

Programme Update 2007



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Eritrea

Appeal No. MAAER001

Programme Update No. 3

This report covers the period of 01/01/2007 to 30/06/2007 of the 2006-2007 Appeal.

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 youth volunteers showing first aid simulation during the World First Aid Day. The Red Cross Society of Eritrea plays a major role in educating people in first aid./Red Cross Society of Eritrea.

In brief

Programme Summary: There has been very little progress in the majority of the activities planned for 2007 due to the suspension of Red Cross Society of Eritrea (RCSE) activities. The National Society has been suspended since February 2007 by a high government body. The suspension is related to a court case that was lodged by Anseba branch Secretary, who sued the RCSE headquarters. The International Federation, together with RCSE and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been working to resolve the problem and ensure continuation of activities. A number of meetings have been conducted with relevant ministries and the President's office.

However, there is positive progress on the recognition of RCSE. The International Federation made concerted efforts to promote the recognition of the National Society. Successful meetings were held with high level government authorities.

All the necessary preparations related to the African Caribbean Pacific-European Union (ACP-EU)-funded rural water and sanitation project, scheduled to start in 2007, were made. The plan of action has been effectively put 'on hold' due to the fact that the project manager (though identified and briefed) does not have clearance from the government of Eritrea to take up his post.

Needs: Total 2006-2007 budget CHF 4,585,257 (USD 3,808,352 or EUR 2,778,943) out of which 92 percent covered. Outstanding needs are CHF 360,194 (USD 299,164 or EUR 218,299). The budget has increased due to the inclusion of the ACP-EU budget in the Appeal budget. This error cannot be rectified at this time. [Click here to go directly to the attached financial report.](#)

No. of people we help: As indicated above, there have not been any Red Cross activities in progress. The number of people that will be covered in the coming reporting period is estimated to be 250,000 people.

Our Partners: The Eritrean ministries of Health, and Labour and Human Welfare, Department for International Development (DFID), Austrian, Danish, Finnish and Netherlands National Societies and ICRC.

Progress towards objectives-by sector

Disaster Management

Goal: The impact of disasters on the vulnerable population of the Eritrea is reduced.

Objective: By the end of 2007, the RCSE has strengthened its disaster preparedness and response capacity.

Achievements

The DM programme received support from DFID and Finnish Red Cross, accounting for 80 percent of the programme funding. Preparations for the implementation of activities are complete. However, activities have not commenced due to the suspension of RCSE activities.

Organizational Development

Objective: The Red Cross Society of Eritrea has well-developed organizational structures at management and governance levels, both at the headquarters level as well as in the branches and local committees, providing quality services for the most vulnerable people in Eritrea.

Achievements

The long standing disagreement between RCSE headquarters and the Anseba branch has resulted in the suspension of RCSE's activities as of 5 February through a directive communicated by one of the Eritrean government offices. Together with the National Society and the ICRC from Asmara and Nairobi, a number of actions have been taken to facilitate lifting of the suspension . These actions include a coordinated mission from the ICRC and International Federation, which took place from 23-24 April, following which a plan of action was devised.

The plan focused on how to assist the RCSE to gain recognition, as this new state of affairs has presented an opportunity to closely engage with the Eritrean government. In this regard, a joint strategy has been drafted and agreed between RCSE, Federation and ICRC. Additionally, statutes of the RCSE which were drafted in 2002 and a draft proposal on the Eritrean Red Cross/Red Crescent law have been reviewed by the ICRC and Federation in Asmara. In implementing this strategy, it is envisaged that legal support from the ICRC and Federation Secretariats in Geneva will be required.

The plan of action and the strategy were further presented in the extra-ordinary partnership meeting held in Nairobi at the beginning of July where the current supporters of RCSE were represented. They include National Societies of Austria, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and DFID and ICRC. The partners made a commitment to continue supporting the National Society in spite of its suspension and charted a way forward.

This includes hiring a legal advisor from the Movement whose primary role would be to assist RCSE to work on the recognition process and speed it up. A high level visit by the Federation (Geneva and the Eastern Zone) to Asmara is also proposed to lobby senior government officials on the legal status of RCSE and its recognition by the government. The meeting recommended the preparation of a detailed plan of action and budget to maintain the existence of the Red Cross. In this regard, the RCSE has prepared a proposal focusing on its administrative costs during its suspension period as well as the financial support associated with the achievement of the planned roadmap. The estimated budget is USD 550,558 between February to December 2007.

The National Society was also tasked to contact the government regarding its participation in the upcoming International Conference, as well as identify a transitional board and prepare for the recognition by hiring boards and committees.

A number of meetings were also organized with the Ministry of Labour and Human Welfare to advance the National Society's recognition agenda, which has been provided with several documents on the issue. While the field activities are on hold, RCSE continued to conduct headquarter-level activities. World Red Cross Red Crescent Day was celebrated at the headquarters, led by the ICRC and Federation. An article on the evolution of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and RCSE programmes and activities in Eritrea was published in the national newspaper and a 1-day art and video exhibition organized, where representatives from ministries, the UN, humanitarian actors and non-governmental organizations were in attendance. The National Society's 2008-2009 plan and budget were prepared with the involvement of the RCSE programme heads and the branches, and the 2006 annual report shared with partners and local ministries.

Constraint

Related to the suspension of the activities of the Red Cross, the majority of the planned activities of the NS have been implemented and have been put on hold as of February 2007. Efforts were exerted to solve the problem and it is expected to be resolved very soon.

