

ANNUAL REPORT



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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

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

Appeal No. 01.08/2000

Appeal Target: CHF 1,408,000

The Context

Since gaining its independence in 1960, the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) was characterized by political and security problems (rebellions, secessions and ethnic conflict). Following a short civil conflict in 1997, rebel forces under the leadership of Laurent Kabila assumed power and changed the name of the country from Zaire to the Democratic Republic of Congo. After one year of relative peace and optimism, a second civil war broke out, a conflict situation which continues today. On 10 July 1999, a ceasefire accord was signed by the countries involved in the conflict and later by the representatives of the rebel groups which, however, did not hold.

The civil conflict in the country has not only had a serious impact on the economy and on the level of vulnerability of its population, but also had significant consequences on the process of developing capacity within the national society. Also, given the decline in economic, social, environmental, and health conditions, the prevalence of illnesses and serious epidemics is increasing, including respiratory infections, tuberculosis, polio, diarrhoeal diseases, HIV and AIDS, malaria, sleeping sickness, water borne diseases, malnutrition and the Ebola virus.

The Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of Congo (RCDRC), rather than suspend its activities in resource and institutional development, decided to review its activities and concentrate on providing assistance to the immediate victims of the conflict and other vulnerable populations in the provinces of the country not directly affected by the conflict.

Objectives, Achievements and Constraints

Disaster Response

Objective	Achievements	Constraints
To provide support and assistance to the national society in order to develop local Red Cross committees in fifteen villages in Bas-Congo	Local Red Cross committees were established in 10 villages where a Red Cross dispensary was located. Representatives from the Bas-Congo provincial	Time was a big factor. Funding for the Bas-Congo programme was non-existent and closure of the programme was planned for the end of November.

<p>where the International Federation/RCDRC already provide health care to the refugee and local populations.</p> <p>To establish and train local committees in the administration and management of a dispensary.</p> <p>To support the local branches and the provincial committee of the Red Cross of Bas-Congo in the management and administration of a refugee camp.</p>	<p>Red Cross committee visited all new committees and held initiation and information sessions with the members.</p> <p>Red Cross committees were also set up to manage 15 dispensaries with representatives from the surrounding villages and the community.</p> <p>A two day training session on finance management, human resource management and administration was held for each of the dispensary committees. Training was provided by Federation staff and Red Cross committee volunteers</p> <p>Red Cross volunteers, Federation staff and a delegate administered and managed a refugee camp sheltering 10,000 Angolans for more than a year. This included food and non-food distribution, education and co-ordination of all activities.</p>	<p>Money was found to keep the project going until the end of the year but with a greatly reduced staff of one co-ordinator, a driver and two guards. Therefore, the project was unable to set up committees in all the villages and was unable to set up committees to manage the dispensaries in all 19 areas.</p> <p>The Federation withdrew from the operation of the camp at the end of November due to a lack of funding and donor support</p>
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Disaster Preparedness

Objectives	Achievements	Constraints
<p>To provide support and assistance to the national society in order to further develop its ability to respond to man-made or natural disasters.</p> <p>A disaster preparedness plan to be drawn up which, among other things, will ensure the availability of well trained volunteers and material resources allowing immediate response in the event of a disaster.</p>	<p>Some medicines and medical materials were provided to the local committees and to the provincial committee in Kinshasa to enable them to respond to traffic accidents and to cover large events.</p> <p>No progress was made in meeting this objective.</p>	<p>Due to very limited financial and delegate support the Federation was unable to meet these objectives. The minimal support given in medicines and medical supplies cannot be interpreted as having in any way responded to these objectives.</p>

Health and Care

Objectives	Achievements	Constraints
To provide assistance to the national society to further develop its ability to respond to minor and major disasters in the area of health care.	This objective was not achieved.	Financing and human resources were unavailable. It also did not seem to be a priority with the national society at the time.
To implement a disease prevention programme in targeted villages.	This objective was not achieved in full. Training and information sessions were held with the nurses of the 19 dispensaries in the area of primary health care and prevention with the focus on preventing transmission of communicable diseases. However, follow-up training for community health volunteers was not carried out.	Limited success in meeting this objective due to financial and human resources and time constraints.
To assist the national society in training 20 trainers who in turn will train 200 volunteers in the villages of Bas-Congo.	This objective was not achieved.	Financial and human resources were not available.
To assist the national society to meet its objectives under the African Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies' Health Initiative (ARCHI) programme.	This objective was not achieved.	Funding was not available. Also, this did not seem to be a priority of the national society at the time.

Humanitarian Values

Objectives	Achievements	Constraints
To assist the national society to clarify its role in the promotion of humanitarian values within the country.	This objective was not achieved.	Financial and human resources were not available.

Institutional and Resource Development

Objectives	Achievements	Constraints
To assist in the preparation of a central committee meeting.	A central committee meeting, the first in 16 years, was held in April/May 2000. It brought together representatives from the occupied provinces as well as from the government held ones. At this meeting the date	This meeting was postponed three times by the national society but finally went ahead in April/May.

