

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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This Programme Update is intended for reporting on Annual Appeals.

Appeal No. 01.02/2002

Appeal Target Budget has been revised from CHF 5,406,974 to CHF 3,003,285.39

(USD 1.91m/ EUR 2.06m)

Programme Update No. 1 Period covered: 1 January to 15 April, 2002

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 67.4%

Related Appeals: Western Africa regional programmes (01.01/2002)

Outstanding needs: CHF 978,199

Update: The programme budget has been revised downwards in response to changing operational factors on the ground. Donor support has been good but longer term backing is needed. There has been a significant increase in the number of Liberian refugees arriving in Guinea as a result of continued fighting, increasing the humanitarian demands on the Guinean Red Cross.

Operational Developments:

The refugee situation in Guinea has changed substantially since the writing of this Appeal. The Peace Process in Sierra Leone has continued in a very positive way, resulting in thousands of Sierra Leonean refugees returning home. Since 4 October, 2001, a total of 8,604 refugees have been repatriated and in the last three weeks, the number of refugees being repatriated has increased to 1,500 a week. However, the Liberian refugee situation is going in the opposite direction due to increased fighting in the country. In the last two months, 4,825 new refugees have arrived in Kouankan and Kola camps with the majority being settled in Kouankan. These refugees arrived despite the closed border between Guinea and Liberia. In addition, the Guinean Red Cross Society, being a young National Society, is in the process of considering implementing changes in its structure and has established a time frame for doing so beginning in 2004. These developments have resulted in a revision of the Appeal both as it relates to the budget and to the objectives.

Disaster Response

Objective 1 : *Identify social needs among the most vulnerable in the camps and surrounding communities and, through knowledge sharing and technical support, encourage behaviour change in order to help others help themselves.*

Kissidougou Camps of Boréah, Kountaya and Télioro

With support from the Federation, Guinea Red Cross mobilised a group of young people in Boréah and Télioro camps to clear a playing field. Six complete football uniforms and 24 T-shirts with the inscription “football against violence”, as well as six footballs were distributed in Boréah, Kountaya and Télioro camps. Six teams composed of the refugees and Guineans from neighbouring villages held a football tournament from 21-28 March .

Guinea Red Cross ordered equipment for the cultural centres under construction in each of the three camps and purchased audio-visual equipment being used in the three camps to promote social education and information through documentaries.

The refugees and the local population held twelve meetings with the objective of promoting better understanding between the two groups as follows:

- For Kountaya camp two meetings were held in Madina and two in Kountaya between the women groups;
- For Boréah camp, two meetings were held in Boréah, one in Yomadou and one in Boréah camp;
- For Télioro, one meeting was held with the women leaders in Télioro in preparation for the 8th International Women's Day in March..

In co-operation with other NGOs, Guinea Red Cross successfully co-ordinated the preparations and execution of the International Women's Day with the theme “Respect of the rights and protection of the dignity of women”. This theme coincided with the issue of sexual exploitation in the camps identified in the Save the Children/UNHCR report. Among the participants in the celebrations of 8 March were a large number of women from neighbouring villages. Their participation reinforced the good relationship existing between the refugees and the local population and contributed greatly to the success of the day.

•In Kountaya five women groups were created to carry out micro-income generating projects. Two of these groups are involved in soap making while three groups are in clothes dyeing. Five women groups were also created in Télioro and are carrying out the following projects:

- two groups doing embroidery,
- one group doing clothes dyeing
- one group doing soap making
- one group doing bread making.

With support from the Federation, the GRCS established Senior citizens committees in Boréah, Kountaya and Télioro and representatives sit on the central refugee committee in each camp and participate in the decision making process.

N'Zérékoré camps of Kola and Kouankan

GRCS organised the youth in both Kola and Kouankan camps into 22 different sport teams. Sixteen are in Kouankan and include 8 women teams while six sport teams are in Kola. The youth in Kouankan camp organised a sport tournament in February for the youth of the camp. They have also received sport equipment including footballs, basketballs and volleyballs. Other activities in both camps include:

- Cultural youth groups.
- A Red Cross youth group
- A majorette group.
- A micro projects, which includes : sale of petrol; preparation and sale of smoked fish; sale of hammocks by women groups in each camp; sale of soap in both camps. A restaurant is in the planning stages for Kouankan.

