

Appeal 2008-2009



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Democratic Republic of the Congo

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This appeal seeks CHF 6,826,725 (USD 6,106,194 or EUR 4,137,409) to fund the planned programmes that are to be implemented in 2008-2009.



Red Cross of the DRC volunteers disinfect a water point contaminated by floods in 2006.

Current context

The security and humanitarian situations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) are still characterized by the persistence of internal tensions in the East of the country. Several cases of sexual abuse have been registered in Northern Kivu, Southern Kivu, Maniema, Equateur and Western Kasai provinces. Additionally, there is massive violation of human rights.

In 2007, approximately 109,590 Congolese returnees have been repatriated from Zambia and Tanzania to Equateur, Northern Kivu, Southern Kivu and Katanga provinces. The returnee situation has increased humanitarian needs, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) estimates that 1,037,615 people have been internally displaced (April 2007).

In the light of the experience of the Programme Initiative Congo (PIC), the Federation continues to support activities of the Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (RCDRC) in Northern Kivu, Southern Kivu, Equateur, Eastern Kasai, Western Kasai, Oriental and Bas-Congo. To improve the quality of services rendered to vulnerable people and to create a significant impact on the lives of vulnerable people, emphasis will be put on the following:

Disaster Preparedness and response: This will be achieved by developing a map of at-risk zones in the provinces of Bandundu, Maniema and Katanga, ensuring community-based disaster management, developing minimal human, structural, and material resources needed for rapid needs assessment and quick response to disasters as well as setting up non-Red Cross disaster management groups in the targeted areas.

Promotion of basic health and Care: This will be achieved by ensuring community-based water supply and sanitation, supporting community-based micro projects for victims of sex abuse, carrying out health activities (community-based first aid, malaria, cholera, measles, Ebola, and HIV and AIDS, and maternal feeding) according to the priorities defined in the [Strategy 2010](#), [ARCHI 2010](#), the [Ouagadougou Declaration](#) and the [Algiers Plan of Action](#). Basic health care will also be promoted by addressing the problems of women who are victims of sexual abuse.

Capacity Building: This will be achieved by building the capacities of the National Society and communities through the improvement of work conditions (salary, equipment, infrastructure, and training) as well as promotion of youth and gender activities throughout the provinces.

Principles and Values: Dissemination of Humanitarian Values, Fundamental Principles of the Movement and the protection of the Red Cross emblem will be the priorities of this programme. This programme is a cross-domain programme as it will be part of all other programmes.

To create conditions of success for the PIC process in the branches and because of the immensity of the country and the programmes implemented for communities, the Federation Representation requires a field WatSan delegate or regional WatSan member of staff and a development delegate. It is important to mention that some activities – such as dissemination of Fundamental Principles, International Humanitarian Law, restoring family links, food security and HIV and AIDS– are carried out with support of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Partner National Societies (PNSs) operating in the country, and other partners.

Programme summary

Disaster management

This programme includes two components; disaster preparedness and disaster response. Vulnerable people in targeted provinces will be sensitized on risks and measures to take to prevent disasters. The RCDRC will continue the mapping exercise of risk zones in provinces not covered by PIC, ensuring community-based disaster management, developing minimal human, structural and material resources needed for rapid needs assessment, and quick response to disasters. Additionally, non-Red Cross disaster management groups will be established. The NS will invest in volunteers and community training, setting up intervention teams and developing intervention plans at local and national levels.

The programme will benefit 267,238 people. In 2008, 134,713 people (9,305 of them female) and in 2009, 132,525 people (of whom 68,262 are female).

The main outcomes for the programme include:

- Risk maps and adequate planning are developed in provinces and divisions targeted by the programme.
- Vulnerable populations and local Red Cross committees have a good mastery of risks specific to their respective localities and ensure effective disaster prevention and response.
- Interventions to respond to disasters are improved and carried out in a more professional way through good coordination and the use of realistic contingency plans.

Health and Care

This programme has four main components; HIV and AIDS, vaccination, water and sanitation (WatSan), promotion of maternal feeding, and construction of a medical centre in Dumi (Kinshasa). It aims at reaching 5,231,500 people of whom 2,669,100 are female and 254,113 children aged below 11 years.

The main expected outcomes of the programme are:

- Access to safe drinking water and sanitation is improved in Equateur, Western Kasai, Eastern Kasai, Bas-Congo and Bandundu, in order to reduce the risks of cholera epidemics and the prevalence of waterborne diseases.
- Understanding of HIV and AIDS as well as attention to people living with HIV (PLWHIV) is reinforced in the targeted provinces.
- The multi-antigen immunization coverage rate has increased in targeted zones.

Capacity Building

This programme has four components – National Society and community capacity building, fundraising, maintenance of materials and cooperation. Gender and youth activities will be carried across all domains of the programme.

The Capacity Building programme targets to reach 13,500 people, including personnel working in provincial committees. 3,338 males and 3,440 females will benefit from this programme in 2008, with a similar target for 2009.

According to the PIC strategy, the RCDRC will undertake actions to improve planning, performance and responsibilities through training governance and management staff, sharing experience during national, regional and international forums and building capacities among communities.

The main outcomes of this programme include:

- Financial resources are developed and diversified, and book-keeping is mastered at the national headquarters and local branch levels.
- Planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting systems are improved in the National Society.
- Through CAS process, the NS has consolidated her partnerships with other Movement partners, government and UN agencies, national and international organizations.
- Women are better represented at every level of coordination and management organs and their capacities are built to enable them to fully play their roles.
- The local branches of the RCDRC are reactivated and local assemblies are held within the timeframe provided by the articles of association to elect new leaders.

Principles and Values

The programme has three components – promotion of Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values, respect for human dignity and visibility of the National Society. Approximately 695,000 people will benefit from this programme (165,950 males and 147,000 females in 2008 and 210,500 males and 172,000 females in 2009).

The main outcomes of the programme include:

- Discrimination against pygmies is reduced in Bandundu, Northern Kivu, Maniema, Equateur and Orientale provinces.
- Stigmatization of female victims of sexual abuse is reduced in North Kivu and South Kivu.
- The Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values of the Movement are well understood within the Red Cross and by the populations in areas covered by PIC, and emblem abuses are reduced.

Needs

Programmes	2008 Budget (CHF)	2009 Budget (CHF)	Total Budget (CHF)
Disaster Management	653,286	693,998	1,347,285
Health and Care	1,542,281	1,899,601	3,441,881
Capacity Building	666,532	608,409	1,274,941
Humanitarian Values	372,752	389,865	762,618
Total	3,234,852	3,591,873	6,826,725

Working in partnership

In 2008-2009, the Federation Representation in the DRC will assist the RCDRC in reinforcing existing partnerships and diversifying them. This will be possible through boosting the CAS process which was interrupted for a couple of months, thereby delaying the advancement of the cooperation process at national, regional and international levels and the setting up of operational alliances.

The Federation Representation and the National Society maintain dynamic partnerships with the Partner National Societies (PNSs) of Belgium, Germany and Spain as well as with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Other PNSs which contribute to programme funding include the British Red Cross (through DFID), the Danish Red Cross and the Swedish Red Cross. In 2007, the RCDRC reopened discussions with the Iranian Red Crescent Society and the Hellenic Red Cross who agreed to fund some activities in the framework of PIC.

Partnerships also exist with international organizations such as MONUC, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDP, Tearfund and diplomatic organizations. The Federation also undertakes some contacts with other organizations, such as GAVI, to raise funds for National Society projects.

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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