

## ANGOLA: HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

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*Despite continued insecurity which has hampered the implementation of planned activities, Federation-supported Angolan Red Cross (ARC) health and mine awareness and education programmes continue to benefit significant numbers of vulnerable people in Angola.*

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### *The context*

Following a government campaign which began in October, 1999 to flush out UNITA from their traditional strongholds in the central highlands, military activity shifted and extended to Angola's borders with neighbouring countries.

Agriculture continues to be the sector most ravaged by the conflict. Once self sufficient in basic foodstuffs, the country has for the past several years relied on costly imports, particularly food aid, to meet domestic requirements. Government support to health and education remains low. Much of the country's infrastructure such as roads, bridges and railways already destroyed by the conflict, has been further eroded, and most roads remain closed which continues to hamper road transport to and within most of the country's provincial locations, making costly air transport the only alternative. The deteriorating humanitarian situation in the country has created major social and economic difficulties for many vulnerable people who have become more susceptible to malnutrition, and disease.

To respond to the needs in the country, the Federation strategy for 2000 centred on health and mine awareness programmes, intended to support the Angola Red Cross activities in these areas, thereby providing valuable and necessary assistance to vulnerable persons and communities in Angola, and at the same time building capacity within the National Society. This has been and continues to be an effective strategy for the development of the National Society.

Despite present constraints and the lack of significant progress regarding the development of the ARC, in accordance with the general aims of the National Society and the mandate of the Federation, the

ongoing and long term priority has been and will continue to be to strengthen the ARC at headquarters and in particular at provincial levels so that the National Society can assist and serve the vulnerable through well planned and appropriate Health, Mine Awareness Education, and Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Response activities. Accordingly, the ARC had drafted an ambitious 3 year development plan.

Federation support to capacity building within the ARC continued to be a priority through the training of staff and volunteers in Health, Disaster Preparedness and Mine Awareness. The Federation planned to support the training of key ARC staff particularly in management and good governance. The Federation will ensure that appropriate ARC staff are identified to participate in this training, as well as relevant workshops, seminars, exchange and field visits particularly within the region.

Federation support for the provision of curative basic health care through accessible, existing and functioning ARC Health Posts has remained a priority complementing a Community Based Health Programme (CBHP) implemented under the umbrella of the African Red Cross/Red Crescent Health Initiative (ARCHI) 2010 emphasizing preventative health programmes, health education, reproductive health and HIV/AIDS in the target locations. Given that water quality continues to be a major problem at the health posts, a Water and Sanitation programme was planned.

The Federation assisted the ARC to develop a Red Cross Youth programme, and the ARC was encouraged to take the lead in developing this initiative.

To generate the necessary level of support for the planned activities, the Federation has made an effort to strengthen the existing close co-operation between the Federation Delegation in Angola and the Regional Delegation in Harare, and has consolidated and maintained its existing close relationship and cooperation with the ICRC in Angola as well as with the United Nations agencies.

The Delegation also planned to operate within the framework of the Southern Africa Partnership of Red Cross Societies (SAPRCS), and encourage the ARC to strengthen its relations and networking with the Red Cross National Societies within the Southern Africa region. The ICRC is currently the lead agency in Angola, while the Federation has the lead role in the development of the National Society.

## ***Latest events***

Most of the provinces in Angola continued to be affected by the ongoing civil war with the numbers of IDPs rising and security in most parts of the country considered to be precarious. In addition, it is believed that there is evidence that the conflict has entered a new and particularly violent phase as articulated in a frank and detailed report issued by MSF in November. Some of the issues addressed in this report were in line with comments made by the Representative of the UN Secretary General on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) following his visit to Angola during the same month to assess and discuss the situation of IDPs with the government and humanitarian agencies, and followed the backing by the UN Security Council of Secretary General Kofi Annan's recommendation in October that the UN mission in Angola be extended for a further 6 months until 15 April, 2001.

In November, the UN appealed for USD 202 million to continue its humanitarian work in Angola over the coming year warning that the humanitarian situation in Angola remained serious and was likely to deteriorate if assistance was reduced either too quickly or significantly.

The British based NGO Global Witness challenged the foreign oil and gas companies working in Angola to address issues of transparency and corruption regarding oil revenues.