Objective 2 : *Provide assistance to the most vulnerable among the refugee and local population based on immediate needs. This assistance will cover approximately 23,000 refugees and Guineans considered most vulnerable between 2002-2003. The extremely vulnerable individuals are mainly found among the elderly,*

chronically ill, physically handicapped, amputees, and single-parent families with no identifiable source of income or support from family or the community at large.

Kissidougou camps of Boréah, Kountaya and Télioro

With help from the Federation, GRCS organised counselling services in the three camps and in each of the zones in the camps. Home visits enabled the counsellors and animators to confirm the vulnerable refugees and to ensure their access to medical, psychological, material and food support. During this period, 2,369 refugees received home visits and counselling. The GRCS held three sensitisation sessions of the population in the three camps to provide assistance to the most vulnerable refugees such as the terminally ill, unaccompanied adults and children without assistance and individuals accused of witchcraft. Twenty-six host families were identified for them in the three camps and divided as follows:

Kountaya 9, Boréah 15 and Télioro 2. Eight cases of extremely vulnerable refugees were placed in the host families as follows: Kountaya 3, Boréah 3 and Télioro 2

The UNHCR social services co-ordinator and the UNHCR protection officer referred 17 cases (22 beneficiaries) to the Red Cross for special assistance including financial and travel support. Another 18 cases received the same support. In the three camps, volunteers registered 529 births and each mother received a baby kit and 2 pieces of soap as follows:

CAMPS	BABY KITS	SOAPS
Kountaya	228	456
Boreah	177	345
Telikoro	124	248

Bereaved families received psycho-social and material assistance Sixty-six deaths were registered and the families were given 330 yards of burial cloth and 132 pieces of soap. Each of the families received support from the Red Cross volunteers during the mourning period.

A four-day training course was organised in Kissidougou for the counsellors and animators to reinforce the capacities of the volunteers in their work with the refugees. Fifty-two Guinean Red Cross and refugee volunteers participated in the workshop and the theme was based on improving the living conditions of the more vulnerable in the community.

N'Zérékoré camps of Kola and Kouankan

In Kola 64 women living alone, 45 handicapped and chronically ill as well as 50 senior citizens were provided with their own houses. In Kouankan 160 senior citizens were provided with houses while in Kola and Kouankan the following received used clothing:

Women	Men	Handicapped/ Chronically ill	Children	Total
138	119	1'454	1'573	3'284

In Kouankan, 113 new born babies and 23 in Kola received baby kits, 13 families received assistance with burial costs of a family member while eight families were assisted in Kola . In the first half of the year, the GRCS, with help from the federation, provided three hot meals a day to refugee patients and their caregivers in the hospital and the transition house in N'Zérékoré in the first quarter of the year. The total meals provided were 5,855 at the hospital and 4,341 at the transition house. Food was distributed to the extremely vulnerable refugees living outside the refugee camp as follows:

Location	Beneficiaries	Rice/kg	Beans/kg	Oil/kg
Beyla	71	1'144	612	204
Lola	22	388	204	68
N'Zérékoré	103	1'751	927	309
Yomou	46	744	396	132
Total	242	4'027	2'139	713

Objective 3 : *Ensure health care is available for a refugee population of 35,000.*

N’Zérékoré camps of Kola and Kouankan

The following table provides the number and type of consultations that took place during the first quarter of the year in the Red Cross dispensaries of Kola and Kouankan.

Camp	< 5 yrs	> 5 yrs	Total	Malaria	Skin inf	RID	Diarrhoea	STD	Other
Kouankan	1'493	3'615	5'108	2'537	681	669	589	266	366
Kola	976	2'373	3'349	845	380	803	612	138	571
Total	2'469	5'988	8'457	3'382	1'061	1'472	1'201	404	937

Guinean Red Cross counsellors and the refugee volunteer animators are making concerted efforts in reproductive health in the two camps by carrying out sensitisation sessions through home visits. Special attention was given to the new arrivals in Kouankan. The results, as shown below, depicts an increase in number of women visiting prenatal clinics and family planning counselling.

