

TOGO

HEALTH, RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

CHF 159,000

12,000 beneficiaries

Programme No. 01.10/98

Ethnic clashes over land ownership in northern Ghana since 1994 have left 12,000 refugees in Togo. The Togolese Red Cross Society (TRCS) has been providing assistance in north-west Togo, working closely with the government, UNHCR, WHO and NGOs. As the land dispute is still unresolved TRCS has started a programme to integrate refugees into Togolese society.

The Operation

The operation focuses on health education, hygiene, training and finance for income generation for refugees and the local population. Strengthening disaster response capacities of TRCS branches and dissemination of Red Cross Principles to refugees are also priorities.

Objectives in 1998

- | To improve the living conditions of the refugees and the local population;
- | to provide health services in two health centres, improve sanitation and sensitise on STD and HIV/AIDS prevention;
- | to reinforce the operational management capacity of the host branches of the central region;
- | to assist income generation projects with small credits to refugees and the host population;
- | to expand women's clubs for mother and child health.

Plan of Action

- | Provide the salaries of four health workers for two health posts for one year, while income generating activities for future salary payments are being developed.

- | Train 22 hygiene committees in CBFA and STD/AIDS prevention.
- | Establish 35 new clubs for mother and child health in the central region.
- | Train 69 volunteers in branch management.
- | Train 25 Trainers of Trainers in five regions in needs identification and capacity assessment of the vulnerable.
- | Provide disaster response training to promote Disaster Preparedness capacity.
- | Provide financial/technical support to 23 branches to implement income generating projects.
- | Disburse 420 small credits to newly identified beneficiaries in the central region and expand the small agricultural programmes.

Capacity

The Togolese Red Cross Society has experienced personnel and volunteers who have been running the operation for almost five years. Support from the Federation comes through its representative in Ghana, and a locally recruited accountant from the Benin Delegation, with supervision from the Regional Delegation in Abidjan. A bilateral Development Delegate assists the National Society in daily management of the operation.

Co-operation

TRCS co-operates directly with the Government, UNHCR, WHO, and national NGOs.