

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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Appeal Target: CHF 2,194,543 (USD 1,505,793 or EUR 1,492,066)

Programme Update No. 3

Period covered: July - December 2003

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In Brief

Appeal coverage: 104.0%; Please see the attached [Contributions List](#) for details.

Outstanding needs: None

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

- [Nigeria Sub-Regional Programmes; Appeal no. \(01.34/2003\)](#)
- [Nigeria Sub-Regional Programmes; Appeal no. \(01.31/2004\)](#)

Programme Summary: The [Nigerian Red Cross Society](#) has stepped up the activities of the health and care programme. There was great focus on provision of better first aid services besides the looming HIV/AIDS pandemic. The national society has made notable progress in first aid and HIV/AIDS and has swiftly responded in the event of disasters. To improve efficiency, the national society strived to strengthen relationships with other humanitarian agencies, NGO and governments in the past year.

Operational development

Nigeria experienced a couple of disasters through out the year. However, during the reporting period there was increased tension for fear of increase in fuel pump prices, which happened towards the end of the year. A couple of other looming disasters aggravated doubts about the stability of the regions affected, for instance, a looming fire disaster and pollution of farmlands caused by a leakage of petroleum pipelines.

Earlier during the reporting period, there were about seven disasters which affected the regions of Ekiti, Edo, Borno and Kebbi. Cases of cholera outbreak were also reported in some areas in the North West state of Kaduna.

There was a round of immunization during which under-fives were vaccinated against polio.

Health and Care

The Nigerian Red Cross health programme continued to provide healthier living conditions for the vulnerable. Some of the major health activities for the quarter focused on HIV/AIDS, community based health care, first aid projects and polio eradication initiatives among others.

Goal: Morbidity and Mortality rate in Nigeria are reduced

Objective: The Nigerian Red Cross has further improved its capacity to assist vulnerable communities to develop healthier living conditions by end of 2007

Expected Result 1: All 37 national society branches have been resourced to train volunteers in standard first aid and accident prevention

Progress:

The Nigerian Red Cross conducted 15 in-house first-aid-at-work courses and one open first aid course. Members of staff of Grinaker-LTA Construction, NNPC - Kaduna and British Deputy High Commission were among those who benefited from the first aid at work course.

The national society distributed 138 first aid kits to 37 branches. The effort was complimented by WHO who supplied the national society with additional kits for promotion of first aid activities in corporate organizations. The British Red Cross donated two manikins and accessories to the national society.

The national society issued outstanding certificates to all branches. This was an effort to further the review of the detachments' training syllabus, membership and other core aspects of the detachments' rules and regulations (Blue Book). This aims at strengthening and encouraging first aid activities at local branches.

The 37 branches of the national society carried out several first aid activities to increase awareness among the general public. A new Training Officer was recruited to advance the efforts of the national society in rendering quality first aid services. The national society published and distributed a first aid manual to the general public, which marked a turning point in the provision of assistance to victims of accidents and other health emergencies in the country.

Lastly, the national society conducted training of school unit leaders on standard first aid in 14 branches: Anambra, Kebbi, Bauchi, Niger, Kogi, Ogun, Edo, Kano, Kwara, Osun, Delta, Borno, Kaduna and Zamfara

Impact

Training and sensitization of first aid has promoted awareness among the members of the public. It had also improved the quality of first aid training and services among volunteers and in the educational institutions. Volunteers in the branches have continued to render first aid services at public gatherings and to victims of road accidents. The emergency and first aid teams put standard first aid skills into operation in over seven disaster situations that occurred in this quarter across the country.

The supply of first aid kits and presentation of a first aid manual had helped strengthen capacities at grassroots level. The new Training Officer continues to contribute to the efforts of the national society in rendering quality first aid services.

Expected Result 2: 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

With back-up from the Federation, the national society offered administrative support to eight branches to assist their Mothers Clubs' (MC) coordinators and facilitators in monitoring and supervision of activities. The national society distributed among other things; eight copies of the updated flip chart to MC in Plateau State branches, insecticide treated nets (ITN) and activities' register to MC in six branches. Oyo and Zamfara State branches

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recruited 40 additional members into their clubs, while a club in Niger State branch received land as a gift from the community. Some clubs, totaling to seven, were reactivated while others were established in the branches at Anambra, Benue, Lagos and Ogun States. Members of MC in Zamafara and Cross-River State branches were fully involved in the first aid service during the last general election which was held in April.

