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In Brief

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Operational context

Nigeria

In 2005, the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) was very much involved in four core programmes; health and care, disaster management, organizational development and humanitarian values. It was also very active in activities such as community services, youth and resource development.

Health and care has been one of the NRCS core programmes geared towards improving the health situations of vulnerable people, by strengthening their capacity and enabling them to address their health priorities. The health plans are consistent with ARCHI 2010 declaration as well as the cooperation assistance strategy, Nigeria's health plan of Action and the NRCS's strategic plans. The health programme mainly comprises the community-based health programme (CBHP) began in 1997. CBHP activities comprised mothers clubs, first aid, school units and road safety clubs, health action teams and polio eradication initiative. The NS also implements an HIV/AIDS programme encompassing a campaign against stigma and discrimination. The health programme of the NRCS has achieved its objectives of further improving its capacity to assist the vulnerable communities, to develop healthier living conditions and increase the visibility of NRCS in the general public, consequently increasing its membership and volunteer base.

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The mothers' clubs (MC) have empowered women, mostly in the rural areas, with basic health information and skills that enabled them to enhance the development and general well-being of their children and communities.

Nigerian Red Cross Society, with technical and financial support from the Federation and other local partners was actively involved in the Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI). It participated in the immunization of about 324 children at eight endemic states in northern Nigeria including Bache, Soot, Kebob, Samara, Katrina, Jigsaw, Kadoka and Kino.

The focus and scope of first aid was expanded to include major health priority problems and common emergencies. First-aid volunteers were trained in community-based and standard first aid and this helped to effectively respond to both disaster and health emergencies. Members and leaders of the school unit played a unique role in providing their peers with health knowledge and helped influence their behaviour towards better and healthier lifestyles. Members of the Health Action Teams (HATs) carried out dissemination of control and prevention of disease outbreaks at the community level.

Nigerian Red Cross Society with its over 350,000 volunteers across the country has been involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS since 2002 in three phases. It had completed the first two phases in 24 branches while the third phase will commence in the remaining 13 States in 2006, with the overall objective of providing support to 7,000 people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and reaching 1.4 million school youth with HIV/AIDS prevention information. The British Red Cross, the Swedish Red Cross and Nestle Nigeria Plc have been supporting the three-year programme.

The society maintained its leading disaster management position in Nigeria by ensuring that appropriate, prompt, efficient and effective humanitarian assistance was provided to victims of disasters across the country. The capacity of the NS was further strengthened to effectively reduce vulnerability and increase preparedness and response efforts thereby enabling vulnerable people to receive sustainable, focused and responsive services.

The NRCS main strategy for organizational development (OD) in 2005 was to improve the capacities of staff and volunteers in implementing its core programmes. The Federation has greatly helped the NS in achieving this strategy and implementing its programmes and services.

The NS has been active in planning and implementation of information and dissemination activities and it promoted awareness of the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement as well as its activities to various publics.

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Health and care

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

Objective: The Nigerian Red Cross Society capacity is enhanced in delivering efficient services in improving the health of the vulnerable by the end of 2007.

The NS staff strength was boosted with the engagement of six new zonal health officers. This was in addition to other staff employed by the Global HIV/AIDS Initiative Nigeria (GHAIN) project, an initiative which supported by the American Red Cross.

The NRCS health programme comprises of two main areas. The first is the British Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross-sponsored community-based health programme (CBHP), which started in 1997, and was designed to support basic health needs provided by the government. The CBHP includes basic health care, social mobilization for immunization and control, malaria prevention, community-based first aid, school unit and road safety awareness, mothers' clubs, prison and sanitation programme as well as emergency health care (epidemic response). The second includes youth peer education (YPE), (CBHC), counselling and anti-stigma/discrimination campaign. The NS also strengthened branches that were involved in HIV/AIDS peer education through refresher training.

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Community-based first aid (CBFA)

Expected result 1: The Nigerian Red Cross Society gains increased visibility, recognition and relevance to more people in the social context.

Achievements

- Training of health activity coordinators on community- based and standard first aid in 12 branches;
- Training of 30 Red Cross first aid volunteer leaders in 12 programme branches.
- Procurement and distribution of five first aid kits to five Red Cross detachments in 12 programme branches;
- Production and distribution of 10 first aid manuals to 37 branches.
- Developed a quality assurance system and reliable record keeping.
- Equipped 37 core volunteer trainers.
- Conducted a three-day assessors training with two core trainers from each of the 12 health programme branches.
- Conducted branch, zone and national first aid competitions.
- Effective monitoring and supervision of first aid activities in the branches.
- Hosted a British Red Cross first aid specialist, who visited to help the NS develop first aid structures for its branches.
- Trained 12 lead assessors/trainers for first aid quality assurance in for the six geo-political regions of the country.
- Commenced the review of the Nigerian Red Cross Society's first aid manual (2nd Edition).
- Held a planning meeting with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on competence-based first aid for Emergency First Aid Team (EFAT) members.
- More than 2,000 volunteers and staff of the NS participated in this year World First Aid Day on 3 September 2005.

Impact

- Increased information to branches on the new first aid concept developed by the Nigerian Red Cross Society.
- Continued visibility for the first aid activities of the NS.
- Increased awareness on first aid among staff members.
- Increased capacity of the national NS within first aid.

