8,000=British RC	Complete
Tarpaulins, 4x6m	6,000 (revised)	2,000=British RC 4,000=Finnish RC	Complete
Tarpaulins, 4x60m	50	50=Finnish RC	Complete
Tent, family, 16 m2	5,000	300=Danish RC; 500=Netherlands RC; 505=Swiss RC	3,695
Tent, multi-purpose, 82 m2	20	6=Norwegian RC	14
Tent, warehouse (Rubb Hall), 10x24x3.35m	5	3=Norwegian RC; 2=British RC	Complete
Cholera kit, 625 treatments	5	2=Norwegian RC 3=British RC	Complete
Emergency health kit, 10,000 persons/ 3 months	6	n.a.	6
Kitchen set, family of 5	4,000	3,508=British RC	492
Hygiene parcel, 5 persons/ 1 month	6,030	n.a.	6,030
Vehicles, Toyota Land Cruisers	13 (revised)	1=British RC 2=Norwegian RC; 8=Federation; 2=Unspecified	Complete
ERU Logistics module	1	1=Danish RC	Complete
ERU Basic health module	1	1=German RC	Complete
ERU WatSan/Mass sanitation module	1	1=Austrian RC	Complete

Note: Data available from Logistics Mobilization table, on Federation DMIS, dated 24-September-2004



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