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In Brief

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Operational context

In 2005, the Red Cross Society of Guinea (RCSG) and the Federation planned to collaborate in health, disaster management and organizational development programmes.

The main activity concerning disaster management in 2005 was the provision of assistance to refugees in the Guinea Forestière region. The Federation provided technical and financial support, as well as coordination and management of the partnerships with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP) and others. This enabled the RCSG staff and volunteers to provide health and care and social welfare services to 60,343 of the 67,085 refugees from Liberia, Sierra Leone and Côte d'Ivoire living in camps in two prefectures in the Guinea Forestière region; Nzerekore (48,104) and Kissidougou (12,333). The programme achieved all the targets set by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR for health and care and social welfare services, and was entirely managed and run by trained national society staff and volunteers.

In terms of disaster preparedness, capacity building in disaster response was done, with the increase in the number of trained and equipped National Disaster Response Teams (NDRTs) with financial support from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

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As far as health is concerned, there were some achievements in community sensitization, education and social mobilization for vaccination campaigns as well as management of cholera and yellow fever outbreaks. Because of the high prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS and other blood-transmitted diseases in most of Africa, supply of safe blood remains a major concern. In Guinea, the National Blood Transfusion Centre (NBTC) has put up structures and necessary resources to promote development of safe blood transfusion services. The RCSG has supported this effort through the recruitment of voluntary non-remunerated blood donors and formation of blood donors' clubs. However due to lack of funding, the RCSG did not carry out this social mobilization project in support of the NBTC in 2005.

There was some notable growth and expansion in the branches as well as in training leadership in organizational development (OD). However this was minimal compared to the development planned in the 2005 Appeal. Other achievements were the implementation of youth activities. This was as a result of funding provided by the director for youth programmes.

Even though the response to the Appeal stands at 73%, the funding (from UNHCR and the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration of the US government) went mainly to the refugee assistance programme. The NS was also allocated with funds from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF); these funds were used to respond to a cholera outbreak. Lack of funding was the major constraint to achievement of the activities set out in the 2005 Annual Appeal. Others included the absence of a Federation presence in the country– from January to August 2005– and the inability of the RCSG to market itself to partners both within and without the Movement.

Analysis of 2005 programmes

Health and care

Goal: Lives of vulnerable people in Guinea are improved.

Objective 1: HIV/AIDS/STI prevalence in targeted areas is reduced through the national society's awareness programme.

Objective 2: The Red Cross Society of Guinea contributes to improving conditions of persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Objective 3: The Red Cross Society of Guinea contributes to the promotion of volunteer blood donations in targeted regions of Boke, Kindia, Labe, Kankan and Nzerekore.

Objective 4: To contribute to the reduction of malaria-related mortality and morbidity in Guinea.

Objective 5: The Red Cross Society of Guinea provides support to communities to encourage behavioural changes relating to environmental cleanliness.

Progress/Achievements

- The Federation provided technical and financial support to the RCSG in response to the cholera outbreak announced by the Ministry of Health (MoH) in April 2005. The NS intervened in four districts of Conakry and the Prefectures of Coyah, Dubréka, Kindia, Mamou, Dalaba, Pita, Labé Telemele, Llama Boké, and Forécariah. The NS deployed a national programme coordinator, a national health director, 16 supervisors of local committees and 220 volunteers. 19 volunteers were also deployed in cholera treatment centres.
- 100 sensitizing guides for volunteers, 8,000 folders, 1,000 posters, 4 wheelbarrows, 15 shovels, 15 rakes, 3 pulverisers, 25 kg of calcium hypochlorite and 150 bavetes were used in clean up campaigns during the cholera response operation.
- The NS trained 150 volunteer blood donor recruiters in five regions (Boké, Kindia, Labé, Kankan and Nzerekore). The training was conducted with the assistance of district health divisions and National Blood Transfusion Centre trainers. The training resulted in the formation of five volunteer blood donor clubs, each with 30 members. The volunteer blood donor clubs carried out 40 sensitization sessions resulting in the setting up of 40 blood donor clinics (eight clinics per club).
- 100 NS volunteers were deployed for social mobilization during the National Immunization Days (NIDs) carried out by the MoPH.

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Impact

- Strengthening of the volunteers' knowledge and capacity through participation in social mobilization in response to the management of epidemics and NIDs.
- Good mastery of interpersonal and communication techniques by the volunteers.
- Reinforcement of the volunteers' knowledge and capacity on cleanliness.
- Increase visibility of the NS and the Red Cross Movement: certificates of satisfaction were issued by local authorities in zones where the NS intervened.
- Strengthening of partnerships with the MoH, World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).
- There has been a progressive increase in the vaccination coverage of children (114% during the second phase the of NID and 132% in the third phase). The NIDs provided an opportunity for the vaccination of first time polio vaccine recipients (16% in April and 28% in May 2005).

