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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

CENTRAL AFRICA SUB-REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

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This report covers the period of 1/01/06 to 31/12/06
of a two-year planning and appeal process.

In a world of global challenges, continued poverty, inequity, and increasing vulnerability to disasters and disease, the International Federation with its global network, works to accomplish its Global Agenda, partnering with local community and civil society to prevent and alleviate human suffering from disasters, diseases and public health emergencies.



Red Cross volunteers assist with unblocking a stream that caused flooding in Brazzaville.

In brief

Programme Summary: The Federation's Central Africa Sub-Regional Office (CASRO) in Yaounde covers eight countries, including Cameroon, Chad, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Republic of Congo and Sao Tome and Principe. The sub region has two country delegations reporting to CASRO, one in Kinshasa and one in Chad. For reports on Red Cross activities in these three countries, please see separate reports for Kinshasa and Chad delegations. This report only covers activities in Cameroon, Central African Republic, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome and Principe (STP).

CASRO supported the National Society's of Central Africa to implement their health and care, disaster management, organizational development and humanitarian values programmes. The most significant achievements in 2006 include the Filles Libres HIV and AIDS project, the training of the regional disaster response team on water and sanitation, the training of the National Society of Cameroon, Central African Republic and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on the cooperation agreement strategy (CAS) and the schooling of young girls in the Northern part of Cameroon.

Goal: To meet the Federation's mission to improve the lives of vulnerable people in Central Africa.

Needs: Total 2006-2007 budget CHF 3,691,938 (USD 3,058,772 or EUR 2,320,514), out of which 51.1 percent covered. **Click here to go directly to the attached financial report.**

For more detailed information on the 2006 activities, please see Programme Update 1 and 2:

Programme Update no. 1: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual06/MAA6200101.pdf>

Programme Update no. 2: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual06/MAA6200102.pdf>

No. of people we help: In 2006, the programmes conducted by Cameroon, Central African Republic, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome and Principe Red Cross societies, with the technical and financial support of CASRO, benefited approximately 2,000,000 people. CASRO endeavoured to build the disaster management and preparedness, organizational development and health care capacities of the National Societies in 2006, to enable them to increase the number of beneficiaries from 2,000,000 in 2006 to 2,600,000 in 2007. The people assisted in 2006 included female sex workers (in Cameroon), elderly people in Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome and Principe, as well as women and men and children in all five National Societies. The programme for sex workers in Cameroon has proven very successful, as has the schooling of young girls. This will be reinforced in 2007. Thus, it is anticipated that CASRO will support Red Cross volunteers to carry out activities to benefit over 2,600,000 people in Central Africa in 2007. The following table indicates the number of people CASRO helped in 2006 and aims to in 2007.

Year	Project Title	Target Population	people we helped	Women	Men	Children under age of 18	The elderly
2006	All the programmes, including Health and care, disaster management, Humanitarian Values and organizational development.	Vulnerable populations in Central Africa.	2,000,000	40	10	40	10
2007	All the programmes, including health and care, disaster management, Humanitarian Values and organizational development.	Vulnerable populations in Central Africa.	2,600,000	40	10	40	10

Our Partners: CASRO's partners in 2006 included the various communities in all eight Red Cross National Societies of Central Africa, associations of people living with HIV (AFASO, Association des femmes actives et solidaires, Espoir⁺ and RAP⁺, Réseau africain des personnes vivant avec le VIH), associations des Filles Libres (CLAP, Club des amis de la prudence, AFID, Association des femmes dynamiques, and Horizons Femmes), the government ministries of social affairs and health in all eight countries, the Cameroon's DPC at MINATD (Direction de la protection civile au ministère de l'administration territoriale et de la décentralization), the British and Canada High Commissions in Central Africa, the embassies of Japan and USA, the French Cooperation, the Central Africa Regional Network to Roll Back Malaria, WHO, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, the Irish government, the British DFID, the Swedish, Japanese and Greek Red Cross Societies, ICRC, as well as the Geneva-based Federation's Secretariat General and decentralized structures.

