

Report 2006-2007



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Eritrea

Appeal No. MAAER001

This report covers the period of 01/01/2006 to 31/12/2006 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.



Barren: This landscape bears the marks of drought in Eritrea. International Federation

In brief

Programme Summary: Capacity building activities in the organizational development programme were partially achieved due to lack of sufficient funding. The International Federation made concerted efforts to promote the recognition of the Red Cross Society of Eritrea (RCSE) by holding meetings with high level government authorities.

Initiatives towards scaling up the capacity of the National Society to implement water and sanitation projects have made a progress. All the necessary documentation related to the African, Caribbean Pacific – European Union (ACP-EU) Water Facility support for the rural water and sanitation project was prepared and the project was scheduled to take off in January 2007.

With the support of the International Federation, the National Society's water projects were carried out as part of the drought operation which was closed in October 2006. Bilaterally-supported programmes of RCSE including the community-based health development programme, disaster management, Humanitarian Values and re-establishment of family links were fully implemented.

The RCSE was able to conduct its humanitarian activities and is considered a major humanitarian actor especially in provision of life saving services (ambulance and first aid), community capacity building and mobilization and recruitment of volunteers. With respect to creating visibility of the RCSE and the Movement, four dissemination campaigns were organized namely: the 2006 Fenkil Festival in Massawa; World Red Cross/Red Crescent Day; 2006 Eritrea Festival and Youth Festival held in Sawa.

The National Society successfully negotiated long-term partnerships (3-5 years) with the Danish, Netherlands and Norwegian Red Cross societies in community-based health, HIV and AIDS as well as capacity building. RCSE was also awarded the ACP-EU Water Facility grant amounting to EUR 2.9 million. This rural water and sanitation project is being implemented in coordination with the Austrian, Danish and Netherlands Red Cross societies.

Goal: The Red Cross Society of Eritrea is a well-functioning national society, recognized by all and operates within the framework of Strategy 2010.

Needs: Total 2006-2007 Budget CHF 3,105,833 (USD 2,554,138 or EUR 1,917,180), out of which 124.7 per cent 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/MAAER00101.pdf>

Programme Update no. 2: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual06/MAAER00102.pdf>

No. of people we help: During the Red Cross Society of Eritrea's emergency drought operation which was closed in October 2006/, **40,000** beneficiaries received a total of 2,520 metric tonnes (MT) of wheat, 180 MT of lentils, 144 MT of vegetable oil and 12 MT of salt.

Our Partners: Eritrean ministries of Health, Labour and Human Welfare, the British Government's Department for International Development (DFID), the Austrian, Danish, Finnish and Netherlands Red Cross societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Current context

The implementation of the Red Cross Society of Eritrea's (RCSE) programmes in 2006 was marked by challenges arising from new policies introduced by the Eritrean government. They include a proclamation in June 2005, governing the administration of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and a new policy regarding food aid distribution in September 2006. Subsequently, the RCSE's emergency drought operation was not fully implemented. Moreover, the drought operation was greatly affected by restrictions to the field and the unavailability of basic programme-related information. Please refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals05/05EA00206.pdf> for more information on the Eritrea Drought operation.

Progress towards objectives

Disaster Management

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

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

During the emergency drought operation, RCSE's capacity in the distribution of relief items to the drought-affected people demonstrated the importance of disaster preparedness and highlighted the need to continue strengthening the National Society's capacity in disaster management. In this regard, a new disaster management programme was added to the country appeal in December 2006, and CHF 340,107 was allocated.

The disaster management programme is in line with the RCSE's 2007 disaster management strategic plan which outlines a comprehensive approach to reducing the occurrence and impact of disasters through proactive measures as well as effective response actions. It also defines the roles and responsibilities of the RCSE branches in improving and sustaining effective disaster management. 32 Red Cross staff and volunteers from the headquarters and branches were trained in Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) techniques. In addition, a well-prepared National Society self assessment for disaster management was also undertaken.

Organizational Development

Goal: The Red Cross Society of Eritrea is a well-functioning national society, recognized by all and operates within the framework of Strategy 2010.

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.

