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This Annual Report is intended for reporting on the Federation's Annual Appeals only.

Appeal No. 01.03/2000

Appeal Target: CHF 3,407,000

The Context

Instability in the region linked with unrest in Sierra Leone and tensions and armed skirmishes in northern Liberia, resulted in Guinea playing host to the largest number of refugees in the West African region. During the first eight months of the year, refugees from Guinea-Bissau were repatriated and the refugee camp in Boki was closed. Repatriation initiatives towards Liberia met with limited success with the majority of Liberian refugees not ready to return to the precarious conditions of their country of origin. Voluntary repatriations of refugees from Sierra Leone resulted in approximately 20,000 returning to Freetown. By the end of 2000, some 400,000 refugees remained in Guinea.

In September the conflict in Liberia and Sierra Leone spilled over into Guinea with repeated attacks on border towns. This resulted in the evacuation and relocation of all Federation delegates and staff from Gueckédou to Kissidougou. In December, again due to rebel attacks nearing Kissidougou, all Federation delegates and other international organizations and NGOs were evacuated from Kissidougou to Conakry where a climate of uncertainty and tension existed.

The delivery of effective assistance to the refugee population was the primary humanitarian objective, in particular to vulnerable groups such as the chronically ill, the handicapped, the elderly, female heads of families, minor heads of families, pregnant or breast feeding women, orphans and unaccompanied children.

Objectives, Achievements and Constraints

Disaster Response

Objective: to reduce the vulnerability of refugees by covering their needs in food and non-food items, providing assistance to the most needy, and participating in repatriation of refugees organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Achievements

In Boké (sheltering 2,200 refugees from Guinea-Bissau), the Red Cross Society of Guinea (RCSG) and the International Federation provided camp management, social welfare assistance and food and

non-food distribution until June when 468 refugees were repatriated to Guinea-Bissau and the remaining 1,700 were settled in the Boké area. Assistance to the 25,000 refugees from Liberia and Sierra Leone in Forécariah included food and non-food distributions, construction of shelters for the most vulnerable, community kitchens, and huts for social welfare activities.

Activities related to the 300,000 refugees from Liberia and Sierra Leone in Gueckédou included: social welfare activities beginning in May for the most vulnerable; provision of health care for 35,000 refugees in Masskoundou camp; and preparation and provision of meals to prisoners by Red Cross volunteers (approximately 125 beneficiaries a day, meals were also provided to hospitalized refugees and their care givers and non-food items were distributed to the most vulnerable).

In N'Zérékoré (with a population of 33,000 Liberian refugees), approximately 7,000 refugees were registered for repatriation to Liberia. The UNHCR discontinued its support to these refugees, however, the RCSG/Federation continued to assist the most vulnerable.

Constraints

The project in Boké closed in June due to repatriation and integration of the refugees. Attacks by rebels in September resulted in the discontinuation of support due to insecurity. Several thousands of refugees were voluntarily repatriated and there are approximately 16,000 refugees left in the camps of Forécariah.

Due to repeated attacks on Gueckédou and the surrounding areas, the Federation's delegation was evacuated and support to refugees was suspended for a time. Assistance was re-established except for refugees still in the Parrot's Beak area. Gueckédou is a deserted town and offices were relocated to Kissidougou.

The discontinuation of UNHCR's support had an impact on assistance provided to refugees due to financial constraints.

Disaster Preparedness

Objective 1: to improve the capacities of the vulnerable to care for themselves, and provide social services for the least favoured groups.

Achievements

Income generating activities were established in Forécariah for the handicapped, the elderly and women. A sanitation project was implemented in Gueckédou with 60,000 participants from both the refugee and local population. Special assistance was provided to the most vulnerable in all camps by volunteers. This included assistance with everyday living needs, special health care, provision of non-food items including used clothing, blankets, soap, canes, and bicycles.

Constraints

Repeated rebel attacks resulted in the suspension of refugee assistance in Forécariah and Gueckédou.

Objective 2: to position stocks for emergency relief interventions.

Achievements

Emergency stocks of non-food items (blankets, soap, nattes, used clothing) were positioned in N'Zérékoré, Kissidougou and Conakry. Distributions carried out during the year included: 2,787.5 kg of soap, 137 first aid kits, 1,029 pieces of burial cloth, 3,204 kg of used clothing, 3,688 mattresses, 710 rolls of plastic sheeting, 201 buckets, 400 towels, 71 blankets, and 160 condoms.

Objective 3: to arrange village granaries in order to cope with food needs of the most impoverished groups in sub-Saharan zones during periods of food scarcity.

Achievements/Constraints

This objective was not accomplished due to financial considerations and difficulty in following through due to frequent turnover of delegation leadership (three acting heads of delegation and one HoD during the year).

Health and Care

Objective 1: to assist the RCSG in carrying out a sensitization campaign on reproductive health.

Achievements/Constraints

This objective was not accomplished due to financial and time constraints.

Objective 2: to assist the RCSG in promoting volunteer blood donation.

Achievements

The RCSG, supported by the Federation, played an active role in the celebration of World Health Day with its *Safe Blood Starts With Me* campaign theme. Some 2,000 pamphlets were produced and distributed and logistical and human resources were supplied to ensure a successful day.

