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In Brief

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Outstanding needs: CHF 870,179

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Nigeria sub - regional programmes (Appeal 01.34/2003)

Programme Summary: A recent contribution from the Swedish Red Cross's for the Community Based Health Programme (CBHP), Disaster Preparedness (DP), and Organisational Development (OD) programmes, will fully cover the Nigerian Red Cross Society's CBHP and Disaster Management (DM) programmes for the rest of the year.

During the second quarter of 2003, 3,686 Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) volunteers have participated in the three rounds of the State National Immunization Days (SNIDs), and mop up exercises. The NRCS reached a total of 13,470,715 children through polio vaccinations during the first round of the SNID in January, while NRCS volunteers mobilized 10,516,605 children in the second round in March. Some 6,307,046 children were reached in April during the third round, while 9,275,437 children aged under - five were mobilized for the entire mop up exercises.

During the first week of July, the NRCS in co-operation with the International Federation issued an Information Bulletin on the Federation's website, regarding the Society's efforts to assist Liberian Asylum Seekers in Nigeria. The Society will deliver relief items to 2,000 refugees in Oro Camp, Ogun State, Nigeria.

Operational developments

More than 5,000 refugees from Liberia were recently brought into the country following renewed fighting in war torn Liberia. Three thousand Nigerian Returnees were also received from Liberia during the period.

An oil pipeline explosion in Abia State, in the south east of the country left 125 dead. There were a number of casualties from the continued ethnic and political clashes in Warri, Ekpan, and Effurun, in the main oil producing area of the country, Niger Delta, there were also some deaths.

Some 20 reported deaths were due to buildings collapsing and fires in Lagos city. Poor planning when constructing homes, combined with insufficient measures taken regarding fire-prevention and control have led to a greater frequency of accidental fires in Lagos.

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Following a 54% increase in the price of fuel by the Federal Government, the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) and other labour unions called for a national labour strike which commenced on 30 June and has continued. Most Government offices and business centres are closed, economic and transport activities were greatly hampered during the ongoing strike.

Presidential, State Assemblies and State Governors elections took place in April, with the reelection of the current President for a second term under a civilian administration.

Health and Care

Goal: Morbidity and mortality rates are reduced

Objective: The Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS) has further improved its capacity assisting vulnerable communities to develop healthier living conditions by end of 2003

The health program is designed in line with the Africa Red Cross and Red Crescent Health Initiative (ARCHI) 2010 initiative to care for the vulnerable people throughout Nigeria. The major health activities for the second quarter of 2003, included an assessment visit to 12 States launching new HIV/AIDS activities, the launching of the HIV/AIDS Commemorative Stamp, Sub-National and mop up immunization exercise, National and Step-down Training for Mothers' Club members, and the person sanitation program (PSP)

Expected Result: All 37 NRCS Branches have been resourced to train volunteers in standard first aid and accident prevention.

Progress/Achievements:

The NRCS purchased First Aid Kits for 37 NRCS branches, to supplement mannequins and accessories donated by the British Red Cross and strengthening the National Society's first aid capacity at the grassroots level. It is also hoped that the review of the training syllabus will further develop the National Society's members and volunteers.

Expected Result: Six additional Branches in addition to the present 18 have contributed to the improved health of women, children and youth through community based volunteer health activities

Progress/Achievements:

In the second quarter, two units of the Mothers' Clubs were re-activated in Idemili South Local Area (LGA) of southeast Anambra State, while two new units were established in the north central state of Benue. In addition, Mothers' Clubs members in Zamfara and Cross River State Branches participated in the Emergency stand - by exercise during the April general elections.

Mothers' Clubs in Benue, Enugu, Gombe, Bauchi, Cross-River and Osun State Branches of the NRCS conducted health education on priority health problems, community development and income generating schemes.

The NRCS drew up plans to conduct a National Mothers' club Training of Trainers (ToT), and Step – Down workshop for six Branches namely-Anambra, Borno, Kano, Kwara, Delta and Osun States.

