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The water and sanitation projects of the LNRCS aim at contributing to reducing the outbreak of diseases in the rural communities in Liberia/ LRRCS

In brief

This report is a retrospect of activities from January to December 2008. It outlines the updates of the different programmes including the newly formed Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Unit and the Resource Development and Communication Department of the national society. The year 2008 provided an opportunity for the establishment of an internal audit unit to enhance transparency and accountability. The report provides updates on the various interventions including disaster management, first aid, relief and the training of disadvantaged youth at the Child Advocacy Rehabilitation centre. The recruitment of volunteers, the erection of additional chapter offices and the development of the five-year strategic plan for organizational development are also highlighted in this report. The report further points out constraints and challenges faced by the various departments.

Programme purpose:

The general purpose of the different programmes is to increase access to water and sanitation and reduce the risk of gender-based violence and other health related issues. The Liberian National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) seeks to strengthen the capacity of local Red Cross chapters to address the issue of leadership using the fundamental principle of equal rights and equal opportunity without discrimination. Another significant purpose is to build bridges between the youth and adult populations with the aim of engendering youth participation in local and national decision-making instances.

Programmes summary:

With 54 years in service to humanity, the Liberian Red Cross Society (LNRCS) now has more than 3,500 registered members and active volunteers nationwide. The activities of the organization are carried out through its network of 15 local chapters and 95 active branches.

Some of the programs of the LNRCS are as follows:

- Community Based Health Programs (HIV/AIDS, health and hygiene, water and sanitation, malaria)
- First aid
- Disaster management (relief, disaster preparedness, response, food security)
- Child advocacy and rehabilitation
- Youth development (school clubs, youth centres, and girls' units)
- Promotion of Humanitarian Values
- Restoring Family Links.

The LNRCS Appeal for programmes and activities of 2008 was satisfactorily covered and buttressed the national Red Cross service delivery effort to the most vulnerable in the country. The most significant issues covered during the reporting period were preventive health and care, and social development issues. Additionally, the national society responded adequately to floods and storms that rendered several people homeless and vulnerable. The development and sustainability process commenced with the completion of the Vulnerability Capacity Assessment (VCA). Findings from the assessment will assist the national society in forging a new five-year strategic plan. The rehabilitation and development of war-affected children and youth, coupled with the reuniting of separated families gave hope to thousands of disadvantaged and traumatized people and communities. The General Assembly of the Liberian Red Cross Society convened in Ganta City, Nimba County this year allowed discussing issues affecting the national society. During the meeting a new corps of officers was elected for the next four years. The incumbent, Theresa Leigh-Sherman was re-elected president

Financial situation: The total of **CHF 6,720,242 (USD 5,879,476 or EUR 4,444,898)** of which 62 per cent covered. Expenditure overall was 55 per cent.

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No. of people we help: The programmes reached out to 158,494 direct beneficiaries both in and out of school settings.

Project.	CBHP	HV Programme	OD Assistance	Total
Number	112,377	45,150	967	158,494

Our partners: Liberian Red Cross Society benefits from support and long-term commitment from many Movement partners as well as a few partners from outside the Movement. The Movement partners include the Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, Danish, Netherlands, Spanish, British, and Canadian Red Cross Societies, ICRC and the International Federation. Partners from outside the Movement include the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), USAID, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees(UNCHR) and some of the Liberian Government ministries (Health and Social Welfare, Internal Affairs, Agriculture, Gender and Development, Education).

Context

Liberia is one of the wettest countries in the world with an average annual rainfall of more than 5,000 mm in Monrovia, and is prone to many natural risks and hazards such as floods, sea-erosion, storms and fires. Over 14 years of internal conflict (1989-2003) totally destroyed most of the country's infrastructures, and many people took refuge from the fighting by moving to the capital Monrovia, where they still remain in search for jobs. As a result Monrovia is over-crowded with no infrastructures to support the estimated 1.3 million people presently living there. A large percentage live in slums

developed during the years of conflict, with little or no access to safe water or health facilities, and the absence of basic sanitation poses a severe threat to the health of the population. In rural Liberia almost no development has taken place over the conflict period, and apart from some towns, in each county the population live in small communities, many of them in isolated and difficult to reach areas due to thick rainforest and lack of roads.

