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GUINEA-BISSAU

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In Brief

Appeal No. 05AA020; Appeal target: CHF 280,000 (USD 222,100 or EUR 180,100); Appeal coverage: 4.1%.

Annual Appeal: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual05/05AA020.pdf>

Programme Update no. 1: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual05/05AA02001.pdf>

Programme Update no. 2: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual05/05AA02002.pdf>

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Operational context

Guinea-Bissau is a West African country comprised of 30 ethnic groups. The country is divided into nine administrative regions, comprising of 108 sectors, sections and villages. The urban population represents 34.5% of the total, with a population density of 35 inhabitants per square kilometre and a population growth of 3 per cent.

After two decades of independence, Guinea-Bissau continues to be one of the poorest countries in the world. According to UNDP Human Development Report¹, Guinea Bissau – a country with a total population of 1.5 million people – is one of the world's poorest nations (ranked at 172 out of 177). With poor infrastructure and low social indicators; 88% of its population lives on less than 1 USD per day. Only 34% of its population has sustainable access to improved sanitation while only 59% of the population has sustainable access to an improved water source. The country has only 17 physicians per 100,000 people.

Analysis of 2005 programmes

Organizational development

Goal: The Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau's capacity to respond to the needs of vulnerable populations is strengthened.

¹ UNDP Human Development Index- refer to http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/2005/pdf/hdr05_HDI.pdf

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Objective: The management of the Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau is improved to enable it respond to the needs of the vulnerable in 2005.

Constraints

Inadequate financial resources did not allow activities to be carried in 2005. A plan of action will be developed in 2006, to ensure that all activities are implemented.

Health and care

Goal: The Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau contributes to the improvement of health conditions of vulnerable populations in 2005.

Objective: The Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau has stimulated responsible behavioral changes against the most common and vaccine-preventable diseases in the areas of Sab, Quinara, Tombali, Oio and Bolama.

Achievements

- The government of Guinea-Bissau declared a cholera outbreak when the cases reported in mid-June 2005 started to escalate. The outbreak first struck the capital city (Bissau) and its poorest suburbs and then spread to ten out of the twelve regions of the country. The worst affected of the regions was San Domingos, along the northern border with Senegal. Urgent support and prevention activities were thus required to control the epidemic and prevent it from spreading to neighbouring Senegal and Guinea (Conakry). With support from the Federation's regional delegation in Dakar, the Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau conducted a rapid assessment of the outbreak in the hardest hit areas prior to developing a plan of action. Following an allocation of CHF 27,838 from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (Refer to Minor Emergency no. 05ME046- <http://www.ifr.org/docs/appeals/05/05ME046.pdf>), the national society carried out sensitization activities, after its volunteers were trained. The conditions of the most vulnerable populations were improved through key interventions of the Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau during the 2005 cholera outbreak.
- The WatSan programme, supported by the Federation, the Spanish Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), highly contributed to improving access to safe drinking water among vulnerable communities of Gabu, Bafata, Oio and Bijagos. The communities also observe basic hygiene practices.
- The Polio National Immunization Day (NIDs) campaign of December 2005, in which the national society volunteers actively participated, contributed to responsible behavioural changes against the most common and vaccine-preventable diseases in the areas of Sab, Quinara, Tombali, Oio and Bolama.

Disaster management

Goal: The Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau contributes to the reduction of disaster-related risks in Guinea-Bissau in 2005.

Objective: In 2005, the disaster management capacity of the regional committees in four border regions (S. Domingo, Tombali, Gabu and Bubaque) has been built and strengthened.

Achievements

- Following the intervention of the RCSGB during the 2005 cholera outbreak, the local branches of San Domingos, Tombali and Gabu were revived. More than 120 volunteers were trained on how to prevent the spread of cholera and 50 received refresher courses in first aid. In addition, San Domingo and Tombali received emergency equipment.
- During cholera response activities, the RCSG distributed sanitation materials and the MoH recognized the effort of the NS in the sensitization campaigns.
- The RCSGB was able to offer assistance to the Angola Red Cross by providing an RDRT member to coordinate the 2005 Marburg Haemorrhagic Fever operation in Angola.

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Impact

- The trained volunteers were able to provide first aid during the general elections period. The intensive sensitization campaign that the RCSGB conducted for cholera helped to drastically reduce the epidemics in Guinea-Bissau.