Constraints

- Inadequate feedback from branches;
- Accessing funds from Federation was slow due to absence of Federation delegates.

Mothers' clubs

Expected result 2: All the branches have established and benefited from the Mothers Clubs' community health activities.

Achievements

- MCs' members carried out a malaria project in 20 communities in Surulere local government area of Oyo State. A two-day advocacy and sensitization workshop on malaria control for MCs in Oyo was also held alongside effective health education sessions for members of MCs.
- A form for collection of baseline data from MCs activities was developed.
- Income generating activities were carried out by MCs in 12 branches.
- MCs in Gombe State branch continued with the growing of anti-snake plants. The socio-economic lives of women in the communities were improved through income generating activities.
- The Oyo State branch carried out a post distribution follow up in communities where insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) were distributed;
- A training of trainers' workshop for MCs coordinators and facilitators in Zamfara State was organized in October 2005. Eight branches attended the programme;

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- The third national MCs camp took place in Abuja in December 2005. 150 participants represented the 37 branches. Information was shared, data was collected and income generating activities for the alleviation of poverty were discussed.
- Health education was vigorously carried out in 300 units of MCs across the country.

Impact

- MCs capacity to generate funds, from local sources, for implementation of activities and to provide health education was enhanced. NS health awareness sessions contributed to the improved capacity of the mothers and their families in general health issues.

School units, road safety clubs and health action teams

Expected result 3: Red Cross School Units, Road Safety Clubs and Health Action Teams (HATS) have implemented community-based health activities.

Achievements

- Collation of reports on school units' step-down training;
- Compilation of 2004 reports on road safety awareness campaign.
- A two-day national training of 12 school units' coordinators and 12 assistants was conducted.
- A two-day training of 300 school unit leaders in 12 health programme branches was organized.
- 500,000 copies of guidelines for school unit leaders were produced.
- Awareness campaign on road safety was held in 12 branches.
- A one-day refresher seminar for 24 school unit leaders was organized at the zones.
- Intensive monitoring and supervision activities.
- Health officers responded to reported case of measles in Kaduna by mobilizing volunteers to give health education.
- NRCS collaborated with the World Health Organization (WHO), the Ministry of Health (MoH) and other stakeholders.
- A five-day national training was conducted for coordinators and their assistant in 12 branches.
- A three-day training was held for five team members in 12 branches.
- A baseline survey on epidemic prevention and control in 12 branches was carried out.
- Five first aid kits have been distributed to five new HATs in 12 branches.
- Training manuals as well as information, communication and education (IEC) materials for epidemic prevention and control were produced.

Impact

- The NS visibility, recognition and relevance to the public increased through volunteers' training in local areas.
- Capacity of school unit leaders to disseminate road safety of health action teams to conduct awareness sessions on diseases prevention and epidemic control was strengthened.

Constraints

- Lack of synchronized school calendar in the programme branches;
- Industrial actions in some states led to difficulty in carrying out some activities.

Accelerating measles control

A proposal was written on Accelerating Measles Control (AMC) and sent to Geneva in July 2005. The project will be implemented in phases as enshrined in the NRCS strategy and health plan of action, with technical and financial support from the Federation. The NS will continue to play a leading role in local mobilization in the most affected and hard to reach areas, through the use of its network of community volunteers. The objective of the project is to increase community participation, acceptance and demand, thereby reducing the measles mortality in Nigeria and to provide an opportunity to increase the visibility of the Red Cross.

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HIV/AIDS activities

The greatest threat to public health is posed by HIV/AIDS with a sharp rise in the infection rate (from 1.8% in 1991 to 5.8% in 2001). The prevalence amongst youth between 20 to 24 years was 5.2%. The Federal Ministry of Health estimated that Nigeria has 3.5 million people affected by HIV/AIDS. Another problem identified along with this scourge is stigmatization and discrimination of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), which has also fuelled the crisis by limiting voluntary testing and restraining access to proper treatment.

Expected result 4: The Nigerian Red Cross Society' capacity to effectively deliver assistance to vulnerable People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) or persons affected by HIV/AIDS and to reduce the HIV/AIDS spread among the general population is increased.

Achievements

- A four-day refresher training was conducted for 1,760 youth peer educators in 16 branches namely Ondo, Nasarawa, Edo, Kebbi, Kano, Abia, Osun, Cross River, Adamawa, Gombe, Benue, Ebonyi, Kaduna, Lagos, Akwa Ibom and Plateau. Four-day refresher training for the 16 branches was also carried out.
- British Red Cross officials reviewed the NRCS HIV/AIDS programme and met key stakeholders in the NS, including American Red Cross officials and the president of the International Conference on HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa (ICASA) on possible areas of collaborations.

Impact

- Knowledge of HIV/AIDS among youths and NS volunteers, as well as willingness to share information with other peers, has improved.

Constraint

- Access to funds for the programme from Federation was limited due to the lack of a delegate.

Polio eradication initiative (PEI)

Nigerian Red Cross Society, with the technical and financial support from the Federation, has been involved in the Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI) in Nigeria since 2000. In 2004 and 2005, there were increasing demands for the NS social mobilization activities by the government and partner agencies.