Working in partnership

RCSE, together with the Federation, works with a number of government offices such as the Ministry of Labour and Human Welfare, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Water Resource at local (village) levels as well as with national associations. The Federation participated in meetings coordinated by the UN relating to food security and improving the humanitarian situation of the people

Contributing to longer-term impact

The four main RCSE programmes are based on the country's strategies, and address the four Global Agenda goals. For example, the National Society's water and sanitation programme whose primary beneficiaries are children and women, aims to improve access to safe water thus contributing towards better health for this group as well as the community in general. Gender equality and inclusion of the minor groups were mainstreamed into the programme.

Looking Ahead

Activities aimed at hastening the lifting of the suspension on RCSE's activities in close cooperation with the Eritrean Government, are expected to dominate the early part of the third quarter of the year. The National Society's ACP-EU water and sanitation project is also expected to be a huge task in the second half of 2007, as well as the recognition of the National Society prior to the upcoming International Conference in November 2007.

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Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
Appeal	MAAER001
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	3,597,071	340,107		648,079	0	4,585,257
B. Opening Balance	0	0		111,363	0	111,363
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Cyprus Red Cross</i>				579		579
<i>Danish Red Cross</i>				43,800		43,800
<i>DFID Partnership</i>		100,327				100,327
<i>European Commission</i>	920,244					920,244
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>	50,560	32,400		13,875		96,835
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>				32,796		32,796
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>				94,260		94,260
C1. Cash contributions	970,804	132,727		185,310		1,288,841
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Cyprus Red Cross</i>				-579		-579
<i>DFID Partnership</i>		94,673				94,673
<i>European Commission</i>	2,721,015					2,721,015
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>				-41,250		-41,250
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	2,721,015	94,673		-41,829		2,773,859
<u>Reallocations (within appeal or from/to another appeal)</u>						
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>				0		0
C3. Reallocations (within appeal or				0		0
<u>Inkind Personnel</u>						
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>				51,000		51,000
C5. Inkind Personnel				51,000		51,000
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	3,691,819	227,400		194,481	0	4,113,700
D. Total Funding = B + C	3,691,819	227,400		305,844	0	4,225,063

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0	0		111,363	0	111,363
C. Income	3,691,819	227,400		194,481	0	4,113,700
E. Expenditure	-941,658			-278,902		-1,220,560
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	2,750,161	227,400		26,942	0	3,004,503

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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)		3,597,071	340,107		648,079	0	4,585,257	
Supplies								
Water & Sanitation	1,211,642							1,211,642
Medical & First Aid	20,000							20,000
Total Supplies	1,231,642							1,231,642
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	337,010							337,010
Computers & Telecom	110,275				5,089		5,089	105,186
Others Machinery & Equipment	44,000							44,000
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	491,285				5,089		5,089	486,196
Transport & Storage								
Storage	15,000				442		442	14,558
Distribution & Monitoring					2,484		2,484	-2,484
Transport & Vehicle Costs	450,186				37,563		37,563	412,623
Total Transport & Storage	465,186				40,489		40,489	424,697
Personnel Expenditures								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	264,720	17,221			164,016		181,237	83,483
Delegate Benefits	344,000							344,000
Regionally Deployed Staff	50,000							50,000
National Staff	207,226				33		33	207,193
National Society Staff	27,200	131			11,149		11,281	15,919
Consultants	77,763							77,763
Total Personnel Expenditures	970,909	17,353			175,198		192,551	778,358
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	576,393				10,498		10,498	565,895
Total Workshops & Training	576,393				10,498		10,498	565,895
General Expenditure								
Travel	168,375				6,557		6,557	161,818
Information & Public Relation	123,575				2,418		2,418	121,158
Office Costs	123,249	1,375			7,118		8,493	114,756
Communications	38,000				6,264		6,264	31,736
Professional Fees	9,000				24		24	8,976
Financial Charges	5,764				-2,058		-2,058	7,822
Other General Expenses	180,000				6,601		6,601	173,399
Total General Expenditure	647,963	1,375			26,924		28,299	619,664
Federation Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies		861,723			3,277		865,000	-865,000
Total Federation Contributions & Tr		861,723			3,277		865,000	-865,000
Program Support								
Program Support	201,879	61,208			17,864		79,072	122,807
Total Program Support	201,879	61,208			17,864		79,072	122,807
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions					-437		-437	437
Total Operational Provisions					-437		-437	437
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	4,585,257	941,658			278,902		1,220,560	3,364,697
VARIANCE (C - D)		2,655,413	340,107		369,177		3,364,697	

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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							
G00044	GLOBAL WATER & SANITATI	0	206,179	-19,889	186,290		-19,889
PER004	CBPHC	0	0		0		0
PER007	Rural Water & Sanitation	0	3,435,080	-922,163	2,512,917	1,479,424	557,260
PER401	Community Based Heal	0	0		0		0
PER410	HIV/AIDS	0	0		0		0
PER411	Water & Sanitation	0	50,560	394	50,954	2,117,647	2,118,041
Sub-Total Health & Care		0	3,691,819	-941,658	2,750,161	3,597,071	2,655,413
Disaster Management							
PER006	Eritrea Disaster Management	0	227,400		227,400	340,107	340,107
PER160	Disaster Preparednes	0	0		0		0
PER161	Disaster P/R	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Disaster Management		0	227,400		227,400	340,107	340,107
Organisational Development							
PER001	Institutional Develo	0	0		0		0
PER005	Org. Development	111,363	194,481	-278,902	26,942	648,079	369,177
Sub-Total Organisational Development		111,363	194,481	-278,902	26,942	648,079	369,177
Coordination & Implement							
PER510	Delegation Managemen	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Coordination & Implement		0	0		0		0
Total	ERITREA	111,363	4,113,700	-1,220,560	3,004,503	4,585,257	3,364,697