

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## NIGERIA SUB-REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

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[Benin, Ghana, Togo and Nigeria sub-regional office]

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### In Brief

**Appeal No. 05AA025; Programme Update no. 1; Period covered: January to April 2005; Appeal coverage: 35.1%; Outstanding needs: CHF 3,28,7799 (USD 2,568,588 or EUR 2,123,897).**

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**Appeal target: CHF 5,065,227 (USD 4,023,200 or EUR 3,262,600)**

**Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A**

**Programme summary:** Through its four core programmes, the Nigerian Red Cross Society has improved the situation of the vulnerable and commenced extensive health and disaster management activities. It has also enhanced its financial base through developing branch funding initiatives. Under the GHAIN initiative, the National Society teamed with the American Red Cross to scale up the existing HIV/AIDS programme, funded by the Presidential AIDS initiative (PEPFAR) through USAID. The Federation supported and advised the American Red Cross during this preparatory stage.

In collaboration with partners, the Federation worked with the Ghana Red Cross Society to meet the financial and administrative challenges, appoint new officers and set up well functioning governance and management systems. The Ghana Red Cross Society plans to move to the Swiss government-funded newly built headquarters in early 2006. The balance of the funds, which came through the Swiss Red Cross, was used for the restructuring process. The Ghana Red Cross Society has, meanwhile, addressed its indebtedness.

The Federation, with the ICRC's assistance, resolved the constitutional and management problems of the Red Cross Society of Benin. It also completed a financial and management audit and produced an analysis of the difficulties, proffering a number of proposals to solve the situation. Similarly, the Togolese Red Cross received the Federation's support in assessing the impact of its December 2004 malaria and measles campaigns, on-going health programmes and development of governance/management relations.

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## **Operational developments**

Following the regionalization process of the Federation in West Africa, the National Societies of Benin, Ghana, Togo and Nigeria were constituted under the Lagos sub-region in July 2002. The process was completed and cooperation between sub-region and the national societies continues to be successful.

The priorities of the Nigerian Red Cross Society are to improve the situation of the vulnerable through health programmes, disaster management activities, organizational development and humanitarian values. The Nigerian Red Cross Society implemented these activities through fund-raising and resource development, improved management, branch officers, volunteers' motivation and utilization of zonal offices. In addition, it provided HIV/AIDS training for peer educators in 24 programme branches and participated in the April 2005 national polio eradication exercise in eight states.

Between January and April 2005, the National Society responded to 10 national disasters which had resulted in 6,570 displacements, 1,359 injuries and 48 deaths. Consequently, the Nigeria Red Cross Society conducted refresher training for 60 emergency and first-aid team (EFAT) leaders in 12 branches. The National Society was also involved in the UNHCR-coordinated repatriation and reintegration of over 800 Nigerian returnees from Cameroon.

Nigeria Red Cross Society, through its public sensitization program, advocated on the Red Cross emblem, the Movement's Fundamental Principles, international humanitarian laws (IHL) and tracing. In addition, it enhanced its senior management skills through participating in international workshops. The Nigerian Red Cross Society has also begun zonal and branch restructuring alongside constitutional review. It has strengthened its branch fund-raising capacity and is preparing to host the International Youth Camp in August 2005.

In Togo, violence broke out in parts of Lome and other towns following the contest of the provisional results of the 24 April 2005 presidential elections. The violence led to mass population movement, which greatly affected persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). Besides having to cope with the mass movement situation, the Togolese Red Cross<sup>1</sup> established a partnership agreement with UNAIDS and UNFPA for its AIDS programme with the aim of providing better health care for the PLWHA.

The Federation's organizational development (OD) delegate visited Porto Novo for discussions with the management and governance of the Red Cross of Benin and representatives from Ernst & Young, who had conducted the National Society's financial and management audit.

Meanwhile, the Ghana Red Cross Society is engaged in a reconstruction process, including the construction of new premises, reorganization of management and governance, appointment of key officers and a renewed effort to enhance local fundraising. With secured funding from the Swiss Red Cross and advice from the Federation, the Society is expected to advance with new vigour in 2005-2006.

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<sup>1</sup> Togolese Red Cross- <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=170>

## Benin

### Organizational development

**Goal:** The organizational capacity of the Red Cross of Benin is enhanced to provide effective and efficient services to improve the lives of vulnerable people.