Camp	PN - Jan.	PN - Feb.	PN - Mar.	FP - Jan	FP - Feb.	FP - Mar.
Kouankan	129	153	169	352	468	507
Kola	41	38	51	65	144	189
Total	170	191	220	417	612	696

Volunteers carry out routine vaccination programmes in both camps and open vaccination charts on new born babies and refugee volunteer animators follow-up with mothers who do not return for their appointments. In Kouankan camp the vaccination coverage of new born babies has been at 100 percent while in Kola the coverage is at 80 percent. The lower coverage in Kola is explained by the fact that some of the mothers giving birth in the camps actually reside outside the camps. In addition, the anti-tetanus vaccination for pregnant women is about 90 to 100 percent in both camps.

As refugees are transferred to the camps they receive a medical screening upon arrival. At this time all children up to 15 years of age are vaccinated against measles.

The National Society operates a nutritional centre supervised by the NS nutritionist in both Kola and Kouankan camps. In addition, the therapeutic nutrition ward in the N’Zérékoré hospital with three nurses and a paediatrician is supported by the Federation. Medical care provided to the malnourished is funded by the Federation. The table below provides the statistics for both camps as well as hospital attendance for January, February and March. However, they do not reflect the real situation as of today which shows an increase in the number of moderately and severely malnourished children as a result of the arrival of over 2,000 new refugees in April, most of whom have spent several weeks in the forest before crossing the border and as a result arrive in an extremely poor condition. The number of admissions in the paediatric nutritional care unit have doubled in March and the overflow cases are treated in the transit house. This has meant hiring a nurse for the house to cover the feeding over a 24 hour period.

Status	Kouankan Jan. Feb. Mar.	Kola Jan. Feb. Mar.	N’Zérékoré Jan. Feb. Mar.
Severely malnourished children			15 11 7
Moderately malnourished children	22 30 25	19 12 12	
Pregnant women	37 47 139	9 7 5	
Nursing mothers	195 227 214	23 50 63	

A total of 7,636 refugees attended community health education sessions in the two camps on diseases such as respiratory infections, malaria, diarrhoea diseases, vaccination and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS. A total of 31,730 condoms were distributed.

Objective 4 : *Co-ordinate, monitor and support the activities and services provided by all partners (UNHCR, WFP, MSF, IRC in the Kountaya/Telikoro and Boréah camps.*

This objective has been dropped as the Federation/Guinean Red Cross are no longer responsible for the camp management activities. UNHCR has given this responsibility to the Government office of the *Bureau de co-ordination pour les réfugiés*.

Disaster Preparedness

Objective 1 : *Assist the Guinean Red Cross in identifying the zones at risk in the country by studying the vulnerabilities and the capacities of the local population in order to better prevent and respond to catastrophes and to establish emergency intervention plans at the national and local levels with the participation of the authorities and the communities.*

The postponement of the National Society's General Assembly replacement of the General Assembly by a national council and the postponement of the national council to mid-February led to the reduction of the number of training sessions on VCA's to three with 60 volunteers being trained. The number of VCA's to be conducted were reduced to three. However, no progress has been made on this objective. All preparatory work was completed by the DP delegate and provided to the National Society. The National Society has not yet given its approval for carrying out the VCA.

Objective 2 : *Develop the capacity of the population and the National Society to respond to eventual emergency situations by putting the necessary measures in place to reduce the effect of disasters in co-ordination with socio-community and health programming.*

Ten CBFA trainers will be provided with refresher courses. There will be one camp for CBFA trainers and three training sessions on CBFA for 60 volunteers.

Objective 3 : *Develop the capacity of the local population to respond to disasters by reinforcing their awareness of local risks and vulnerabilities.*

No progress has been made on this objective as explained in objective 1.

Humanitarian Values

Objective 1 : *Raise the image of the Guinean Red Cross among the local population while promoting the fundamental principles and humanitarian values of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.*

This objective is to be addressed in the second quarter of the year.

Objective 2 : *Promote and encourage better understanding and acceptance between the refugee population and the local population.*

The following activities are also mentioned in Objective 1 under Disaster Relief

Six teams comprising refugees and Guineans from the neighbouring villages held a football tournament from 21- 28 March .