Current context

Central Africa experienced a tense socio-political situation in 2006 which caused a huge population movement in Cameroon, Chad and CAR and CASRO launched an emergency appeal to respond to the situation and funds were allocated from the Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) to support the displaced people and prepare the concerned National Society to the management of displaced persons and refugees.

Natural disaster such as flooding, landslides and epidemic outbreaks occurred in most countries, forcing CASRO to request for DREF allocation to respond to the various situations. The epidemics included cholera in Cameroon and bird flu in Chad, Cameroon and CAR. The disasters which occurred in the second half of 2006 left CASRO with no other option than to carry forward some activities that were planned for 2006 to 2007.

Progress towards objectives

Health and Care

Goal: The vulnerability of populations in Cameroon, Central African Republic (CAR), the Republic of Congo (RoC), the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, as well as Sao Tome and Principe (STP) to major community health problems is reduced.

Objective: Improve the health condition of vulnerable populations in Cameroon, Central African Republic (CAR), the Republic of Congo (RoC), the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Equatorial Guinea, Gabon as well as Sao Tome and Principe (STP) by developing and implementing quality health and HIV and AIDS programmes.

Major achievements in 2006 included the implementation of the “Filles Libres” project, the fight against epidemics, malaria, waterborne diseases, stigma and discrimination, as well as malnutrition. During the 2006 world health forum, the Filles Libres project recorded an outstanding success at international level when Cameroon Red Cross Society won an image competition. The health activities carried out in 2006 contributed to alleviating the sufferings of the populations in Central Africa. Some Filles Libres left prostitution to concentrate on their Red Cross-funded income-generating micro projects. Discrimination against people living with HIV (PLWHIV) has reduced in Central Africa as people have understood that AIDS is a disease like any other.

Budget was only approved in June, and this delayed the implementation of activities as initially planned. Furthermore, the system for transferring funds to National Societies proved inefficient as most activities were carried out with serious delay, and several months (at times five months after the signing of the contract programme) after the funds had been sent. To overcome this situation, CASRO had to send people to the field with huge sums of money, thereby taking the risk of losing the money. There is an urgent need to improve this system.

Disaster Management

Goal: The vulnerability of the populations of Central Africa sub-region to disasters is reduced.

Objective: The disaster management capacity of the populations is increased through the services rendered by National Societies and the regional disaster response team for Central Africa (ERDAC¹).

In 2006, CASRO focused on building the disaster preparedness and management capacities of its National Societies. Armed conflicts occurred in CAR and Chad causing several people to be displaced. CASRO endeavoured to train Red Cross volunteers in these and the surrounding

¹ Equipe régionale de réponse aux désastres pour l’Afrique de l’Ouest et du Centre

countries (Cameroon) on population movement. Cameroon, CAR and Chad Red Cross Societies now have volunteers that are well trained to manage population movement, though their number needs to be increased substantially.

As far as disaster management is concerned, CASRO supported the training of Red Cross volunteers in all eight national societies on the management of floods. Some volunteers were also trained on community-based first aid (CBFA). In December 2006, a regional workshop was organized to train representatives of all eight national societies on water and sanitation.

Some activities planned for 2006 were not carried out due to delay of funds that came in very late. However, the activities have been carried forward to 2007. Another major constraint encountered was the poor planning of activities. In order to improve this, such activities need to be jointly planned at the time of preparing the annual appeal.

Organizational Development

Goal: The operational capacities of the National Societies in Cameroon, CAR, Equatorial Guinea, and STP are increased.

Objective: The National Societies of Cameroon, CAR, Equatorial Guinea, and STP have better access to funding and render quality services to vulnerable people.