With the support of the International Federation, the Liberian Red Cross Society seeks to be first in times of emergency, providing immediate relief and health services to mitigate the suffering of the vulnerable population. It also seeks to contribute to the restoration of the dignity of the less fortunate through the provision of basic social services and opportunities to the vulnerable groups and depressed communities so that they may become functional members of the human society.

Progress towards outcomes

Disaster Management

Programme Component 1: Disaster Preparedness

Outcome: The vulnerability of inhabitants of disaster-prone zones has reduced due to disaster risk prevention and reduction activities.

Achievements

Beginning of the construction of the disaster management centre in Maryland County has started. The unexpected floods that made several homeless and damaged several thousand dollars worth of properties did not go unattended by the Red Cross. Through the relief department, Red Cross provided an assortment of food and non-food items to 1,643 persons (753 males and 890 females) in the affected communities. An assessment of needs was conducted at the Monrovia Central Prison to assist inmates. The result of the assessment has been processed and the intervention is expected soon. A total of 24 bundles of zinc were provided to beneficiaries of the Red Hill community in Brewerville following a follow-up visit to the shelter rehabilitation project currently ongoing in the area. About 30 staff and volunteers from three chapters (Bomi, Cape Mount and Sinoe) were trained in Community Disaster Response Team (CDRT) under the Spanish Red Cross project. The training was intended to provide staff and volunteers with skills in disaster preparedness, risk reduction and mitigation.

Programme Component 2: Relief Assistance

Outcome: The capacity of Liberian Red Cross Society for timely, appropriate, coordinated and efficient response has been effective.

Achievements

Non-food items were distributed to 2,857 persons in three villages in Sanoyea District, Bong County. The beneficiaries were victims of a land dispute, which occurred in April 2008. The items consisted of tarpaulins, mats, and blankets, second hand clothes, cooking sets, plastic buckets, lappers, shower slippers, bath towels, bath soaps, laundry soaps and jerry cans. The ICRC, Finnish Red Cross, Danish Red Cross and Canadian Red Cross donated the items. Fire victims from five communities in Cape Mount and Montserrado Counties received an assortment of relief items after fire rendered several homeless. A total of 1,480 flood victims in Bomi, Bong, Cape Mount, Margibi, Montserrado and Nimba received relief items (plastic mats, plastic buckets, and blankets, cooking sets, tarpaulins, used clothes, lappers, shower slippers, laundry and bath soap as well as towels) following the damage done to their homes and communities. The Red Cross also built the capacity of the local volunteers by providing training in Disaster Response to assist victims of any disaster in the absence

of an immediate assistance. Distribution of food and non-food items to floods victims in Montserrado and Grand Cape Mount communities.

Programme Component 3: Food Security

Outcome: Development of food security projects.

Achievements

A Food security assessment was conducted in two districts in Gbarpolu (Gbarmah and Bokomu) for the 2008 farming season. A total of 52 farmers benefited from the 2008 tools and seeds distribution, the communities harvested the rice and identified three communities to store the seed rice on a pay back arrangement. The unit started the recruitment of new farmers for the 2008-farming year in River Gee, while an assessment for possible food security intervention for Cape Mount and Bomi chapters was also under way. Distribution of 25,000 kilograms of seed rice and 25,000 kilograms of clean rice and an assortment of farming tools to 1,052 farm families in River Gee, Cape Mount, Gbarpolu and Bomi Counties.

Programme Component 4: First Aid

Outcome: Enabling the staff and volunteers who were working in different fields to respond to sudden illness and/or injury occurring in their respective areas.

Achievements

With support from the chapters, 80 students were trained from four schools in Kakata. At the end of the training first aid clubs were established along with first-aid volunteers who would conduct first activities in their respective communities. The first aid unit supervised the collection of data from the market survey on institutions that would want to have their personnel trained in first aid, assessment of schools and first aid materials. One-day awareness workshop on the policy guideline on first aid was conducted with five chapters participating (Bong, Nimba, G/Gedeh, Grand Bassa, Sinoe). The policy guidelines were approved by the board. The first-aid textbook completed and the manual with the first part of the report on the marketing survey was distributed to stakeholders. First-aid guidelines for LNRCS vehicles and motorbikes users were developed. Three day first-aid training for staff of a British charity, Tear-Fund, through a contractual agreement has been organized. Some 80 Community Water Committee (CWC) members from 10 communities (Sembehun, Gbasalor, Vaama, Markanor, Torsor in Cape Mount and Coleman Hill, Kanneh, New Road, Guie Town, Barhai) in Bomi have been identified and trained. An additional 24 CWC members participated in 12 day training in three communities in Sinoe. A total of 22 first-aid trainers/team leaders underwent six-day training on facilitation skills.