MC in six branches conducted health education on priority health problems, community development and income generating schemes. The national society also conducted a Mothers' Club training-of-trainers (TOT) workshop for six branches including Step-Down training.

Furthermore, the national society conducted a refresher course for MC Coordinators and Facilitators in 12 branches in December. In the same month, a one-day orientation on WatSan¹ KAPB was held for Zonal Officers and branch secretaries, mothers' clubs coordinators and facilitators of three identified project branches. The Mothers' coordinators participated in social mobilization during the sub-national immunization days.

During this quarter, 12 new units in Kwara, 12 new units in Enugu and 12 new units in Borno amounting to 36 units were formed and strengthened. Same units were used as an entry point for WatSan proposed project. The Mothers Club also continues to carry out awareness campaigns on HIV/AIDS in markets, villages and churches. Some income generating activities carried out to boost women in their communities included; packaging of spices for sale in Ungwan Rimi Kawo Unit in Kaduna and sewing of cloths in Geire Unit in Yola South local government area in Adamawa State.

Lastly, the national society drew up drafts of baseline and systematic formats for proper monitoring and reporting of activities of mothers' clubs.

Impact

- In six branches (Kwara, Kano, Osun, Delta, Anambra and Borno State), 60 new mothers' clubs have been established.
- Over 36 mothers' clubs were reinvigorated and strengthened in three states as entry points of the Nigerian Red Cross proposed WatSan branches. The branches are Kwara, Enugu and Borno.
- Some Mothers' Clubs have started raising funds locally for sustainability and effectiveness.
- Mothers' clubs health education activities have contributed to reduced morbidity and mortality rates in target communities and have further contributed to increased coverage of immunization in the communities.

HIV/AIDS

Expected Result 3: The Nigerian Red Cross has increased its capacity to effectively deliver assistance to vulnerable people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS

Progress

The national society has produced and distributed reviewed IEC² materials; polo shirts and face caps, to the 12 existing programme branches for peer education. Furthermore, 360 facilitators were trained from each project branch, in home based care (HBC) and HIV/AIDS counseling. This was complemented by the distribution of 30 HBC kits for each of the 12 project branches. The national society launched HIV/AIDS commemorative stamps on May 8 in addition to a series of anti-stigma awareness activities. In addition, the national society conducted assessment and advocacy visits to 12 new project branches after which a training-of-trainers (TOT) workshop for HBC facilitators was done.

In October, the national society packaged and distributed HBC kits including monetary support to 12 new project branches immediately after Step-Down training. Meanwhile, training of counselors for the 12 new project branches is on going.

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¹ WatSan – Water and sanitation

² IEC – Information, communication and education

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In November, the national society created a massive awareness campaign during the eighth All Africa Games by distributing IEC materials on HIV/AIDS to spectators.

Lastly, the national society marked the World AIDS Day on December 1 with an information seminar, which attracted over 200 members of the public. Similarly, a question and answer information booklet on HIV/AIDS was produced with the support of Nestlé for free distribution to the general public.

Impact

The following activities have further improved the profile of the national society in Nigeria:

- anti-stigma campaigns in all 37 branches,
- presence of and support by branches during the Eighth All-Africa Games, and
- The launching of the HIV/AIDS question and answer booklet and meetings with stakeholders.

In addition, the trained counselors and HBC facilitators will provide much needed support to Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and persons affected by HIV/AIDS when they implement their activities.

Constraints

- Stigma attached to HIV/AIDS has caused difficulties for the implementation of the HBC project, but it hoped that sustained awareness would reduce this attitude.

Other Activities

Eradicate Polio Initiative (EPI)

Progress:

A total of 3,686 volunteers of the national society were involved the last three rounds of the state national immunization day (SNID) in 14 states that had the wild polio virus. This included three mop-up exercises which mobilized 39,569,803 people.

The national society participated in social mobilization towards another round of immunization in October and December in 17 high-risk states, among them; Lagos, Niger, Kogi, Abuja, Sokoto, Plateau, Gombe, and Adamawa..