There is positive progress towards the recognition of the RCSE by the Eritrean government. The National Society and the International Federation held meetings with the relevant government authorities and extensively discussed the recognition of the RCSE. The necessary documents have been provided to the government to facilitate the process.

In 2006, the International Federation's country office worked with the National Society in building capacity of Red Cross staff and volunteers to strengthen its efforts in providing timely and effective response to the most vulnerable people in Eritrea. The community volunteer facilitators' concept has strengthened community participation in identification of needs and implementation of projects, thus significantly improving the quality and quantity of the National Society's intervention at community level. The concept has also attracted a lot of interest from the communities as well as partners who perceive the RCSE as a viable partner on the ground.

With respect to volunteer capacity building and motivation, two exchange programmes at headquarter level and five inter-branch exchange programmes were organized to facilitate sharing of experiences and knowledge. The capacity of RCSE staff was further strengthened through a number of trainings organized in-country and externally. During the course of the year, the RCSE and the International Federation facilitated the participation of 63 Red Cross staff and volunteers in meetings, workshops, forums and trainings such as VCA, financial management as well as documentation and photography.

The recruitment of staff required to fulfill the structure of the National Society was partially achieved. The vacant position of programme coordinator was taken over by the former health coordinator. An assistant disaster management coordinator, one volunteer coordinator at headquarters, two volunteer coordinators at the branches and one emergency first aid coordinator were recruited. Positions of a fundraising officer, membership recruitment officer and sub-branch staff have not yet been filled.

A number of guidelines, manuals and systems have been developed and are in use by the RCSE. They include Participatory Hygiene And Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) tools, information, education and communication (IEC) materials, participatory development tools, ambulance brochures, peer trainers and facilitators' manuals, HIV and AIDs manuals, dissemination modules, tracing guidelines, financial and staff performance appraisal manuals and volunteers' database.

The RCSE now owns office premises at the headquarters and at its five branches, including the Southern Red Sea branch. The National Society is generating income through sub-letting some of its buildings. Land has been secured for the Zoba Maekel branch. Internet connection at the headquarters has been upgraded to a permanent system which gives internet access to a greater number of staff.

In March, the National Society hosted its 2006 partnership meeting which was attended by ICRC, the International Federation and 10 Partner National Societies (PNSs). Following a grand consultative process, the RCSE's annual plan for 2007 was developed and shared with partners. The 2004-2007 strategic plan was also revised to 2006-2010, giving priority to nurturing the community volunteer facilitation network.

Working in partnership

The Red Cross Society of Eritrea works in partnership with the ministries of Health, Labour and Human Welfare. The International Federation and the RCSE actively participate in inter-agency meetings convened by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Information sharing and coordination within the Movement is enhanced through weekly tripartite meetings between the RCSE, the International Federation and the ICRC.

The International Federation also plays a coordination role between the co-financing partners of the ACP-EU Water Facility, the Austrian, Danish and Netherlands Red Cross societies and the RCSE. The British Government's Department for International Development (DFID) made a pledge to support RCSE's disaster management programme. The disaster management programme has also attracted the interest of bilateral partners such as the Finnish Red Cross.

Contributing to longer-term impact

As a result of its active role in disaster response operations, the Eritrean government and international agencies recognize the RCSE as an important player in disaster response, and its training profile has improved. Between April and September 2005, the National Society distributed a total of 2,520 metric tonnes (MT) of wheat, 180 MT of lentils, 144 MT of vegetable oil and 12 MT of salt to a total of 9,429 households (**40,000** people) through its drought operation. The disaster management programme included in this Appeal will further enhance the National Society's capacity in disaster preparedness and response in line with the International Federation's Global Agenda goals to reduce the impact of disasters and increase capacity at all levels.

The National Society's community health development programme, which is supported bilaterally, is contributing towards improving the lives of the most vulnerable people in Eritrea. The programme encompasses diversified activities addressing women's and children's needs. In 2006, a set of activities were carried out with emphasis on water and sanitation projects, hygiene and health, which were identified as priorities by the communities.

Looking Ahead

The RCSE's ACP-EU water and sanitation project is expected to be a huge task in 2007, as well as the recognition of the National Society prior to the upcoming International Conference in November 2007. The food security situation will need to be monitored closely as food insecurity is a persisting phenomenon in the country.

