

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## DJIBOUTI

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### In Brief

**Appeal No. 01.02/2004; Programme Update no. 2; Period covered: June to December 2004;**

**Appeal coverage: 103.4%; Outstanding needs: None**

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**Appeal target: CHF 228,006 (USD 171,240 or EUR 146,769)**

**Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Horn of Africa sub-regional programmes (includes Djibouti and Ethiopia) 2005 Annual Appeal no. 05AA005 – [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA005.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA005.pdf)**

**Programme summary:** After a delayed start, the Red Crescent Society of Djibouti<sup>1</sup> made considerable progress in implementing an integrated health programme in the Belbala area of the Capital, Djibouti Ville. The programme has significantly raised community awareness to various health risks and also raised the national society's profile amongst other actors in the community. After several postponements the national society held two regional assemblies in Obok and Dikhil districts, which is considered a major step towards the organization of the long awaited national assembly in 2005.

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*This Programme Update reflects activities to be implemented over a one-year period. This forms part of, and is based on, longer-term, multi-year planning (refer below to access the detailed logframe documents).*

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<sup>1</sup> Red Crescent Society of Djibouti – refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=57>

## **Operational developments**

Following the opening of the Federation Sub-Regional Office for the Horn of Africa in Addis Ababa in late November 2004, all programmes of the Red Crescent of Djibouti supported by the Federation will be administered through Addis Ababa. All administrative responsibilities for Red Crescent of Djibouti have consequently been passed over to the head of the Federation Horn of Africa Sub-Regional Office; these responsibilities were previously held by the regional Organizational Development delegate who was the focal person for the national society.

## **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 national society's capacity in community health and care programming is facilitated through Federation support**

### **Progress**

The Project Coordinator of the Red Crescent of Djibouti Integrated Health and Care seed project and the 20 volunteers trained in PHAST<sup>2</sup> have continued to conduct health and hygiene promotion, and community sensitization and awareness activities on STI/HIV/AIDS control and prevention in the community through participatory methods such as role play, drama and songs activities within the Belbala project site; the HIV/AIDS messages target a population of 4000 in Belbela. With the support of the regional health and care support unit through a field mission to Djibouti, Red Crescent volunteers received training on peer education for HIV/AIDS, PHAST/ARCHI and baseline survey methodologies. The national society was also assisted in initiating partnerships with key stakeholders on the ground at this time. An overview of the key project activities was also undertaken with the Project Coordinator while on a visit to the regional delegation at which time technical input was provided by the regional health and care and organizational development departments.

The national society has also procured 700 ITN<sup>3</sup> through the regional logistics department to enhance malaria control and prevention among the most vulnerable population; these are being distributed concurrently with the health promotion activities.

Preparations have commenced for the evaluation of a HIV/AIDS prevention programme being implemented by the national society along the Djibouti/Ethiopia corridor for which the regional delegation will provide support to Djibouti.

### **Impact**

Red Crescent of Djibouti is acknowledged as a credible partner at the community level and has earned the national society acknowledgment by the UN agencies as a partner for increased community health interventions. This holds great potential for increased activities with these partners, which will ultimately lead to volunteer retention.

The distribution of the ITN will benefit 700 children under five year old children and 800 pregnant women in Djibouti; the pregnant women will have increased ante natal care and thus decreased maternal morbidity and mortality due to malaria and pregnancy related conditions.

### **Constraints**

The limited capacity of the national society has hampered its capacity to fully absorb the project funds within the stipulated time frame. The set up within the ministry of water (ONED) and the urban setup within Belbala, an urban slum, has made it difficult to arrive at a more amicable solution towards the rehabilitation of the four public water points under the project. The existing community management structures may not be in favour of paying for water once the rehabilitation work has been undertaken as proposed by ONED as compared to the current situation where water is offered for free but its safety is not guaranteed.

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<sup>2</sup> PHAST – Participatory Hygiene and Sanitary Transformation

<sup>3</sup> ITN - insecticide treated mosquito bed nets

## **Djibouti; Annual Appeal no. 01.02/2004; Programme Update no. 2**

Regular communication with different national societies is vital for effective support, dissemination of information and sharing of lessons learnt to support similar or other interventions. This has remained a challenge due to many reasons ranging from absence of email connectivity, and very few staff with multiple responsibilities and therefore little time to communicate and share experiences.

### **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 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**

Building repairs were completed in five of the six district offices, giving Steering Committees premises from which to operate. No office has been allocated as yet in the new administrative district of Arta. Monitoring visits from the headquarters to the branches increased over the reporting period in an attempt to prepare a number of Provincial Assemblies. Assemblies in Dikhil and Obok districts were held in December while the remaining four will be held in the first quarter of 2005.

#### **Impact**

The national society continues to develop its visibility due to the completion of functional offices in five provinces. Volunteers are using this facility to meet regularly to plan their activities. The commitment of some Board members has finally resulted in two provincial assemblies being held this year; however the General Assembly has once again been postponed and will not take place before mid 2005.

#### **Constraints**

The Deputy Secretary General continues to play an increasingly active role in the national society and has been instrumental in streamlining certain procedures. However his other commitments mean that he is not consistently available to provide leadership to staff. The issue of leadership of the national society is not likely to be regularised before the General Assembly. The draft Statutes which should be approved at the General Assembly and under whose provisions the elections should be held have not yet been finalised.

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APPEAL No. 01.02/2004

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

11/01/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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## CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				228,006		103.4%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				96,909		
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID GRANT 2004				64,000	29.01.04	
FINNISH - GOVT/RC		47,500	EUR	74,836	09.03.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				235,745	CHF	103.4%

## KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
Note: due to systems upgrades in process, contributions in kind and services may be incomplete.						
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	