**Objective:** The Red Cross of Benin implements its strategic plan, including the restructuring of its governance and management to provide leadership and direction, and moves closer to becoming a well functioning national society.

#### Achievements

- The Red Cross of Benin<sup>2</sup> completed the financial and management audit and distributed its report to all parties. The auditors made positive suggestions for advancement which all parties agreed to follow.
- Proposed the membership of the steering committee and produced a template for the strategic development plan which will be drawn up by the new committee. Federation regional office illustrated guidelines.
- Provided volunteer assistance for the registration of Togolese refugees as well as helped to construct and run refugee camps.

#### Impact

- The audit has renewed the National Society's determination to move forward. Work on revising its decrees has already begun.
- The stakeholders are more optimistic about the Society's capacity for improvement.
- The strategic development plan enables the National Society to move towards an extraordinary general meeting later this year, in readiness for elections at the 2006 annual general meeting (AGM).
- The Society's public image has improved, through its volunteers' assistance.

#### Constraints

- Lack of resources and capacity hindered the National Society's management and governance and leadership role in the activities.
- The political crisis in Togo affected the smooth implementation of the strategic development plan.

## Ghana

### Health and care

**Goal:** The spread of HIV/AIDS/STI, particularly among women has reduced and the quality of life of PLWHA in 10 Districts of the five targeted regions has improved by the end of 2007.

**Objective:** The capacity of the Ghana Red Cross to improve knowledge and understanding of HIV/AIDS/STI among 48,000 women and community members in 10 districts is enhanced by the end of 2007 through encouraging safe sex.

#### Achievements

- Improved public HIV/AIDS awareness reduced the prevalence rate from 3.6 to 3.1 in 14 sentinel sites identified by the Ghana AIDS Commission. The Ghana Red Cross Society<sup>3</sup> youth HIV/AIDS intervention played a key role in two of the areas.

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<sup>2</sup> Red Cross of Benin- <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=209>

<sup>3</sup> Ghana Red Cross Society- <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=73>

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- The National Society conducted a workshop on psychology and nutrition for the mothers' club leaders. Participants in the workshop confirmed improvement in the condition of health of some PLWHAS in some communities, due to proper nutrition.

**Impact**

- The HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns conducted by Ghana Red Cross Society enhanced behavioral change among the youth, resulting in more openness on sexuality issues opposed the previous culture of silence.
- The awareness campaigns promoted better community acceptance of PLWHA and significantly reduced stigmatization.

**Constraints**

- Lateness in re-opening of schools, especially in the eastern region, affected the implementation of planned peer educational sessions for the senior secondary schools.
- Lack of teaching materials, e.g. flip charts, for peer educators to demonstrate/emphasize the reality and seriousness of HIV/AIDS and STIs.
- Insufficient funding made it difficult to sustain the campaigns.
- Inadequate publicity.

**Organizational development**

**Goal: The Ghana Red Cross Society becomes a well-functioning organization, mobilizing resources effectively and efficiently to contribute to the improvement of the lives of the most vulnerable in Ghana**

**Objective: The capacity to deliver and implement programs and projects to assist the vulnerable is strengthened.**

**Achievements**

- Recruited essential qualified personnel: accountant, accounts officer and assistant accountant, to update the books for auditing by the appointed auditor- Ernst & Young pending the appointment of key management staff. The process to appoint a secretary-general is under way.
- Established clear distinction between governance and management at all levels of the National Society.
- Raised an estimated USD 1,000 from the sale of first-aid boxes and commercial first-aid training. The National Society took measures to reduce utility bills and sold some of its assets to settle debts.
- Ghana Red Cross Society formed a fundraising task force at the headquarters and engaged the services of a consultant to assist in fundraising so as to mobilize financial resources.
- Developed a revised action plan.

**Impact**

- Improved the capacity of the accounts department through recruitment of qualified personnel.
- Increased fundraising and cutting down on costs ensured the settlement of the National Society's most pressing debts.

**Constraints**

- Lack of funds to pay staff has resulted in the reduction of employees hindering administrative and financial efficiency.
- Inadequate planning and marketing skills and a need to train staff responsible for fundraising.
- Lack of capital to engage in income-generating activities.

