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In Brief

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Overall analysis of the programme

The [Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire](#) implemented a certain number of activities within the framework of the Federation's programme in 2003. The Mano River sub-regional office opened in June 2003 upon the arrival of the new head of office and commenced its support to the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire in August.

The national society focused its activities on development activities, promotion of humanitarian values, community health and HIV/AIDS. The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire through its humanitarian values programme, trained 75% of the secretary generals and presidents of the existing 44 local committees on knowledge of the Movement, principles and values, and good governance. Additionally, the Federation had several sessions with them to prepare them for the 28th International Conference and their strategic planning.

In spite of armed conflict in the country, the national society realized activities in community health and HIV/AIDS in west and northern Côte d'Ivoire which were occupied by dissident forces

Health and care

Goal: To contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality due to communicable diseases among the most vulnerable populations in Côte d'Ivoire.

Objective: National society efforts to combat HIV/AIDS/STD and other communicable diseases (yellow fever, malaria, cholera) in selected rural health districts are strengthened.

Expected results

1. HIV/AIDS and STD prevention and care activities are reinforced in four health districts (Yamoussoukro, Korhogo, Aboisso, and Gagnoa) through sensitization and home and community based care.

- A community based system for assisting persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) has been developed and put in place in the respective villages.
- The capacity of the national society at the local committee level to conduct HIV/AIDS/STD-related information and education campaigns (IEC) and condom promotion/procurement activities have been increased.
- Income generating activities are in place to sustain programme activities.

Substantial support has been given to the HIV/AIDS programme since August 2003 though the training of 20 project supervisors from Korhogo, Yamoussoukro, Aboisso and Gagnoa. The training which focused on improving sensitization activities for the peer educators for sex workers and of psycho-social care of PLWHA was held in September 2003 in Gagnoa. This training was carried out in partnership with the association of the persons living with HIV/AIDS called *Lumière-Action*.

Impact

To this date, peer education in the four projects districts has created awareness amongst 25, 800 persons. The actual medical report by the health personnel of the project zones indicates a significant reduction in cases of IST, even though the resulting effects of the projects have not yet been truly ascertained. Blood donation for HIV/AIDS prevention activities was carried out and 3, 880 pockets of blood were realized for the national centre for blood transfusion.

Constraints

- Poor disbursement of funds to the national society by the administration.
- Lack of timely justification of working advances.
- Low involvement of other agencies that work in the fight against HIV/AIDS both at national and international level.

Community health activities

The community health activities carried out by the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire came to a standstill as a result of the armed conflict in the country. The resultant effect was the worsening of the health situation in this zone. Since July 2003, the Federation has thus supported the reactivation of 10 existing health activities in Bloléquin and Toulepleu. Twenty (20) health community agents have therefore been retrained and given medical and sanitary materials to enable them work in the villages. The following results were highlighted in the initial reports of October 2003:

The clinic at Bloléquin registered a total of 960 persons; including 200 cases of malaria and 41 cases of acute respiratory infection, as treated at the clinic, whilst 394 patients were registered at Toulepleu with frequent illnesses including 162 cases of malaria and 91 cases of IRA.

The regional health coordinator and the national society's health coordinator visited the 10 villages from 1 to 5 October 2003, for the evaluation and monitoring of the implemented programme which is of great value to beneficiaries. The activities progressed normally in 2003.

Constraints

- Poor disbursement of funds to the national society by the administration.
- The national society has problems in justifying expenses timely.

Fight against potential epidemics

From 17 November to 12 December 2003, the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire assisted the Ministry of Health in social mobilization during the vaccination campaign against measles in three health districts (Zuenoula, Bouaflé and Sinfra). Three volunteers were mobilized thereby making it possible to reach remote homes.

Impact

The vaccination rate of the under-fives in the three districts visited by the national society was 95.5% at Zuénoula, 95% at Bouaflé and 96% at Sinfra, according to the initial figures presented by the national coordinator of the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI). The national society's health officers of the project zones noted that the populations participated massively.

Constraints

- Poor disbursement of funds to the national society by the administration.
- Papers for validation were not readily available.
- The Ministry of Health made frequent changes in schedules of project implementation.

Humanitarian values

Goal: The rights of children in Côte d'Ivoire are increasingly respected and further championed by the public as a whole.

Objective: The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire has contributed to the reduction in child trafficking and the worst forms of child exploitation (debt bondage, armed conflict, commercial sexual exploitation and drug trafficking) in Côte d'Ivoire through advocacy.

Expected result: The capacity of the national society in advocacy and mobilizing community action through advocacy is increased at all levels.

- Five Red Cross volunteers have been trained as trainers in advocacy and community mobilization. They have been trained in methods and techniques which are useful in helping families protect themselves from child trafficking and exploitation. These include methods to dissuade people from accepting the practice in their community and what action to take if they suspect its occurrence.
- Fifty (50) volunteers have been trained and have undertaken social mobilization activities.
- Child exploitation and trafficking has decreased in the targeted communities. In a month, approximately 5,000 people have been sensitized of the problem; know how to recognize it and no longer tolerate its existence in their community. Community leaders have helped in the advocacy campaign and communities have developed their own watchdog groups to protect children against such malpractices.
- A local radio programme which discusses child trafficking and exploitation across Côte d'Ivoire has reinforced the work done by Red Cross. The programme champions the rights of the children in the eyes of the general public.

These objectives were not achieved because of armed conflict in the country. However, activities were carried out under public information and visibility of the Red Cross.

Organizational development

Goal: To decrease vulnerability of people living in Côte d'Ivoire through improved service delivery by the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire.

Objective: The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire has completed a comprehensive Strategic Development Plan, based on a national society capacity assessment, which is coordinated and agreed upon with key stakeholders both within and outside the Movement, leading to a systematic development approach which will allow the national society to progressively increase its capacity to better meet the needs of the vulnerable.

Expected Results: The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire has completed the Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) process.

- A national society capacity assessment exercise has been completed
- A three-to-five-year strategic development plan (based on national society capacity assessment) has been developed in coordination with other stakeholders.
- The Cooperation Agreement Strategy has been presented and confirmed in a partnership meeting, convened by the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire.

The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire realized a three-year strategic development plan after doing a Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA) in eight regions that were representative of vulnerability in Côte d'Ivoire. With support from the Federation, the national society installed accounting software to facilitate financial and administrative procedures.

Constraints

- There are three interlocutors for organization and development and fundamental principles and humanitarian values making it difficult for cooperation with the Federation.
- Lack of implication of the national society in the drafting of the annual reports and the programme update and also in the elaboration of the annual appeal.

Lessons learned

- The national society needs a special training in organizational development.
- The national society also needs training on responsible and result-based reporting.

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