Constraints

- Limitation in the supply of relief items where there were more people in need than the national society could assist;
- Limited storage facilities at the different chapters was another challenge;
- Bad road condition continued to slow the pace of activities of the various projects especially projects in the south-eastern part of the country where roads are inaccessible.

Health and Care

Programme Component 1: HIV and AIDS

Outcomes

Knowledge and understanding amongst Red Cross volunteers, communities and target beneficiaries in 12 counties have increased in relation to HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), gender based violence and reproductive health which has led to an increase in support of home based care and reduction in stigma, discrimination and gender based violence.

Achievements

Collaboration with NACP enabled to conduct HIV/AIDS awareness sessions for 34,595 persons in the 15 chapters. The sessions focused on stigma reduction, and other related issues to reduce the spread and impact of the disease. Sessions for Red Cross staff and volunteers on the prevention and control of STI and the danger of stigma in the workplace were conducted. A baseline survey was conducted in Bong County to inform the impact on HIV/AIDS in communities. HIV/AIDS related messages were developed and disseminated on two radio stations (Sky FM and Star Radio) in Monrovia. The Community Action Aids Committees conducted two sessions on the modes of transmission and prevention of HIV and AIDS in two old communities. The sessions were followed by the distribution of four condom dispensers to avail free condoms for communities. Community members discussed condom negotiation and proper use. A number of 1,288 pieces of condoms were distributed after the awareness session. The Coordinator of the HIV/AIDS programme participated in a five-day workshop at the National AIDS/STI Control Programme on the development and dissemination of Behavioural Change Communication (BCC) and Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials to provide skills, steps and procedures in developing a national behaviour change strategy. About 1,500 pieces of condoms were distributed following a massive safe sex promotion session to communities in Bong. Assorted relief items were also distributed to people living with HIV/AIDS from Firestone Hospital.

Constraints

Changing the sex habits of community people to reduce the spread of HIV is a major challenge to the implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention activities in the communities due to cultural beliefs and practices.

Programme Component 2: Health and Hygiene

Outcomes:

- The community-based health programme (CBHP) was extended to five additional counties (Rivercess, Cape mount, loaf, Grand Kru and Maryland);
- Activities commenced in 2005-2008 in ten other counties (Grand Bassa, River Gee, Sinoe, Gbarpolu, Bomi, Nimba, Margibi, Montserrado, Bong and Grand Gedeh) through health promotion, training, education of target groups in 200 selected communities, were consolidated within the fifteen counties;
- The awareness and strengthening strategies to prevent outbreak of illnesses in families and communities were increased.

Achievements

A total population of 92,969 persons was reached with health and hygiene related messages in nine chapters. Communities were trained in the proper usage and maintenance of Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLITN) and disposing of stagnant water in the 15 chapters. LLITN were provided to 6,015 children under 5 and to 2,500 pregnant women and lactating mothers in the 15 chapters. Training in using close lines and dish racks was provided to 242 communities in the 15 chapters. A 5-day participatory learning approach and baseline survey workshop was held in Tubmanburg, Bomi County. The workshop intended to capacitate Red Cross chapter staff and volunteers to conduct baseline survey in selected communities. As a preventive action against possible outbreak of yellow fever, health authorities conducted a countywide vaccination campaign in Grand Gedeh County of which the Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation (CAR) beneficiaries and staff benefited. A total of 143 direct beneficiaries, (50 male, 93 female), 44 babies (19 male, 25 female) and 17 staff (11 male, 6 female) were vaccinated. A total of 1,155 pieces of fact sheet on prevention of malaria, cholera and home chlorination in cholera hot spot and flood-affected areas were distributed during the reporting period. The LNRCS in collaboration with the Montserrado county health team conducted a two-day training at the New Georgia health centre for 22 Red Cross volunteers and 102 county health team

members on the conduct of health and hygiene campaigns and prevention of cholera outbreak in communities.

Programme Component 3: Water and Sanitation

Outcomes:

- Providing improved and sustainable access to safe water supply and sanitation facilities leading to the reduction of water and air-borne diseases;
- Strengthening collaboration with ICRC and providing assistance to ICRC WAT/HAB programme leading to a sustained approach of providing water and sanitation facilities.