Nigeria reports the most Wild Polio Virus (WPV) cases in the world with over 762 WPV cases reported in 2004 against 300 cases in 2003. The country accounts for over 60% of all cases of WPV globally. Over 80% of the cases have been reported in the northern western part of Nigeria. The strategy of the society's social mobilization activities was to increase community participation, acceptance and demand for OPV and routine immunization to facilitate polio eradication and improve routine immunization coverage by the end of 2005.

Objective: Polio eradication in Nigeria is attained by 2005 through Nigerian Red Cross Society' Society's contribution.

Achievements

- Participation in the synchronized National Immunization Days (NID) held nation wide. Mobilization of about 1,000 volunteers to assist in social mobilization for polio immunization in eight high risk states (Sokoto, Kaduna, Kebbi, Kano, Zamfara, Jigawa, Bauchi, and Katsina) in April 2005. The volunteers distributed over 5,000 pictorial guides as well as hand bills during the social mobilization exercise. Over two million children under five years were immunized in the three rounds of the exercise.
- Participation in a stakeholders' meeting in Kaduna where polio documentation training was conducted. The NS has since been participating in the inter-agency coordinating committee on polio eradication with other partners.
- Participation in ICC/NSMC meetings as well as the national training/planning.
- Organization of national training, planning and advocacy meeting for branch secretaries, MCs coordinators and health coordinators in eight high risk states.
- A step-down training for 324 ward volunteers in eight high risk states has been conducted.
- National debriefing for branch secretaries, zonal health officers and national headquarters staff was done;
- Production of IEC materials for 774 local government areas (LGA) team leaders (coaches) and 324 ward volunteers.

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- Capacity building in community mobilization, documentation and sharing of NS report with the Federation, the National Programme on Immunization (NPI) and other partners.
- Increased involvement of mothers' clubs and health coordinators as well as divisional secretaries in the social mobilization exercise.

Impact

- Awareness on polio immunization increased among targeted communities.
- Contributed to eradication of polio in children under five years.
- Increased visibility of the society's participation in the PEI campaign.
- Networking with other relevant partners on polio eradication initiative in Nigeria has been strengthened.
- The selection of three targeted LGA in the eight high risk states for massive campaign in social mobilization has increased visibility and cooperation among major partners on polio eradication Initiative in Nigeria.

Constraint

- Unfortunately, funding to support to all 37 branches for social mobilization was limited.

National blood programme

Achievements

- The NS mobilized volunteers for the World Blood Donor Day celebration held on 14 June 2005 in Abuja.
- As a result of good profile and visibility, the NS was nominated to the National Technical Committee on Blood Transfusion by the Federal Government of Nigeria. The committee was mandated to review the Nigeria Blood Transfusion Policy.

Roll Back Malaria

Achievements

- Procurement and distribution of 5,000 ITNs in Surulere local government area of Oyo State.
- Assessment of the NS with the malaria competence self-assessment tool. The competence assessment tool has been incorporated into all MCs activities.
- Health education on environmental sanitation and vector control.
- Referral of pregnant women to clinics for intermittent preventive treatment (IPT).

Impact

- Reduction of malaria by 50% in the affected communities as well as increased awareness on prompt response to treatment and ITN usage.

Disaster management



EFAT volunteers at a first-aid post.

Disaster management is one of the core programmes in the strategic plan, based on the Strategy 2010, to improve the disaster preparedness and response capacity of national societies. The society maintained its lead role as the nation's number one disaster management organization and ensured that appropriate, prompt, efficient and effective humanitarian assistance was provided to vulnerable people throughout the country.

The Federation and ICRC assisted the NS to develop its emergency management capacity through training, resources and advocacy.

Goal: Vulnerable people received sustainable, focused and responsive services.

Objective: The capacity of the Nigerian Red Cross Society to effectively reduce vulnerability, prepare and respond to disaster is increased.

Expected result 1: The vulnerability of people affected by disaster is reduced.

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Achievements

- The NS responded to many disasters in different parts of the country. The EFATs intervened and proved very useful in the areas of first aid, psychological support, evacuation of victims as well as provided food and non-food assistance to about 7719 families and dressing materials for the treatment of injured persons. Detail is displayed on the table below:

Table 1: Victims of disasters across the countries who were assisted by Nigerian Red Cross Society in 2005.

| State | Location | Nature of disaster | No. of families assisted |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Rivers | Port-Harcourt | Fire | 1,100 |
| Borno | Ngala | Fire | 332 |
| Oyo | Egbeda | Road accident | 56 |
| Katsina | Safana | Religious disturbance | 37 |
| Adamawa | Bali and Guri | Farmers/cattle rearers' clash | 3,028 |
| Kaduna | Kaduna North | Explosion of munitions' depot | 75 |
| Sokoto | Sokoto North | Religious conflict | 20 |
| Jigawa | Jigawa | Communal conflict | 381 |
| Abia | Eziafor | Communal conflict | 2,000 |
| Cross River and Ebonyi | Yala and Igbeagu | Boundary dispute | |
| Ebonyi | | Communal conflict | 100 |
| Kwara | | Rainstorm and Fire | 70 |
| Taraba | | Floods | 200 |
| Borno | | Floods | 100 |
| Bauchi | | Floods | 120 |
| Kebbi | | Floods | 100 |
| Total | | | 7,719 |

- The Nigerian Red Cross Society intervened during the famine and food shortage crisis in neighbouring Republic of Niger. Through the support of the Federation regional office in Dakar, the NS deployed two of its disaster management officers to assist the Red Cross Society of Niger.
- Pre-programme advocacy and assessment visits were made to disaster management programme branches.
- The NS conducted an elaborated training session for divisional team members of EFATs in five divisions of each of the six branches of Ogun, Taraba, Jigawa, Kogi, Katsina and Edo.
- The NS stocked its stores with protective materials for distribution to branches for the use of EFATs and there is plan to visit 2006 proposed programme branches to sensitize and prepare them for challenges ahead.
- The ICRC supported the NS with a Toyota Land Cruiser and five HF radio sets.
- The NS in collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) repatriated over 7,500 Nigerian returnees from Cameroon.
- The NS assessed its pre-stocked non-food relief warehouses at the national headquarters and branches.

