

Appeal 2008-2009



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Central Africa Sub-Zonal programmes

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This appeal seeks CHF 8,787,851 (USD 7,860,331 or EUR 5,325,970) to fund the planned programmes that are to be implemented in 2008-2009.



Red Cross volunteers assist with recovery efforts following the May 2007 Kenya Airways plane crash in Douala, Cameroon.

Current context

Central Africa is a disaster-prone region; some of the natural and man-made disasters experienced recently include landslides, floods, fires, a shipwreck, a plane crash, population movements and disease epidemics such as HIV, malaria, Ebola, and Chikungunya. These are compounded by political instability due to internal conflicts, and discrimination against vulnerable groups. Additionally, the populations in the region are among the poorest and most vulnerable in the world.

In light of the above vulnerabilities, the National Red Cross Societies need to be supported in providing assistance to vulnerable communities. Although the National Societies have a significant number of volunteers, their capacities to provide effective interventions are limited and need to be built in almost every domain – from disaster preparedness to response, including putting in place good management practices.

Whereas the Federation's Central Africa Sub-Zonal Representation¹ is keen to support both the populations and National Societies, financial and material resources limit provision of such support. Therefore, this appeal is seeking support from partners and donors to enable the National Societies to contribute towards improving the living conditions of vulnerable populations.

Programme summary

Disaster Management

The International Federation will support disaster response, disaster prevention, risk reduction and capacity building, and food security projects to be carried out in line with the 2008-2009 plans of the six National Societies covered by this appeal. The targeted population for 2008-2009 includes

¹ Based in Yaounde, Cameroon, it covers the following eight countries: Cameroon, Central African Republic (CAR), Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and Sao Tomé and Príncipe (STP). However, the DRC and Chad have separate appeals.

communities living in disaster prone areas of Central Africa, and is estimated at about 2.6 million people.

Global Agenda Goal 1: Reduce the number of deaths and injuries, and the impact of disasters.

Programme component: Disaster Response

Expected Outcomes:

- The living conditions of refugees are improved upon thanks to food and non-food supplies as well as the provision of services such as small stockbreeding and other income generating activities (IGAs) in Cameroon, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo and Gabon;
- Refugees practising agriculture attain food self-sufficiency through the seeds and farm implements distributed by the Red Cross;
- Emergency situations are managed promptly by Central African National Societies through contingency planning and pre-positioning of emergency stocks and equipment.

Programme component: Disaster Prevention, Risk Reduction and Capacity Building

Expected Outcomes:

- The vulnerability of inhabitants of disaster-prone zones is reduced due to disaster risk prevention and reduction activities carried out by Red Cross volunteers;
- The National Societies of Central Africa are well equipped and capable of effectively responding to disasters due to their operational capacities at head office and community levels.

Programme component: Food Security

Expected Outcomes:

- The National Societies of Cameroon and CAR have enhanced their food security capacities and have contributed to reducing the risk of food insecurity;
- The Central African Red Cross Society enhances its capacity in food security through establishment of community farms and training of supervisors and community animators in Bangui, and Central, West and East zones.

Health and Care

The health and care programme will benefit 2.6 million people made vulnerable due to the prevalence of various diseases in Central Africa. These beneficiaries will include children below and above the age of five years as well as adults. Focus will be on the fight against HIV and infectious diseases and on mother and child care, WatSan and promotion of community-based first aid (CBFA).

Global Agenda Goal 2: Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.

Programme component: HIV and AIDS

Expected Outcomes:

- Vulnerabilities to HIV and its impact are mitigated and the quality of life of people living with HIV (PLWHIV) is improved upon;
- Vulnerability to HIV is reduced through “Filles Libres” projects and by combating female genital mutilation;
- Vulnerabilities to HIV and its impact are reduced through home support for PLWH and by combating stigma and discrimination.

Programme component: Infectious Diseases

Expected outcomes:

- Community health programmes are implemented in order to roll back maternal and infant mortality and the incidence of infectious diseases;
- Access to potable water and sanitation services is improved in hazard-prone areas;
- Men, women and children are protected against malaria, tuberculosis, avian flu, cholera, Ebola, Chikungunya, meningitis and waterborne diseases through appropriate surveillance, preparedness and control measures.

Programme component: Mother and Child Care

Expected outcomes:

- Access to the immunization service by mothers and infants is improved;
- Access to quality gender-specific services is improved for men, women and children, with special attention on the most vulnerable groups;
- The nutritional and health status of the most vulnerable in the CAR are improved through farming by animal traction.

Programme component: Community-Based First Aid and WatSan

Expected outcomes:

- First-aid workers are trained and are capable of intervening during emergency situations in their communities;
- The STP Red Cross enhances sustainable access to potable water and improvement of the living conditions of vulnerable persons exposed to water and sanitation related illnesses;
- The Equatorial Guinea Red Cross Society increases access to potable water and improves the living conditions of vulnerable persons exposed to waterborne and sanitation related diseases.