Achievements

The water and sanitation (watsan) unit completed the construction of 19 wells and 40 latrines in Bong, Nimba, Rivercess, Gbarpolu, Montserrado, Cape Mount, and Bomi chapters; carried out massive awareness campaign and the chlorination of wells in collaboration with ICRC and the Maryland county health team during a cholera outbreak in the county; constructed wells and mounted hand pumps through the chapters to various counties; started a watsan pilot project with support from the Danish Red Cross in Bong and Nimba Counties; conducted a 10-day water and sanitation training for 22 participants from Nimba, Bong, Montserrado and Gbapolu Counties. The workshop focused on the construction of hand dug well and communal latrines using the Sphere standards and Ministry of Public Work approved guidelines; and identified and trained 80 Community Water Committee (CWC) members from 10 communities (Sembehum, Gbasalor, Vaama, Markanor, Torsor in Cape Mount and Coleman Hill, Kanneh, New Road, Guie Town, Barhai) in Bomi. An additional twenty-four (24) CWC members participated in 12 day training in three communities in Sinoe.

Organizational Development

Programme Component 1: National Society and Community Capacity Building

Outcome

A five-year strategic plan has been developed as well as the promotion of a volunteer resource management.

Achievements

A one-year work plan and budget for promoting an effective LNRCS volunteer resource management was developed. The plan and budget have since been submitted to the Spanish Red Cross for approval of the budget component. The Spanish Red Cross has committed itself to provide funding for the LNRCS volunteer management programme. In early August, the organizational development (OD) unit commenced the process of developing an LNRCS volunteer management manual, volunteer hand-book and training modules; the concluding phase of the development of these documents was expected to be completed during the year. The OD Unit also initiated a dialogue with the cooperation department of ICRC on the need to complete the Lofa chapter office building in Voinjama, Lofa County; the construction project, funded by ICRC, came to a halt due to technical difficulty on the part of the contractor. A consolidated 2008 OD Work Plan was developed and approved. The 2008 OD work plan which contained various units of the OD programme has been the basis for further development and finalization of the LNRCS 5-Year OD work plan (2008- 2012). The local administration of the county, made a donation of three town lots to the chapter for construction of its future guesthouse; the survey of the land has been already done. Through support provided by the Canadian Red Cross, the chapter's ongoing conference hall construction work has reached 40 % completion. In collaboration with the National Executive Committee, elections for governance of branches and chapters were conducted. During these elections eight new chapter chairpersons were elected and eight chairpersons retained their positions. The outcome of the 2008 new local governance bodies showed an increase in the number of women membership in the local level governance leadership from 14 % in the last two years to 31 %; that increase in women

representation was attributable to the positive impact of the pre-election awareness sessions carried out on the 2008 chapter elections guidelines and gender sensitization issue. The 1st Vice President, the Chapter chairperson from Grand Gedeh and the Assistant Secretary General visited Sierra Leone to learn from Sierra Leone best practices on decentralization. The LNRCS headquarters provided final and one-off financial assistance to the Grand Gedeh for the completion of the chapter office constructed on a self-help basis. The LNRCS successfully hosted and completed the General Assembly of the Liberia Red Cross. During the Assembly the OD five-year plan was submitted and endorsed by the General Assembly. The construction of two chapter offices in River Gee and Grand Gedeh was completed and dedicated by the Secretary General.

Constraints

There was a challenge to empower LNRCS local chapters or branches to assist vulnerable people in their localities and to address their own future sustainability. A second challenge consisted of the building of long-term relationships with bilateral and multilateral and other external partners. Recruitment and retention of community volunteers, especially in the midst of rural-urban migration in search of better opportunities was a major problem.

Programme Component 2: Finance and Administration

Outcome

LNRCS has improved its human and material resources and its financial capacity, thus has become more efficient and effective in the delivery of services to the most vulnerable.

Achievements

The national society has established an accounting pool to enhance the provision of services to partners and staff; conducted financial audit for the year 2008 and submitted it to the national executive board for approval; printed internal control forms for chapters to strengthen the financial management at chapter level; provided advance training in human resources management to administrative coordinator in Nelspruit, South Africa; recruited an internal auditor to enhance financial accountability and control; installed High Frequency Radios in all chapters. The fleet unit completed an assessment exercise on all LNRCS fleet. The exercise was designed to identify working conditions of the fleet and those that need servicing. In an effort to keep track of and improve LNRCS logistic management system, the fleet unit has replenished some fleet documents (vehicle log book, accident report form ...).