Constraints

- Lack of funding was the main constraint and resulted in the non-implementation of activities planned for the fight against malaria and HIV/AIDS. Hygiene and sanitation social mobilization activities were also not implemented.
- The absence of a Strategic Plan of the NS also hindered its capacity to attract partners.
- During the NIDs, some communities were suspicious and rejected the polio vaccine.
- Lack of access to potable water in Coyah in the Kindia Region led to persistence of epidemics.
- There is great risk of insecurity and inaccessibility due to the poor state of roads during the rainy season.

Disaster management

Goal: The Red Cross Society of Guinea contributes in alleviating the suffering of vulnerable people.

Objective: The vulnerability of refugees in Nzerekore and Kissidougou is reduced.

Progress/Achievements

- Volunteers of the NS, working under the coordination and support of the Federation (with funding from UNHCR and the PRM), provided medical care, social welfare services to the vulnerable among the refugees (people with disability, the elderly, the chronically ill, the unaccompanied minors, women-head families, and youth) and medical screening for refugees due for voluntary repatriation. They also built and rehabilitated shelters. According to statistics from UNHCR, 60,343 out of a total of 67,085 refugees living in camps in Kissidougou and Nzerekore Prefectures in Guinea Forestière region benefited from Red Cross support. Other community services provided in the camps included training of single mothers/girls in income generating activities, recreational and socio-cultural activities at individual, family and community levels.
- The NS' medical team consists of over 108 persons, including six medical doctors, one pharmacist, two laboratory officers, 56 Nurses, 32 health assistants and 11 traditional birth attendants.

Impact

- The refugees have access to basic social services and basic physical infrastructures thus their vulnerabilities are reduced.
- The health status of the refugees was kept within all the performance indicators set by UNHCR such as mortality rates, immunization coverage, and malnutrition rates.
- Shelters for 99.89% of the refugees were in good condition while 100% of the identified vulnerable refugees had individual shelters.
- Between August and October 2005, About 3,151 refugees were medically screened and found to be in good medical condition for repatriation.
- The capacity of the refugee community to take care of the vulnerable was strengthened.
- The Federation has strengthened the capacity of the NS to the extent that all the activities are carried out and managed by trained volunteers of the NS with the Federation providing coordination, financial and technical support as well as management of the partnerships with the UNHCR, WFP and other partners.

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Constraints

- The lack of a Federation presence in Guinea between January and August 2005 created a major problem for coordination and financial management.
- The reduction in response to the appeals for assistance for the refugee programme lead to a decrease in funding. Therefore some needs could not be met e.g. there is a need for a fresh supply of cooking utensils, clothing and other non food items.

Humanitarian Values

Goal: The national society, through the promotion of Humanitarian Values, contributes to behavioural changes among the Guinean community, particularly among the youth.

Objective: As a result of the sensitization activities and social mobilization carried out by the RCSG, acts of violence of all kinds are reduced in the community.

No activities were carried out in 2005 due to lack of funding.

Organizational development

Goal: Improvement of the RCSG enhances its capacity to becoming a well-functioning national society.

Objective 1: By the end of 2005, the structural and organizational capacity of 20 Red Cross committees has been reinforced.

Objective 2: By the end of 2005, 15 new school clubs are installed and are functioning in Haute Guinea, Basse Guinea, Moyenne Guinea and Guinea Forestière.

Objective 3: Through a mini-camp, the organizational capacity of five school clubs in Guinea Forestière is reinforced.

Objective 4: The coordination between the Movement components is reinforced.

Objective 5: The administrative and financial capacities of the national society are reinforced.

Progress/Achievements

- 15 new school clubs were established in Haute, Basse, and Moyenne Guinea and Guinea Forestière and are functioning.
- 30 new school club animators have been trained (two per club).
- 30 youth received basic Red Cross training, training in the techniques of creating objects of art and in social mobilization for public health activities.
- Five school clubs in Basse and Moyenne Guinea received basic material for their activities.
- With the re-establishment of the Federation's presence in August 2005, monthly tripartite meetings– as a mechanism for coordination among Movement partners– were held.

Impact

- As a result of sensitization in schools by the new Red Cross clubs, the rate of violence and violent acts in schools has reduced.
- The spirit of humanitarianism as well as an understanding and appreciation of differences among populations (diversity) of the country and the world have been instilled in the youth
- The knowledge of first aid has provided skills for the trained Red Cross youth and improved access to emergency first aid in the schools which are in areas with limited trauma management services.
- The youth have been motivated to commit themselves to the Principles and activities of the Red Cross.
- Good coordination and collaboration between Movement partners.

Constraint

The main constraint was lack of funding.

Coordination, cooperation and strategic partnerships

Goal: To ensure a flexible and efficient functioning of the delegation in order to provide effective and concrete support to the national society's development capacities with a view to fulfilling its humanitarian mission.