Impact

The social mobilization efforts are productive and have a positive response: 39,569,803 children turned up for the immunization exercises.

Constraints

- Some states in the North have refused to identify with the programme and have alleged that the polio vaccine induces HIV/AIDS virus and reduces fertility. The national society and other intra agencies, including the Federal Government, carried out an advocacy campaign to convince the people especially the political and religious authorities that the allegations are false.

Capacity Building and Networking

The national society has been in partnership with the interagency coordination committee comprising of the National Programme on Immunization-NPI, WHO, UNICEF, Rotary International and USAID. The national society has participated in a number of workshops and meetings organized by the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) and other organizations.

The national society has been attending meetings with the government's national action committee on AIDS (NACA) to strengthen their collaboration. Officers from the national society participated in a number of health meetings and workshops within and outside the country. The President of the national society and the Principal Health Officer attended the ICASA³ workshop in Nairobi, Kenya.

³ International Conference on AIDS and STI in Africa

The collaborative effort of the national society and the Federation in health projects increased. The Federation had continued to offer financial, technical and moral support to the national society's health programme.

Disaster Management

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

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

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

Emergency relief services are provided to people affected by disaster.

Progress:

The Nigeria Red Cross was involved in a number of disaster interventions in various States. During the reporting period, trained emergency and first aid teams successfully responded to disasters such as explosions, floods, conflict and fire in various states as shown below.

Nigeria Red Cross Society's Interventions in Disaster Situations across the Country in October - December 2003

Location	Disaster situation	Number of deaths	No. of victims and situation	Red Cross action
Abadam Town in Borno State	Fire	-	800 homeless	Distribution of food and non-food materials Psychological support
Sabon-Layi area of Maiduguri, Borno State	Religious clash	1	Several injured	first aid & Evacuation
Omuo Ekiti, Ekiti	Rainstorm	-	452 displaced	Food and non-food materials
Ologbo Community in Benin, Edo State	Rainstorm	6	16 injured and 100 displaced	National headquarters provided =N= 128,000 for food and non-food materials
Seven Local Government Areas in Kebbi State	Flood	6	1,324 displaced	Evacuation, first aid, psychological support, food and non-food materials
Across the Country	Nigerian Labour Congress-NLC industrial action	-	-	Stand-by

Impact

The trained emergency and first aid teams responded successfully to disaster emergencies.

Better coordination with and increased participation by Government and Non-Governmental Agencies in providing emergency relief services have been achieved.

Progress

The national society sustained collaboration with some notable governmental and non-governmental agencies to provide better emergency relief services to victims of disasters in the country.

Impact

Networking with governmental and non-governmental organizations improved coordination in provision of relief services to victims of emergencies.

Increased technical and managerial capacity of the Nigerian Red Cross to deliver emergency relief services has been ensured.

Progress:

Two Disaster Management Officers from the headquarters visited the Uganda Red Cross for. The activity was supported by the British Red Cross. Nigerian Red Cross was visited by two Uganda Red Cross Disaster Officers.

The national society assessed six new project branches and trained six branch secretaries, ten emergency team leaders and six Disaster Preparedness Coordinators from the six branches in South-South zone of the country. This was in addition to the training of 60 volunteers and members from five divisions of Cross-River State branch in the South as emergency and first aid team members.

The national society trained 60 emergency and first aid team leaders in six new programme branches, namely; Cross-River, Enugu, Lagos, Benue, Gombe and Kebbi. Branch secretaries and Disaster Preparedness Coordinators from the national society's 37 branches benefited from the training, which aimed at improving the disaster preparedness and response capacity of the national society.

As follow-up, the national society with the support from the Federation concluded the training of 240 divisional emergency and first aid team members from 20 identified divisions in Lagos, Cross-River, Enugu and Kebbi State branches.

A Disaster Preparedness Adviser from the British Red Cross visited Nigeria in November and trained staff and volunteers of the national society in contingency planning techniques. A total of 25 officers comprising of personnel from the headquarters, zones and Volunteer-Disaster Coordinators from 12 branches participated in the five-day workshop.

As part of the national society's preparedness and response capacity building effort, basic non-food materials had been pre-positioned in six zones.