<p>To assist the national society in preparing and holding a General Assembly.</p>	<p>for a General Assembly was set.</p> <p>The Red Cross of the DRC held a General Assembly, the first in 22 years, as scheduled in November 2000. During the event, the president of the national society for over 30 years retired and a new one was elected. The secretary general and members of the central council were voted out of office and a new board was elected. The position of secretary general is to be filled in the new year.</p>	<p>The General Assembly went ahead on the dates planned but not without a lot of work and encouragement by the Federation, supported by the ICRC and the Minister of Health.</p>
<p>To assist the national society in the revision of its statutes.</p>	<p>The national society's statutes were revised and approved at the General Assembly.</p>	<p>There were delays in getting these statutes revised mainly due to the refusal of the president and his committee to accept certain</p>
<p>To assist the national society in the implementation of the Price Waterhouse Coopers audit recommendations.</p>	<p>The Price Waterhouse Coopers audit recommendations were accepted by the central committee and confirmed by the General Assembly. Implementation should follow with the new administration.</p>	<p>recommendations in the Price Waterhouse Coopers report. However, these were eventually accepted and the statutes were revised.</p>
<p>To provide the support and assistance required by the national society to develop a programme aimed at encouraging the participation of women within the national society at all levels.</p>	<p>This objective was not met.</p>	<p>Financial and human resources were not available.</p>
<p>To support the continuation of the school patrol programme.</p>	<p>This objective was not met.</p>	<p>Financial and human resources were not available.</p>

Conclusions

The major accomplishments of the year were the holding of the central committee meeting and that of the General Assembly. The number of trained volunteers at the grass-roots level in the Red Cross of the DRC is in the thousands, something rarely seen in other national societies. These volunteers earned the reputation for speedy and effective response to disasters. They were the first on the scene of the airport disaster, when tens of thousands Angolan refugees started arriving and in responding to the Ebola crisis. However, the leadership of the national society did not keep up with the needs of the volunteers at the provincial committee level as well as at the local committee levels. A new committee was voted in at the national level which, in the first month of its mandate, tackled responsibilities with

enthusiasm and energy. Strong support is now needed from the donors to ensure that these leaders are provided the assistance and tools needed to develop a strong society.

Unfortunately, many activities of support to the national society were unable to be met because of the lack of financial support and the lack of delegates.

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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.

Appeal No & title: 01.08/2000 Democratic Republic of Congo						
Period: year 2000						
Project(s): PZR001, PZR520						
Currency: CHF						
III - Budget analysis / Breakdown of expenditures						
Description	Appeal Budget	CASH Expenditures	KIND & SERVICES		TOTAL	Variance
			Goods/services	Personnel	Expenditures	
SUPPLIES						
Shelter & Construction	33'150	182			182	32'968
Clothing & Textiles	18'000	154			154	17'846
Food/Seeds						
Water	4'000					4'000
Medical & First Aid						
Teaching materials						
Utensils & Tools	23'000	1'296			1'296	21'704
Other relief supplies	5'000					5'000
Sub-Total	83'150	1'631			1'631	81'519
CAPITAL EXPENSES						
Land & Buildings						
Vehicles	11'150	-946			-946	12'096
Computers & Telecom equip.	54'000	16'610			16'610	37'390
Medical equipment						
Other capital expenditures	73'000	-944			-944	73'944
Sub-Total	138'150	14'720			14'720	123'430
TRANSPORT & STORAGE						
	141'350	49'735			49'735	91'615
Sub-Total	141'350	49'735			49'735	91'615
PERSONNEL						
Personnel (delegates)	217'960	128'442			128'442	89'518
Personnel (local staff)	498'450	393'805			393'805	104'645
Training						
Sub-Total	716'410	522'246			522'246	194'164
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION						
Assessment/Monitoring/experts		17'303			17'303	-17'303
Travel & related expenses		68'989			68'989	-68'989
Information expenses	500	2'580			2'580	-2'080
Administrative expenses	174'000	107'541			107'541	66'459
External workshops & Seminars						
Sub-Total	174'500	196'413			196'413	-21'913
PROGRAMME SUPPORT						
	154'934	101'167			101'167	53'767
OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS						
Transfer to National Societies		17'853			17'853	-17'853
TOTAL BUDGET	1'408'494	903'767			903'767	504'727
Consumption rate:						
	Expenditures versus income		150%			
	Expenditures versus budget		64%			

D. R. Congo						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.08/2000		PLEDGES RECEIVED				23.03.2001
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1408000		TOTAL COVERAGE 42.5%
Balance carried forward from 1999				70788		
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM		98000	USD	165473	14.07.00	ANGOLAN REFUGEES
AMERICAN - RC		100000	USD	177000	27.11.00	DR CONGO, SUPPORT FOR HOD
AUSTRALIAN - RC		6714	AUD	6546	27.10.00	INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
BRITISH - RC		5000	GBP	12950	13.03.00	CONGOLESE RC
BRITISH - RC		5000	GBP	12500	18.10.00	GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING CCC MEETING OF THE CONGOLESE RC
SPANISH - RC				10000	23.03.2000	GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SPANISH - RC				10000	21.11.00	FED DEL COSTS
SWEDEN - RC		325000	SEK	60678	07.04.2000	ID & DELEGATION COSTS
SWEDEN - RC		400000	SEK	72800	06.10.00	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				598735	CHF	42.5%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%
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:						
PZR503, PZR003, PZR515, PZR001, PZR004, ZR160, PZR520,						