Capacity Building

In 2008-2009, the focus will be on building the capacities of the National Societies of Central Africa and their respective communities in good governance and promotion/development of volunteers.

The direct beneficiaries of the programme are the Central Africa National Societies while approximately 2.6 million people will benefit indirectly.

Global Agenda Goal 3: Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.

Programme component: National Society and Community Capacity Building

Expected outcomes:

- The coordination, planning, monitoring, evaluation, reporting, management and good governance capacities of Central Africa National Societies are built at the headquarters and local committee levels;
- The National Societies of Central Africa have undertaken strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analyses, have signed Cooperation Agreement Strategies (CAS) with partners and donors, and the capacities of communities are built to enable them improve on their living conditions;
- The fundraising capacities of Central Africa National Societies are built and their financial autonomy enhanced through the promotion of income-generating activities (IGAs).

Programme component: Good Governance

Expected Outcomes:

- The governance and management of Central Africa National Societies practise good governance through the principle of separation of powers at national level and in local committees.
- All members of the board of directors and 50% of local committee bureau executives in the six National Societies are trained in good governance.
- All members of the national board of directors and 50% of local committee bureau executives in the six National Societies have signed the Code of Conduct and base their work on the work plans drawn up and adopted.

Programme component: Promotion and Development of Volunteers

Expected Outcomes:

- Volunteer management policies are developed and effectively implemented in the six Central Africa National Societies.
- An association for the welfare of volunteers is set up in each of the six Central Africa National Societies.
- 1,200 excelling volunteers in the six National Societies are given awards to build their loyalty to the Red Cross.

Principles and Values

Targeting approximately 2.6 million people in the six countries, the Principles and Values programme will focus on peace building and conflict prevention while addressing sexual abuse and gender-based violence, fighting intolerance and promoting respect for diversity.

Global Agenda Goal 4: Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote the respect for diversity and human dignity.

Programme component: Principles and Values

Expected outcomes:

- The principles and values of the Movement, as well as activities of the Red Cross are disseminated widely in Central Africa;
- People hailing from Central African localities that have experienced conflicts are sensitized on the importance of peace building and mutual understanding;
- The targeted people have better knowledge of and respect for the Red Cross emblem.

Programme component: Sexual Abuse and Gender-Based Violence

Expected outcomes:

- Young girls in areas with low level of education are enrolled in schools;
- Women who practise female genital mutilation (FGM) in the East and the Great North regions of Cameroon have abandoned it and have adopted income generating activities;
- Gabonese authorities are sensitized on the need to put in place policies aimed at checking child trafficking;
- The right to education of hearing and speech impaired children in Equatorial Guinea is respected.

Programme component: Eliminating Intolerance and the Promoting Respect for Diversity

Expected outcomes:

- Media officials and volunteers of committees in conflict areas are better trained to facilitate the fight against intolerance and to promote respect for diversity.
- Intra-community tensions, intolerance, discrimination, exclusion and violence are reduced and human dignity respected.

Coordination

The overall objective of the Federation's Central Africa Sub-Zonal Representation is to scale up the quality of support to enable National Societies to intensify, diversify and improve the effectiveness of their response to disasters, and their actions for the health and social well-being of vulnerable communities, so as to achieve sustainable impact.

Expected outcomes:

- The consolidation of the Central Africa Sub-Zonal Representation team, its administrative reorganization and the improvement of coordination mechanisms at Sub-Zonal level have increased the impact of the Federation's support to the 8 NSs of Central Africa;
- The Sub-Zonal coordination group has improved dialogue between NSs and has consolidated its collaboration with the Federation;
- The 8 NS of Central Africa have adopted a Sub-Zonal resource mobilization strategy and the volume and quality of their activities have increased at least by 20% by 2009;
- A good visibility of the Federation and NSs, reliable action plans targeting the most vulnerable communities, and quality representation underpinned by "assisted" advocacy have attracted more donors/partners.

Needs

Programmes	2008 budget (CHF)	2009 budget (CHF)	Total budget (CHF)
Disaster Management	1,133,287	1,099,062	2,232,349
Health and Care	1,276,633	1,232,983	2,509,616
Capacity Building	887,047	887,047	1,774,093
Principle and Values	833,547	833,547	1,667,093
Coordination	302,243	302,457	604,699
Total	4,432,756	4,355,095	8,787,851

Working in partnership

Some National Societies in the Sub-Zone are developing time-bound and selective partnerships with interested organizations and embassies, including MTN and Orange mobile telephone service providers, the Canadian and British High commissions (Cameroon), the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), Coca-Cola Africa Company and Total Oil Company. Most of these partnerships are on a bilateral basis with the respective National Societies, while some are managed through the Federation's Sub-Zonal office in Yaoundé. Most partners are interested in the fight against HIV, female genital mutilation and discrimination as well as on road safety.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering quality and accountable assistance to the most vulnerable. For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for a full description of the national society profile, please access the Federation's website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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