

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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BURUNDI

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This Programme Update is intended for reporting on Annual Appeals.

Appeal No. 01.11/2001

Original Appeal Target: CHF 7,732,401; Budget revised to CHF 3,474,756

Programme Update No. 01; Period covered: January - June 2001

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 91%

Related Appeals: 01.10/2001 (East Africa Region Annual Appeal)

Outstanding needs: CHF 312,472

Update: Limited funding has inhibited all of the programmes planned in this appeal. The Burundi Red Cross (BRC) and the Federation have made an effort to focus on strengthening the capacity of the BRC so that it has the appropriate structure and human resources to effectively carry out the planned programmes (including planning, implementation, management of funds, follow-up, evaluation, and drafting of reports). Despite the funding constraints encountered, coordination with the UN and other humanitarian agencies has been excellent. While the 2001 Appeal budget for Burundi has been revised down (see above), additional financial support is still urgently requested.

Operational Developments

The general population in Burundi continues to suffer the consequences of eight years of civil conflict, with the resulting impact felt at all levels of civil society. Despite the signature of the Arusha agreements and recent developments in the wake of the resolutions passed by the African Union (ex-Organization of African Unity or OAU) in Lusaka, some opposition parties and armed factions still refuse to accept the proposals made to bring about the implementation of these agreements. The United Nations 2000 statistics places Burundi 174th on the list of the world's poorest countries, and more than 60% of the population lives below the poverty line. With a population of 6.85 million inhabitants and a density of 264 inhabitants per km², it is estimated that the country has 379,779 displaced persons spread over 210 sites, and close to 606,284 refugees outside the country. The infant mortality rate is 127 per thousand, vaccinations cover 48% of the population, the HIV/AIDS rate is 21% in urban zones and 27.4% in rural areas; and malaria, cholera, typhoid and diarrhoeal diseases continue to take a toll on the population. According to UNHCR, some 6,630 Burundi refugees returned to the country in 2000, and approximately 8,418 have returned since the beginning of 2001. A commission charged with the repatriation of refugees living in Tanzania has been set up to deal with this aspect of the situation.

Disaster Response

The disaster response programme is aimed at improving the living conditions of displaced persons in the refugee sites and vulnerable refugees seeking shelter, safety, and assistance in the hills, by providing them with immediate aid but also implementing activities to help them reduce their dependence on such distributions. It is also intended to provide repatriated refugees with a minimum food package to facilitate their reinstallation upon their return.

Since 1996, disaster response has been largely based on the distribution of non-food items, seeds for staple crops and market gardens, food crop seeds and livestock products, with a view to combating nutritional insecurity, a programme supported by the FAO and the German Red Cross (via the agricultural programme run by the BRC).

In the course of the first six months of 2001, the BRC has distributed non-food items to 20,548 households (more than 89,058 people) in the form of: 2,197 tarpaulins, 18,299 blankets, 16,994 jerrycans, 263 kitchen kits, 3,465 kg of clothes, 14,965.4 kg of soap, 210 saucepans, 135 mats, 5 shovels, 4 wheelbarrows. The agricultural project has provided assistance to 264 groups (711 beneficiaries) of agricultural products, 103 groups comprising (3,148 beneficiaries) of animal husbandry products; 1,422 households. More specifically, this assistance consisted of: food crop seeds: 320,000 cassava cuttings; 10,829 banana shoots; 21,700 kg of potatoes; 5,000 kg of sweet potatoes; 2,400 kg of rice; 700 kg of sorghum; 140 kg of soy beans; 690 kg of beans; market garden seeds; fertilizer and pesticides; animal husbandry (963 female and 107 male goats); veterinary products; working tools (540 watering-cans, 4,270 hoes, 100 spray-cans and 2,000 sacks).

The constraints involved in this programme are mainly related to security issues. The sporadic outbreaks of fighting throughout the country has hindered access to beneficiary lists and delayed the start of the planned distributions. To overcome these difficulties, daily information on security matters needs to be obtained from the UN security unit, which collaborates with all the humanitarian agencies in this field. If conditions permit, distribution is then organized, using the convoy system with at least 3 vehicles and VHF radio communications; otherwise, the distribution is cancelled or postponed to a later date.

Disaster Preparedness

The impasse in the political situation continues to provoke population displacements with people fleeing the conflict, and increases the need to house the displaced at provisional or definitive sites. Similarly, the possible return of Burundi refugees living outside the country presents a major concern for the authorities, the UN, and all the humanitarian community. The BRC and the Federation have established plans to augment the existing stock of emergency food and non-food items in order to be able to respond to the need for assistance on the part of war victims, or if necessary other vulnerable populations in the hills. This includes the training of emergency brigades in the provinces.