Please refer to objective 1 under Disaster Response above.

Health and Care

Objective 1 : *Encourage the elimination of female circumcision and redirect the practitioners of female circumcision to a new role of traditional birth attendants.* (Under the revised Appeal this is Objective 4)

In Kouankan camp 169 females were circumcised in February including 17 under-fives, seven pregnant women and six nursing mothers. Several sensitisation meetings have been held since then with the women carrying out the circumcisions, all of whom have indicated that they are prepared to stop doing the procedure provided other employment is found for them. The Red Cross team is currently working with them to identify possible income generating projects.

The identification of women within the Guinean society who carry out this procedure and the ensuing training as Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) for those who agree, is planned for the second half of the year if funds are obtained.

Objective 2 : *Re-energize and expand the activities of the volunteers blood donor clubs in 11 prefectures and the city of Conakry where there are 12 clubs.*

No activity has taken place with this objective but some will be executed for the second half of the year if funds are available.

Objective 3 : *Reinforce CBFA activities in local committees with regards to epidemic surveillance and prevention, which will be co-ordinated within the disaster preparedness programme.*

This objective is directly related to the disaster preparedness programme and, therefore, as with the disaster preparedness programme, no progress has been made in meeting this objective.

Objective 4 : *Initiate a pilot programme for peer education on the prevention of HIV/AIDS, in line with ARCHI 2010, in the districts of Boké and N'Zérékoré.*

The National Society is currently working on a policy and a national programme on HIV/AIDS. They plan on launching the policy and programme on 8 May .

Institutional and Resource Development

(The activities under this Programme have been revised to reflect the process of development of the Institution)

Objective 1 : *Provide assistance to the National Society in (self) assessment, planning, implementation, communication and knowledge sharing, and evaluation and reassessment.*

The General Assembly scheduled for November 2001 was replaced by a National Council in February 2002. The National Council approved the revised statutes of the Guinean Red Cross. The said statutes are to be adopted at their next General Assembly planned for 2004.

The Institutional VCA, which was to be carried out immediately after the National Council, has not, yet been approved by the President.

The National Society plans to implement the institutional reorganisation approved at the National Society Planning meeting in November, 2001 after the General Assembly in 2004.

Objective 2 : *Strengthen the National Society's management capacities by developing human and material resources.*

The Regional delegation sent a consultant to provide Internet capacity for the National Society as well as an additional two wave mail posts. The Federation provides its vehicles for use by the National Society upon request. The Federation provides all office supplies the National Society both at the Headquarters level and for the 38 Red Cross branches.

Sixteen National Society staff and one resource person in governance are supported through Delegation funds. But much progress has not been made on the integration of Federation staff and National Society staff.

Objective 3 : *Improve the National society's self-reliance by December 2003*

A Fund Raising Committee has been established while identification of members continues. The first meeting is scheduled before the end of April.

Following the meeting between the Head of the Africa Department, the National Society President, the Head of delegation and the Deputy Minister of Health, the government gave the National Society a grant of 39,000,000 GNF (approximately 35,000 CHF) for the first quarter of 2002.

Co-ordination and Management

Objective 1 : *Continue to adapt the structure of the delegation and act as leader so as to ensure rational, effective management of the National Society assistance programmes in 2002 and 2003.*

Organisational charts have been established for both the Kissidougou and N'Zérékoré sub-offices including reporting lines within the delegation staffing and the National Society staffing and correlating lines between the two.

Objectives have been developed on a three month basis and reporting is based on these objectives.

Objective 2 : *Strengthen and promote the visibility of the National Society through effective operations and infrastructure needs, such as office, telecommunication and car pool.*

National Society staff and volunteers have access to all vehicles in the Delegation car pool upon request and availability. National Society and Delegation share the radio communication both at the Headquarters level and in the field.

Although all delegates have a NS counterpart, the programme and finance delegates do not share offices with their National Society counterparts yet.