In October 2006, a workshop on the cooperation agreement strategy (CAS) was organized in Kribi Cameroon. Participants from the two countries of Central Africa Republic and Cameroon acquired skills on how to implement the CAS process in their respective countries in order to attract more partners to support their programmes. It was expected that CASRO would coach these two National Societies in the process during the second half of 2006. Unfortunately, this was not done due to lack of an organizational development officer. An officer has been recruited to coach all eight National Societies and the activity has been carried forward to 2007.

Another major achievement in 2006 was the implementation of the capacity building programme in Cameroon and CAR. CASRO provided technical and financial support for the organization of the General Assembly in CAR; which led to the re-election of the President of the National Society for a new term in office. In Cameroon, CASRO submitted a proposal for the restructuring of the Secretariat General, which was approved. The first outcome of this was the appointment of a new secretary general and a new programmes coordinator. Furthermore, CASRO supported the assessment of the computer system of Cameroon Red Cross Society and made proposals that have been taken into consideration to improve the management system of the National Society.

Humanitarian Values

Goal: Access to basic social and community services is improved for people who suffer from all sorts of discrimination.

Objective: Through the media and internationally renowned personalities, the National Societies of Central Africa will disseminate the position of the Movement on discrimination.

The major achievement in 2006 was the schooling of young girls in the northern and eastern provinces of Cameroon. Most people in these provinces prefer to keep their daughters at home while boys go to school, claiming that girls are made for marriage. The Red Cross decided to combat this form of discrimination through a project started in Cameroon in 2005. Over the past two years, more than 1,000 young girls have been registered in schools. The challenge now is to know whether the parents will continue to send their daughters to school when the Red Cross withdraws from the project.

During the same period, CASRO launched the preparation of two documentaries on the “Filles Libres Project” and the project on female genital mutilations respectively; as well as the writing of a comic strip. All of these anti-discrimination tools are expected to be completed and ready for distribution by the end of April 2007.

In 2006, the Humanitarian Values programme received very little funding. Activities were planned in five countries of Central Africa, but CASRO only received funding for the project on the schooling of young girls in Cameroon. Discrimination is rampant in all eight countries of Central Africa.

Implementation and Coordination

Goal: CASRO effectively represents the Federation in Central Africa and develops an efficient management system which makes it possible to follow up Red Cross programmes with professionalism and creativity.

Objective: CASRO brings quality support to National Societies of Central Africa sub-region to enable them to assist vulnerable people in their respective countries by mobilizing the volunteer network and developing fruitful partnerships.

In 2006, the Federation was very active in the field looking for strategies to increase support for Red Cross programmes in Central Africa. CASRO multiplied contacts with the media, national, regional and international donors, and the result was the total coverage of the Appeal 2006.

National Societies in Central Africa received increased support which enabled them to be more present and active in the field responding to the multiple minor emergencies that occurred within the region. Cooperation between Operating National Societies (ONS), Partner National Societies (PNSs) and the Federation was improved. This was translated by the strengthening of the sub-regional coordination system (South/South cooperation) and the consolidation of the cooperation between CASRO and its own National Societies, which started during a coordination meeting in 2006 and continued with several coordination meetings with Cameroon Red Cross Society authorities.

This dynamic approach of working closer with National Societies will be reinforced in 2007 to make sure that CASRO's efforts through strong National Societies match the needs of vulnerable populations efficiently, and that these efforts are well appreciated by partners.

Working in partnership

All activities were carried out with the participation of beneficiaries. The various associations of People living with HIV (PLWHIV) and the Filles Libres contributed enormously to the success of the project”. The other partners contributed financially or technically to the success of activities

Contributing to longer-term impact

The programmes of CASRO and its National Societies contributed to the International Federation's Global Agenda in the sense that they helped combat discrimination against PLWHIV (the Filles Libres project) and young girls (the project on the schooling of young girls in Cameroon). The project on female genital mutilation contributed to protecting the dignity of girls and women. Through this project, the Red Cross sensitized the populations in the concerned localities to the fact that excision is a gender-based violence (GBV) that has to be stopped. Some parents now understand that girls should have equal rights to go to school as boys. The Filles Libres project also contributed to Cameroon's poverty reduction strategy as some girls received funding to start their own income-generating micro projects.