Expected result 2: The efficiency and effectiveness of the Nigerian Red Cross Society emergency response is increased and capacity of the vulnerable is strengthened.

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Achievements

- The NS trained its disaster management (DM) officers as first aid assessors to ensure quality among the ranks and files of EFATs. In addition, the ICRC, the Federation and American Red Cross (through GHAIN project) supported an orientation programme for newly recruited DM officers.
- Maintained its collaboration with governments and other organizations while staff and volunteers participated in meetings and workshops to enhance their disaster management skills.
- The British Red Cross sponsored the NS Secretary General and DM officer to attend courses on International DM at the UK in May 2005.
- The country's National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) invited the NS to a contingency planning meeting in May.
- The NS stocked its stores with protective materials for distribution to branches, for use by EFATs, and there is plan to visit 2006 proposed programme branches to sensitize and prepare them for challenges ahead.
- The NS launched the World Disasters Report for 2005 in October in style. It was elaborately published and publicized in the *Punch Newspaper* (31 October 2005, p.3), *Guardian*, *This Day* and *Vanguard*.

Impact

- The EFATs' capacity has tremendously increased the value of the NS services in reducing vulnerability as demonstrated during the interventions in 2005. The number of vulnerable people reached has increased.
- Trained EFAT volunteers effectively responded to emergencies in different parts of the country. The NS Community-based Disaster Management approach gave vulnerable communities sense of ownership.

Constraints

- Access to coastal areas was limited because of the use of weapons and dynamites by parties to the conflicts, hindering prompt delivery of humanitarian service to the Niger Delta Area.
- Incessant industrial actions by labour affected training schedules of disaster management programme.
- Selection criteria of volunteers for the EFAT training was abused by some branches thereby creating a weak link in their response capacities.

Humanitarian Values

The NS was very active in the planning and implementing information and dissemination activities. It also promoted awareness of the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Movement and its activities to various publics. Though, the ICRC funded most of the information/dissemination activities of the NS during the year under review, the Federation also gave technical and advisory support.

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

Objective: The Nigerian Red Cross Society capacity to promote the Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values is increased and within the country.

Expected result 1: There is greater understanding of Humanitarian Values and of the Movement's Fundamental Principles within the national society.

Achievement

- The NS, in collaboration with ICRC, delivered series of lectures on Red Cross Principles and International Humanitarian Laws (IHL) to over 5,126 personnel of various military and police formations to enhance their understanding and respect for the same.

Impact

- There was greater understanding of Humanitarian Values and the Movement's Fundamental Principles. The military, police and civil institutions are more knowledgeable about the Movement and IHL.

Expected result 2: The profile and image of the national society as a national humanitarian organization are further increased.

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Achievements

- During the period under review, the NS organized media briefings during the World Red Cross Day (8 May), World First Aid Day (10 September) and the Tsunami's Appeal. The NS facilitated appearances of its key members of governance and management staff on prominent television programmes, in addition to paying advocacy visits to media organizations.
- For increased publicity and positive image, the NS disseminated its activities to the public through the country's major print and electronic media and on its website. It also produced and distributed 5,000 copies of its news magazine – *The Humanitarian* – to stakeholders and aired a series of drama on the Red Cross emblem in the Hausa language. In addition, the NS published and distributed a total number of 500 copies of 2004 Annual Report to its stakeholders.
- The NS had initiated with the preparation for its 45th anniversary scheduled for 2006. A lot had been put in motion towards making the anniversary a celebrated media event in Kano and Zamfara states.
- To ensure the understanding of the Fundamental Principles of the Movement by school youths, the NS facilitated the translation of a cartoon publication, "battle of the villages", into local languages. The ICRC supported the NS to publish 15,000 copies of the publication for distribution to secondary schools all over the country.

Impact

- Volunteers and staff of the NS as well as external stakeholders became more aware of the activities of the NS and the Movement as a whole.

Organizational development

Goal: The population's vulnerability has been reduced due to an increased programme and service delivery capacity of the Nigerian Red Cross Society.

Objective: The Nigerian Red Cross Society' capacity to provide sustainable, focused and responsive services to the vulnerable is improved.

The main focus of the NS's organizational development was in the area of staff and volunteer development as well as capacity building of the branches. The Federation actively supported the NS in achieving its objectives.

Expected result 1: Strategic planning, programming, budgeting, monitoring and reporting skills of headquarters, zonal and branch staff are enhanced.