Objective 3 : *Pursue strengthening the delegation's human resources so as to guarantee appropriate support that is beneficial to the National Society in the area of management.*

The Delegation is in the process of reducing the number of delegates present in Conakry. By the end of June, all Conakry based delegates will be gone with the exception of the Head of Delegation. Institutional Development support will be provided from Abidjan Regional Delegation. However, the Delegation will continue to support the National Society in their involvement in relief operations in the Guinea Forestry region. A Head of Office in both Kissidougou and N'Zérékoré will remain as will a health and a social welfare delegate. Appropriate support staff is also being maintained to ensure effective and efficient support for the National Society's relief operation.

Outstanding needs

There has been a significant increase in the number of Liberian refugees arriving in Guinea as a result of continued fighting in Liberia. Although the border is still officially closed between the two countries, the very vulnerable, mostly women and children, are being allowed in. Having spent weeks, if not months in Liberia forests, they are in very poor physical condition with few possessions. In the last three months 5,000 new arrivals have been transferred to the Kouankan camp with 2,000 in this last month alone. There has also been an announcement that, following a meeting between the Presidents of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, the border between Guinea and Liberia will soon be opened. If this occurs it is estimated that thousands of refugees will cross the border into Guinea. The Delegation's stock of non-food items is completely depleted. The last of the blankets, mats and soap were distributed before Christmas and the last of the used clothing was distributed the beginning of April. Therefore there is a serious need to resupply these items. Initial estimated needs are:

Blankets	Mats	Used clothing	Soap
5'000	5'000	10'000	10'000

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Guinea		Revised Budget - 17 May 2002				
APPEAL No. 01.02/2002						
PROGRAMME	Disaster Resp	Disaster Prep	Health & Care	Human Values	IDRD	Co-ord. & Mgmt
Shelter & Construction						
Clothing & Textiles	60'000					
Food & Seeds	14'774					
Water						
Medical & 1st Aid	34'382	18'000				
Teaching Materials						
Ustensils & Tools	7'260					
Other Relief Supplies	150'001	875				
Subtotal Supplies	266'417	18'875				
Land & Buildings						
Vehicles						
Computer & Telecom	3'500					
Medical Equipment						
Other Capital Equipment						
Subtotal Capital	3'500					
Programme Management	155'337	17'432	8'233	2'035	10'908	19'493
Technical Services	46'500	5'218	2'464	609	3'265	5'835
Professional Services	51'568	5'787	2'733	675	3'621	6'471
Subtotal Programme Support	253'405	28'437	13'430	3'319	17'794	31'800
Warehousing/Inspection	7'030					4'300
Transport & Vehicles	213'478	24'695			13'553	31'110
Subtotal Transport & Storage	220'509	24'695			13'553	35'410
Delegates & Expatriates	414'062	82'490				77'500
National Societies and Local Staff	679'371	27'536	26'594	5'904	59'915	21'830
Subtotal Personnel	1'093'433	110'026	26'594	5'904	59'915	99'330
Travel & Related Expenses	22'475	26'800	1'250			8'550
Information	31'545	3'520				3'500
Consultants	23'810					2'100
General Expenses	222'059	9'975	1'950	1'200	45'800	93'900
Training Workshops & Seminars	2'000	36'187	78'869	19'750	24'700	2'500
Security	2'500					12'000
Subtotal Training, Information & General	304'389	76'482	82'069	20'950	70'500	122'550
TOTAL BUDGET	2'141'653	258'515	122'093	30'173	161'762	289'090

Guinea						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.02/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED				23.05.2002
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				3'003'285		TOTAL COVERAGE 67.4%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				134'936		
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM		650'000	USD	1'047'605	14.04.2002	
NORWEGIAN - RC		150'000	NOK	28'594	26.02.2002	RELIEF
UNHCR (02/AB/GUI/CM/200(e))		304'035'581	GNF	258'734	08.02.2002	SERVICES SOCIO-COMMUNAUTAIRES
UNHCR (02/AB/GUI/RP/351(g))		21'903'000	GNF	18'639	04.02.2002	TRANSPORT, LOGISTIQUE, ASSISTANCE
UNHCR (02/AB/GUI/CM/200(C))		507'671'430	GNF	440'151	14.02.2002	REFUGIES LIBERIENS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1'928'659	CHF	64.2%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
NETHERLANDS	DELEGATE(S)			44'846		
SWEDEN	DELEGATE(S)			51'581		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				96'427	CHF	3.2%