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In Brief

Appeal No. 01.11/2004; Programme Update no. 2; Period covered: May to September 2004; Appeal coverage: 18.6%; Outstanding needs: CHF 2,250,313 (USD 1,987,900 or EUR 1,458,400).
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Appeal target: CHF 2,766,153 (USD 2,077,471 or EUR 1,780,594).

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Angola 2005 Annual Appeal no. 05AA008 –
http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA008.pdf

Programme summary: The Angola Red Cross¹ community-based health and care programme includes activities for the control of epidemics, health education, mother and child health care, safe water, sanitation and hygiene, HIV/AIDS prevention, and the promotion of change in attitude and behaviour in sexual conduct. The disaster management department focuses more on mine awareness campaign in the affected provinces. The national society has planned to hold its general assembly early next year, and in preparation is holding provincial assemblies in all 17 provinces by mid-December 2004.

The national society carried out HIV and AIDS prevention activities in ten provinces despite its funding constraints. The Federation has provided a health delegate who is supporting the programme. The national society is pursuing its relations with partners to ensure effective service delivery to the vulnerable communities.

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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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¹ Angola Red Cross – refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=18>

Operational developments

The Angola Red Cross strengthens relationship and coordination with Red Cross and Red Crescent partners in Angola through meetings and project visits. The national society established collaboration with other partners, including the ministry of health (MoH), World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, UNHCR, Rotary International, focusing on health and care, HIV and AIDS, water and sanitation and other community-based activities.

During the reporting period, Angola Red Cross supported by the Danish and Norwegian Red Cross, through the Federation implemented an integrated community health and care projects in Kwanza Sul Province. Exxon Mobil and American Red Cross supported the malaria prevention activities and ITN's distribution in Kwanza Norte and Benguela province. HIV and AIDS prevention activity project in Kwanza Norte, Cabinda, Moxico, Uige and Zaire are supported by the Federation. Organization development activities were supported through the capacity building fund, Norwegian and Sweden Red Cross.

Health and care

Goal: Sustainable improvement in the general health conditions of vulnerable communities, through the provision of combined community-based health care, safe water/sanitation/hygiene education and HIV and AIDS activities whilst, at the same time, building upon and expanding Angola Red Cross capacity and volunteer system in the entire country.

Objective: Provision of basic health care by Angola Red Cross, including community-based health activities, HIV and AIDS, water and sanitation programme in targeted communities, is improved and thus contributes to the mitigation of priority health problems.

Community-based health and care

Progress/Achievements

The health awareness in the targeted vulnerable communities in ten provinces and communities surrounding the Angola Red Cross health posts is increased.

During the reporting period Angola Red Cross advocated to the MoH for support in the community-based health and care programme, through several visits and meeting with authorities at the national, provincial and community levels. There are approximately 19,000 beneficiaries assisted through the Angola Red Cross health post during the reporting period (11,826 children under five years, 3,719 pregnant women, 3,686 adults).

The rehabilitation of health posts in Gabela, Assango and Conde in Kwanza Sul province has been completed. Through the cooperation agreement between the Angola Red Cross, Save the Children/US and Management Sciences for Health, the Kwanza Sul health post secured some equipment for the basic health service. Gabela, Assango and Conde health post services in Kwanza Sul province are fully functional.

Save the Children and Management Sciences for Health supported the national society with training of 70 volunteers and ten staff on health education. Training was held in Gabela and Sumbe municipalities and focused on how to educate the community on personal and environmental hygiene and the control of communicable diseases.

200 traditional midwives have received refresher training and have received first aid kits supplies in ten provinces.

Angola Red Cross is assisted by the municipality administrative director and local representative of MoH to identify traditional midwives in Kwanza Sul, Benguela and Kwanza Norte province. Consequently, 75 traditional midwives from Kwanza Norte and Kwanza Sul province were trained and received birth kits to assist with deliveries. Angola Red Cross with the support of the MoH is responsible for monitoring and supervising the work of the trained traditional midwives through the health post

100 volunteers and 300 caregivers and mothers are trained on proper feeding of children.

