

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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### In Brief

**Appeal No. 05AA019; Programme Update no. 2, Period covered: July to December 2005; Appeal coverage: 43%; Outstanding needs: CHF 482,563 (USD 367,807 or EUR 310,031).**

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For Programme Update no. 1 please refer to: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual05/05AA01901.pdf>

**Appeal target: CHF 864,452 (USD 672,300 or EUR 545,200).**

**Related Annual Appeals: Mano River sub-regional programmes; Annual Appeal 2005; Appeal no. 05AA024-**  
<http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual05/05AA024.pdf>

**Program Summary: During this reporting period, the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire<sup>1</sup> was not able to implement most of planned activities due to slow donor response to its 2005 annual appeal. The appeal has received 43% coverage to date.**

More than ever before, the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire needs adequate support from its partners, given the precarious economic and political situation that has devastated the country since 1999. In spite of inadequate funding, the national society has played an active role in alleviating the impact of the socio-political situation on the most vulnerable.

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<sup>1</sup> Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire- refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=182>

## Operational developments

The social and economic structure of Cote d'Ivoire has been highly weakened by political crises since the 24 December 1999 coup d'état. The ensuing armed conflict that began in 19 September 2002 has been quite devastating, not only to the county's economy, but also to the sub-region as a whole. According to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Human Development Index, September 2005, over one million people have been internally displaced in Côte d'Ivoire while as many as 400,000 foreigners have fled the country. The population's living standard has been highly hampered by this crisis. On the other hand the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) indicate that the overall effect of these crises on food security and poverty remains very dismal. Compared to the previous five years, the food production level for plantain and tubers has dropped by 6 to 9%.

The peace process in Côte d'Ivoire is threatened by the difficulties authorities are facing to implement the different agreements' terms. With a very short time to go before Côte d'Ivoire faces a new charged deadline in its simmering three-year conflict, the issue of the Prime Minister position is opposing the two camps (rebels and government).

Côte d'Ivoire was part of the former Mano River sub-regional office that also covered Guinea-Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Liberia and Sierra-Leone. With restructuring now complete, the office will cover only Côte d'Ivoire- with a Federation representative and minimal staff.

## Health and care- Community-based health care

**Goal: The health status of the West and Southwest rural populations is improved in 2005.**

**Objective: The rural populations in the Western Côte d'Ivoire are provided with better access to primary health care in 2005.**

### Expected results

1. Five health care promotion centres and 20 health posts are rehabilitated and equipped.
2. The technical capacities of the six related local committees are strengthened.
3. The population is involved in the management of health posts and centres.

### Progress

- Due to delays in funds transfer and to the volatile security environment in target areas, no activity was implemented during this reporting period.

## Health and care- HIV/AIDS

**Goal: By the end of 2005, the rate of occurrence of STI/AIDS among the youths (aged 12 - 24) is reduced in the rural areas of the regions of Korhogo, Yamoussoukro, Gagnoa and Aboisso.**

**Objective: The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire has contributed to the reduction of the STI/AIDS vulnerability of the youths in the rural areas.**

### Achievements

- With support from the Federation office in Abidjan, the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire benefited from financial support of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) to open and run four voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) centers in Korhogo, Ferkessedougou, Odiéné and Man. However, no funds have been received from other external donors. This project includes:
  - Rehabilitation and equipment of laboratories;
  - Recruitment and training of volunteers;
  - Sensitization of the general public (mainly the youth) for voluntary testing;
  - Rapid tests;
  - Psycho-social support to people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- During the reporting period, public awareness campaigns and counseling activities started in newly rehabilitated and equipped laboratories and have so far benefited more than 1,000 people.

**Impact**

- It is too early to measure the impact of the VCT project. Nevertheless, the project has contributed in enhancing the capacity of Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire to develop multidimensional approaches to HIV/AIDS and to work in the framework of multilateral partnerships.
- If successfully implemented, this project will improve the image of the national society and contribute to strengthening its partnerships with UN agencies (including UNHCR) as well as other humanitarian and developmental organizations.

**Constraints**

- One major precondition for the successful implementation of the VCT project is the re-deployment of the administration (government employees) to the war affected areas, especially the project zones. Unfortunately, as the peace process is very slow, the government could not re-deploy biotechnologists to the VCT centers. This situation somehow has a negative impact on the number of voluntary tests actually conducted in comparison with what was planned.

**Disaster management**

**Goal: The effect of disasters in the communities is reduced.**

**Objective: The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire's disaster management capacity is strengthened.**

**Achievements**

- In coordination with ICRC, continuous technical support and coaching was provided in the field to the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire and the Red Cross Society of Guinea to help them revise their contingency plans.
- Thirty emergency team leaders were trained by the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire in Man and Yamoussoukro, with financial support from the Federation. Skills were upgraded in emergency management procedures- including security issues. Technical support was also provided by ICRC.
- Under the supervision of the regional DM coordinator in Dakar, continuous monitoring and coaching was provided to DM staff of the national societies of Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Liberia on the implementation of the regional contingency plan managed by the regional delegation for West and Central Africa in relation to the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire.

**Impact**

- The training of thirty emergency teams imparted skills in emergency management procedures- including security issues- thus equipping those trained to effectively respond to emergency situations.