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Financial Report 2006

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/12
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	2,117,647	340,107		648,079	0	3,105,833
B. Opening Balance	0	0		111,363	0	111,363
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Cyprus Red Cross</i>				579		579
<i>European Commission</i>	920,244					920,244
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>	50,560			13,875		64,435
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>				32,796		32,796
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>				41,250		41,250
C1. Cash contributions	970,804			88,500		1,059,304
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Cyprus Red Cross</i>				-579		-579
<i>Danish Red Cross</i>				43,800		43,800
<i>European Commission</i>	2,650,928					2,650,928
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>				-41,250		-41,250
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	2,650,928			1,971		2,652,899
<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)	3,621,732	0		141,471	0	3,763,203
D. Total Funding = B + C	3,621,732	0		252,834	0	3,874,566

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	3,621,732	0		141,471	0	3,763,203
E. Expenditure	535			-199,050		-198,515
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	3,622,267	0		53,784	0	3,676,051

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Interim Financial Report -2006

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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)		2,117,647	340,107		648,079	0	3,105,833	
Supplies								
Water & Sanitation	880,000							880,000
Medical & First Aid	20,000							20,000
Total Supplies	900,000							900,000
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	110,000							110,000
Computers & Telecom	66,000				5,089		5,089	60,911
Others Machinery & Equipment	44,000							44,000
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	220,000				5,089		5,089	214,911
Transport & Storage								
Storage	15,000				442		442	14,558
Distribution & Monitoring					2,484		2,484	-2,484
Transport & Vehicle Costs	278,560				32,462		32,462	246,098
Total Transport & Storage	293,560				35,387		35,387	258,173
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegates Payroll	148,800				33,098		33,098	115,702
Delegate Benefits	344,000				74,074		74,074	269,926
Regionally Deployed Staff	50,000							50,000
National Staff	100,000							100,000
National Society Staff	27,200				8,038		8,038	19,162
Total Personnel Expenditures	670,000				115,210		115,210	554,790
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	394,094				9,748		9,748	384,346
Total Workshops & Training	394,094				9,748		9,748	384,346
General Expenditure								
Travel	99,660				4,698		4,698	94,962
Information & Public Relation	72,520				2,217		2,217	70,303
Office Costs	27,120				4,420		4,420	22,700
Communications	38,000				4,432		4,432	33,568
Professional Fees	9,000							9,000
Financial Charges					-1,748		-1,748	1,748
Other General Expenses	180,000				4,034		4,034	175,966
Total General Expenditure	426,300				18,053		18,053	408,247
Federation Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies		-500			3,277		2,777	-2,777
Total Federation Contributions & Tr		-500			3,277		2,777	-2,777
Program Support								
Program Support	201,879	-35			12,723		12,688	189,191
Total Program Support	201,879	-35			12,723		12,688	189,191
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions					-437		-437	437
Total Operational Provisions					-437		-437	437
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	3,105,833	-535			199,050		198,515	2,907,318
VARIANCE (C - D)		2,118,182	340,107		449,029		2,907,318	

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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	202,171		202,171		0
PER004	CBPHC	0	0		0		0
PER007	Rural Water & Sanitation	0	3,369,002		3,369,002		0
PER401	Community Based Heal	0	0		0		0
PER410	HIV/AIDS	0	0		0		0
PER411	Water & Sanitation	0	50,560	535	51,095	2,117,647	2,118,182
Sub-Total Health & Care		0	3,621,732	535	3,622,267	2,117,647	2,118,182
Disaster Management							
PER006	Eritrea Disaster Management	0	0		0	340,107	340,107
PER160	Disaster Preparednes	0	0		0		0
PER161	Disaster P/R	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Disaster Management		0	0		0	340,107	340,107
Organisational Development							
PER001	Institutional Develo	0	0		0		0
PER005	Org. Development	111,363	141,471	-199,050	53,784	648,079	449,029
Sub-Total Organisational Development		111,363	141,471	-199,050	53,784	648,079	449,029
Coordination & Implement							
PER510	Delegation Managemen	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Coordination & Implement		0	0		0		0
Total	ERITREA	111,363	3,763,203	-198,515	3,676,051	3,105,833	2,907,318