In December, the Angolan government stated that the planned 2001 general elections would now take place during the second semester of 2002 because of the continued state of insecurity. This statement

angered the Angolan opposition parties who denounced the decision by the ruling MPLA as political irresponsibility and a ploy to retain power for as long as possible

## ***Red Cross/Red Crescent action***

The overall programme is implemented with the ICRC as lead agency, with the Federation tasked with the development of the national society. While the long term priority of the Federation will continue to be the strengthening of the ARC at headquarters and provincial levels so that the national society can assist the vulnerable through well planned and appropriate programmes and activities, the Federation strategy for the year 2000 is centred on health through accessible, existing and functioning ARC health posts in Benguela, Cuanza Sul, Cuanza Norte and Luanda, and mine awareness education in Benguela and Cunene. These programmes both target the vulnerable and build capacity of the national society.

The Action Research project regarding programme co-ordination in the southern African region for 2001 was endorsed. In line with this project it was agreed that the Angola delegation would close as early as possible in 2001 and competent Federation advisers for finance and administration be recruited and integrated in the ARC with periodic visits from regional delegates based in Harare for the purpose of programme facilitation, co-ordination, monitoring, technical advice and support. These advisors would also ensure that donor funding for Federation supported ARC programmes in 2001 is effectively controlled and managed until sufficient ARC staff have been trained and effective systems and structures are in place.

### **Health w**

***Planning for 2001.*** The health programme will not be expanded or altered for the coming year and HIV/AIDS and Polio Eradication activities will be included in the regular activities of the ARC. Funding for the planned health activities has been based on 2000 expenditures. As there are no new developments planned it should be well within the capacity of the ARC health department to manage the programme with regular visits from the Regional health co-ordinator based in Harare for the purposes of facilitation, coordination and monitoring.

***Polio eradication:*** SNIDs took place in selected areas during the 17 and 18 November in Benguela, Cubal and Luanda branches. Feedback is anticipated shortly.

***Procurement/logistics:*** The 50 health post kits were released from the port in October and moved to the ARC warehouse in Kikolo. They are intended for use in Federation supported health posts only. Any other use will only be considered after full discussion and agreement with the Federation.

Some 70,128 pieces of soap arrived in Luanda on 14 November and moved to the ARC warehouse on 14 December. The consignment of supplementary medicines, condoms and medical equipment has been delayed and is now expected in January, 2001

### **Health Department Activities**

***The Health Post statistics:*** The statistics including numbers of beneficiaries attending the under 5 and antenatal clinics, adult consultations and number of home visits from the operational health posts supported by the Federation for October to December, 2000.

PROVINCE	HEALTH POST	BENEFICIARIES
Luanda	Kicolo	5,618
	Kilamba-Kiayi	4,147
Benguela	Kamunda	2,501
	Chongoroi	0

	Cassiva	2,694
	Chimbassi	4,199
	Passagem	4,586
	Calomanga	3,296
Cuanza Sul	Gabela	2,632
	Condé	0
	Assango	1,719
Cuanza. Norte	N'Dalatando	6,222
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37,614</b>

**Kilamba Kilaxi health post:** Following Federation intervention ARC produced an action plan and during this quarter there has been evidence of a definite improvement with active volunteers, an increase in community health activities, an increase in health post attendance, staff working to plan, the health post functioning at set hours and involvement in NIDs. There has also been a significant increase in the involvement of the provincial health coordinator and some coordination with the new ARC health post at Benfica which is supported by the Spanish Red Cross.

**Chongoroi Health Post:** This health post has been non operational since April following an attack by armed men. However, during a training and monitoring visit by ARC in October it became known that monitoring flights had been taking place to the town by the UN, the security situation was now calm and that there was a need for the health post to reopen. The ARC in Benguela have been requested to carry out an assessment mission and report their findings to ARC at central level.

**Training:** Five day volunteer refresher training courses took place in Benguela and Cubal in October, in Luanda (Kikolo) in November and in Luanda (Kilamba Kiayi) in December for a maximum of 20 participants/course.

**Mine Awareness Education Programme (MAEP) w**

**Number of people sensitized in five municipalities of Cunene Province (October-December):**

	Cahama	Ombadja	Cuanhama	Cuvelei	Namacunde
<b>Children</b>	0	671	352	0	0
<b>Women</b>	0	624	173	0	0
<b>Men</b>	0	611	128	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	0	1,906	653	0	0

**Total number of beneficiaries: 2,559**

The ARC reported that there was a lack of participation of volunteer instructors in Cunene which effected the numbers of people sensitized.