The constraints of the programme are both financial and material, since some of the goods required are not available on the local market, or, if they are found, their quality is not always up to standard, so that it is necessary to place orders outside, but deliveries take a lot of time and thus constitution of the stock is delayed.

Humanitarian Values

The BRC has set up this programme with a view to promoting humanitarian values and the Fundamental Principles of Freedom of Movement among the beneficiaries of the programmes undertaken by the National Society, and to create a favorable spirit of solidarity for the respect of human dignity and international humanitarian law across the country. These beneficiaries include the young people of the Red Cross Youth Clubs and women's groups that are able to act as movers to bring about change within their communities.

Since the beginning of the year, only the women in Gitega have benefited from the programme. Plans are however afoot for meetings of young people and other dissemination activities among the members of the local branches and also the general public with a view to having the Movement, its activities, Principles, humanitarian values, and ideal of peace become more widely known. The chief constraint experienced by the programme is the lack of available finances for its implementation.

Health and Care

All aspects of daily life are affected by the crisis in the country since 1993, most particularly in the health sector. The BRC's community health programme aimed at limiting, preventing, or mitigating the effects of cholera, typhoid, diarrhoeal diseases, malaria, and HIV-AIDS, and the promotion of hygiene and cleanliness, and improvement of the living conditions of the vulnerable members of the population, under the guidance of community health workers (CHW) trained in this task. In this context, the principal activities conducted since January 2001 have been: training of provincial health workers on integrating ARCHI and more especially HIV-AIDS into the framework of the BRC health programme; the production, impregnation and distribution of 17,500 mosquito-nets for Bubanza and 15,000 for rural Bujumbura; retraining of CHWs at Kirundo and Muyinga; the production of 355 paving-stones and 165 Sanplat lids in Ngozi and Gitega (for latrines), and the training of PHAST volunteers at Gitega. These activities are supported by bilateral cooperation with the French and Spanish Red Cross.

Institutional and Resource Development

The BRC priorities of the moment are good governance, the establishment of strong operational structures, the development of human resources, development and diversification of financial and material resources, and the establishment and management of a network of volunteers in all the branches. The BRC also needs to ensure its financial independence and to have at its disposal competent human resources capable of helping the vulnerable to take better care of themselves, and of assuring the continuity and smooth operation of the programmes after the closure of the Delegation or the reduction of outside aid. Thus the activities foreseen will centre on the training of people responsible for the management of volunteers at the local branches, improvement of the skills and aptitudes of technical staff at headquarters managing the programmes and funds, the elaboration of income-generating projects, promotion of membership, and the dissemination and adoption of new statutes. The production of the statutes in French is moving forward and their translation into Kirundi was begun on 25 June: the feasibility study of the integration of the Federation and the BRC is now in process. Other constraints stem from the development of the application of the Arusha peace agreement which, if it is effective, will facilitate the execution of the programme by reinstating conditions of security.

Regional Cooperation

There are two major aspects to this programme: first, the BRC's participation in the RC-Net under the coordination of the Regional Delegation in Nairobi. This is intended to promote partnerships and exchanges of technical expertise; collaboration with the Regional Delegation in the implementation of certain specific programmes such as HIV-AIDS, strengthening the National Societies' capacities through training activities, and the establishment of a regional contingency plan for disaster preparedness and response. With a view to setting up these activities, regular field visits are undertaken in Burundi by the delegates of the Regional Delegation (since January two such visits have been undertaken by the head of the Regional Delegation, one by the French-speaking regional ID delegate, one by the regional delegate for health, and one by the regional delegate for logistics). A main constraint is the need for funds to assure the activities planned in this area move forward.

Coordination and Management

Since the start of the diversification of the BRC's activities throughout the country in 1998, the Federation's efforts have been directed towards the coordination and management of the programmes, and strengthening capacities with the contribution of delegates acting as advisors to the execution and follow-up of the BRC's programmes. The number of delegates has been reduced to give more responsibility to the National Society. Their essential role is to assure the coordination and management of the BRC's programmes, paying attention to and respecting the 2010 Strategic Work Plan, and to support the strengthening of the capacities of the National Society by developing and maintaining partnerships with NGOs, UN agencies, the Government of Burundi, and the other components of the Movement. The tripartite partnership agreement with the FAO has been augmented since June by the recent addition of the province of Bururi; the agreement with UNHCR in respect to the repatriation of refugees remains valid; the Delegation is also a member of the inter-agency rapid evaluation team coordinated by OCHA. The general effort to cover all humanitarian activities is made in the

spirit of cooperation and collaboration, while the basic problem that persists is that of the integrity, credibility and visibility of the National Society needs further work.

Outstanding needs

There are numerous needs in all programme areas, particularly strengthening the capacity of the BRC so that it has an adequate structure and appropriate human resources to effectively carry out the planned programmes (planning, implementation, management of funds, follow-up, evaluation, drafting of reports, and refurbishment). All budget liens have been reduced to take account of the level of funds received and therefore the lower than planned levels of activity in each programme area. However, additional pledges are still requested.