Angola Red Cross supported by MoH trained health staff and volunteers in Zaire, Uige, Kwanza Norte, Kwanza Sul and Benguela province. In each province, 20 volunteers and 50 community caregivers have been mobilized to support child care activities at the Angola Red Cross health posts.

50,000 households in targeted communities in ten provinces received information about general health education and common disease control activities.

Angola Red Cross deployed more than 150 volunteers who have conducted 16,800 household visits in ten provinces. The volunteers counselled approximately 94,000 beneficiaries on health education, control of communicable diseases and provision of community first aid. During the reporting period 72 communities received information about access to safe water, malaria and HIV and AIDS prevention, and approximately 15,000 condoms distributed.

Angola Red Cross is an active member of the interagency coordination committee and related coordination bodies.

Angola Red Cross has participated in all the interagency coordination committees and national vaccination programme activities. The national society is one of the important partners for the MoH in social mobilization activities. During the national polio vaccination campaign in July and August this year, Angola Red Cross mobilized 186 staff and volunteers and assisted in the vaccination of more than 104,000 children under five.

50,000 families in ten provinces reached with community malaria prevention activities.

With support from Exxon Mobil Subsidiary/Esso Angola and American Red Cross, Angola Red Cross implemented a community malaria prevention pilot project in Kwanza Norte and Benguela province. A total of 60 volunteers were trained in malaria social mobilization and prevention activities. Communities in Kwanza Norte have been mobilized on malaria interventions and the Angola Red Cross volunteers made a KAP survey for analysing the use of insecticide treated mosquito nets (ITNs). Angola Red Cross distributed more than 2,500 ITNs for 1,940 children under five years and 560 pregnant women in five communities in Cubal municipality, Benguela province.

Impact:

The Kwanza Sul integral health project has increased the knowledge on communicable diseases in the community. The malaria prevention programme has increased the visibility of the national society which now has a good and strong working relationship with MoH at various levels. The community-based health and care projects generated positive response from the community and the volunteers demonstrated enthusiasm during the training, home visits and ITNs net distribution.

Constraints:

The implementation of planned activities in other provinces was hindered by shortfall in funding. Monitoring visit and communication with all provinces was affected by logistic problems such as bad car condition. Difficulties were experienced with ensuring delivery of goods and stationary to the implementing sites.

Some communities expressed difficulties in the use of the mosquito net sets in situations where children did not have beds. There was some community dissatisfaction because the project had no provision of mosquito net distribution for volunteers, children over five years, non pregnant women and men. The volunteers experienced difficulties in carrying out their work due to lack of plastic sheets and rubber boots for use during house to house visits, community education activities and mosquito nets distribution during the rainy season.

HIV and AIDS

Progress/Achievements

400,000 people (youth, defence forces, sex workers, long distance truck and bus driver and people living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) have been counselled and provided with information, education and communication material (IEC).

HIV and AIDS prevention activities reached more than 1,000 beneficiaries which include youth, police and military staff, sex workers and truck drivers in Kwanza Norte, Cabinda, Moxico, Uige and Zaire province. During the reporting period a total of 100 volunteers received refresher training on HIV and AIDS prevention in the five provinces.

The Angola Red Cross also works bilaterally with French Red Cross in Huambo province and the Spanish Red Cross in Luanda, Bié, Benguela and Bengo provinces in the area of HIV and AIDS prevention. The activists disseminate prevention messages in public places like the markets, beaches, schools etc.

A memorandum of understanding between the national society and the association of PLWHA for collaboration in activities related to anti-stigma campaigns has been prepared. Another memorandum of understanding between the national society and WFP will be signed to support PLWHA and national society volunteers in HIV and AIDS prevention activities. The chairperson of the Angola National Association of non governmental organizations is the vice president of the national society. This organization is working in HIV and AIDS prevention activities.

UNICEF provided the national society with 150 cards with educational messages on HIV prevention activities for peer educator volunteers in the provinces. USAID/American government provided 300,000 condoms for distribution posts.