Impact

The technical capacity of the national society in disaster management improved as a result of various local, regional and international training.

Organizational Development

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

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

Expected Result 1: The technical and managerial capacities of Nigerian Red Cross' senior management to provide vision and strategic direction are enhanced.

Progress:

The national society is responsible for the salary of the 37 branch secretaries. On-the-job training was done in Nasarawa and Plateau State branches in October.

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In November, the national society with the support of the Federation sent two Officers to Windhoek, Namibia for a conference on community social mobilization to improve their capacities in volunteer mobilization and management.

The national society concluded an arrangement with the Federation's organizational development office at Lagos to provide basic office equipment to six branches. This support was to enable the branches to improve performance.

Impact

Reporting by branch secretaries considerably improved in quality and timeliness.

Expected Result 2: The Nigerian Red Cross governance has been properly oriented to enable them undertake their roles and responsibilities.

Progress:

With support from the Federation, a two-day workshop was organized to enhance roles of governance and management and was attended by 18 branch chairpersons and secretaries. The Central Board (Central Council Executive Committee) of the national society held the third quarterly meeting.

The second phase of the Governance and Management Workshop for 19 branches was held in October while the national society's Central Governance had its fourth quarterly meeting in December.

Impact

There had been increased awareness on the roles of governance and management at headquarters and branch levels.

Expected Result 3: The recruitment and management of quality volunteers and youth have been improved

Progress:

Membership in the national society rose to 4,230 in 23 branches.

The national society also held its 2003 International Youth Camp in the north-Eastern State of Gombe and sponsored a youth member to attend the International Youth Camp organized by the Gambian Red Cross. In addition, branches from four regions held youth camps too. The Youth of Lagos State branch of the Nigerian Red Cross and those from the Merseyside branch of the British Red Cross continued their activities on the Global Youth Awareness Programme.

The national society succeeded in persuading the Katsina State government to sustain the youth empowerment project, which was first financed with the Empress Shoken Fund, in order to continue the training of the youth. Finally, there were meetings held for youth in two regions where about 200 young people attended.

Constraint

- The new recruitment profile of the national society was not a true reflection of the strength of the actual membership. The national society was still researching on the best strategy to get all members and volunteers registered.

Expected Result 4: The financial resource base of the Nigerian Red Cross has been improved through income generation and other resource mobilization activities

Progress:

The national society continued to improve its resource development. One of its income generating activities, the sales of a first aid manual, was launched in November 2003 for the use of the general public and the sales had so far yielded NGN 3 million.⁴ The sales of Red Cross souvenirs, season's greeting cards, membership cards and first aid services earned about NGN 1 million in the quarter under review.

⁴ NGN – Nigerian Naira; NGN 3 million is approximately CHF 27,000 at rate of 112:1.

Impact

The various fund raising strategies of the national society started to yield positive results.

Constraint

- Most branches have not fully developed the strategies to mobilize local resources.

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

28/01/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				2,194,543	TOTAL COVERAGE 104.0%	
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				599,031		
AMERICAN - RC		1,612	USD	2,279	22.08.03	
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
BRITISH - RC		70,000	GBP	156,030	08.09.03	HIV/AIDS
BRITISH - RC / PRIVATE		5,262	GBP	11,892	04.11.03	HIV/AIDS
BRITISH - RC		15,426	GBP	34,377	23.10.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
BRITISH - RC		15,426	GBP	34,377	15.12.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		89,322	EUR	131,058	07.02.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DISASTER MGT PROGRAMME
FINNISH - RC				57,000	08.05.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DELEGATE
FINNISH - RC		16,026	EUR	24,816	12.12.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DELEGATE
NORWEGIAN - RC		500,000	NOK	94,375	28.02.03	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HIV/AIDS
NORWEGIAN - RC				24,900	03.10.03	OD DELEGATE
SWEDISH - GOVT		3,500,000	SEK	591,500	22.08.03	DISASTER MANAGEMENT, ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH PROGRAMME
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				2,157,060	CHF	98.3%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
GREAT BRITAIN	DELEGATE(S)			109,732		
SWEDEN	DELEGATE(S)			14,784		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				124,516	CHF	5.7%

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ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	