Programme Component 3: Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Unit

Outcome

LNRCS staff's knowledge has increased through training in Project Cycle Management, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting.

Achievements

The Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (MER) unit has completed the draft for monitoring, evaluation and reporting policy; completed the final draft of the national society Log Frame for 2009; Completed the training modules in monitoring, evaluation and project cycle management and the monitoring tool for all programmes of the national society; conducted a one-week workshop on monitoring tools and project cycle management for programme officers in seven chapters. The workshop intended to gather input from programme officers on the outlook of the general programme monitoring tools and to also acquaint them with the project cycle. Twenty-one programme officers participated in the workshop. MER unit held a three-day project cycle management workshop for LNRCS Headquarters staff at the Mildred Page Hall of the S. T. Nagbe United Methodist Church on August 26-28 2008. The overall goal of the workshop was to enhance the skills of higher, middle, and lower level managers to effectively and efficiently implement their respective projects. It participated in a three day workshop hosted by FJP International on reporting, data collection and analysis.

Programme component 4: Resource Mobilization

Outcome

The fundraising capacities of the Liberian Red Cross Society have been enhanced through adequate policies and strategic relationships.

Achievements

Through a consultative effort, a fundraising policy of the LNRCS was drafted and submitted for the board's approval. The final consultancy report on the development of the LNRCS' business model and fundraising strategy was submitted to the management of the LNRCS. Seventy-five copies of the report were printed for circulation to partners and internal stakeholder of the national society. In attending an eight day exposure visit in Uganda through the support of the Netherlands Red Cross, the Director of Resource Development and Communication got an opportunity to become acquainted with the policies, activities and lessons about communication, fundraising, branch management, volunteering and the youth program of the Uganda Red Cross Society. Liberian Red Cross Society's terms of reference for 2008 Skill Share conference was developed and submitted to the British Red Cross for possible support of two LNRCS staff to attend the conference. Additionally, the terms of reference for LNRCS' business plan were drafted.

Programme component 5: Communication

Outcome

The visibility of the national society is increased through capacity building, diffusion of communication tools and other mass communication media.

Achievements

A communication policy was developed. A total of 3,000 pieces of wall and table calendars and 3,000 pieces of newsletters were distributed to students, humanitarian organizations, government functionaries and other partners during the reporting period. A total of 2,500 pieces of the LNRCS information brochure was printed. In May 2008, the Liberia Broadcasting Corporation put a special feature on the LNRCS as Impact Player of the week on their official website. From August 18 to 22, 2008, a communication workshop for the 15 humanitarian values officers was conducted in Kakata, Margibi County. The workshop resulted in the development of a draft communication strategy covering four years (2009 to 2012); training of the participants in several topics including presentation techniques, writing press release, conducting press conferences, introduction to International Humanitarian Law (IHL), report writing, how to approach and interact with Interlocutors, and the three Red Cross Emblems, with specific emphasis on the Red Crystal. The workshop was facilitated by the Communication Departments of the ICRC and the LNRCS. The Director of Resource Development and Communication participated in the Global Communication Forum of the International Red Cross Movement. The Forum held in Washington and ran from 29 April to the 1st of May. It was hosted by the American Red Cross in collaboration with the International Federation. The visit was extended from 2 to 10 May to initiate bilateral relations with the American Red Cross.

Principles and Values

Programme Component 1: Youth development

Outcomes

Youth groups have developed various social life-skills and have increased their knowledge to carry out their roles and functions in a highly competent manner. Through the Girl Units Project, young girls have developed self-esteem.

Achievements

The national society participated in the conduct of governance election of youth representatives from the 15 chapters. Five of them were elected to governance positions. Liberian Red Cross Society conducted 45 coaching sessions for youth leaders. Hosted a community youth kickball fellowship for youth from 10 communities from Monrovia. In Bomi County, the Girls Unit in collaboration with the county sexual gender based violence task force launched an anti rape campaign on 17 May 2008. An estimated number of 3,000 persons (60% female presence) attended both the indoor and outdoor program at the Dewey School Campus. The Girls Unit also held a retreat and trained 710 girls in 2008 as well as conducted 16 coaching sessions for newly trained girls' unit members and other girls in the Bomi, Cape Mount and Gbarpolu.

