

# Appeal 2008-2009



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Sierra Leone

Appeal No. MAASL001

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**This appeal seeks CHF 9,903,753 (USD 8,858,455 or EUR 6,002,275) to fund the planned programmes that are to be implemented in 2008-2009.**



Sierra Leone Red Cross staff and community volunteers demonstrate the use of ITNs.

## Current context

Sierra Leone has recently come out of a civil war that destroyed most of its infrastructure. The country is ranked the second country in the world (UNDP HDI, 2006). Street begging, crime, child abuse, gender and ethnic discrimination as well as food insecurity are some of the many issues affecting the people of Sierra Leone.

The 2008-2009 appeal focuses on health and care as Sierra Leone continues to face chronic public health emergencies such as cholera, Lassa fever, infectious diseases and HIV and AIDS. During the period, the National Society also aims at strengthening its disaster management capacity, continuing with the restructuring process of the National Society to make it a Well Functioning National Society and its humanitarian activities in the area of re-integration of war victims, promotion of peace including child advocacy and rehabilitation.

The NS programmes are in line with the Federations four Global Agenda Goals and aim to strengthen capacity at community, branch and headquarter level to allow for a scaling up of activities in all sectors.

## Programme summary

### Disaster Management

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

The target population is 2,600.

**Programme component: Disaster response capacity building**

#### Expected outcomes:

- A disaster management information system (DMIS) is developed and maintained;
- Quality control and minimum standards for better disaster management are in place and respected;

- Develop first-aid training curriculum and manual to be used as a guide to motivate and improve trainers' knowledge, skills and attitudes through first-aid training workshops;
- The capacities of hospital out-patients departments (OPD), PHU, Red Cross personnel, community volunteers and Blue Flag volunteers to respond to emergencies improved through adequate emergency first-aid training, provision of 270 first-aid and four complete cholera kits;
- Sierra Leone Red Cross Society disaster management (DM) training tools are developed to adequately equip trainers with the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes through DM trainings and trainers are trained in their use;
- Sufficient and appropriate logistics, IT and telecommunications systems exist and properly used in DM activities;
- A national disaster plan is produced by Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) with support from the Red Cross, and key stakeholders at central level are sensitized about disaster management preparedness;
- The capacity of the Sierra Leone Red Cross Society for timely disaster response and disaster reporting is improved;
- The DM programme ensures that financial and technical dependence by communities, district and national HQ on external support is reduced in the long term;

**Programme component: Community based disaster risk reduction and preparedness**

**Expected outcomes:**

- Vulnerabilities and capacities of target communities are known and measures taken to prevent, mitigate and respond to them in the most appropriate ways;
- Community-based disaster management committees (CBDMCs) have been established at community level and a National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) is formed at the national level;
- The capacity of CBDMC, the NDRT, Sierra Leone Red Cross Society volunteers/staff and blue flag volunteers to manage disasters is improved through adequate DM training;
- Risk reduction activities are sustained through CBDMC empowerment, as identification and mapping of the main disaster risks have been carried out with them at chiefdom level. Corresponding contingency plans (at district level) and risk-mitigating activities are expected to be designed and communities are sensitized about those risks.

**Programme component: Coordination and partnerships in disaster management.**

**Expected Outcomes:**

- Efficient coordination in disaster planning and response;
- Sustainable partnerships are established and maintained.

## Health and Care

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

The programme aims to reduce morbidity and mortality rates of children aged under five years and women of child bearing age and to improve the health status of the most vulnerable in 170 Sierra Leone Red Cross Society communities by December 2009. The programme targets a population of 2,066,600.

**Programme Component: Community based health care**

**Expected outcomes:**

- Community social mobilization activities intensified and volunteer capacity improved to operate within the ARCHI 2010 framework;

- Sustainable primary health care (PHC) services are provided to the most vulnerable in 13 Sierra Leone Red Cross Society branches;
- Access to safe drinking water and sanitary latrines improved in 170 communities using the Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) approach;
- Collaboration and coordination with the Ministry of Health (MoH), UN agencies, and NGOs are strengthened.

#### **Programme Component: Blood services**

##### **Expected outcomes:**

- The general public is well sensitized and are donating safe blood at the various centres.
- By the end of 2009 voluntary blood donation is increased by 10 percent in the operational areas.

#### **Programme Component: HIV and AIDS**

##### **Expected outcomes:**

- Knowledge on STI and HIV and AIDS through social mobilization of communities in 13 Sierra Leone Red Cross Society branches is increased;
- Stigma and discrimination of people living with HIV (PLWH) is reduced in Sierra Leone Red Cross Society operational areas and open dialogue can facilitate the vulnerable groups;
- Quality support to PLWHIV is improved;
- Strengthening collaboration with PLWH, MoH, NAS, UN Agencies, INGO/NGO, RAN-WAC, Youth and Women's groups and other partners.

#### **Programme component: Water and sanitation.**

##### **Expected outcome:**

- Access to safe drinking water and sanitary latrines improved in 170 communities using the PHAST approach.

