

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies  
Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge  
Federación Internacional de Sociedades de la Cruz Roja y de la Media Luna Roja  
الاتحاد الدولي لجمعيات الصليب الأحمر والهلال الأحمر

## GUINEA

27 January 2004

Appeal No. 01.26/2003

Appeal Target: CHF 3,940,389 (USD 2,703,711 or 2,679,064)

Programme Update No. 02

Period covered: April to December 2003

*The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 180 countries. For more information: [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)*

### *In Brief*

**Appeal coverage:** 68%; See attached [Contributions List](#) for details.

**Outstanding needs:** CHF 1,259,245 (USD 1,000,500 or EUR 805,850)

#### **Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:**

- [Mano River Sub-Regional Programmes; Annual Appeal no. 01.29/2003](#)
- [Guinea; Annual Appeal no. 01.24/2004](#)

**Programme Summary:** The [Red Cross Society of Guinea](#) has had a successful change process. This has enabled the national society to effectively perform their activities during the reporting period. The national society led to a review of the staff and recruitment of more qualified staff. . During the reporting period the national society maintained good relations with other humanitarian actors in its efforts to cater for the increasing number of the refugees. The General Assembly was successfully conducted in April as planned. Governance and management were equally restructured.

### **Operational developments**

Guinea held its general elections on 21 December 2003 and swore in President Lansana Conte for another seven years, amid claims of fraud and vote-rigging. Though an impoverished nation, Guinea is rich with gold, diamond and bauxite (a third of the world's bauxite). As with other African countries, corruption is a major vice. In his swearing-in statement, the incumbent president promised to fight corruption and improve the country's economy.

In recent years, the country has received the most refugees in West Africa who constitute 10% of its population (*Source: UNDP*). This is a result of successive crisis in neighboring countries between 1989 and 2000. Despite the repatriation of Sierra Leonean refugees, the number of refugees remains relatively high.

The Red Cross of Guinea has been more proactive in assisting the refugee population. This has been possible due to the success of the change process as well as the constant support from the Federation delegation, which continues to act as a facilitator for the operations.

## Health and care

**Goal 1: To encourage and promote a change of behaviour towards preventing HIV/AIDS in line with [ARCHI 2010](#).**

**Objective: To assist the Red Cross of Guinea's Health, Relief, Information, Social Welfare and Youth technical departments to effectively contribute to HIV/AIDS prevention.**

A social mobilization plan against Measles was elaborated and implemented during the national campaign for vaccination against measles since November 2003. The health coordinator for the Red Cross of Guinea participated at the Regional AIDS Network for Youth in West Africa in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. He was nominated as the focal point for health for the sub-regional sectorial group at the meeting. The national society has submitted a project with UNAIDS office in Guinea for financing.

### Impact

- A health policy was elaborated for the national society.
- The mobilization campaign against measles was very successful among the Guinean population and was appreciated by donors.
- Recognition of health coordinator of the national society.

## Disaster management

### Goals:

1. To reduce vulnerability and reinforce the individual and collective capacities of refugees, and the local population receiving refugees in UNHCR-targeted areas.
2. To contribute to the education of the population in the areas of humanitarian values, and the Movement's fundamental principles.
3. To reduce vulnerability to health risks, and reinforce individual and collective capacities of refugees in UNHCR-selected areas.

### Objectives:

1. To provide social assistance based on need to the most vulnerable among the refugee population of:
  - a. Kissidougou; in the three camps of Kountaya, Boréah and Telikoro,
  - b. N'Zérékoré: in the three camps of Kouankan, Kola, Lainé, as well as 242 refugees from the 1998 influx who live in N'Zérékoré, identified by the UNHCR as "extremely vulnerable individuals" (EVI) living outside the camps.
2. To promote and encourage better understanding and acceptance within and between the refugee and local populations:
  - a. Kissidougou: in the three camps of Kountaya, Boréah, Telikoro, as well as surrounding villages,
  - b. N'Zérékoré; in the three camps of Kouankan, Kola, Lainé, as well as surrounding villages.
3. To ensure health care is available to the refugee population in the two camps of Kouankan and Kola, to include the 242 refugees identified by the UNHCR as EVI living outside of the camps.

### Progress/Achievements

The Red Cross of Guinea revised their budget in response to owing to funding problems. More Liberian refugees fled to Laine camp while some returnees were transferred to Albadaria camp. This resulted in increased numbers of refugees, causing pressures due to the limited available space.

- In Kouakan, the number of refugees climbed from 28,250 in June 2003 to 31,632 in December 2003.
- In Nzerekore, the number of refugees climbed from 65,514 at mid-year to 75,535 at year-end.

Among the refugees, there were 242 EVI outside the camps and an unknown number of urban refugees. Increases in gender-based violence and abortion attracted the attention of all the partners.

## **Guinea; Appeal no. 01.26/2003; Programme Update no. 2**

From 1 July to 30 November 2003, the national society, the Federation and the socio-community department of the UNHCR strengthened the capacity of the national society's personnel through refresher courses and reanimation equipment.

### **Impact**

- Knowledge of staff has been refreshed.
- The additional equipment will improve services to refugees.

### **Coordination**

The Red Cross of Guinea continues to coordinate activities in collaboration with the Federation, UNHCR and other partners.

#### ***For further information please contact:***

- *Red Cross Society of Guinea, Conakry; Phone 224 411 314; Fax 224 412 255*
- *Eric Michel-Sellier, Federation Head of Mano River Sub-Regional Office, Abidjan; Email [ifrci35@ifrc.org](mailto:ifrci35@ifrc.org); Phone 225 22 40 44 65; Fax 225 22 40 44 59*
- *Mark Willis, Federation Regional Officer for West and Central Africa, Geneva; Email [mark.willis@ifrc.org](mailto:mark.willis@ifrc.org); Phone 41 22 730 42 60; Fax 41 22 733 03 95*

*All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.*

*For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, please access the Federation website at <http://www.ifrc.org>*

*[<Contributions List below - Click here to return to title page>](#)*

APPEAL No. 01.26/2003

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

06/02/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
-------	----------	----------	------	-----------	------	---------

## CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				3,940,389		TOTAL COVERAGE 68.0%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				137,153		
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM		500,000	USD	679,750	29.04.03	LIBERIAN & SIERRA LEONEAN REFUGEES
SWEDISH - GOVT		700,000	SEK	118,300	21.08.03	HEALTH DELEGATE
UNHCR (202 F)		930,908,730	GNF	641,396	04.02.03	LIBERIAN REFUGEES
UNHCR (351 D)		84,560,700	GNF	59,784	04.02.03	SIERRA LEONEAN REFUGEES
UNHCR (200E)		423,361,302	GNF	299,316	04.02.03	SIERRA LEONEAN & LIBERIAN REFUGEES
UNHCR (130B)		1,037,226,278	GNF	691,830	23.04.03	LIBERIAN REFUGEES
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				2,627,529	CHF	66.7%

## KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CANADA	DELEGATE(S)			30,225		
SWEDEN	DELEGATE(S)			23,491		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				53,716	CHF	1.4%

## ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	