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Appeal 01.11/2001 Burundi							
Revised budget summary as of 3 October 2001							
PROGRAMME	Disaster response	DP	Health & services	Human. values	IDRD	Coord. & mgt	TOTAL
Shelter & construction	581'446	511	351		13'829		596'137
Clothing & textiles	363'628	19'371	142'236				525'235
Food & seeds			198'218				198'218
Water			889				889
Medical & first aid			728				728
Teaching materials		296	368	243			907
Utensils & tools	244'537	19'380	33'790				297'707
Other relief supplies	97'528	8'220	6'347				112'095
Sub total supplies	1'287'139	47'778	382'927	243	13'829		1'731'916
Other capital expenses					44'223	-24'937	19'286
Sub total capital					44'223	-24'937	19'286
Programme management	138'458	7'397	50'892	3'990	10'478	23'087	234'302
Technical services	41'447	2'214	15'234	1'194	3'137	6'911	70'137
Professional services	45'965	2'456	16'895	1'324	3'479	7'664	77'783
Sub total programme support	225'870	12'067	83'021	6'508	17'094	37'662	382'222
Transport & storage	317'084	11'362	115'935	32'534	19'743	40'515	537'173
Personnel (delegates & expatriates)	40'085		11'009			195'946	247'040
Personnel (local staff)	125'689	38'496	126'216	19'586	35'974	38'520	384'481
Sub total personnel	165'774	38'496	137'225	19'586	35'974	234'466	631'521
Travel & related expenses	4'694			240	1'537	16'366	22'837
Information expenses	6'465			12	1'237	399	8'113
Expert fees	1'072				2'072	37'913	41'057
Admin. - general expenses	45'267		35'633	44	19'687		100'631
Sub total travel, training, general exp.	57'498		35'633	296	24'533	54'678	172'638
Total budget	2'053'365	109'703	754'741	59'167	155'396	342'384	3'474'756

Burundi						ANNEX 1	
APPEAL No. 01.11/2001		PLEDGES RECEIVED				03.10.2001	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT	
CASH							
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				3'474'756	TOTAL COVERAGE		
					91.0%		
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				226'576			
BRITISH - RC		15'000	GBP	36'150	05.03.01	DELEGATION CORE COSTS	
BRITISH - RC				6'978	05.03.01	PROVINCIAL COORDINATORS MUYINGA & NGOZI	
BRITISH - RC		31'503	USD	53'971	24.05.2001	DP PROGRAMME (SOAP, JERRYCANS, BLANKETS).	
BRITISH - RC				15'799	19.07.2001	INSTITUTIONAL & DEVELOPMENT	
BURUNDI - RC (FRENCH RC)		697'928	BIF	1'796	11.09.2001	HEALTH & CARE	
CANADIAN - RC		5'000	CAD	5'413	13.02.01	PROMOTION HUMANITARIAN VALUES	
CANADIAN - GOVT/RC		20'000	CAD	21'650	25.01.01	CAPACITY TO PROMOTE HUMANITARIAN VALUES WITH YOUTH	
CANADIAN - GOVT (CIDA/IHA)		495'000	CAD	539'253	01.08.2001		
ECHO (01020)		500'000	EUR	755'750	10.08.2001	NON-FOOD SECURITY STOCK	
FINNISH GOVT		504'564	EUR	769'511	26.06.2001	DISASTER RESPONSE	
GERMAN - RC		40'000	DEM	31'464	31.01.01	FAD FOR 6 MONTHS	
GERMAN - RC		50'000	DEM	39'330	01.02.01	PROJECT FOOD SECURITY, TOYOTA	
GERMAN - RC		278'166	DEM	218'805	02.04.01	MEDECINE, PRODUCTION MOSQUITO NETS, TRANSPORT, PERSONNAL, ADMIN. COSTS	
NORWEGIAN - RC		693'481	NOK	130'582	0105151	4 DIFFERENT PROJECTS	
SWEDISH - RC		225'000	SEK	39'083	07.02.01	DEVELOPMENT PROG. & DELEGATION MGT	
SWEDISH - GOVT		675'000	SEK	111'713	17.05.2001	DISASTER RESPONSE, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, HEALTH, HUMANITARIAN VALUES	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				3'003'824	CHF	86.4%	
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)							
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT	
SWISS - RC				30'000	12.07.2001	LOGISTICS DELEGATE	
SWISS - GOVT/RC	Delegate(s)			59'959	25.01.01		
Germany	Delegate(s)			59'959			
Belgium	Delegate(s)			8'542			
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				158'460	CHF	4.6%	
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET							
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF		
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:							
PBI001, PBI002, PBI512, PBI513, PBI520, PBI531							