## **Capacity Building**

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

The Sierra Leone Red Cross Society aims to become a more efficient, credible and transparent National Society, with strong and durable partnerships making available the needed human, material and financial resources at its headquarters and the branches levels to provide quality services to the most vulnerable populations of Sierra Leone. The programme targets an estimated population of 5,700.

#### **Programme Component: Capacity building of SLRCS**

##### **Expected outcomes:**

- Governance and operational structures are consistent with the law and the profile and standing of the SLRCS with GOSL is strengthened;
- Decentralized SLRCS ables to provide services closer to communities in Branches;
- Project design, planning, controlling, monitoring, evaluation, reporting and feedback are enhanced;
- Enhanced staff performance and expanded quality membership and volunteer base is in place;
- The SLRCS Finance Department is restructured and strengthened built to carry out financial management in an accountable, timely and transparent manner;
- SLRCS has settled its liabilities and built capacity to prevent reoccurrence;

- Logistics management capacity of headquarters, regions and branches is improved;
- SLRCS has vehicles to efficiently and effectively carry out operations and programmes;
- Income generation for sustainability is enhanced;
- Improved image and profile of the SLRCS with the Sierra Leone;
- Improved awareness of SLRCS policies, Values and Principles within the society itself and the Sierra Leone public in general.

## Principles and Values

This programme targets to reach 15,500 people.

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

### **Programme Component: Child Advocacy and Rehabilitation (CAR)**

#### **Expected outcomes:**

- Child and human rights are promoted and advocated for in project communities;
- The process of de-traumatising war-affected children, fostering participation in healthy peer youth relationships is enhanced;
- Self reliance and development capacity of registered children at the centres is increased; and income generation and development awareness capacity of home communities they originate from.

### **Programme Component: Community Animation and Peace Support (CAPS)**

#### **Expected outcomes:**

- Community cohesion, family ties and the ability of communities to resolve conflict and strengthen structures for post-conflict reconstruction and social action are strengthened;
- Food cultivation, household and farm incomes and sustainable living standards are increased;
- Awareness and respect for human rights and participation of women and youth in community development is increased;
- Access to social services including shelter is increased;
- The capacity of Sierra Leone Red Cross Society to address needs of war-torn communities and profile the project is increased;
- Collaboration and coordination with internal and external partners in effective.

### **War Amputees Reintegration and Empowerment (WARE)**

#### **Expected outcomes:**

- Capacity of war amputees is enhanced for sustainable livelihood;
- School going children of war amputees are supported to begin/continue schooling;
- Awareness and support is raised in the public on war amputee issues;
- War amputees receive psychosocial support.

### **Programme Component: Community Reintegration and Development Project (CRDP)**

#### **Expected outcomes:**

- 50 target communities increase their community cohesion and their ability to resolve conflicts;
- 50 target communities increase their food production, household and farm incomes and sustainable living standards;
- Increase awareness and respect for human rights in community development in 50 targeted communities;

- 20 communities have access to clean potable water and sanitation facilities and practice improved hygiene behaviours;
- Improved awareness and knowledge on STI and HIV/AIDS in 50 target communities;
- Self reliance capacity and income generation capacity of 150 selected children is increased in Koinadugu District.

**Programme component: Communication**

This programme aims to improve the identity and image of SLRCS through sustained dissemination of the Principles and Values of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to the government and general public and through capacity building of staff and volunteers to carry out dissemination ensuring ownership of the communication programme.

**Expected outcomes:**

- The skills, knowledge and performance of staff and volunteers in dissemination have improved and there is territorial expansion in the dissemination of Principles and values of the Movement;
- Integration of Movement dissemination into other programmes;
- Adherence to the communication policy and proper supervision at all levels;
- Government, public and donors recognize and support SLRCS as auxiliary in humanitarian issues to the public authorities.

**Needs**

| Programmes           | 2008 budget (CHF) | 2009 budget (CHF) | Total budget (CHF) |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Disaster Management  | 427,808           | 320,858           | 748,665            |
| Health and Care      | 887,700           | 855,615           | 1,743,315          |
| Capacity Building    | 1,388,983         | 1,229,948         | 2,598,931          |
| Principle and Values | 2,620,327         | 2,192,515         | 4,812,842          |
| Total                | 5,304,774         | 4,598,936         | 9,903,753          |

**Working in partnership**

| Partners                         | Areas  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| ICRC                             | IHL, protection to victims of conflicts, family news, tracing and unification  |
| Federation                       | Movement coordination, management training, fundraising, support to decentralization process, CAS, institutional and organizational capacity development |
| Spanish Red Cross                | CAR, water and sanitation, community-based integration and development projects, HIV and AIDS  |
| British Red Cross                | CAR, CBHP, CAPS, OD  |
| Danish Red Cross                 | OD   |
| Finnish Red Cross                | Malaria keep Up  |
| Icelandic Red Cross              | OD, CAR, Coordination and Management   |
| Netherlands Red Cross            | OD   |
| Norwegian Red Cross              | OD   |
| Swedish Red Cross                | CBHP, CAR, WARE, Coordination and management.  |
| Swiss Red Cross/Solidarity Chain | CAR  |
| Global Fund                      | HIV and AIDS, TB and malaria.  |

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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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