**Number of people sensitized in three municipalities of Benguela province (October-December):**

	Cubal	Caimba	Ganda
<b>Children</b>	3,962	129	505
<b>Women</b>	2,265	209	594
<b>Men</b>	1,807	84	228
<b>Subtotal</b>	8,034	422	1,327

**Total number of beneficiaries: 9,783**

In Benguela the activities were more intensive than in Cunene. Good collaboration with other NGOs such as Halo Trust, CRS, and others was reported: In addition, the ARC MAEP provincial coordinator visited Cubal municipality to train 4 new volunteer instructors.

Following a mission from the regional delegate for the LISN project the MAEP national coordinator received training in establishing and maintaining a computer data bank in order to facilitate reporting and up to date statistics for the project.

### **Institutional and Resource Development w**

*The final ARC global audit report* conducted by Ernst and Young highlighted the need for improved finance and administrative policies, systems and structures within the national society, and was sent to donor PNS in October.

The delegation is following up the results of this global audit, and it is planned to arrange a mission to Angola from the Secretariat to address this matter at the beginning of 2001.

*On 13 December a meeting* was convened for all ARC provincial delegates and senior ARC headquarters staff at the Viana training centre in Luanda. The Federation head of delegation was invited and attended this one day meeting which covered a variety of ARC and Federation matters including the Action Research Project, the global audit, incentives, the Emblem, a draft 3-year strategic plan, volunteers and ongoing programmes. It is understood that this meeting was the first of its kind for many years and the topics included on the agenda led to many relevant questions and requests for clarification from the participants to the Secretary General and the Federation Head of Delegation. The Federation encouraged ARC to convene such a meeting on a more regular basis.

*Computer training* in Windows 98, Microsoft Excel and Word programmes was provided for the MAEP national coordinator and a member of the ARC health department in order to update their computer skills in line with the installation of the new computers in their respective departments.

## ***Outstanding needs***

At the end of December, 2000 it is expected that there will be a significant under spending, particularly on the Federation health programme. A major reason for this situation was that funding arrived late in the year creating a time constraint in meeting planned activities. The delegation has proposed to concerned donors to allow the Federation to reallocate these funds to under funded or overspent Federation-supported programmes in Angola, and to carry the balance of remaining funds forward to 2001 so that the planned programmes can be implemented effectively during the first quarter of the year.

## ***External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media***

The delegation maintains good relations with diplomatic representations, the UN, ICRC, and NGOs, particularly regarding security issues.

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<b>Angola</b>						ANNEX 1
<b>APPEAL No. 01.16/2000</b>		<b>PLEDGES RECEIVED</b>				01/18/01
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>CASH</b>						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>1,877,000</b>		<b>TOTAL COVERAGE 98.4%</b>
<b>Cash carried forward from 1999</b>				<b>664,148</b>		
BRITISH - RC		2,100	GBP	5,397	14.06.00	AUDIT
BRITISH - RC		218,370	GBP	561,211	14.06.00	ID, HEALTH, DELEGATION MGT
DANISH - RC		25,000	DKK	5,215	22.06.00	RC AUDIT
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		6,727	EUR	10,469	15.06.00	AUDIT
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		65,589	EUR	102,070	02.07.00	HEALTH
ICELANDIC - RC		500,000	ISK	11,209	05.06.00	DELEGATION SUPPORT
ICELANDIC - RC				5,000	16.06.00	AUDIT
NORWEGIAN - RC				5,000	20.06.00	AUDIT
SPANISH - GOVT		33,984	USD	51,554	02/11/00	
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		200,000	SEK	37,660	30.05.00	NS DEVELOPMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		700,000	SEK	131,810	30.05.00	HEALTH
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		300,000	SEK	56,490	30.05.00	MINE AWARENESS
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		500,000	SEK	94,150	30.05.00	DELEGATION SUPPORT
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH</b>				<b>1,741,383</b>	CHF	<b>92.8%</b>
<b>KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Canada	Delegate(s)			1,478		
Great Britain	Delegate(s)			104,969		
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES</b>				<b>106,447</b>	CHF	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET</b>						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED</b>				<b>0</b>	CHF	
<b>THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL:</b>						
PAO001, PAO002, PAO005, PAO520.						