Achievements

- The branch liaison officer of the NRCS office participated in a seminar on integrated capacity building held in Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania) in March 2005. The conference was sponsored by the Swedish Red Cross.
- With the support of the Federation, Swedish Red Cross and Malaysian Red Crescent, the branch Liaison officer also participated in a global workshop on volunteers in case of emergencies, management systems and volunteers' management. The workshop was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in April 2005.
- The NS organized an orientation forum for its newly engaged management staff, zonal officers and GHAIN project staff/coordinators on the Movement, financial guidelines, activities, principles and management strategy. The NS initiated its constitutional review process in 2005.

Impact

- Management skills of NS staff to manage NS were enhanced and this helped to improve service delivery to the vulnerable.

Constraint

- There were inadequate funds to build the capacity of more staff as anticipated contained in the 2005 Appeal.

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Expected result 2: The national society's branch structure and management are developed; the branch structure's capacity to deliver services is improved.

Achievement

The branch secretary of Oyo State branch of the NRCS participated in the second phase global workshop in volunteer management systems and volunteers in emergencies organised by the Federation, Kenya Red Cross Society and the Swedish Red Cross Society in October 2005 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Impact

The managerial capacity of the branch secretary was improved.

Expected result 3 (Leadership training): The national society's governance better understands and practices its governance role.

Achievements

- Governance orientations for the newly elected governance of the NS and branch executive committees (BECs) of Ebonyi, Abia and Imo state branches were organized.
- The new governance made advocacy visits to state governments for support to branches. The president of the NS also attended the executive council committee of the UNHCR in September 2005.
- The NS officers, led by the national president, made advocacy visits to Anambra, Imo, Edo, Delta, Enugu, Akwa-Ibom, Sokoto, Kebbi, Ebonyi, Abia, Oyo and Katsina States.
- In accordance with the society's Statutes, there were elections of new BECs in Sokoto, Edo, Delta, Anambra, Katsina, Benue and Gombe state branches. Borno, Osun, Kebbi, Sokoto and Plateau branches also conducted their elections.

Impact

- Governance visits to branches yielded dividends as a new ambulance and a bus were donated to the Imo and Anambra state branches by their respective state governments. The working relationship between governance and management improved through governance orientations.

Constraint

- Internal problems in branches inhibited programme implementation.

Expected result 4 (Volunteer management development): The ability of the national society to develop, manage and retain volunteers is developed.

Achievements

- The pool of community-based volunteers was very active in implementing health and disaster management programmes. In line with the objective of the NRCS's volunteer development at grass root levels, two-day training on volunteer management was conducted for 40 community volunteer leaders in Oyo and Bauchi state branches. This was in addition to the earlier training conducted for 228 different levels of volunteer leaders. The training aimed at making branches self sustained and to motivate volunteers for various programmes and activities of the NS.

Impact

- The pool of community-based volunteers was very active in implementing health and disaster management programmes.

Constraint

- Unfortunately, the Federation discontinued funding for the volunteer management programmes.

Expected result 5 (Financial resource development): The national society's ability to generate financial resources and broaden the range of sources of funding is developed.

Achievements

- The NS organized a financial management workshop in January 2005 for all headquarters' senior staff to enhance financial skills and instil proper procedures and regulations. In addition, it conducted training on business planning and income-generating projects in six branches namely Jigawa, Kwara, Borno, Lagos,

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Edo and Abia in February 2005. The training aimed at generating funds locally and promotes branch profile. The last phase of finance development was concluded. MIP Fund Accounting Software had also become operational and the NS now has using financial procedure and guidelines in place.

- The NS repositioned itself to successfully mobilize resources through property development, aggressive fundraising, sale of souvenirs and commercial first aid.

Impact

- Individuals, corporate organizations and governments donated towards the humanitarian activities of the society. Timely financial reports to donors are now prepared as a result of the MIP fund accounting software with financial procedures and guidelines.

Expected result 6 (Youth programme development): the national society youth programming/structure is improved.

Achievements

- Akwa Ibom State branch organized a youth summit for over 200 members and volunteers in April 2005. The 8th edition of the International Youth Camp was successfully held in the north western State of Kaduna.

Impact

- Youth members are now more organized and their commitment to the NS has increased.

Analysis of 2005 programmes: Ghana

The HIV/AIDS programmes of Ghana Red Cross Society, sponsored by the Federation, were mainly in the area of home-based care (HBC). HBC includes any form of care given to sick people at home by their families/friends. It addresses medical, nursing, emotional, spiritual, psychological, social and material needs.

HBC is designed to curb or eliminate stigmatization of people living HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). It also promotes and encourages balance diet for PLWHA for a healthy and prolonged life. So far, 40 mothers' club members have been trained in the Greater Accra and the Central regions. By the end of the workshop, participants were able to identify some of the signs and symptoms of HIV/AIDS as well as local food which are rich in protein and affordable. Participants who attended the training in the Greater Accra and the Central region were confident to go in for voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) on their own volition.

A baseline survey, sponsored by a Japanese grant through the Federation, was conducted in the districts where HBC is taking place. One of the questions asked was whether they knew what VCT is all about and whether they would be willing to go for it. Most respondents (about 99%) from the five districts have a considerable knowledge of the HIV/AIDS menace. Very few people said they will not eat or sleep with a person who has the disease. Almost 100% of respondents answered in the affirmative to the question whether a balance diet improves the health of PLWHA.

