

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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DJIBOUTI

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Appeal target: CHF 183,722 (USD 124,703 or EUR 124,748)

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Period covered: July to November 2003

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In Brief

Appeal coverage: 116.6%. [Click here to go to the attached Contributions List](#), or refer to the Federation website.

Outstanding needs: None

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Eastern Africa regional programmes, Annual Appeal no. 01.13/2003

Programme Summary: The annual appeal for Djibouti includes projects in health and care and organizational development. There are no on-going bilateral programmes. [The Red Crescent Society of Djibouti](#) receives occasional funding from sister national societies in the Middle East, for one off initiatives. Implementation of the health and care projects is running close to schedule and is having an impact at community level. However the very limited human resources capacity at the headquarters means that the necessary follow-up and monitoring is not sufficiently systematic. A key project within the organizational development component of the appeal is the organization of the national society's first local and general assemblies. Preparation of these continued to run behind schedule, due to differing views of members of the national committee regarding the number of participants who should be invited, and the required budget for such events. Assemblies are now scheduled to commence in 2004.

Operational developments

Health and care

Goal: The Red Crescent Society of Djibouti has a sustainable impact upon the general health of targeted communities through its health programming

Objective: The Federation facilitates the development of the national society's capacity in community-based health and care programming, including through HIV/AIDS and sanitation activities

Progress

The community health information programme was extended to all districts, including the new administrative district of Arta, by November 2003. The facilitator from the Sudanese Red Crescent returned to Djibouti in mid September and remained in the country until late December. He continued to support the national society in the design and implementation of training and community prevention programmes in the Malaria and

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HIV/AIDS. Upwards of 20 volunteers have been recruited and trained in each district and have been equipped with IEC¹ materials, T-shirts and caps. They continue to carry out community information campaigns on a regular basis.

No progress was made in the implementation of the integrated health project in Belbala, due to the national society's failure to appoint a health co-ordinator. A job description has been prepared by the Regional Delegation WatSan² Unit and shared with the national society. Implementation has been rescheduled to begin in early 2004, when the health co-ordinator is expected to be in position.

The expulsion of more than 100,000 illegal immigrants by the Djibouti Government, at the end of August, created a serious humanitarian situation. An estimated 10,000 immigrants, unable to leave by the deadline, were rounded up and accommodated at a camp at Aour Aousar that was almost completely un-serviced. The Red Crescent Society of Djibouti, in co-operation with ICRC, distributed emergency relief supplies and WatSan equipment to the camp. Under its agreement with Save the Children/US to implement an HIV/AIDS awareness programme, the Red Crescent Society of Djibouti set up two community information centres in September 2003.

Impact

The national society continues to recruit a good balance of male and female volunteers to assist in the implementation of health information activities. This means that a good community outreach is being achieved. This is contributing to increased visibility. Activities carried out at the Aour Aousar camp helped to position the Red Crescent Society of Djibouti as one of the main humanitarian actors in the country.

Constraints

The national society has not yet appointed a national health co-ordinator, which means that there is nobody who can devote sufficient time to monitor the activities being carried out in the branches. Discussions are underway between the Red Crescent Society of Djibouti, the ICRC and the Federation to determine the best Movement approach to strengthen the human resource capacity of the national society in 2004.

Organizational Development

Goal: Implementation of the characteristics of a well-functioning national society has improved in the Red Crescent Society of Djibouti in the three key areas; foundation, capacity and performance.

Objective: The national society's institutional capacity and its progress towards operating as a well-functioning national society is enhanced through secretariat support.

Progress

The implementation of the community health information activities has attracted new members to the national society. Branch steering committees have been set up in six districts, to include Arta. This means that the national society has coverage throughout the country. This is quite an achievement considering that there was almost no Red Crescent structure, beyond the headquarters, one year ago. These committees will prepare the local assemblies which are now scheduled to commence in 2004. The national society's good relations with local government have ensured that an office has been allocated to five district committees. The programme is funding some minor repairs to these buildings and equipping them with basic furniture. Delay in getting the formal documentation regarding some of these buildings has slowed down the repair work. This is expected to be completed by end 2003. The national society moved to a new and more spacious headquarters in October. An adjustment to the budget allowed the programme to provide some essential office furniture to render the office functional.

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¹ IEC – Information, Education and Communication

² WatSan - Water and Sanitation

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Through the assistance of DFID³ the Red Crescent Society of Djibouti acquired a new vehicle in December. This means that the national society will have a reliable means of following up the implementation of programmes and providing support to districts committees in 2004; thus reducing dependence on an erratic and expensive vehicle rental market.

Impact

The establishment of branch offices and steering committees has given a very visible presence to the national society outside the capital city. It also highlights the commitment of communities to build a strong and active Red Crescent.

Constraints

The departure of the senior lawyer appointed to prepare a revised draft of the statutes meant that the revision process slowed down. This meant that the programme facilitator's plans to prepare steering committees to take on their responsibilities, was postponed. The responsibility was passed on to another member of the board in October. Revision of the statutes is a necessary pre-requisite to the satisfactory running of assemblies as key amendments need to be made to articles relating to governance and management roles and responsibilities as well as to the number of mandates a board member is entitled to. There is some resistance from longer serving board members to make these changes. ICRC and the Federation are providing regular advice to the national society board regarding the amendments necessary to bring the statutes into conformity with Federation guidelines.

Federation Coordination

Goal: To build capacity and empower the Red Crescent Society of Djibouti to achieve its mandate through better partnerships

Objective: The Red Crescent Society of Djibouti's integrated capacity building planning and implementation skills are ensured by the Federation through participatory facilitation.

Progress

ICRC and the Federation continued to adopt their coordinated approach to supporting the Red Crescent Society of Djibouti. Another joint mission was carried out in October. Both parties have made it clear to the national society that funding support for 2004 will be contingent on a commitment to speed up the statute revision and assembly process.

Constraints

The capacity of the national society to design and implement programmes, although improving is still quite limited, meaning that they are not yet in a position to enter into many potential new partnerships. Contacts made with a number of UN organizations, during the first half of the year, were not followed up due to the fact that no progress was made in the implementation of the integrated health project.

³ DFID – Department for International Development (U.K. Government)

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

03/12/2003

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

				TOTAL COVERAGE		
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				183,722		116.6%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				19,427		
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID (04)				36,000	24.02.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEV.
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID (04)				78,000	24.02.03	HEALTH
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		52,000	EUR	80,782	14.02.03	HEALTH & ORG. DEV.
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				214,209	CHF	116.6%

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	