## Nigeria

### Health and care

**Goal: Morbidity and mortality rate among vulnerable people in Nigeria is reduced.**

**Objective 1: The capacity of the National Society is enhanced in delivering efficient services in improving the health of the vulnerable people by the end of 2007.**

**Objective 2: Polio Eradication in Nigeria is attained by 2005 through the Nigerian Red Cross Society's contribution.**

#### Achievements

##### *First aid*

- Nigerian Red Cross Society<sup>4</sup> extended and consolidated first aid training for volunteers and members at national and branch levels.

##### *Mothers clubs*

- 20 communities in Surulere local government area of Oyo state were selected for the mothers' clubs malaria control project. They attended a two-day advocacy/sensitization workshop on malaria facilitated by the Ministry of Health (MoH). More mothers' clubs were involved in health education in various communities.
- Designed a baseline form for data collection for the mothers' clubs.

##### *School units and road safety*

- Compiled activities and financial reports for school unit step-down training and refresher courses, including road safety awareness campaign.

##### *Measles campaign*

- In collaboration with WHO, Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH), State Ministry of Health (SMoH) and other stakeholders, the National Society responded to a measles outbreak in North-Central Kaduna state by mobilizing volunteers to provide health education.

##### *Fight against HIV/AIDS*

- Attended the MoH's HIV/AIDS strategic response meeting held in Abuja from 31 January to 4 February. During the meeting, the country's five-year plan of action on HIV/AIDS was presented.
- Organized an assessment and monitoring exercise of the 24 HIV/AIDS programme branches in February 2005 as well as provided Peer education training for 1,320 youths. The training started this April and is still on.
- Participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> HIV/AIDS national conference held in Abuja on 10 March.

##### *Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI)*

- Participated in the synchronized national immunization days (NIDs) ceremony for the West Africa sub-region held in Lagos and the subsequent exercise nationwide.
- Mobilized volunteers for polio immunization, from 9-12 April, in eight high-risk states: Sokoto, Kaduna, Kebbi, Kano, Zamfara, Jigawa, Bauchi and Katsina.

#### Impact

- The Nigerian Red Cross Society's visibility, recognition and relevance to the populations has increased, through volunteer training and participation in local areas.
- The mothers clubs' capacity to generate funds from local sources to implement activities and provide health education is enhanced.
- The public awareness of the National society's community-based first aid program in the local communities and branches is increased.
- The HIV/AIDS knowledge amongst youth and volunteers as well as willingness to share it with peers, is improved.

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<sup>4</sup> Nigerian Red Cross Society- <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=128>

## Disaster management

**Goal:** Vulnerable people receive sustainable, focused and responsive services.

**Objective:** The capacity of the National Society to effectively reduce vulnerability, prepare and respond to disaster and its effects is increased.

### Achievements

- Through its various branches and volunteers, the Nigerian Red Cross Society responded to ten disasters that had resulted to 6,570 internally displaced persons (IDPs), 359 injured and 48 deaths.

### Disasters situation in Nigeria: between January and April 2005

Month	Location	Nature of disaster	No Dead	No. Injured	No. displaced	Role of RC
Jan	Port-Harcourt, Rivers	Fire	-	100	1,000	First aid
„	Ngala, Borno	Fire	-	7	325	First aid
„	Egbeda, Oyo	Road traffic accident	27	56	-	First aid & evacuation to hospital
„	Safana, Katsina	Religious disturbance	5	37	-	First aid & stand-by
Feb	Bali & Guri, Adamawa	Farmers/ cattle rearers clash	5	28	3,000	Provision of non-food relief materials
„	Kaduna North, Kaduna	Munitions depot explosion	-	75	-	Stand-by
„	Sokoto North, Sokoto	Religious conflict	3	20	-	Stand-by
Mar	Jigawa, Jigawa State	Communal conflict	8	36	245	First aid
Apr	Eziafor, Abia State.	Communal conflict	-	-	2,000	Food & non-food materials
„	Yala, Cross-River State & Igbeagu Ebonyi State	Boundary dispute	N/A	N/A	N/A	Assessment on-going
Total			48	359	6,570	

- The National Society assessed its pre-positioned non-food relief materials and visited all its branches and zonal offices except the South-West zonal office and headquarters' warehouse in Lagos. The assessment report will be ready after the visit to these stores.
- Maintained collaboration with the government and other organizations while staff and volunteers took part in various meetings and workshops to enhance their disaster management (DM) skills. Among the workshops is the Oxfam-organized emergency preparedness and response workshop held in January 2005 in Kaduna.