Achievements

- The Ghana Red Cross has reinforced its efforts to combat childhood illnesses, and sexually transmitted infections (STIs)/HIV/AIDS among youth and mothers clubs in selected regions of Ghana, through intensified distribution of IEC and social mobilization activities.
- The capacity of the national society to improve knowledge and understanding of HIV/AIDS and STI among 48,000 women and community members in 10 districts by the end of 2007 has been enhanced, with an aim to encourage safe sex.
- The Ghana Red Cross Society has been educating the youth through its youth peer education (YPE) programme and the mothers' clubs who in turn educate the communities.

Constraints

- Availability of funds seems to be the biggest obstacle to this endeavour. Members of the mothers' club moving round in their communities looking for PLWHA have to be paid something for transport.
- One of the major constraints is the use of English as official language when facilitating. Members have complained that since most of them are semi-illiterate, they would have preferred working in local languages.

Analysis of 2005 programmes: Togo

Health and care

Goal: The prevalence of HIV/AIDS and STIs among the country's vulnerable population is reduced.

Objective: The capacity of the Togolese Red Cross is enhanced, through improved volunteer network and HIV/AIDS programme management, to provide effective and focused services to reduce mortality and morbidity due to HIV/AIDS/STIs in the Kara and Maritime regions.

In 2005, the actions of the Togolese Red Cross (TRC) against HIV/AIDS were to be continued and "scaled up". Plans were made to improve service delivery and initiate new, energetic and innovative activities. However, the 2005 programme were not completed as planned. This was due to the lack of available funding as the Federation's 2005 Appeal was not financed. In addition, the social and political climate arising from the unfortunate events following the sudden death of the Head of State caused considerable disruption in the execution of some activities. The increasing deterioration of the socio-economic situation increased the level of poverty in the general population, making it more vulnerable.

Despite these difficult circumstances, the HIV/AIDS, health and emergency assistance programme was able to implement some activities and obtained positive results. The activities included STI prevention, care for PLWHA, voluntary blood donations, distribution of ITN, the 'Keep Up' campaign and emergency assistance following the crisis in Togo due to the elections of 24 April 2005.

Since April 2005, the Togolese Red Cross has received support from the Executive Secretariat of the Joint Project on the Prevention and Treatment of STIs/HIV/AIDS, covering the Lagos-Abidjan migration corridor and the joint regional secretariat of the Global Funds to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), in Lomé, with a view of intensifying awareness activities focusing on youth.

Furthermore, in the wake of the violence arising from the socio-political crisis in Togo, the Togolese Red Cross HIV/AIDS programme and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) organized activities against sexual violence, prevention of HIV/AIDS as well as promotion of family planning in the Maritime, Plateaux, Centrale and Savanes regions.

In November 2005, training activities for 500 new peer educators and awareness-raising sessions were extended to 40 communities in the Maritime region, thanks to support from the Japanese Red Cross through the Federation sub-regional office in Lagos.

Improve knowledge about HIV/AIDS



Togolese Red Cross STI/HIV/AIDS information booth at the Sanvee-Kondji border (Togo-Benin).

- The HIV/AIDS programme organized monitoring of peer education coaches (PECs) and meetings with prefecture-level coaches and local coaches. Awareness-raising for PEC and PE volunteers continued. Condom distribution sites were multiplied. The activities took place in the Maritime, Plateaux, Centrale, Kara and Savanes regions.
- To save human lives from the HIV/AIDS pandemic, which is decimating today's generation, various activities were conducted by the TRC volunteer networks during the third quarter of 2005 in health districts 5 and 3 (Lomé; Sokodé, Kara and Savanes).
- The work of these volunteers was part of the GFATM project for "intensifying the fight against STIs/HIV/AIDS and the promotion of condoms".

Achievements

- School and non-school PEs were trained.
- Educational sessions for targeted groups were organized.
- 110 self-evaluation framework application sessions were conducted in 53 project locations.

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- Radio broadcasts were achieved.
- 1,000,800 condoms in four regions have been sold (28,800 distributed for free by UNFPA).
- Volunteers organized awareness-raising sessions in their communities;
- Advocacy of changes in behaviour by traditional practitioners involved in education and awareness-raising activities.
- Forced marriages are clearly declining, thanks to awareness-raising regarding the steps to be taken before marriage.
- Thanks to various awareness-raising sessions on factors of risk and vulnerability to STIs/HIV/AIDS, child trafficking and child labour have considerably decreased.
- Two workshops on “AIDS competence” and “Memory Work” were conducted.
- Voluntary screening and blood donation were promoted. Thirteen donor clubs were active, with over 700 members.

Celebration of special events

A socio cultural evening was organized in the Blitta Prefecture with four groups presenting sketches, message songs and traditional dances. The commemoration of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Day was combined with the inauguration of Red Cross regional headquarters and the Blood Donor Day on 14 June, in collaboration with the Regional Blood Transfusion Centre. The national society commemorated World AIDS Day on 1 December ending on 2 December in Kambolé (Tchamba Prefecture).

Creation of a consultation framework with partners

A contract has been signed with Espoir Vie Togo in the Centrale region and another one for training and monitoring of school and out of school PEs in Blitta prefecture. A joint regional project on prevention and care of STIs/HIV/AIDS along the Abidjan-Lagos migration corridor was implemented.

