

Appeal 2008-2009



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Papua New Guinea

Appeal No. MAAPG002
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This appeal seeks a total amount of CHF 2,361,716 (USD 2.11 million or EUR 1.43 million) to fund the planned programmes to be implemented in 2008-2009. The overall budget is CHF 2,361,716 (USD 2.11 million or EUR 1.43 million). [Click here for budget summary.](#)

This appeal document sets out briefly the main outcomes the programmes seek to achieve over the next two years. More detailed information is provided in the [2008-2009 Programme Support Plan](#) and [Summary Matrix](#).

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.



PNGRCS youth involved in community-based first aid training.

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Current context

Papua New Guinea is possibly one of the most diverse countries on earth, with an estimated 700 languages and tribes that span its islands. Due to its proximity to the Pacific "Ring of Fire", Papua New Guinea is a country that faces many natural hazards, and is ranked the eleventh most disaster-prone country by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) in the entire Asia Pacific region. Protracted economical and social stagnation has led to United Nation Development Programme's designation of Papua New Guinea as a least-developed country. Furthermore, the prevalence of HIV/AIDS continues to rise among its population, and the problem is further exacerbated by gender inequality and discrimination as well as a general lack of awareness of HIV/AIDS.

Despite the uphill task faced by the Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society (PNGRCS), the society's focus remains on its core areas of activities. This includes health and care, disaster preparedness and response with special emphasis on community development, as well as dissemination and organizational development, which includes strengthening the national society at all levels and building the volunteer corps of the society, including Youth. From 1998 to 2006, hundreds of volunteers and staff have been trained in the various core programmes. High staff turnover has continued to impair and challenge the delivery of programmes in the country.

Programme summary

The 2008-2009 plan covers three programme areas, each with a purpose aligned with the goals of the Federation's Global Agenda. This appeal document sets out very briefly the main outcomes that the programmes seek to achieve over the next two years.

Disaster management

The disaster management programme aims to achieve its goal and objective, while contributing to Global Agenda Goal 1, through the following five components:

Programme component	Outcomes
1. Disaster response capacity building	Disaster response capacity of national society is strengthened
2. Disaster and emergency contingency planning	National society has well-prepared disaster and contingency plans.
3. Community-based disaster prevention and preparedness	Targeted communities are more prepared for disasters
4. Disaster risk reduction	Reduced risk of disasters for targeted communities
5. Water and sanitation	Increased awareness of safe drinking water and sanitation.

The national society's container programme is regarded as being high on the disaster management programme's priority list. The supply and stocking of a container to a new branch, the re-stocking and maintenance of the containers in the other branches and the adoption of a standard container management system are paramount in assisting the branches to increase their capacities to respond to emergencies in their respective provinces. The branches (except one) either have one or two containers that are situated in safe compound areas owned by private companies or government agencies. These placements have been possible through the branches' Memoranda of Understanding with these companies.

With its diverse ethnic background and the subsequent socio-political conflicts arising out of it, as well as frequent violent crimes, PNGRCS sees the need to incorporate assistance to vulnerable people caught up in these situations into its disaster management programme. This will facilitate the advocacy for safe access to assistance for the vulnerable.

Health and care

The overall purpose of the health and care programme is to improve the health status of targeted communities and reduce their vulnerability through community based health and care systems. It aims to achieve this through six components:

Programme component	Outcomes
1. Branch capacity development	All branches have strengthened capacity in health and care
2. First aid	A quality first aid programme is developed and sustained.
3. Community health and safe drinking water	Improved access to safe drinking water.
4. Avian influenza	National society capacity is more prepared for avian influenza pandemic.
5. HIV/AIDS	(See separate logframes under ARC funding)
6. Voluntary blood donor recruitment	(See separate logframes under ARC funding)

The PNGRCS health and care programme has embarked on three new programmes apart from the existing three programmes. The new programmes are branch capacity development, avian influenza and water and sanitation. The existing programmes are voluntary blood donor recruitment (VNBR), HIV AIDS and first aid.

Capacity and organizational development

The organizational development programme aims to pave the way for a structured and sustainable development of the PNGRCS, to enable the national society to deliver quality services to the most vulnerable populations through its national headquarters and branches. It seeks to address Global Agenda Goal 3 through the following five components:

Programme component	Outcomes
1. Capacity building and organizational development (branch and headquarters)	The institutional and organizational capacity of NS is strengthened.
2. Strengthening of profile of national society	Profile and media awareness of national society is enhanced.
3. Resource mobilization	Financial viability of national society is improved.
4. Community capacity building	Branch structure is strengthened and extended in key areas of the country.
5. Volunteer promotion and development	National society's volunteer network is strengthened.

In the last two years, PNGRCS has focussed on addressing structural needs of governance, management and sustainability at a national level. This is part of an overarching strategy to expand Red Cross services nationwide, by providing sustainable support to its expanding network of branches.

The continuation of building of quality organizational capacity is needed in 2008-2009. As well as improving the PNGRCS network and public image, sufficient action must be taken to ensure that the national society can effectively, efficiently and ably sustain the PNGRCS humanitarian mandate.

Needs

A budget summary for each global agenda goal is given below:

Programmes	Total budget			Total Available	Total Required
	2008	2009	Total		
Disaster management	521,369	447,150	968,518	0	968,518
Health and care	411,901	414,385	826,286	0	826,286
Organizational development	270,294	296,617	566,911	0	566,911
Total	1,203,564	1,158,152	2,361,716	0	2,361,716

Working in partnership

Movement cooperation

PNGRCS has strong collaborations with the Federation and the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) on various programme matters. Furthermore, the national society also promoted bilateral partnerships with national societies such as the Australian Red Cross and New Zealand Red Cross. Collaboration with the Federation has focused mainly on disaster preparedness and response, organizational development including branch development and Youth as well as the health programme, including first aid and avian influenza. Australian Red Cross has supported the HIV/AIDS and blood donor programmes, as well as the strategic engagement for disaster management programme, with funding from AusAid, for the last three years. The ICRC has supported the dissemination/promotion of the Fundamental Principles and humanitarian law in addition to assistance to victims of violence and conflicts. New Zealand Red Cross has also supported various programmes including the first aid and capacity building programmes. Support from Red Cross partners is provided through funding and technical assistance for various programmes.

External collaboration

PNGRCS has a strong partnership with the government of Papua New Guinea through various agencies, including the National Disaster Council, the National Aids Council, as well as the majority of the provincial administrations and local councils in the provinces where branches are established. This is in addition to the departments of health, agriculture and livestock as well as the police and defence force. The national society also engages with United Nations agencies including UNOCHA, UNICEF, UNAIDS, and the World Health Organization (WHO). PNGRCS is a member of the Inter Agency Standing Committee for Disasters (UN) and the Disaster Management Forum where it engages with AusAid and other local and international non-government organizations. The national society is also a part of the task force on avian flu as well as churches and communities to carry out its various programmes.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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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