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- In February and March, two members each from Kano, Kaduna, Nassarawa, Bauchi and Plateau State branches participated in a training workshop on child protection in emergencies, organized by Save the Children (UK) in Kaduna.
- In January, the National Society presented a paper on ‘The role of NGOs in disaster management in Nigeria’ during a two-week DM program organized by DFID and Bournemouth University’s disaster management centre for relevant federal and state governments’ agencies in Jaji, Kaduna State.
- Attended the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) stakeholders meeting in February to discuss lessons learnt from Tsunami earthquake disaster in south-east Asia.
- In February, Nigerian Red Cross Society participated in the NEMA one-day stakeholders’ round-table discussion held at Abuja to deliberate on disaster reduction in Nigeria.
- From 10-12 April, the National Society conducted refresher training for 60 emergency first aid team (EFAT) leaders in 12 branches.

**Impact**

- The branches’ capacity to respond promptly to disasters and emergencies is enhanced through the existence of competent trainers for volunteers and members.

**Constraint**

- Delays in responding to disasters prompted by inadequate information at the branch headquarters.

**Humanitarian values**

**Goal: The humanitarian values embedded in the Movement are widely shared and understood resulting in increased tolerance, mutual understanding and respect of the human dignity in Nigeria.**

**Objective: The National Society capacity to promote the Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values is increased.**

**Achievements**

- Reduced misinterpretation and misunderstanding of the Movement’s emblem and advocacy, through the distribution of two new publications: “Frequently Asked Questions about the Red Cross Emblem” and “The Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross”, published in English and local languages.
- Organized a radio drama production on the Red Cross emblem, in Hausa language, and aired it in Kano and Zamfara States.
- In conjunction with ICRC, the Nigerian Red Cross Society delivered a series of lectures to 269 military personnel and police institutions to enhance their understanding and respect for the rules of International humanitarian laws (IHL).
- Organized a media appeal for the relief of the Tsunami disaster victims. It opened a special bank account (Tsunami Relief Fund), produced a television promo which is still running and set up tracing and restoration of family link services.
- Commenced publishing 500 copies of its 2004 Annual Report with the ICRC support.
- Ensured adequate media coverage of its activities for the period.
- Produced and circulated news bulletins and copies of its 2004 activities reports to stakeholders.
- Received and treated 101 Red Cross messages and nine tracing requests from the ICRC and the National Societies of Britain, Uganda, Germany, Netherlands, Cuba, Italy, United States and Ireland.

**Impact**

- The Nigerian Red Cross Society’s’ publicity and dissemination of its activities enhanced its profile and image.
- The volunteers and members’ understanding of the Movement’s Principles is improved and
- The National Society’s commitment to tracing activities at the headquarters and branch levels is increased.

## **Organizational development**

**Goal: Vulnerability of people is reduced due to the increased programme and services delivery capacity of the National Society.**

**Objective: The National Society's capacity to provide sustainable, focused and responsive services to the vulnerable is improved**

### **Achievements**

- In January, the Nigerian Red Cross Society organized a financial management workshop for all senior headquarters staff to enhance their financial skills and instil proper financial procedures and regulations.
- From 15-18 March, the Nigerian Red Cross Society's branch liaison officer attended an 'integrated capacity building' conference in Dar-es-Salaam, sponsored by the Swedish Red Cross to enhance the national society's strategic management skill. The Secretariat's head of organizational development (OD) and a representative from the central Europe and North America regional office were facilitators.
- From 18-22 April, the National Society officials participated in a global workshop on volunteers in emergencies, management systems and volunteers management in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The workshop was organised by the Federation, Swedish Red Cross and Malaysia Red Crescent.
- Started the upgrading of accounting system in the branches as well as zonal restructuring through the selection of zonal officers in health, disaster and accounts.
- Organized a one-day governance orientation for the newly elected branch executive committees (BECs) of Ebonyi, Abia and Imo State Branches. The secretary-general and assistant director (branch liaison) facilitated the program.
- Initiated the Nigerian Red Cross Society's constitutional review process through its legal adviser.
- Participated in the Partners' meeting held at Dakar, Senegal, in February 2004.
- The National Society conducted business planning and income-generating projects' training in six state branches: Jigawa, Kwara, Borno, Lagos, Edo and Abia, from 21-23 February. The training aimed at generating local funds and promoting branch profile. Consequently, the Federation supported Kano State branch 1,000,000 Naira towards its proposed commercial model toilets for the central market of the city.
- Organized a youth summit in Uyo, Akwa-Ibom State, between March and April 2005. About 200 youth members participated in the summit. The Nigerian Red Cross Society has begun preparation for the 2005 international youth camp scheduled for August 2005 in Kaduna State.