The Bomi Chapter in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports hosted a one-day meeting with 123 (73 males and 50 females) young people of the county. The essence of the meeting consisted of developing strategies and approaches to build a vibrant youth network in the county and encouraging youth in the act of volunteerism. As part of activities to observe the World Red Cross Month, the Youth Unit in collaboration with Montserrado chapter on 4 May hosted a one-day sports event at the Jacob Town Sport Pitch. The one-day event brought together 12 Red Cross school clubs. As the project gears up to pave the way for sustainability, youths of the River Gee Soap Making Project made 1,867 pieces of soap. An amount of 17,000 Liberian dollars was raised from the sale of the soap. Out of the 15 youths (5 boys and 10 girls) attended the program, 11 young people registered to be members of the Red Cross. Also in River Gee, the Unit conducted two separate clean-up campaigns. A Youth reading room was set-up at the Bomi Chapter in order to provide opportunity for school club members and other young people.

Programme component 2: Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation (CAR)

Outcomes

The lives of 600 war-affected youths are improved (300 graduates and 300 new enrolments) and 3,600 of their family members and 2,400 of their community members in two counties (Montserrado and Grand Gedeh).

Achievements:

On 29 February 2008, the President of the Republic of Liberia, Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf officially dedicated the Monrovia Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation (CAR) centre. The dedication program motivated beneficiaries and parents as they saw the seriousness of the program from the dedication ceremony. Another new CAR centre was also dedicated in Zwedru. Some 150 (10 to 18 years old) traumatized war affected children from 10 communities were enrolled in the CAR. Three additional trade shops were constructed at the CAR Monrovia centre to enhance the practical work of the beneficiaries. A beneficiary household tool to determine the number of indirect household beneficiaries of each CAR beneficiary was developed. Liberian Red Cross Society procured, surveyed and probated a plot of land for the construction of the CAR Zwedru centre. The CAR Zwedru project has been launched with 98 females and 54 males in tailoring, masonry, carpentry, pastry and catering, welding and metal works, tie-dye and soap-making.

The CAR Monrovia hosted one open-house exhibition displaying finished products skilfully made by the beneficiaries themselves. The products included wooden furniture, pastries, metal works, tailored clothes, tie-dyed cloth and ready-made soap. The centre purchased and distributed five bales of used clothes to 150 beneficiaries of the centre as gift for the Independence Day Celebration. Two journalists from the Swedish Television toured the facilities of the CAR and contributed to the visibility of the CAR activities and their impact on the lives of vulnerable children in and around Monrovia. A total of 298 students were graduated from the CAR Monrovia and Zwedru Centres. During the graduation, they exhibited their handwork including metal, woodwork, sewn clothes and pastries.

Programme component 3: Gender Mainstreaming

Outcomes

The LNRCS has enhanced gender equality and equity in the governance and management fields.

Achievements

The first semester of the year reflected an upward trend in the percentage of women leadership role at the chapter level from 14% to 26%. There was also an increase in the participation of women in workshop, outreach activities and voluntary work during the first semester of the year. A four-day working session on Gender Mainstreaming was conducted in May 2008. The workshop brought together 35 participants from Margibi, Bomi, Gbarpolu, Cape Mount, Montserrado and five school clubs. Four persons represented each chapter (two males and two females). The objective of the session was to create awareness, sensitize participants through case study issues and thematic areas leading towards the development for a policy document.

Programme component 4: Restoring of Family Links (Tracing)

Outcome

Developing the LNRCS capacity to re-establish family links through an efficient and sustainable network that is represented in all parts of the country and complying with the tracing strategy of the Restoring Family Links movement.

Achievements

Fifteen humanitarian value officers have been recruited to carry out tracing activities in the various counties following the closure of the tracing booths across the country. All the 15 humanitarian values officers of the fifteen chapters have been trained on the dissemination of reunification messages and restoring family links. A visit was paid to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) returnees' transit site in Schefflin town, to respond to the tracing needs of 72 returnees from Ghana. A total of 180 Liberian refugees, who returned from Ghana benefited from a one-day tracing service at the Camp Schiffelin Barrack in Margibi County. The national society participated in the review of a draft act on children's laws introduced by the Gender Equity and Child Development Committee of the national legislature.