Looking Ahead

In 2006, the Filles Libres project and the project on female genital mutilations were very successful. The population were sensitized on HIV and the methods of transmission. In 2007, more income-generating micro projects are expected to be funded to encourage a greater number of Filles Libres to quit prostitution. Furthermore, the Red Cross is contemplating funding projects to enable the populations in the targeted provinces to send their daughters and sons to school without waiting for the Red Cross to provide financial means. If the success registered in 2006 continues in 2007, CASRO will duplicate them within the framework of the 2008-2009 strategies in other countries of Central Africa where HIV and AIDS and female genital mutilations are prevalent.

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Financial Report 2006-2007

Selected Parameters	
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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget	1,414,789	911,899	363,120	625,997	376,133	3,691,938
B. Opening Balance	155,762	103,831	1,223	51,618	3,263	315,697
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>British Red Cross</i>		0	0	0		0
<i>Canadian Government</i>	23,760					23,760
<i>Capacity Building Fund</i>				83,022		83,022
<i>DFID Partnership</i>	40,696	31,930	14,967	28,438		116,031
<i>Irish Government</i>	221,830	221,830		158,450	79,225	681,335
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>	53,086					53,086
<i>Other</i>	-111,370	-111,370		-79,550	-39,775	-342,065
<i>Spanish Red Cross</i>					2,002	2,002
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	363,588	179,826	171,100	145,435		859,949
C1. Cash contributions	591,589	322,216	186,067	335,795	41,452	1,477,119
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Canadian Government</i>	35,755					35,755
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	35,755					35,755
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
<i>Capacity Building Fund</i>				27,463		27,463
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>				900		900
C3. Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)				28,363		28,363
<u>Inkind Personnel</u>						
<i>Spanish Red Cross</i>					31,000	31,000
C5. Inkind Personnel					31,000	31,000
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	627,345	322,216	186,067	364,158	72,452	1,572,238
D. Total Funding = B + C	783,107	426,047	187,290	415,777	75,714	1,887,935

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	155,762	103,831	1,223	51,618	3,263	315,697
C. Income	627,345	322,216	186,067	364,158	72,452	1,572,238
E. Expenditure	-561,829	-359,648	-74,748	-291,910	-84,374	-1,372,510
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	221,277	66,400	112,542	123,866	-8,660	515,425