Objective 1: Pursue the strengthening of the delegation's human resources to guarantee appropriate management support to the RCSG.

Objective 2: Continue to hand over responsibilities to the RCSG in line with the exit strategy of the Federation.

Achievements

- The NS has taken a giant step by beginning the construction of its headquarters through locally mobilized resources and ICRC funding.
- The job descriptions of regional coordinators were revised in 2005, while those of the rest of the staff were revised in 2004.
- A new salary scale for the NS staff is under discussion with Movement partners.
- The Federation handed over responsibility for operating and managing the refugee assistance programme to volunteers and staff recruited from the NS.
- The Federation's office in Guinea is embedded in the NS and uses its staff.
- The Federation's presence in Guinea resumed in August with a Federation representative. The representative coordinates the refugee assistance programme and manages the partnerships with the UNHCR, WFP and other partners as well as the provision of financial and technical assistance to the NS in its development efforts.
- The operation and management of the refugee assistance programme is entirely manned by volunteers of the NS. The RCSG participated in the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) planning for humanitarian activities in Guinea (for 2006).

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Selected Parameters	
Year/Period	2005/1-2005/9998
Appeal	M05AA021
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	32'713	917'484		59'602		1'009'799
B. Opening Balance	-1'676	-484'702		535		-485'844
Income						
Cash contributions						
American Government		328'000				328'000
Other		-378'968				-378'968
PRM		0				0
UNHCR (UN Agency)		1'106'123				1'106'123
C1. Cash contributions		1'055'156				1'055'156
Outstanding pledges (Revalued)						
Other		-204'810				-204'810
UNHCR (UN Agency)		139'351				139'351
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		-65'459				-65'459
Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)						
On Line donations		75'000				75'000
PRM	1'676			-1'676		0
C3. Reallocations (within appeal)	1'676	75'000		-1'676		75'000
Other Income						
Deficit Write-off		447'526				447'526
C6. Other Income		447'526				447'526
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	1'676	1'512'222		-1'676		1'512'222
D. Total Funding = B + C	0	1'027'520		-1'141		1'026'379

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	-1'676	-484'702		535		-485'844
C. Income	1'676	1'512'222		-1'676		1'512'222
E. Expenditure		-1'027'520		1'774		-1'025'746
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0	-0		633		633

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance A - B
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)		32'713	917'484		59'602		1'009'799	
Supplies								
Shelter			2'767				2'767	-2'767
Construction			194'624				194'624	-194'624
Food			14'689				14'689	-14'689
Water & Sanitation			82				82	-82
Medical & First Aid	40'002		10'927				10'927	29'076
Teaching Materials	450							450
Utensils & Tools	43'965		1'231				1'231	42'734
Other Supplies & Services	5'172		42'071				42'071	-36'899
Total Supplies	89'589		266'390				266'390	-176'801
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles			3'360				3'360	-3'360
Computers & Telecom			6'154				6'154	-6'154
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment			-17'610				-17'610	17'610
Total Land, vehicles & equipment			-8'095				-8'095	8'095
Transport & Storage								
Storage			224				224	-224
Distribution & Monitoring			5'858				5'858	-5'858
Transport & Vehicle Costs	36'432		87'770				87'770	-51'338
Total Transport & Storage	36'432		93'852				93'852	-57'419
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegates Payroll	146'400		46'969				46'969	99'431
Delegate Benefits			32'972				32'972	-32'972
Regionally Deployed Staff	17'164							17'164
National Staff	574'030		132'750				132'750	441'280
National Society Staff			90'893				90'893	-90'893
Consultants			5'832				5'832	-5'832
Total Personnel Expenditures	737'594		309'417				309'417	428'176
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	51'957		4'349				4'349	47'608
Total Workshops & Training	51'957		4'349				4'349	47'608
General Expenditure								
Travel			19'954				19'954	-19'954
Information & Public Relation	19'414		8'851				8'851	10'563
Office Costs	9'759		75'228				75'228	-65'469
Communications			33'057		48		33'105	-33'105
Professional Fees			15'418				15'418	-15'418
Financial Charges			-18'169				-18'169	18'169
Other General Expenses			199'759				199'759	-199'759
Total General Expenditure	29'173		334'098		48		334'146	-304'973
Depreciation								
Depreciation			4'879				4'879	-4'879
Total Depreciation			4'879				4'879	-4'879
Program Support								
Program Support	65'054		66'789		-115		66'673	-1'620
Total Program Support	65'054		66'789		-115		66'673	-1'620
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			-44'159		-1'707		-45'866	45'866
Total Operational Provisions			-44'159		-1'707		-45'866	45'866
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	1'009'799		1'027'520		-1'774		1'025'746	-15'947
VARIANCE (C - D)		32'713	-110'036		61'375		-15'947	