Lastly, the Lagos and Ogun State Branches reinstated their Mothers' Clubs.

Impact:

The National Society regularly gives administrative support to branches sponsoring Mothers' Clubs assisting them with monitoring and supervising the activities of the clubs thereby improving their strength.

The two Mothers' Clubs units in Idemili LGA of Anambra State Branch have 52 members, while the three newly established units in Benue State Branch have 29. Furthermore, in appreciation of the effort of NRCS Zamfara State Branch Mothers' Club members during the last general election, the State Ministry of Women Affairs supplied them with detergent and perfume.

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The involvement of the Mothers' Clubs in health education and income generating activities contributed to the reduction of infant mortality and poverty rates.

Constraints:

- There is room for improvement with Branch management of programmes, particularly with reporting and financial procedures. The NRCS reporting officer will conduct a training session about reporting for Branch Secretaries and programme officers.
- The position of the Zonal Health Officer in the South-West needs to be filled as soon as possible to ensure adequate supervision and coordination of activities in the region.
- Funds set aside to support the monitoring of Mothers' Club activities are usually not enough. The amount set aside as monitoring support for mothers' club activities in the communities (N 2000), and (N 500) for coordinators and facilitators respectively is usually not enough to cover the cost of visiting the communities.
- Lack of adequate information materials on the Mothers' Club and health promotion.
- Frustration and volunteer loss due to lack of financial support.
- The poverty level of the rural women affects the sustainability of the project.

Expected Result: The NRCS has increased its capacity to effectively deliver assistance to vulnerable people living with or who are affected by HIV/AIDS

Progress/Achievements:

- Three hundred and sixty Home Counselors were trained at the 12 programme Branches, during the step-down training carried out during the second quarter. Peer educators carried out their activities among young people. In addition, during the reporting period, a series of education sessions were held about HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the education sessions is to eliminate stigmatization and/or discrimination over the disease from peers.
- In commemoration of the World Red Cross Day on May 8, the National Society in conjunction with the Nigerian Postal Service introduced an HIV/AIDS stamp to create further awareness.
- The NRCS trained counselors counseled more than 1,000 people.
- The Health department reviewed the old NRCS Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials used for peer education activities, and the production of new materials has started. The review of the IEC materials was done in keeping with feedback received from the field and experts to enhance NRCS IEC training activities.
- Advocacy and assessment visits were made to 12 new HIV/AIDS programme branches, namely Katsina, Kebbi, Bauchi, Gombe, FCT (Abuja), Oyo, Ondo, Rivers, Enugu and Anambra for 2003. The objective of the visits was to see how the branches were doing with the planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting on programmes in these States. In addition, the visit was also to seek the cooperation and collaboration of public authorities in the States and other relevant stakeholders.
- Home Base Care (HBC) Facilitators were expected to reach out and care for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) using HBC kits containing simple materials for dressing wounds, health education, condoms and protective materials. Trained counselors also conducted counseling both prior to and after having been tested for HIV.

Coordination:

NRCS representatives have increased the Society's visibility and impact by attending the following meetings and conferences.

- The Principal Health Officer and two Zonal Health Officers participated in the Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) workshop that was held from 30th May to 10th June in Accra, Ghana.

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- NRCS Health Department Officers also attended three meetings with the National Action Committee on AIDS (NACA). This has further strengthened NRCS collaboration with the Government.
- The Principal Health Officer attended the International Harm Reduction Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Impact:

- The 1,320 Peer Educators trained before the end of 2003 have been carrying out peer education activities in the 12 Programme Branches. During the second quarter of 2003, they were able to create awareness about HIV/AIDS/STDs and safer sex behaviour among some 150,000 youths. Cumulative figures since the beginning of the project are about 500,000 young people.
- Some 200 people attended the launch of the HIV/AIDS Postal stamp and about two million Nigerians watched the event on television.

