

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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In Brief

Appeal No. 01.33/2004; Programme Update no.2; Period covered: June to November 2004;

Appeal coverage: 111.2%; Outstanding needs: none.

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Appeal target: CHF 61,743 (USD 46,371 or EUR 39,744).

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Cape Verde 2005 Annual Appeal no. 05AA027 –

http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA027.pdf

Programme summary: In addition to a critical food-security situation prevailing in Cape Verde, the country has experienced several locust invasions this year, which worsened the situation of the more vulnerable communities. The [Red Cross of Cape Verde](#)¹ is starting to implement a programme addressing the root cause of food insecurity. This programme directly improves the nutritional situation of 7,500 school children.

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This Programme Update reflects activities to be implemented over a one-year period. This forms part of, and is based on, longer-term, multi-year planning (refer below to access the detailed log frame documents).

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¹ Red Cross of Cape Verde – refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=43>

National Context / Operational Developments

Cape Verde is made up of 10 islands and five islets, the biggest of which is the island capital, Praia. All but three of these islands spanning 4,033 sq km (1,557 sq miles) are mountainous leaving only 10% of arable land. This, with a combination of poor natural resources and droughts, has rendered the Cape Verde islands heavily dependent on food imports and foreign aid.

Severe droughts have prompted mass population movement, depleting the country's estimated population of 430,000: more Cape Verdians are living outside the country than within. Further droughts around the mid-1990s, cut the islands' grain crop by 80%, and in 1998 an outbreak of African swine fever threatened to wipe out its pig population, an important component in the diet of more vulnerable islanders.

The fragile food situation in the country became more precarious with two successive locust attacks in August followed by a second wave of larger swarms late September. Presently, the island's worst affected areas are Sal, Sao Nicolau, and Santo Antao, a mountainous island accounting for much of the country's agricultural output.²

The country only produces 20% of national consumption requirements under normal conditions, so damage from the locusts may exacerbate an already acute food-security situation.

Cape Verde lost almost its entire 2004 maize harvest to drought conditions in July and August. The government recently warned that a combination of poor rainfall during the wet season that recently ended and locust damage to the crops would aggravate food shortages during the coming year.

Disaster Management

Goal: The Federation's "Characteristics of a Well-Prepared National Society" has become a reference working document for Disaster Preparedness and Response personnel of different National Societies.

Objective: Vulnerable communities respond in the short and medium term to food insecurity.

Progress/Achievements

The Red Cross of Cape Verde has developed a new, more appropriate project proposal.³ While the 2004 disaster preparedness appeal's goal remains unchanged, the new expected results are as follows:

- A total of 7,500 school children and their teachers in 10 primary schools on Santiago Island are sensitized on environmental conservation and trained in small-scale vegetable gardening.
- These 7,500 school children benefit directly from improved nutritional status through introduction of the vegetable garden harvests, estimated at an annual 250 kg per 100 square meters into their daily diet.

The National Society has signed cooperation agreements with the Health Ministry and ACIDI/VOCA to select beneficiary schools, provide technical assistance and procure seeds and other relevant materials. The programme has just been launched.

Impact/Constraints

It is too early to draw conclusions on the project's impact.

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² UN OCHA Integrated Regional Information Network (IRIN) of 15 October 2004

³ Refer to Programme Update 1 – http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/01330401.pdf

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CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				61,743		111.2%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				68,664		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				68,664	CHF	111.2%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Note: due to systems upgrades in process, contributions in kind and services may be incomplete.						
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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