**Constraints**

- The financial situation of the programme has not improved thus limiting implementation of activities.

**Humanitarian Values**

**Goal: The behavior of the population towards peace and tolerance in the communities is improved.**

**Objective: The Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values of the Red Cross are promoted to facilitate the execution of its activities of assistance to the populations.**

**Achievements**

- Thanks to the financial contribution from the British government's Department for International Development (DFID), the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire was able to broadcast radio programmes, "*united in the difference*", in 16 local committees which have community radios. The committees are located in nine cities: Agboville, Niablé (Abengourou), Divo, Daloa, Gagnoa, San Pédro, Oumé, Anyama, Bouaflé as well as in seven of the ten "communes" of Abidjan: Yopougon, Adjamé, Port Bouet, Koumassi, Treichville, Abobo, and Cocody.
- Cassettes on the seven Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and others on stigmatization of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) have been recorded and translated into French, English and German- thanks to a contribution from an Ivorian artist, Soul Neth.

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- Promotional items including 1,000 bags, 2,000 exercise books, 34 polo necks, 701 t-shirts, 150 caps, 150 bobs, 500 bandanas (headscarves), 500 key rings, 1,000 pens, 3,000 calendars (for the year 2006) and 3,000 audio cassettes have been developed as promotional materials for the national society/Red Cross.

### Impact

- Given the tension prevailing in the country, the radio programme- *"united in the difference"*- was much welcomed by the members of the public as it enlightened them about the Movement, particularly the Federation and Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire activities. The radio programme also allowed populations to have a better understanding of the Movement's Fundamental Principles.
- Two local newspapers published articles on the radio programme project when they heard about it, thus profiling the Red Cross.
- Promotional articles have been selected to fit latest fashion trends among the youth. This roused a lot of interest in the materials even before the official launching.
- Since the radio broadcast project was implemented with the technical contribution of the national society's communication consultant (who is in charge of communication in the national society), it allowed the development of the national society's human resource capacity.

### Constraints

- The radio broadcast project has been delayed for financial reasons and suspended by means of administrative red tape. As a result, the official launching of the radio broadcasts has been postponed twice and the Federation's credibility has declined.

## Organizational development

**Goal 1: The operational capacity of Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable is enhanced.**

**Goal 2: The financial resources of the Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire are consolidated.**

**Objective 1: The managerial capacities of headquarters officers and heads of projects of local committees have been enhanced.**

**Objective 2: The Red Cross of Côte d'Ivoire is financially autonomous and is therefore able to respond to the needs of the community.**

### Achievements

- During its General Assembly held in August 2005, the national society agreed to develop new administrative and financial procedures. The new leaders accepted to separate management and governance and the following measures were recommended:
  - Establishment of a management committee comprising of six members (the national president, three vice-presidents, the general treasurer and the assistant general treasurer);
  - An administration which is directed by a general secretary and is made up of technical departments (Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values, first-aid and disasters, health, community development, resource development, youth, organizational development, social services, etc);
  - Recruitment of an administrative assistant and an accountant for the Spanish Red Cross project;
  - An audit is conducted by a benchmarking firm (SGS) to certify good governance.
- Thanks to DFID funding, the following activities were implemented during the reporting period :
  - The Federation provided technical support in the elaboration of the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire manual of procedures. Administration, finance and logistics workshops were organized to amend and validate the manual of procedures prepared by the national society;
  - The Federation participated in the central committee meeting for the preparation of the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire General Assembly. The Spanish Red Cross was also represented in the meeting. The General Assembly was held on 12 and 13 August 2005;
  - An annual report has been produced by the board and the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire management strategy has been presented.

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- With funding from the Capacity Development Fund (CBF), the following activities were implemented:
  - Three project planning process (PPP) workshops for 34 local committees were organized;
  - A workshop to set up a national plan for resources development was conducted. Three local committees (Cocody, Tiassalé and Port Bouet) participated in the workshop because of their experience in management of income generating projects. A consultant from the National Solidarity Fund also attended.
  - Five computers, five UPS and five printers were distributed to five local committees (one set per each committee).

**Impact**

- Following extensive technical support from the Federation and consultations in several workshops, the Red Cross Society of Côte d'Ivoire is now positioned to validate and publish its manual of procedures in 2006.
- The training provided to the person in charge of finance and administration and the assistant to the head of office in charge of OD (in audit and management control as well as project management respectively) helped in advancing the capacities of the national society's human resource.
- The PPP training provided to 36 local committees presented an opportunity for experience sharing in resources development. A national plan for resources development has subsequently been put in place.
- The computers, UPS and printers distributed to five local committees will enhance their data management, storage and generation capacities.

**Constraints**

- Some activities have been cancelled because of the write-off that was done and have been carried over to the 2006-2007 appeal.

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APPEAL No. 05AA019

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

28/12/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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## CASH

					TOTAL COVERAGE	
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				846,452		43.0%
OPENING BALANCE				40,460		
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT				90,000	01.01.05	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT				115,000	01.01.05	HUMANITARIAN VALUES, HEALTH
SWITZERLAND - RC				118,429	01.12.04	DM DELEGATE
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				363,889	CHF	43.0%

## KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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	