The Rotomora branch carried out a blood donor recruitment day and 40 donors were registered.

World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day celebrations also promoted the importance of donating blood.

Objective 3: to assist the RCSG to implement development programmes in public health (focusing on assistance for vulnerable communities, prevention of epidemics, and campaigns for the struggle against sexually transmitted diseases/AIDS).

Achievements

The RCSG, supported by the Federation, implemented and carried out a very successful garbage collection project in Gueckédou. In addition to providing the vehicle to promote the prevention of epidemics, it was also a fund raiser for the local Red Cross committee.

Twenty volunteers from ten prefectural committees participated in a community based primary health care training programme.

Health education on STDs/AIDS was carried out by Red Cross volunteers representing several prefectural committees with the target group being refugees and the local population. Condoms were distributed as part of the initiative.

The RCSG/Federation participated in a vaccination campaign against measles and contributed volunteers and vehicles for the vaccination campaign following the outbreak of a yellow fever epidemic.

Twenty community health workers received training as well.

Constraints

The repeated attacks and eventual evacuation from Gueckédou ended this project

Humanitarian Values

Objectives: to support the RCSG in providing information on relevant Red Cross fields of intervention (specifically, transport, health, social welfare, youth education, information, postal and telecommunications services and disaster preparedness) to the public and to authorities, as well as increasing awareness of the ideals of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Achievements

All Red Cross volunteers and refugees involved in the social welfare programmes in the camps participated in a training programme that included exposure to the history and fundamental principles of the Movement.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), with participation by Federation delegates and national society volunteers, held a three-day workshop on the emblem issue, International Humanitarian Law and mandates and programmes of the Federation, ICRC and the RCSG.

Dissemination of Red Cross principles was also carried out during the distribution of condoms.

A one-week seminar was held in July for primary school teachers on the principles and ideals of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Institutional and Resource Development

Objective 1: to support and assist the RCSG to develop competencies and increase operational capacities at headquarters and committee levels in order to improve functioning, image and management of their resources and programmes.

Achievements

With the help of the Federation, revenue generating projects were developed in Pita and Boké. Managers of the prefecturale committees were formed in Dulreka, Boffa, Télémélé, Dinguiraye-Koubia-Lélouma, and Tougué.

The RCSG recruited five regional co-ordinators financed by the Federation as well as three technical assistants, one each for the departments of health, youth and social welfare.

The Federation provided financial, logistical and planning support for the National Council meeting of the RCSG held 2-4 August. The main theme of this meeting was the separation of governance and management. Efforts also focused on improving the professional basis of the GRC by recruiting assistants with national-level experience in the sectors of health, emergency response, youth, social mobilization, and information dissemination.

The Federation also supported income generating projects for the Red Cross youth (training, organization of youth mini-camps, meetings between children located in different refugee camps and the youth volunteers of the GRC, efforts to combat female genital mutilation, and birth training).

A workshop was held for the directors of the local Red Cross committees with the objective of reinforcing operational capacities and improving the functioning of the local committees. This same workshop was repeated for the regional co-ordinators and the presidents of the prefectural-level committees in Faramah, Kouroussa, Kankan, Banakkoro, and Siguiri.

Objective 2: to establish partnerships with sister national societies, international institutions and local NGOs.

Achievements

UNHCR funded the social projects implemented by the RCSG in the refugee camps in Boké, Forécariah, Gueckédou and NeZérékoré. The British Red Cross funded special projects proposed by the RCSG. Support was also provided to finance special projects proposed by the GRC in the areas of youth, women's development, branch development, and community projects.

Objective 3: to organize training workshops and/or seminars for permanent executives at headquarters as well as for board members, regional co-ordinators and volunteers in the local committees.

Achievements

The prefectoral committees of Dubreka, Boffe, Téliélé, Dinguiraye, Koubia, Lelouma and Tougué participated in a training project on how to evaluate income generating projects.

A workshop on security was held for volunteers of the RCSG. The institutional development counterpart at the RCSG attended a workshop on volunteerism in Dakar.

As new staff and volunteers were brought on by the national society, information/training days were organized to introduce them to their responsibilities and to the Movement's principles.

Conclusions

The Federation's delegation in Guinea, during this reporting year, focused on the development of the national society through capacity building and field operations related to refugee camp support. Some very positive steps were taken with the hiring and training of national society regional co-ordinators, technical assistants as well as hundreds of volunteers. However, due to the intensity of the refugee operation almost all attention was focused on the prefectoral committees in the areas where refugees were located with minimal attention given to the others. One of the objectives for 2001 is to focus attention on the development of the these other committees.

During 2000, the delegation had two different acting heads of delegation for the first few months of the year, a head of delegation for about six months and a third acting head of delegation for the last month of the year. This, of necessity, had a negative impact on maintaining focus and continuity of planning and implementation of programmes. Then, in September the civil conflicts in Sierra Leone and Liberia spilled over into Guinea with repeated attacks on border towns. The Red Cross was forced to suspend all assistance to refugees located in the border camps, specifically those in the prefectures of Forécariah and Gueckédou. By the end of the year, assistance still had not resumed for approximately 170,000 refugees.

