

Appeal 2008-2009



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Liberia

Appeal no. MAALR001

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This appeal seeks CHF 10,324,732 (USD 9,235,002 or EUR 6,257,413) to fund the planned programmes that are to be implemented in 2008-2009.



A member of the Liberia Red Cross helps in the exchange of Red Cross messages in Lofa county, Voinjama. ICRC/B.Heger.

Current context

After the general election in 2006, the political evolution in Liberia continues to be personality-driven. The internal rife in the lower house of the National Assembly is slowing down the pace of progress expected from the government. The 1989-2003 war in Liberia had a devastating effect on the country's economy, with infrastructure grounded. Unemployment in the country today is estimated at 85 per cent, with majority of the people living in poverty. This makes access to basic health facilities difficult to the vulnerable population.

In 2008-2009, the Liberian National Red Cross Society (LNRCS) will focus on scaling up its activities in health and care. Priorities shall be given to the prevention of infectious diseases such as HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), and promotion of good health and hygiene practices through community-based health programme (CBHP). The National Society will also focus on disaster management by strengthening community response capacity. The LNRCS shall collaborate with government to develop a National Disaster Contingency Plan for country. In its efforts to effectively and promptly deliver high quality services to vulnerable populations, the National Society will continue to develop its governance and management bodies at all levels. The National Society aims at addressing gender issues and child abuse with new initiatives such as women empowerment and promotion of child rights.

Programme summary

Disaster Management

The objective of this programme is to ensure that the Liberia Red Cross Society (LNRCS) has increased its relief, food security and first aid response assistance as well reduced vulnerabilities in communities identified by the Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA). This will be achieved through the disaster management department by effective training of chapter volunteers and strengthening of the chapter response and relief mechanisms. The programme targets 234,000 people.

Expected outcomes:

- Disaster preparedness plans are in place and coordinated;

- Preparedness strategy to risk reduction in flood and fire prone areas is put in place;
- Effective disaster response mechanism is developed and well coordinated;
- Community disaster response capacity is strengthened;
- Food insecurity in eight chapters has reduced;
- Red Cross volunteers have improved their knowledge in basic crop management and farming practice;
- A national disaster contingency plan is developed.

Health and Care

The objective of this programme is to increase the knowledge and understanding of HIV and AIDS, sexually transmitted infections (STI), first aid and reproductive health amongst Red Cross volunteers, communities and targeted beneficiaries. This will in turn lead to an increase in psychosocial support and home-based care and a reduction in stigma and discrimination. The programme targets an estimated 317,000 people.

Expected outcomes:

- Awareness of STI and HIV and AIDS amongst the target population is increased;
- Access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation has improved;
- Capacity to prevent and respond effectively to cholera is strengthened in targeted communities;
- Red Cross staff and volunteers have improved their knowledge of first aid training;
- Community members have improved their knowledge in first aid.

Capacity Building

In 2008, the LNRCS will elect new governing bodies at national, chapter and branch levels. In light of this and in support of the implementation of the LNRCS Strategic Plan (2008-2012), additional Federation technical assistance is needed to focus on governance leadership training, staff and volunteers training, and to coordinate the development of LNRCS Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) in addition to providing advisory support in fundraising activities.

The objective of this programme is to improve the human and material resources of the LNRCS and ensure sustainable financial capacity which will enable the National Society to be efficient and effective in delivering services to the most vulnerable people. The programme targets an estimated 20,475 people.

Expected outcomes:

- The volunteer network of the LNRCS is strengthened;
- Community members and Red Cross staff are proactive during disease outbreaks;
- Health officials in Montserrado and Margibi have improved their knowledge in management of medical supplies;
- The capacity of governance at all levels is strengthened;
- LNRCS's management capacity is enhanced;
- Baseline study for fundraising at national headquarters and chapters is carried out;
- LNRCS's national headquarters has developed capacity to cover part of its core costs.

Principles and Values

The LNRCS, in its humanitarian outreach, and in line with Global Agenda Goal 4, seeks to restore the value, worth and livelihood of children and youth faced with traumatic situations, of abused women and forced into marriage and prostitution, while reintegrating affected persons into their communities. 292 out of 300 enrolled war-affected children have graduated from the CAR project; the youth development programme has established school clubs in 70 schools and commenced the girls' units in seven schools, while reaching to youth in general.

The plight of women bearing the worst of the civil conflict has continually caught the eyes of the National Society and towards this end, the LNRCS seeks funding to assist government and stakeholders alleviate their suffering and help improve their lives through empowerment of women. The achievement of these objectives involves the nationwide dissemination of the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) as well as Humanitarian Values and Fundamental Principles.

Through this programme, the LNRCS aims to assist in restoring the values of people affected by war, developing their capacity and helping them to regain their status in their communities. The programme targets an estimated 30,450 people.

Expected outcomes:

- Respect for the right of children is enhanced in communities in two counties;
- Women and War Programme (WWP) is accepted and established in communities in three counties;
- Vulnerable women have rediscovered themselves through the Red Cross psycho-socio counselling;
- Girls units in schools and communities are created in 15 counties;
- The visibility of the Red Cross has improved in schools;
- Cooperation and understanding amongst the youths in the communities have improved;
- Self help initiatives have increased in the communities.

Needs

Programmes	2008 budget (CHF)	2009 budget (CHF)	Total budget (CHF)
Disaster Management	1,001,774	989,219	1,990,993
Health and Care	1,410,499	1,040,333	2,450,832
Capacity Building	1,147,037	815,851	1,962,888
Principle and Values	1,786,990	1,357,710	3,144,699
Coordination	388,109	387,210	775,319
Total	5,734,409	4,590,323	10,324,732

Working in Partnership

Partners	Programmes
British Red Cross	CAR, WatSan.
Canadian Red Cross	HR development, strategic planning, 4PNSs counterpart to LNRCS for 8NSs (CAR).
Danish Red Cross	Chapter construction and training.
Federation	Technical assistance, finance development, coordination and management, monitoring and evaluation.
Finnish Red Cross	WatSan.
ICRC	Statutes revision and awareness, governing training, and chapter construction (core cost support).
IRC	Blood Donation.
Netherlands Red Cross	Strategic planning, project cycle management and decentralization.
Norwegian Red Cross	CAR, CBHP.
Spanish Red Cross	Youth Development, Watsan, Chapter Development.
Swedish Red Cross	Youth Development, Installation of HV and VHF radio equipment. Core cost support (CAR).
UNHCR	Reintegration/Assistance for Refugees.

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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