

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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الاتحاد الدولي لجمعيات الصليب الأحمر والهلال الأحمر

ETHIOPIA

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This Programme Update is intended for reporting on Annual Appeals.

Appeal No. 01.13/2001

Appeal Target: CHF 740,152

Programme Update No. 1; Period covered: January - 30 June 2001

"At a Glance"

Appeal coverage: 50.4%

Related Appeals: 12/01; Ethiopia: Meningitis

Outstanding needs: CHF 367,456

Operational Developments:

The Ethiopian Red Cross (ERCS) has been involved in two emergency operations over the last six months: a food security programme in South Wollo involving a cash for work element and an emergency health programme in response to the meningitis epidemic. The ERCS continues to run national, regional and branch health and development programmes. These include an essential drugs programme, water and sanitation activities and ambulance services. They are, at present, in the process of scaling up their activities aimed at reducing the spread of the HIV virus.

Institutional and Resource Development

The major goal of the programme is to build a more efficient ERCS that has increased capacity to manage and implement more focused and responsive programmes

Objective 1: To raise the profile and networking capacity of the ERCS so that it enjoys regular contacts with relevant Government Ministries, WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, and some of the main embassies

Considerable progress has been made in this area. As a consequence of the two emergency operations, food security and meningitis, the profile of the Ethiopian Red Cross has been raised with partners and other agencies. An ERCS representative regularly attends the WFP Food and Logistics meetings and shares information on the National Society's emergency activities. The ERCS/Federation were part of the co-ordinating group, consisting of WHO, UNICEF and MSF, that was established in response to the meningitis epidemic.

Objective 2: To establish a Memorandum of Understanding and development contracts with Movement Partners which will form the basis of long term partnerships with these organizations

The Memorandum of Understanding was agreed at the partnership meeting in December in Addis Ababa and is now being circulated to partners for signature.

Objective 3: To provide partners with regular six monthly narrative and financial reports that are accurate and timely

The ERCS will be sending out their first report shortly.

Objective 4: To improve organizational and management skills at Headquarters as well as establish more effective financial and management information systems throughout the organization

The Federation Organizational Development Delegate has been assisting the ERCS in the establishment of better management systems at Headquarters. A Sun Systems financial package has now been installed and financial department staff have been trained in its use. The financial department is in the process of being re-structured to facilitate the use of the computerized system. Once operational, it will give managers the opportunity to access up to date financial information on programmes and will radically improve ERCS' reporting capacity.

Objective 5: To strengthen the branches through establishment of better management systems so that they are able to manage and implement more effective programmes

The ERCS will over the next few months develop a branch operational manual which will provide branches with guidelines on how to manage the branch and the programmes it runs. This is an important document which will outline roles and responsibilities of branch secretaries and the support that they can expect from the headquarters.

Coordination and Management

Objective 1: To ensure effective management of the Delegation

Regular meetings were held to ensure the efficient running of the delegation. Delegates have action plans on which their performance is judged.

Objective 2: To provide competent support and assistance to ERCS management

The Head of Delegation meets the Secretary General and Directors on a regular basis. These meetings provide opportunities to offer advice, resolve issues and agree actions.

Objective 3: To ensure proper co-ordination of PNS and donor support to the ERCS

A Strategic Development Plan was developed at the end of 2000. This provides a framework in which partners can support the ERCS. The Federation will support the ERCS in the development of a new Country Assistance Strategy. A partnership meeting will be held later this year.

Objective 4: To further and deepen linkages with Government, NGOs, UN agencies, Embassies and the OAU

The Head of Delegation attends important meetings at the UN and other fora particularly related to the implementation of the emergency programmes. He has established links with some of the major embassies. As Federation Representative to the OAU, he has developed relations and ties with some key officials.

Outstanding needs

The International Federation requires additional financial support to provide the planned level of technical assistance to the ERCS.

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Ethiopia						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 01.13/2001		PLEDGES RECEIVED				15.08.2001
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				740'152		TOTAL COVERAGE 50.4%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				61'498		
AUSTRALIAN - RC		1'614	AUD	1'449	02.08.2001	
DENMARK - GOVT/RC		691'706	DKK	153'150	15.08.00	SEE AP 01.45/2000
FINNISH - RC		15'014	FIN	3'303	06.11.00	INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
NEW ZEALAND - RC		5'866	NZD	4'296	28.05.2001	HEALTH
SWEDISH - RC		175'000	SEK	30'398	07.02.01	INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT & COORDINATION/MANAGEMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				254'094	CHF	34.3%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Great Britain	Delegate(s)			71'128		
Canada	Delegate(s)			47'474		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				118'602	CHF	16.0%