Working in partnership

The national society worked with partners on a number of initiatives as described below:

- Collaboration with Oxfam, WHO, UNICEF and the Government of Liberia for the training of 5 staff and 54 Red Cross volunteers in the conduct of household chlorination and data collection in floods affected communities (Paynesville and Banjo);
- Participation in an eight day exchange visit of the Ugandan Red Cross to adopt the best practices on monitoring, evaluation and reporting with the support of the Netherlands Red Cross;
- Launching of a three-year disaster management capacity building pilot project among stakeholders from the Federation, Swedish Red Cross, Swedish Rescue Services Agency, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria;
- Validation and adoption of two contingency plans on natural disasters and emergency response in Bong and Bomi, in partnership with the Ministries of Internal Affairs, Health and Social Welfare;
- Installation of a DSTV services at the Bong chapter guest house with funding from the Canadian Red Cross;
- A total of 72 first aid bags received from the ICRC on April 2008;

- Building of the Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation (CAR) Project with funds received from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the Swedish Red Cross and Norwegian Red Cross.

The table below outlines also the partners the Liberian Red Cross Society was working with to meet its priorities:

The International Federation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance • Finance development • Coordination and management • Monitoring and evaluation
Danish Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water and Sanitation • Health and hygiene • HIV and AIDS • Disaster management
Spanish Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster Management • Water and Sanitation • Health and hygiene • HIV and AIDS • Youth Development
Finnish Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and hygiene • HIV and AIDS • Water and Sanitation
British Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV and AIDS • Health and hygiene, • Water and Sanitation • Organizational Development
Canadian Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and Child Protection • Organizational Development • Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation
Swedish Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation
Netherlands Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational Development
Norwegian Red Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation
ICRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoring Family Links • Youth Development • First Aid, relief and food security
National AIDS/STI Control Program	HIV/AIDS prevention and care
Ministry of Health and Social Welfare	Malaria
Ministry of Internal Affairs	Disaster Management and Response
Ministry of Agriculture	Food Security
Ministry of Gender and Development	Child Protection
Ministry of Education	Accelerated Learning Programme
WHO	Malaria Control
UNICEF	Youth Development
USAID	Malaria Control
UNCHR	Ivorian Refugee Programme

Contributing to longer-term impact

The Liberian Red Cross Society is in a process of developing a decentralization strategy and resource mobilization (business) plan. The two plans are envisaged to be used as conduit to empower the local

LNRC chapters/branches, promote community self-help initiative, and forge local collaboration and partnership with civil authorities and other civil society organizations.

Looking ahead

For the coming year, the national society priority will focus on:

- strengthening the capacity at local level by completing the phase of governance-management;
- Developing the decentralization strategy document through a participatory action approach.

How we work	
<p>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".</p>	<p>Global Agenda Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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Budget Timeframe	2008/1-2008/12
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I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	1,037,710	1,602,702	1,201,659	2,427,284	388,109	6,657,464
B. Opening Balance	166,150	427,308	195,644	556,262	42,829	1,388,194
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
British Red Cross		19,406	66,454	103,875	35,267	225,002
British Red Cross (from British Government)		83,349	59,550			142,899
British Red Cross (from DFID - British Government)		90,950				90,950
British Red Cross (from Great Britain - Private Donors)		12,734				12,734
Canadian Red Cross			93,169	15,957		109,126
Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government)	6,314				0	6,314
DFID Partnership grant	84,746					84,746
Finnish Red Cross		33,032	7			33,039
Finnish Red Cross (from Finnish Government)		187,182	39			187,221
German Red Cross (from Germany - Private Donors)			13			13
Unidentified donor	-6,360	-717	-76	-4,218		-11,372
Norwegian Red Cross			128,113	39	50,000	178,151
Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government)		109		446,015		446,124
Other	46	807	0	-42		811
Swedish Red Cross		106,105	43,559	497,016	7,545	654,224
Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)		52,260	122,007	244,799	3,716	422,783
C1. Cash contributions	84,746	585,216	512,834	1,303,440	96,528	2,582,764
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
British Red Cross		7,223				7,223
DFID Partnership grant	84,131					84,131
Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)			-62,267			-62,267
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)	84,131	7,223	-62,267			29,086
<u>Inkind Personnel</u>						
Danish Red Cross					79,050	79,050
Swedish Red Cross			74,400			74,400
C4. Inkind Personnel			74,400		79,050	153,450
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)	168,877	592,439	524,967	1,303,440	175,578	2,765,300
D. Total Funding = B + C	335,026	1,019,747	720,611	1,859,702	218,407	4,153,494
Appeal Coverage	32%	64%	60%	77%	56%	62%