### **Impact**

- The financial management skills of the Nigerian Red Cross Society's senior staff members are enhanced.
- The branch liaison officer improved his branch development strategy and volunteers management skill which will improve the branches' performance.
- The working relationship between the governance and management is improved through the branch governance training.
- The local branches' income-generating capacity is improved.
- The youth members are more organized and have improved their commitment to the National Society's activities.

### **Constraint**

- The internal problems facing the Enugu branch inhibited the implementation of the scheduled BEC orientation.

## **Togo**

### **Health and care**

**Goal: To contribute towards improving the health status among the most vulnerable populations in Togo through health promotion and prevention.**

**Objective: The national society’s efforts to combat morbidity and mortality related to HIV/AIDS/STI, malaria, water-borne, and potential epidemic diseases are reinforced.**

**Achievements**

*Fight against HIV/AIDS*

- The Togolese Red Cross organized AIDS peer education (APE) monitoring meetings with district as well as local coaches.
- The National Society volunteers continued conducting APE awareness campaigns, resulting in increased in the use of condoms.
- The Togolese Red Cross sustained donor confidence and support. The World Bank gave it a grant for the regional joint project on the prevention and treatment of STD/HIV/AIDS on the long Abidjan-Lagos migration corridor. Volunteers for the project have been selected and a terms of references given to them.
- The National Society volunteers organized three discussions and monthly solidarity meetings for HIV-positive widows. The meetings aimed at providing experience-sharing opportunities with other widows and the treatment team.
- A new segment, ‘memory works’, was added to the treatment programme to assist the PLWHA in reconstructing their life stories so as to be better organize and live positively in spite of their conditions.
- Upon examination, 37 people were referred to the hospital and 68 others to voluntary screening centres.
- Anti-retroviral (ARV) treatment assistance was provided to 23 PLWHA.



**The first training on “memory works” in Togo**

*Summary of the medical treatment at the Togolese Red Cross CMC clinic*

Condition of the PLWHA				Reference	Tri-therapy	ARV	Reason for consultation
Old cases	New cases	Total	Voluntary screening				
26	58	84	68	37	30	23	Severe malaria, anemia, digestive mycosis, chronic diarrhea, chronic cough.

*Fight against malaria*

- With the Abuja Declaration on malaria calling for a 50% reduction on the morbidity and mortality linked to malaria, the Togolese Red Cross defined activities to attain the reduction of malaria, water-borne and potential epidemic diseases. The “keep up or follow up” method was accepted. The objectives for the campaign in 2005 are: 60% of people suffering from malaria will have adequate treatment within 24 hours; 60% of children aged under five years and pregnant women will sleep under mosquito nets; and, 60% of the pregnant women shall have access to chemoprophylaxis or intermittent preventive treatment.
- The National Society organized a review workshop, from 13-16 April, on activities to be carried out before, during and after the “keep up or follow up” campaign, in order to achieve best practices. Assistant coaches involved in social mobilization from all district, except Lacs and Yot, participated.

*Blood donation*

- The National Society conducted training to establish a co-ordination structure for the activities of voluntary blood donation, strengthen blood donation, create loyalty in the blood donors and develop an annual programme for blood donation.
- Through the training sessions, the Togolese Red Cross initiated an interim district-friendly golf committee of voluntary blood donors and set up a team for the preparation of the World Blood Donors Day celebrations.

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- About 200 people received mobilization training on donating blood and collection operations brought together 350 blood donors.

**Impact**

*Blood donation*

- Enhanced participants’ knowledge of blood composition, its role in the organism and the need for blood donation
- Created an enabling environment for participants’ awareness on the value of voluntary blood donation and the practical techniques of recruiting new donors.
- Improved knowledge on the need to promote blood donors’ organizations.
- Improved donor awareness result in successful blood collection in four local branches.

*HIV/AIDS awareness and fight*

- Increased HIV/AIDS awareness resulted in sale of about 70,000 condoms in the four regions, including 28,800 distributed free by the UNFPA.
- Increased volunteer participation enhanced their promotional and enlightenment capacity.