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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)		1,414,789	911,899	363,120	625,997	376,133	3,691,938	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	5,760							5,760
Construction Materials		276					276	-276
Clothing & textiles		6,483	957				7,440	-7,440
Seeds,Plants	7,320		2,688		538		3,226	4,094
Water & Sanitation	84,000	68,104					68,104	15,896
Medical & First Aid	102,040	1,826	3,316				5,142	96,898
Teaching Materials	142,150	3,476		7,607			11,084	131,067
Utensils & Tools	44,800		1,872		368		2,240	42,560
Other Supplies & Services	114,670	5,096					5,096	109,574
Total Supplies	500,740	85,262	8,832	7,607	907		102,608	398,132
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Land & Buildings	2,880							2,880
Vehicles		4,440					4,440	-4,440
Computers & Telecom	75,950	17,212	13,147		39,211		69,570	6,380
Others Machinery & Equipment	6,000	2,894					2,894	3,106
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	84,830	24,547	13,147		39,211		76,905	7,925
Transport & Storage								
Storage			24				24	-24
Distribution & Monitoring			339				339	-339
Transport & Vehicle Costs	198,473	15,209	16,004	1,456	21,173	3,754	57,596	140,877
Total Transport & Storage	198,473	15,209	16,367	1,456	21,173	3,754	57,959	140,514
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegates Payroll	266,400					38,338	38,338	228,062
Delegate Benefits	240,000	30,453	29,466		54,148	-3,067	111,000	129,000
Regionally Deployed Staff			660				660	-660
National Staff	463,667	86,776	46,479	5,901	35,052	6,938	181,146	282,520
National Society Staff	431,954	11,944	5,069	4,676	7,575		29,264	402,690
Consultants			5,799				5,799	-5,799
Total Personnel Expenditures	1,402,021	129,173	87,473	10,577	96,775	42,209	366,208	1,035,813
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	738,528	91,961	163,526	2,324	50,535	27,204	335,551	402,977
Total Workshops & Training	738,528	91,961	163,526	2,324	50,535	27,204	335,551	402,977
General Expenditure								
Travel	70,228	42,196	22,468	6,272	14,073	2,274	87,282	-17,054
Information & Public Relation	137,973	7,804	1,003	34,025	3,416	971	47,219	90,754
Office Costs	177,469	1,134	77	444	3,952	62	5,668	171,801
Communications	69,700	1,120	153	96	5,510	681	7,561	62,139
Professional Fees	33,000							33,000
Financial Charges	3,000	1,129	47		40	115	1,330	1,670
Other General Expenses	36,000	72,221	35,281	4,747	17,706	1,750	131,705	-95,705
Total General Expenditure	527,370	125,603	59,029	45,584	44,697	5,853	280,767	246,603
Program Support								
Program Support	239,976	36,519	23,377	4,859	18,974	5,353	89,082	150,894
Total Program Support	239,976	36,519	23,377	4,859	18,974	5,353	89,082	150,894
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		53,556	-12,104	2,340	19,638		63,430	-63,430
Total Operational Provisions		53,556	-12,104	2,340	19,638		63,430	-63,430
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	3,691,938	561,829	359,648	74,748	291,910	84,374	1,372,510	2,319,428
VARIANCE (C - D)		852,959	552,251	288,373	334,086	291,759	2,319,428	

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IV. Project Details

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
Health & Care							
P62410	ARCHI-HIV/AIDS IMPL	155,762	627,345	-561,829	221,277	1,414,789	852,959
P62910	Reg Del CBFA	0	0		0		0
P62911	Reg Health	0	0	0	0		0
PCM410	HIV/AIDS	0	0		0		0
PGQ410	HIV/AIDS	0	0		0		0
PST410	HIV/AIDS	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Health & Care		155,762	627,345	-561,829	221,277	1,414,789	852,959
Disaster Management							
P62160	DM ERDAC	103,831	322,216	-359,648	66,400	911,899	552,251
P62161	DM Food Security	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Disaster Management		103,831	322,216	-359,648	66,400	911,899	552,251
Humanitarian Values							
P62913	Humanitarian value	1,223	186,067	-74,748	112,542	363,120	288,373
PCM300	PHV	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Humanitarian Values		1,223	186,067	-74,748	112,542	363,120	288,373
Organisational Development							
P62900	Org Dev-Management s	40,979	374,798	-291,749	124,028	625,997	334,248
P62901	Org Dev.Volunteer mg	0	0		0		0
PCF001	Cap.Bldg Fund	20	-20	0	0		0
PCM001	Capacity Build.Fund	10,619	-10,619	-161	-161		-161
PCM002	Dev Organisationnel	0	0		0		0
PCM161	Gestion catastrophe	0	0		0		0
PGQ001	OD	0	0		0		0
PGQ160	Gestion catastroph	0	0		0		0
PST001	OD	0	0		0		0
PST160	Gestion Catastro	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Organisational Development		51,618	364,158	-291,910	123,866	625,997	334,086
Coordination & Implement							
P62101	FMC SUB OFFICE	0	72,452	-39,455	32,997	0	-39,455
P62301	Intern.Representatio	0	0		0		0
P62902	Regional Coordinatio	3,263	0	-44,920	-41,657	376,133	331,214
PCM521	UNHCR Refugee Operat	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Coordination & Implement		3,263	72,452	-84,374	-8,660	376,133	291,759
Total	CENTRAL AFRICA	315,697	1,572,238	-1,372,510	515,425	3,691,938	2,319,428