II. Balance of Funds

	Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	166,150	427,308	195,644	556,262	42,829	1,388,194
C. Income	168,877	592,439	524,967	1,303,440	175,578	2,765,300
E. Expenditure	-291,075	-981,993	-648,559	-1,632,771	-115,165	-3,669,562
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	43,952	37,755	72,053	226,931	103,242	483,932

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance A - B
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		1,037,710	1,602,702	1,201,659	2,427,284	388,109	6,657,464	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	55,188			55	9,343		9,397	45,791
Construction - Facilities/Infrastruc					6,538		6,538	-6,538
Construction Materials		58,084	6,435	26,700	22,622		113,841	-113,841
Clothing & textiles	93,156	4,665	2,462	809	1,097		9,032	84,124
Food	218,736	561	603	1,487	98,524		101,175	117,561
Seeds,Plants	250,412	48,355			21		48,376	202,036
Water & Sanitation	482,916	117	225,624	6,767	2,371		234,878	248,038
Medical & First Aid	47,796	7,203	11,853	14	286		19,356	28,440
Teaching Materials	446,863	1,669		3,774	357,340		362,783	84,080
Utensils & Tools	403,980	24,526	813	361	50,732		76,432	327,548
Other Supplies & Services	153,720	867	77,421	8,937	6,944		94,169	59,551
Total Supplies	2,152,767	146,047	325,211	48,903	555,817		1,075,978	1,076,789
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Land & Buildings	420,000	341		5,666	111,674		117,680	302,320
Vehicles	127,680		12,102		8,589		20,691	106,989
Computers & Telecom	192,024	28,670	2,576	4,955	4,350		40,552	151,472
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	37,800	1,429	6,107	7,841	25,140		40,518	-2,718
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	777,504	30,440	20,785	18,462	149,753		219,440	558,064
Transport & Storage								
Storage	165,816	1,539	1,114	2,873	11,131		16,657	149,159
Distribution & Monitoring				3,464			3,464	-3,464
Transport & Vehicle Costs	327,558	30,224	140,613	52,400	98,749	7,112	329,097	-1,539
Total Transport & Storage	493,374	31,763	141,726	58,737	109,880	7,112	349,218	144,156
Personnel								
International Staff	499,672			118,491	5,436	84,643	208,569	291,103
National Staff	242,592	11		1,052			1,063	241,530
National Society Staff	557,012	50,639	220,331	140,073	238,727		649,769	-92,756
Consultants	21,000	270	2,096	25,598	13,024		40,989	-19,989
Total Personnel	1,320,277	50,919	222,427	285,214	257,186	84,643	900,389	419,887
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	461,160	10,693	54,099	59,312	55,043	127	179,274	281,886
Total Workshops & Training	461,160	10,693	54,099	59,312	55,043	127	179,274	281,886
General Expenditure								
Travel	200,508	3,072	12,463	33,787	19,840	217	69,379	131,129
Information & Public Relation	184,086	3,960	43,077	20,716	20,839		88,592	95,494
Office Costs	473,033	30,798	59,269	92,954	102,324	11	285,356	187,678
Communications	33,667	1,519	3,369	9,819	6,386		21,093	12,575
Professional Fees	103,152	936	11,446	3,825	37,806		54,014	49,138
Financial Charges	10,080	-42,460	35,964	-30,810	94,073	20,817	77,584	-67,504
Other General Expenses	15,120		2,750		3,300	-3	6,047	9,073
Total General Expenditure	1,019,647	-2,176	168,339	130,292	284,568	21,041	602,063	417,584
Programme Support								
Program Support	432,735	18,920	67,788	39,932	111,228	2,347	240,215	192,521
Total Programme Support	432,735	18,920	67,788	39,932	111,228	2,347	240,215	192,521
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		4,469	-18,384	7,676	109,295	-104	102,953	-102,953
Operational forecasting				32			32	-32
Total Operational Provisions		4,469	-18,384	7,708	109,295	-104	102,985	-102,985
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	6,657,464	291,075	981,993	648,559	1,632,771	115,165	3,669,562	2,987,902

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Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure						Variance
		Goal 1: Disaster Management	Goal 2: Health and Care	Goal 3: Capacity Building	Goal 4: Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	
	A						B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		1,037,710	1,602,702	1,201,659	2,427,284	388,109	6,657,464	
VARIANCE (C - D)		746,635	620,710	553,100	794,513	272,943	2,987,902	