**A patient with her “memory book”**

- The donor confidence the awarding of the grant lead to the establishment of a corridor project monitoring committee, comprising of three members of the HIV/AIDS committee.
- The ‘memory work’ treatment program and the HIV-positive widows’ solidarity meetings enhanced the PLWHA’s confidence and capacity to cope better with their HIV status. Three-quarters of the 26 participants were PLWHA who in turn shared the acquired knowledge with others. They also taught them on how they too could make their own remembrance boxes/books.

**Constraints**

- Unfavorable socio- political and economic climate.
- Inadequate fund to continue the part that deals with the treatment of PLWHIV
- Inadequate funds to continually support the PLWHA who are unable to get their daily meal and buy the

**Organizational development**

**Goal: The Togolese Red Cross is a well-functioning national society.**

**Objective: The management and volunteer structure of the Togolese Red Cross enhances its capacity to deliver the HIV/AIDS/STI and health and care programmes services and improve the lives of the most vulnerable in Togo.**

**Constraints**

- The Togo political crisis crippled the implementation of most programmes.
- Lack of funding for organizational development at the reporting period.

**Disaster management**

**Goal: To strengthen the intervention capacity of the Togolese Red Cross first aid and administer first aid and assistance to victims during the internal crises.**

**Objective 1: Strengthen the Togolese Red Cross volunteers’ first-aid capacities.**

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**Objective 2: Ensure adequate communication and logistics for the first-aid teams.**

**Objective 3: Provide efficient and prompt assistance to victims of the crises.**

**Achievement**

- Responded promptly to emergency calls.
- Rescued at least 80% of the victims in crisis-prone areas.
- Mobilized 1,000 members of the first-aid teams were mobilized and they gave assistance to victims.
- Ensured adequate coordination of aid activities and communication between the teams.

**Constraints**

- Difficulty in coordinating all the partners.
- Limited means of transportation.
- Insufficient financial resources for implementing activities.
- Unfavorable environment brought about by political instability.
- Difficulty in getting adequate community involvement.

**Nigerian sub-regional office**

**Coordination, cooperation, and strategic partnerships**

**Goal: Focused development and management of agreements, MoU and other coordination mechanisms are achieved.**

**Objective: The Nigeria sub-regional office works with the four National Red Cross Societies, the ICRC and other partners to develop regional meetings.**

**Achievements**

- The head of regional office Lagos, the OD delegate and the finance officer made regular visits and were closely in touch with the member National Societies. Ensured adequate coordination amongst the four National Societies' executive and governance.

**Impact**

- Improved sub-regional cooperation and mutual assistance. This was especially evident during the crisis following the death of the Togolese President.
- Increased confidence and public awareness of the sub-regional cooperation.
- The visiting teams from Geneva, Dakar and other regions enhanced the image of the Movement, the Federation, and ICRC regional office in Abidjan.

**Constraints**

- Political instability in Togo could not allow the planned sub-regional meeting to be held, resulting in its postponement.
- Governance changes in the Nigeria Red Cross society.
- Integrity problem in the Red Cross of Benin.
- Upcoming elections for the Ghana Red Cross Society's governance.

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 05AA025

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

21/07/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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### CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->					5,065,227		TOTAL COVERAGE 35.1%
OPENING BALANCE				744,172			
BRITISH - RC		25,000	GBP	54,525	14.01.05	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	
BRITISH - RC		30,000	GBP	65,430	14.01.05	HIV/AIDS	
BRITISH - RC		30,000	GBP	65,430	14.01.05	COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMME	
BRITISH - RC		10,000	GBP	21,810	29.03.05	FINANCE DEVELOPMENT	
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT				19,000	01.01.05	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	
PARTHENON/BRITISH - RC		83,873	GBP	182,927	11.04.05	NIGERIAN RC HEALTH, HIV/AIDS	
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND				47,375	31.01.05	FIRST AID TRAINING	
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		60,000	EUR	92,940	22.03.05	DISASTER MANAGEMENT, ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	
NORWAY - RC				6,100	08.03.05	OD DELEGATE	
SWEDISH - GOVT		1,672,000	SEK	285,912	10.05.05	DISASTER MANAGEMENT, HEALTH, AIDS NETWORK, OD DELEGATE	
SWISS - GOVT				128,613	20.04.05	RC RESTRUCUTURING PROCESS	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1,714,234	CHF		33.8%

### KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
GREAT BRITAIN	DELEGATE(S)			63,200		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				63,200	CHF	1.2%

### ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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