The Togolese Red Cross continues to inspire the confidence of local donors thus funding was provided in the framework of the Joint regional project on prevention and care of STIs/HIV/AIDS along the Abidjan-Lagos migration corridor.

Achievements

- A steering committee (project team) was set up.
- A basic research (survey) has been achieved, notably development of a survey sheet, training of the interviewers, survey execution phase and issuance of a survey report.
- Information and initial contact missions at the sites chosen by the programme and feedback have been obtained.
- Condoms were distributed with a decentralized distribution system (coaches and PECs/PEs);
- IEC materials were designed, reproduced and distributed along with follow-up and coordination tools.
- 21 extension coaches for PE and 59 PEs were trained.
- The HIV/AIDS programme was officially launched in Sanvee-Kondji.
- Awareness, proximity and group sessions were conducted.
- Radio programmes were produced.
- Training, follow-up and post-training technical support missions were organized.
- An information booth at Sanvee-Kondji was completed.

Constraints

- Temporary difficulties due to insufficient teaching and educational materials will undoubtedly be resolved when second instalment of funds is made available.
- Uniformed personnel on sites mentioned caused some time constraints.

Care and support for PLWHA

The number of PLWHA is growing at such a rate that it is no longer possible to ignore the human misery caused by the infection. The AIDS programme strives to provide help on a day-to-day basis for the PLWHIV who knock on its door every day.

Support group

The socio-economic crisis, combined with an unprecedented political crisis, has considerably heightened the PLWHA suffering. Despite this situation, the HIV/AIDS programme has been able to organize three monthly

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support group and solidarity meetings for HIV-positive widows in order to devote some time to share their difficulties and feelings amongst themselves first, then with the support team.

“Memory work” training sessions

A new component called “Memory work” has been integrated into the care and support programme. The objective of the “Memory work” project is to help PLWHA reconstitute their life stories, in order to better organize themselves and live positively despite their HIV status. In this framework, a facilitation document has been translated from English to French and adopted. Training for trainers (ToT) was provided for 26 people (of whom the three were PLWHA) in Pagala (Blitta Prefecture), in the Centrale region. As far as capacity building is concerned, a training workshop for 23 peer psychosocial counsellors and home visitors took place in the Centrale region in order to set up a care and support team in that region. The Swiss Red Cross funded these two activities.

In Lomé, counsellors made a number of home visits despite the insecurity that prevailed in the country. The technical care and support team visited PLWHA, including sick people and people who had lost their family members. Three orphans deceased and three widows have been hospitalized for various reasons.

Achievements

- 168 PLWHA received follow up from Togolese Red Cross during the period.
- 74 people were referred to Bé hospital and 68 people had consultations and were directed to voluntary screening centres.
- 30 people were able to do a CD4 count while 23 PLWHA were placed under anti-retroviral (ARV) treatment and received follow up from visiting counsellors.

Volunteer blood donation

In order to consolidate the activities of the HIV/AIDS programme for the promotion of volunteer blood donation, the Togolese Red Cross organized a training workshop on volunteer blood donation for recruiters of volunteer blood donors in local chapter clubs and blood donor drives in Agbalepedo, Soviébé Gblikomé, Lomé-Centre, Bè, Hahotoé and Tokoin.

The objectives of the programme were to:

- Reinforce blood donation activities;
- Encourage blood donors to be regular;
- Promote blood donor organizations;
- Set up a body to coordinate volunteer blood donor activities;
- Develop an annual blood donation programme;
- Coordinate for preparation of World Blood Donor Day celebration.

Achievement

In Golfe Prefecture, a provisional committee for the volunteer blood donors’ club was initiated and a team was set up for the preparations to celebrate World Blood Donor Day. Four local chapters organized blood collection and 200 recruiters were trained. 15 blood collection operations reached some 350 donors.

Analysis of 2005 programmes: 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.

No activity was implemented in Benin due to lack of funding.

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NIGERIA SUB-REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

| Selected Parameters | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Year/Period | 2005/1-2005/9998 |
| Appeal | M05AA025 |
| 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 | 3'541'954 | 416'388 | | 1'106'886 | 0 | 5'065'228 |
| B. Opening Balance | 699'821 | 11'368 | | 32'983 | 0 | 744'173 |
| Income | | | | | | |
| Cash contributions | | | | | | |
| British Red Cross | 354'763 | 56'038 | | 41'392 | | 452'193 |
| Capacity Building Fund | | | | 47'375 | | 47'375 |
| Finnish Red Cross | | 86'633 | | 80'339 | | 166'972 |
| Japanese Red Cross Society | 112'532 | | | | | 112'532 |
| Norwegian Red Cross | | 6'100 | | | | 6'100 |
| Swedish Red Cross | 363'330 | 84'150 | | 12'118 | | 459'598 |
| Swiss Red Cross | | | | 128'613 | | 128'613 |
| C1. Cash contributions | 830'625 | 232'921 | | 309'837 | | 1'373'382 |
| Outstanding pledges (Revalued) | | | | | | |
| British Red Cross | | 21'758 | | | | 21'758 |
| C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued) | | 21'758 | | | | 21'758 |
| Inkind Personnel | | | | | | |
| British Red Cross | 21'493 | | | | | 21'493 |
| C5. Inkind Personnel | 21'493 | | | | | 21'493 |
| Other Income | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Income | | | | | 2'876 | 2'876 |
| C6. Other Income | | | | | 2'876 | 2'876 |
| C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6) | 852'118 | 254'678 | | 309'837 | 2'876 | 1'419'509 |
| D. Total Funding = B + C | 1'551'939 | 266'046 | | 342'820 | 2'876 | 2'163'681 |