Constraints:

- The stigma attached to HIV/AIDS imposed difficulties on implementing the Home Base Care Project, but it is hoped that increased awareness of the virus will affect change.
- The delay in employment of the Zonal officer for the South-West zone created additional strains to the workload of the Health department.

Social Mobilization - Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI)

Progress/achievement:

In April, the third round of polio immunizations took place in Bauchi, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano and Katsina States. Two rounds of polio mop up exercises were conducted in Kebbi, Niger, Sokoto and Zamfara States in April, while another one round of mop up was done during the month of June in Kogi, Benue and Nasarawa States. A total number of 1,123 volunteers participated in the combined third round and mop exercises, using the Sweep method. The Sweep method means that all vaccination teams and social mobilizers are pooled together to go through the areas.

So far, 3,686 NRCS volunteers have participated in the three rounds of the State National Immunization Days (SNIDs), and mop up exercises.

Coordination:

The NRCS works in partnership with the Interagency Coordination Committee comprising NPI, WHO, UNICEF, Rotary and USAID. The NRCS has also participated in a number of workshops and meetings organised by FMOH and other agencies and organizations. Partnerships and collaborations with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and other agencies have increased thanks to NRCS immunization activities.

Impact:

The NRCS reached a total of 13,470,715 children through polio vaccinations during the first round of the SNID in January, while the volunteers mobilized 10,516,605 children in the second round in March. Some 6,307,046 children were reached in April during the third round, while 9,275,437 children under-five were mobilized for the entire mop up exercises.

The total number of children mobilized so far for immunization exercises by NRCS volunteers is 39,569,803.

Constraints:

At present, there is no vaccine for CSM available in Nigeria, and transportation to some areas continues to be difficult

Disaster Management

Goal: Vulnerable people receive sustainable, focused and responsive services.

Programme Objective: The capacity of the Nigerian Red Cross Society to effectively respond to and prevent disasters is increased.

Expected Result: The Nigerian Red Cross Society has been well equipped to provide services to the vulnerable.

Progress/Achievements:

Between April and June, volunteers from the NRCS's Akwa Ibom State Branch intervened in the communal conflict between Mbiakong and Ifiyong Usuk communities. Similarly, 25 Delta State Branch volunteers responded following an attack on Koko community in the Warri West Local Government Area of Delta State. The conflicts claimed the lives of 10 people, leaving 18 injured and displacing 588 families.

Following April's elections, the political crisis in Delta State escalated. NRCS promptly mobilized volunteers to intervene after a clash in Effurun-Warri, which left 18 people dead, 27 injured and over 435 individuals, displaced.

The NRCS also responded to victims of a severe rainstorm in Etsako East LGA of south/south, Edo State, which left two dead, two, injured and displaced some 2,500 individuals.

The services rendered by NRCS volunteers at Ibaka village in Akwa Ibom, Obubra in Cross River, Balanga in Gombe and Song in Adamawa included first aid, evacuation of the injured to hospitals, and distribution of food and non-food items. Sanitation care was also carried out at temporary camps for displaced persons.

Volunteers carried out their usual services of first aid, prompt evacuation and psychological support to victims in the Mbiakong/Ifiyong-Usuk communities, Koko, Effurun and Etsako, in addition to distributing food and non-food items.

The NRCS mobilized relief items for distribution from local resources, and the Warri West Local Government Authority complemented its effort in Effurun. The NRCS distributed the following items in Koko, Effurun and Etsako:

Food Items	Non – Food Items
26 bags of rice	50 cooking pots
10 bags of salt	50 plastic buckets
10 bags of beans	550 plastic plates
11 bags of garri	984 plastic cups
	840 spoons
	7 hurricane lanterns
	4 plastic sheeting for shelter

Volunteers in Lagos joined the search and rescue operation following the Idumagbo explosion, assisting to evacuate injured people to hospitals and administer first aid services. In Warri, NRCS volunteers helped to evacuate displaced people.