Constraints

- The volatile political situation, as well as lack of qualified human resources did not facilitate the implementation of all planned activities.
- Funding limitations were compounded by the lack of a reliable banking system. This made it difficult for the programmes as it complicated transfer of funds.

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| Selected Parameters | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Year/Period | 2005/1-2005/9998 |
| Appeal | M05AA020 |
| Budget | APPEAL |

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

| | Health & Care | Disaster Management | Humanitarian Values | Organisational Development | Coordination & Implementation | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| A. Budget | 167'815 | 60'807 | | 50'950 | | 279'572 |
| B. Opening Balance | 0 | 0 | | 5'731 | | 5'731 |
| Income | | | | | | |
| Cash contributions | | | | | | |
| British Red Cross | | | | 114 | | 114 |
| United Arab Emirates Red Cre: | | 5'921 | | | | 5'921 |
| C1. Cash contributions | | 5'921 | | 114 | | 6'035 |
| C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6) | 0 | 5'921 | | 114 | | 6'035 |
| D. Total Funding = B + C | 0 | 5'921 | | 5'845 | | 11'766 |

II. Balance of Funds

| | Health & Care | Disaster Management | Humanitarian Values | Organisational Development | Coordination & Implementation | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| B. Opening Balance | 0 | 0 | | 5'731 | | 5'731 |
| C. Income | 0 | 5'921 | | 114 | | 6'035 |
| E. Expenditure | | -5'921 | | 13 | | -5'908 |
| F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E) | 0 | 0 | | 5'858 | | 5'858 |

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|---------------------|------------------|
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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

| Account Groups | Budget | Expenditure | | | | | TOTAL | Variance |
|---|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | Health & Care | Disaster Management | Humanitarian Values | Organisational Development | Coordination & Implementation | | |
| | A | | | | | B | A - B | |
| BUDGET (C) | | 167'815 | 60'807 | | 50'950 | | 279'572 | |
| Supplies | | | | | | | | |
| Clothing & textiles | 525 | | | | | | | 525 |
| Food | 5'000 | | | | | | | 5'000 |
| Water & Sanitation | 40'050 | | | | | | | 40'050 |
| Teaching Materials | 5'993 | | | | | | | 5'993 |
| Total Supplies | 51'568 | | | | | | | 51'568 |
| Land, vehicles & equipment | | | | | | | | |
| Vehicles | 4'500 | | | | | | | 4'500 |
| Computers & Telecom | 4'350 | | | | | | | 4'350 |
| Total Land, vehicles & equipment | 8'850 | | | | | | | 8'850 |
| Transport & Storage | | | | | | | | |
| Transport & Vehicle Costs | 8'830 | | | | | | | 8'830 |
| Total Transport & Storage | 8'830 | | | | | | | 8'830 |
| Personnel Expenditures | | | | | | | | |
| Delegates Payroll | 8'400 | | | | | | | 8'400 |
| Delegate Benefits | 6'574 | | | | | | | 6'574 |
| Regionally Deployed Staff | 4'500 | | | | | | | 4'500 |
| National Staff | 56'266 | | 1'137 | | | | 1'137 | 55'129 |
| Total Personnel Expenditures | 75'740 | | 1'137 | | | | 1'137 | 74'603 |
| Workshops & Training | | | | | | | | |
| Workshops & Training | 66'590 | | 4'399 | | 5'764 | | 10'163 | 56'427 |
| Total Workshops & Training | 66'590 | | 4'399 | | 5'764 | | 10'163 | 56'427 |
| General Expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Travel | 1'558 | | | | | | | 1'558 |
| Information & Public Relation | 15'132 | | | | | | | 15'132 |
| Office Costs | 29'955 | | | | | | | 29'955 |
| Communications | 3'175 | | | | | | | 3'175 |
| Total General Expenditure | 49'821 | | | | | | | 49'821 |
| Program Support | | | | | | | | |
| Program Support | 18'172 | | 385 | | -1 | | 384 | 17'788 |
| Total Program Support | 18'172 | | 385 | | -1 | | 384 | 17'788 |
| Operational Provisions | | | | | | | | |
| Operational Provisions | | | | | -5'776 | | -5'776 | 5'776 |
| Total Operational Provisions | | | | | -5'776 | | -5'776 | 5'776 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D) | 279'572 | | 5'921 | | -13 | | 5'908 | 273'664 |
| VARIANCE (C - D) | | 167'815 | 54'886 | | 50'963 | | 273'664 | |