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HAITI

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

Appeal No. 01.51/2000

Appeal Target: CHF 693,000

The Context

Haiti remains the poorest country in the Americas, ranking 150th on the UN's Human Development Index; 63 per cent of the population lacks access to safe water and over half of all adults are illiterate. The political situation in Haiti is still the most complicated scenario in the region. Elections held in 2000 were characterized as "unclear and corrupted" by international observers, and the opposition refused to recognize Jean-Bertrand Aristide as President. Rumours that a militia force was being created to fight the government's police force further contributed to the country's instability.

The Haitian National Red Cross Society (HNRCS) has a potentially crucial role to play in this impoverished country. The International Federation is focusing its assistance on strengthening the national society's organizational development process, and trying to ensure that it has the appropriate disaster preparedness and response capacity at all levels in order to serve the most vulnerable communities in the country.

Objectives, Achievements and Constraints

Disaster Response and Preparedness

Objectives: The national society will be given the appropriate support in case of a disaster and be supported in improving its disaster management capability and capacity with increased participation from vulnerable communities.

Achievements

Due to its overwhelming poverty, political instability and geographical position in the middle of the hurricane-stricken Caribbean, Haiti is considered one of the most vulnerable countries in the region when it comes to natural and conflict-related disasters. Following a request from the HNRCS, a delegate was posted to Haiti from the Pan-American Disaster Response Unit (PADRU) in order to assist the national society in strengthening its risk and disaster management capacity, based on an integrated approach to programme development. A risk assessment and contingency plan document was developed which served for the elaboration of a risk and disaster management national plan proposal, still under discussion by the HNRCS. The plan is based on that of the National Disaster Preparedness Education and Communication Committee.

A disaster preparedness (DP) delegate was also posted to Haiti for three months at the end of the year in order to assist the HNRCS to create a sustainable basis for and start developing a pilot community based disaster preparedness (CBDP) programme involving the local branch in Port-de-Paix. A DP and CBDP programme proposal frame and guidelines document was developed in order to facilitate the final elaboration of the programme.

During the year the HNRCS made continuous development and restructuring efforts within a very complex national context. The president of the HNRCS established a regional committee to implement the Federation's regional disaster preparedness programme.

Constraints

Following the resignation of the national society's disaster preparedness and response director, this position had to be covered by the secretary general. Lack of internal institutional structure and of human and material resources hindered implementation of the programme.

Health and Care

Objective: Support will continue to the women's Kay Nou centres - a HNRCS project designed to reduce the vulnerability of women and children living on the streets in a number of towns by providing them with accommodation, medical care and vocational training.

Achievements

The Federation's community health strategy will rely on the branch development programme to be developed by the consortium (see below). A new medico-social director was hired at the HNRCS.

Constraints

The Kay Nou Women's Centre project in Haiti was cancelled due to the lack of sustainability and reduced impact.

Humanitarian Values

Objective: The HNRCS will benefit from the regional information and communication programme which aims at promoting the activities and the social role of the individual national societies.

Achievements

Within the framework of the regional humanitarian values programme, a series of two disaster preparedness newspaper advertisements in CD format were produced and distributed to all Caribbean National Societies and overseas branches. This material was produced in order to facilitate the dissemination of hurricane safety information to the media as well as to promote Red Cross and Red Crescent principles in the region. In addition, generic hurricane calendar posters were distributed to the Caribbean Red Cross Societies.

Constraints

Lack of financial support to develop regionally planned activities limited the achievements under this programme.

Institutional and Resource Development

Objectives: To enable provincial and municipal committees of the HNRCS to meet the needs of the most vulnerable communities at community level.

Achievements

The Federation's regional delegation in Santo Domingo, together with ICRC, is assisting the HNRCS to organize its General Assembly, to support elections in some regional committees and to encourage representatives of the regional committees to participate in the central committee. During this process new elections in the regional committees took place and each regional branch received instruction in Red Cross doctrine.

The HNRCS and the Netherlands Red Cross are currently successfully implementing a branch development project in four southern provinces of Haiti. Following this experience, the Federation, the Netherlands Red Cross and the HNRCS propose to invite participating national societies to create a branch development-oriented consortium, the main goal of which is to strengthen the operational capacity of the HNRCS, but with a branch focused and community based implementation strategy. It is judged essential for the improvement of the performance of the HNRCS, which has a crucial role to play in such a poor, vulnerable and unstable country, that community-based activities go hand in hand with capacity building activities at branch level in other regions than the four southern provinces. A draft memorandum of understanding and a policy paper were and are being studied and commented upon by the HNRCS and its main partners, the ICRC included, and it is planned that this new Haiti Red Cross Consortium will start working in 2001.