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) approached the NRCS about providing assistance to some 2,000 refugees who arrived in Nigeria in June. The refugees have since been evacuated to a camp at Oru in the southwest State of Ogun. The NRCS has been a main operational partner of UNHCR in the country.

Finally, the NRCS mobilized all of its 37 Branches to monitor and coordinate emergency situations across the country during the April polls with a contingency plan and intervention guidelines.

Following the trend of successful interventions in disasters in recent time, the NRCS was invited to be part of a Joint Disaster Rescue Group (JDRI)'s initiative aimed at finding lasting solution to fire and other emergency situations in the country.

Seven programme officers of the NRCS attended a 10-day regional disaster preparedness and response team training (DPRU) in Accra, Ghana in June organized by the DM department of the Federation.

Impact:

Networking with different organizations brought about an improved efficiency and effectiveness to the National Society. It has also increased the NRCS's capacity. NEMA and relevant UN Agencies have expressed appreciation for the role of the NRCS in regard to disaster management in Nigeria.

Constraint:

Training of emergency teams at divisional levels in five branches has been delayed for too long a time due to planning problems. However, plans are currently being coordinated with ICRC to commence the training.

Organisational Development

Goal: The capacity of the Nigerian Red Cross Society to provide sustainable, focused and responsive services to vulnerable people is improved.

Programme Objective: The Federation Secretariat works with the Nigerian Red Cross Society to improve its capacity to deliver humanitarian services to vulnerable people.

Expected Results: The technical and managerial capacities of senior management of the NRCS, to provide vision and strategic direction, are enhanced.

Progress/Achievements:

Following the decision of the NRCS Governing Body in April 2002, the employment and training of new Branch Secretaries in all 37 branches was completed. During the period, the Assistant Director (Branch Liaison) conducted assessment/on-the-job training for newly appointed Branch Secretaries in Katsina, Oyo, Sokoto and Kebbi. A Branch manual of the National Society was used for the training.

Observations made during the assessment visit in the three Branches:

- Community level Red Cross structures are not established at Divisions in the Local Government Area (LGA), and therefore Red Cross programmes/activities face challenges to penetrate into communities as programming and implementation are still at state branch level.
- No sub-committees have been actively established; that means there are very limited or no activities on membership drive and local fund-raising in the Branches to enable them cover the core cost of programmes/activities.
- Office documents are not properly filed and finance guidelines put in place by NRCS National Headquarters are not always followed.

At the joint meeting of the Branch Executive Committee, branches were urged to take serious corrective measures to improve their activities. Follow up visits are planned.

Impact

The assessment/on-the-job training has helped with improving the managerial skill of the Branch Secretaries of the three Branches.

Constraints

- Branch Secretaries require close supervision and on the job training to improve their skills.
- Branches lack government grant/subvention and also basic office equipment. However, it is planned to provide basic office equipment from the OD budget for selected branches.

Expected Results: NRCS governance is properly oriented to enable them to undertake their roles and responsibilities.

Progress/Achievements

Governance and Management training for 18 Branch Chairmen and Branch Secretaries was conducted from 9-10 June to enhance the roles of governance and management to carry out their responsibilities and provide basic Branch administration and programme management skills to new Branch Secretaries. It was an opportunity for the new Branch Secretaries, who attended the three-day training, to exchange views and share experiences.

The second phase of the workshop for the remaining 19 State Branches is tentatively fixed from 6-7 October 2003.

The Niger State Branch conducted its statutory Annual General Meeting/ Branch election of the Branch Executive Committee Members for the year 2003/2005. The Assistant Director (Branch Liaison) supervised the.

Impact

Kebbi and Niger State Branches have put a governance structure in place.

Constraints

Lack of a clear understanding of the roles of governance and management in some branches, such as between the new Branch Secretary and some members of the branch governing board in Anambra; undermine the activities of some branches.

Expected Results: The recruitment and management of quality volunteers and youth is improved.