II. Balance of Funds

| | Health & Care | Disaster Management | Humanitarian Values | Organisational Development | Coordination & Implementation | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| B. Opening Balance | 699'821 | 11'368 | | 32'983 | 0 | 744'173 |
| C. Income | 852'118 | 254'678 | | 309'837 | 2'876 | 1'419'509 |
| E. Expenditure | -995'285 | -212'644 | | -225'744 | -2'168 | -1'435'841 |
| F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E) | 556'655 | 53'402 | | 117'076 | 708 | 727'840 |

| Selected Parameters | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Year/Period | 2005/1-2005/998 |
| Appeal | M05AA025 |
| Budget | APPEAL |

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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) | | 3'541'954 | 416'388 | | 1'106'886 | 0 | 5'065'228 | |
| Supplies | | | | | | | | |
| Clothing & textiles | | 45'500 | | | | | 45'500 | -45'500 |
| Medical & First Aid | 185'334 | 2'406 | | | | | 2'406 | 182'928 |
| Utensils & Tools | 51'411 | | 28'847 | | | | 28'847 | 22'564 |
| Total Supplies | 236'745 | 47'906 | 28'847 | | | | 76'753 | 159'992 |
| Land, vehicles & equipment | | | | | | | | |
| Computers & Telecom | 69'780 | 2'472 | | | 5'051 | 1'456 | 8'979 | 60'801 |
| Others Machinery & Equipment | | 1'165 | 291 | | | -1'456 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Land, vehicles & equipment | 69'780 | 3'637 | 291 | | 5'051 | 0 | 8'979 | 60'801 |
| Transport & Storage | | | | | | | | |
| Distribution & Monitoring | | 7'286 | | | | | 7'286 | -7'286 |
| Transport & Vehicle Costs | 99'420 | 34'945 | 11'408 | | 7'593 | | 53'946 | 45'474 |
| Total Transport & Storage | 99'420 | 42'231 | 11'408 | | 7'593 | | 61'232 | 38'188 |
| Personnel Expenditures | | | | | | | | |
| Delegates Payroll | 605'024 | 53'041 | 5'600 | | 12'665 | 8'667 | 79'974 | 525'050 |
| Delegate Benefits | | 139'323 | 1'339 | | 4'757 | -8'640 | 136'778 | -136'778 |
| Regionally Deployed Staff | 4'000 | | | | | 67 | 67 | 3'933 |
| National Staff | 395'749 | 51'191 | 11'906 | | 6'311 | 165 | 69'573 | 326'176 |
| National Society Staff | | 147'647 | 42'065 | | 25'005 | 201 | 214'918 | -214'918 |
| Consultants | | 1'525 | 377 | | 3'632 | 551 | 6'085 | -6'085 |
| Total Personnel Expenditures | 1'004'773 | 392'726 | 61'288 | | 52'370 | 1'011 | 507'395 | 497'378 |
| Workshops & Training | | | | | | | | |
| Workshops & Training | 1'694'838 | 333'420 | 11'161 | | 47'567 | 1'315 | 393'463 | 1'301'375 |
| Total Workshops & Training | 1'694'838 | 333'420 | 11'161 | | 47'567 | 1'315 | 393'463 | 1'301'375 |
| General Expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| Travel | 736'360 | 129'933 | 30'467 | | 12'782 | | 173'183 | 563'177 |
| Information & Public Relation | 614'459 | 10'473 | 33'610 | | 1'139 | 616 | 45'838 | 568'621 |
| Office Costs | 207'470 | 37'988 | 3'355 | | 18'215 | 24'684 | 84'242 | 123'228 |
| Communications | | 16'746 | 593 | | 604 | 23'114 | 41'056 | -41'056 |
| Professional Fees | 62'350 | | | | 21'469 | | 21'469 | 40'881 |
| Financial Charges | 9'793 | -43'130 | -3'483 | | -12'385 | 2'847 | -56'151 | 65'944 |
| Other General Expenses | | 35'690 | 8'595 | | 6'039 | -51'560 | -1'236 | 1'236 |
| Total General Expenditure | 1'630'432 | 187'700 | 73'137 | | 47'864 | -299 | 308'402 | 1'322'031 |
| Program Support | | | | | | | | |
| Program Support | 329'240 | 64'603 | 13'822 | | 14'673 | 141 | 93'239 | 236'001 |
| Total Program Support | 329'240 | 64'603 | 13'822 | | 14'673 | 141 | 93'239 | 236'001 |
| Operational Provisions | | | | | | | | |
| Operational Provisions | | -76'938 | 12'690 | | 50'626 | | -13'622 | 13'622 |
| Total Operational Provisions | | -76'938 | 12'690 | | 50'626 | | -13'622 | 13'622 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D) | 5'065'228 | 995'285 | 212'644 | | 225'744 | 2'168 | 1'435'841 | 3'629'387 |
| VARIANCE (C - D) | | 2'546'669 | 203'744 | | 881'142 | -2'168 | 3'629'387 | |