The governance of the national society has taken the decision to start the society's strategic planning process. This decision will be presented to the General Assembly for approval.

The HNRCS requested the Federation to provide technical assistance in order to assess the capacity of its financial department in terms of human resources and systems.

Constraints

The political situation in Haiti increased the level of uncertainty of the national society's institutional situation due to the fact that the country's president, under the old statutes, can appoint the HNRCS president. The Haitian government has not yet ratified the new statute that recognizes the General Assembly's capacity to elect its own president. The new statutes provide to the national president the authority to ratify the General Assembly's decision.

The Consortium's formal approval and creation was delayed by ongoing discussions among the potential partners.

Conclusions

The Haitian political context is very unstable and could seriously affect the current institutional situation of the Red Cross. Nevertheless, the HNRCS has the potential to play an important role in the areas of health, DP and DR in a highly vulnerable social environment. The Federation's disaster preparedness strategy should be a long term one, starting by strengthening capacities and structures of the HNRCS prior or parallel to the development of community DP/DR activities.

In 2001, the Federation will continue its support to HNRCS, focusing on the following priorities:

- supporting the Consortium through technical assistance, advocacy, external relations, monitoring and follow up;
- supporting the planning process of the HNRCS national development plan;
- assisting the HNRCS with its annual audit;
- supporting the development and implementation of a DR/DP programme; and,
- supporting HNRCS if a disaster occurs.

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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.

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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.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES					
					Interim report
					Annual report
					Final report
Appeal No & title: 01.51/2000 Haiti					
Period: year 2000					
Project(s): PHT003, PHT160					
Currency: CHF					
I - CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE TO APPEAL					
FUNDING	CASH		KIND & SERVICES		TOTAL
	Contributions	Reallocations	Goods/Services	Personnel	INCOME
Appeal budget	693'022				
less					
Cash brought forward	110'293				
TOTAL ASSISTANCE SOUGHT	582'730				
Contributions from Donors					
Norwegian Govt. via RC (DG)	94'608				94'608
Norwegian RC (DNNO)	10'512				10'512
TOTAL	105'120				105'120
Coverage	18.0%				18.0%
II - Balance of funds					
		Opening balance	110'293		
		CASH INCOME Rcv'd	105'120		
		CASH EXPENDITURE	-164'990		

		CASH BALANCE	50'422		

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III - Budget analysis / Breakdown of expenditures						
Description	Appeal Budget	CASH Expenditures	KIND & SERVICES		TOTAL	Variance
			Goods/services	Personnel	Expenditures	
SUPPLIES						
Shelter & Construction						
Clothing & Textiles	7'500					7'500
Food/Seeds	13'000					13'000
Water	300	94			94	207
Medical & First Aid	24'000	49			49	23'951
Teaching materials	24'600					24'600
Utensils & Tools	10'000					10'000
Other relief supplies	6'000	203			203	5'797
Sub-Total	85'400	346			346	85'054
CAPITAL EXPENSES						
Land & Buildings						
Vehicles	48'000					48'000
Computers & Telecom equip.	20'000	3'025			3'025	16'975
Medical equipment	1'500					1'500
Other capital expenditures	13'000	2'616			2'616	10'384
Sub-Total	82'500	5'640			5'640	76'860
TRANSPORT & STORAGE	29'500	1'593			1'593	27'907
Sub-Total	29'500	1'593			1'593	27'907
PERSONNEL						
Personnel (delegates)	24'900	54'751			54'751	-29'851
Personnel (local staff)	177'900	49'709			49'709	128'191
Training						
Sub-Total	202'800	104'460			104'460	98'340
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION						
Assessment/Monitoring/experts		1'780			1'780	-1'780
Travel & related expenses	47'900	6'798			6'798	41'102
Information expenses	44'200	3'245			3'245	40'955
Administrative expenses	124'490	13'725			13'725	110'765
External workshops & Seminars						
Sub-Total	216'590	25'546			25'546	191'044
PROGRAMME SUPPORT	76'232	18'476			18'476	57'757
OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS		8'928			8'928	-8'928
Transfer to National Societies						
TOTAL BUDGET	693'022	164'990			164'990	528'032
Consumption rate:	Expenditures versus income		157%			
	Expenditures versus budget		24%			

Haiti						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.51/2000		PLEDGES RECEIVED				02.04.2001
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				693'000		TOTAL COVERAGE
Balance carried from 1999				110'292		30.8%
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		544662	NOK	103'049	25.08.00	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				213'341	CHF	30.8%
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:						
PHT003, PHT160						