Progress/Achievements

During the reporting period, membership in 19 state Branches of the NRCS increased from 821 to 2,095. The NRCS national headquarters maintains corporate membership with eight organizations.

NRCS ran an International Youth camp with the theme 'shaping the Youths for national Development and Effective Disaster Management' is planned from 24-31 August.

Expected Results: The financial resource base of the NRCS has been improved through income generation and other resource mobilisation activities.

Progress/Achievements:

Five organisations participated in the 'Open First Aid at Work Workshop,' organised by the NRCS. In the same period, an In-house First Aid Course was conducted for participants from the British High Commission in Lagos, and another on-site as conducted for workers of Niger dock Nigeria Plc.

Furthermore, the NRCS is currently working with the World Health Organisation on the possibility of training its staff later in the year.

Breakdown of the six first aid courses conducted (April-June)

Course	Venue	Date
Open FAW	Lagos	May 14-16
FAW for the Salvation Army	Lagos	May 21-23
FAW for JKK Computers	Lagos	May 26-28
FAW for Provast Ltd.	Lagos	June 10-12
FAW for Provast Ltd.	Abuja	June 17-19
FAW for Provast Ltd.	Port – Harcourt	June 24-26

In the same period, a meeting had been held between the National Society and Nigeria Police on the possibility of institutionalizing first aid in the syllabus of Police Colleges. Similarly, the National Society had been requested by

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the Embassy of the United States to organize a series of first aid training for the Nigeria Police as part of a US sponsored project.

In addition, the NRCS purchased a total of 138 First Aid Kits. Each of the NRCS's 37 Branches will receive four of these kits. These would complement two mannequins and accessories that were donated by the British Red Cross.

Finally, the NRCS has started the review of its Detachments' Training Syllabus, training of different categories of members and other core aspects of the Detachments' Rules and Regulations (Blue Book) etc.

Impact: A total of 54 participants were trained and the sum of N 402,000 was raised in commercial first aid training for the first quarter, while 78 people were trained between April and June totaling 132. The trained participants are now able to administer first aid in their respective organizations.

Constraint: The corresponding increase in workload had slightly affected first aid training especially at the branch level.

Federation Coordination

Overall Goal: Focused development and management of agreements and MoUs and other coordination mechanisms are achieved.

Programme Objective: The Secretariat works with the National Society, the ICRC and other partners to develop regional meetings and cooperation strategies.

Expected result: The capacity of the Nigerian Red Cross Society to work with its partners has been increased.

Progress/Achievements

- A draft Memorandum of Understanding, to support the development of the NRCS, was drafted by the Nigerian Red Cross, the ICRC- Nigeria, and the Federation's Lagos regional office, and submitted to the Federation's Abidjan regional office and the Federation's Secretariat in Geneva for comments and approval.
- Regional liaison meetings were held with the ICRC.

Constraints

The regional office urgently requires Health and Finance and Development delegates to allow it to provide the required support to Nigeria, Togo, Benin and Ghana National Societies in the region.

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

16.07.2003

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->					2'194'543	TOTAL COVERAGE 60.3%	
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				599'031			
BRITISH - RC		25'000	GBP	56'063	31.01.2003	CBHP	
BRITISH - RC/DFID		35'000	GBP	56'063	31.01.2003	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS	
BRITISH - RC		5'000	GBP	10'738	15.04.03	FIRST AID BOXES	
BRITISH - RC		500	GBP	1'074	22.04.03	RESUSCI ANNIES	
BRITISH - PRIVATE/RC		126'420	GBP	271'487	15.04.03	HIV/AIDS	
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		89'322	EUR	131'058	07.02.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DISASTER MGT PROGRAMME	
NORWEGIAN - RC		500'000	NOK	94'375	28.02.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HIV/AIDS	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1'219'889	CHF		55.6%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
GREAT BRITAIN	DELEGATE(S)			89'691		
SWEDEN	DELEGATE(S)			14'784		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				104'475	CHF	4.8%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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