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All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

For further information concerning Federation operations in this or other countries, please access the Federation website at <http://www.ifrc.org>.

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Annual Financial Reports 2000

- Explanatory Note -

1. Consolidated Response to the Appeal

- This report provides a global picture on the funding situation of a specific appeal at a specific time.
- The cash column indicates all cash contributions channelled through the Federation, together with the balance carried forward from the previous year. Financial statements in support of the reported income are available upon request.
- The in-kind contributions (goods and services provided in response to the appeal objectives) are registered in a stand-alone system, based on the information provided by the respective donor. The values of these donations are based on information received from donors, and will be reported as such in the income and expenditure part of the consolidated report.
- Direct cash or in kind contributions made to Operating National Societies or in kind donations made to the Federation Delegations in response to the appeal are recorded as in-kind contributions in the report.

2. Balance of Funds - Cash Only

This report is a summary cash statement, providing the information on the balance carried forward from the previous year, cash income (including reallocations), cash expenditure (including reallocations - ref. part III of the consolidated report), and the closing balance at the end of the year.

3. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditures

This section of the report provides a comparative analysis of the total expenditures (cash and in-kind) versus the last approved budget of the appeal.

- The cash column reports on all expenditures booked against the Federation projects and cost centres . It relates only to the use of cash contributions received by the Secretariat for the specific appeal. Financial statements in support of the reported expenditure are available upon request.
- The in-kind columns (goods/services and personnel) report on the in-kind contributions donated in response to appeals, as per the information received from donors. This information is shown both as contribution and as expenditure against the specific appeal, and is consolidated, together with the cash expenses, against the appeal budget. As financial information is not always available from PNS, and for consistency reasons, a flat rate is applied for the calculation of personnel costs.
- The consumption rate represents the level of total expenditures (cash and in-kind) compared to the total income available (opening balance, cash and in-kind contributions),

4. Pledges vs. Contributions

Attached to this financial report is the list of pledges against the respective appeal.

- The comparative analysis of the list of pledges and the list of actual contributions provides a clear insight into any outstanding pledges in response to the appeal.
- Any differences in values between the two reports are due to fluctuations in exchange rates at the time of booking and the time of reception of the contribution.

Guinea						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.03/2000		PLEDGES RECEIVED				22.05.2001
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				2'881'761		TOTAL COVERAGE 83.7%
Balance carried forward from 1999				-285'910		
Reallocation of income				56'231		
BRITISH - RC		30'000	GBP	77'700	02.03.2000	RELIEF PROGRAMME
BRITISH - RC		30'000	GBP	77'700	02.03.2000	RELIEF ADMINISTRATOR DELEGATE
BRITISH - RC		23'000	GBP	60'030	10.05.00	GA & INST. DEVELOPMENT PROG.
BRITISH - RC		22'491	GBP	56'677	24.07.00	FORECARIAH RELIEF PROGR.
BRITISH - RC		31'836	GBP	80'545	04.12.00	CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROG.
FINNISH - RC		33'637	EUR	52'383	27.09.00	GUINEA REFUGEES
ICELAND - RC		500'000	ISK	10'948	30.03.2000	CORE COSTS DELEGATION
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		1'000'000	NOK	189'198	03.08.00	SIERRA LEONAN REF. & DELG. MGT
SWEDISH - RC		5'300	SEK	998	29.05.00	PSB (CLOTHES DONATION)
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC				26'800	30.05.00	ID DELEGATE COSTS
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC				62'600	30.05.00	FINANCE DELEGATE COSTS
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC				50'000	30.05.00	SOCIAL WELFARE DELEGATE COSTS
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		900'000	SEK	168'390	30.05.00	REFUGEES IN GUINEA, DEL. MGT
UNHCR				47'700	08.05.2000	LIBERIAN REFUGEES
UNHCR		292'106'239	GNF	259'682	17.04.2000	SIERRA LEONEAN REFUGEES
UNHCR		15'000'000	GNF	15'810	04.04.2000	GUINEA BISSAU REFUGEES
UNHCR				37'517	02.03.1999	GUINEA BISSAU REFUGEES
UNHCR		262'091'352	GNF	266'285	17.05.2000	LIBERIAN REFUGEES
UNHCR		327'099'730	GNF	305'544	04.04.2000	LIBERIAN AND SIERRA LEONAN REFUGEES
UNITED STATES - GOVT. (PRM)		370'000	USD	616'050	25.04.2000	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				2'232'878	CHF	77.5%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SWEDISH - RC		106'000	SEK	19'960	29.05.00	20 TONS USED CLOTHES
SWEDISH - RC	Delegate(s)			69'979	31.12.2000	
SWISS - GOVT/RC				30'000	07.08.00	HEAD OF SUBDELEGATION
SWISS - GOVT/RC				60'000	15.08.00	SOCIAL DELEGATE
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				179'939	CHF	6.2%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:						
PGN001, PGN501, PGN502, PGN503, PGN504, PGN505, PGN515, PGN516						