The following activities were achieved;

- 100 Volunteers mobilized and trained
- 102,003 Condoms distributed
- 114,468 IEC materials distributed
- 2,154 educational sessions on HIV and AIDS prevention conducted

Impact

HIV and AIDS awareness campaign increased the knowledge on prevention. Stigma and discrimination has been addressed through establishment of a coordination structure with the network for PLWHA. Collaboration with other partners (UNAIDS, UNICEF, GOAL, ANASO, UNFPA, WHO, UNWFP) has increased visibility of the national society especially its involvement in HIV and AIDS work.

Constraints

Slow onset of funding delayed implementation of activities. Monitoring visits and supervision to provinces could not be effectively conducted due to logistical issues.

Water and Sanitation

Progress/Achievements

The Angola Red Cross capacity in the provision of sustainable water and sanitation services is increased

Save the Children and the Management Sciences for Health institute support Angola Red Cross in implementing water and sanitation activities such as hygiene promotion in the Kwanza Sul integrated health and care programme. Through this strategic agreement, Angola Red Cross vulnerable community surrounding the health post and installed three water pumps to assist more than 3,200 beneficiaries.

100 volunteers in three provinces are trained and mobilized in PHAST activities.

No training performed in this period however, the volunteers trained in 2003 are actively involved in hygiene promotion activities.

Impact

Angola Red Cross continues to work with communities on water and sanitation activities to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable people in Kwanza Sul province though improved health standards. Health promotions were conducted though house to house visits and public talks.

Disaster Management

Goal: The Angola Red Cross community-base mine awareness and education programme is strengthened through the development of integrated disaster mitigation, preparedness and response strategies, structure, systems, plans and activities according to the role defined for it by the government.

Objective: A sustainable improvement in the capacity of Angola Red Cross community-based mine awareness and education programme in seven provinces and the strengthening of Angola Red Cross capacity in order to respond to any disaster.

Progress/Achievements

Angola Red Cross provides effective and relevant services to the populations through its community-based mine awareness and education programme in seven provinces.

Angola Red Cross supported and the ICRC conducted an awareness campaign on the dangers of landmines for municipalities of Bie and Benguela provinces. In these provinces, approximately 40 volunteers conduct awareness campaigns at community level. More than 8,300 people from the communities were sensitized on mine awareness through public talks, drama and songs in school and market places. Angola Red Cross actively participates in National Inter-Sectorial Committee on Demining and Humanitarian Assistance coordination activities for mine awareness.

Impact

The mine awareness campaign programme has strengthened the national society response capacity, hence minimising the incidences of mine accidents to the vulnerable communities.

Constraints

Lack of funding has derailed implementation of planned disaster management activities.

Organizational Development

Goal: The Angola Red Cross meets the characteristics of a well-functioning national society and is recognized and respected as a key national actor in the humanitarian sector in Angola, first and foremost by the Angolan people themselves and by the government of Angola, but also by other national international humanitarian agencies.

Objective: The governance and management capacities to the Angola Red Cross at both headquarters and provincial branch levels strengthened, so as to meet the new emerging development needs and to actively support the government efforts in reconstructing the post-war Angola.

The Federation assisted Angola Red Cross to conduct an organizational development assessment in March 2004 in order to support the national society change process. The mission focused on the organizational development process and the implementation of the 2002-2004 plan of action. From the assessment it was recommended;

- To conduct provincial assemblies
- To hold a general assembly
- Restructuring the finance department and produce finance report for 2000-2003
- To conduct an external audit of the financial and narrative report of 2000-2003 to be presented to the general assembly

A national executive council and provincial secretaries meeting was held on 11 August for the coordination and organization of all 17 provincial assemblies: The first provincial assembly was held on 25 June in Luanda province (Bengo, Benguela, Bie, Huambo and Kwanza Sul), and the second on 30 September in Benguela province (Cabinda, Kwanza Norte, Malange, Uige and Zaire). The third provincial assembly is planned for November 2004 (Cunene, Huila, Kuando Kubango, Namibe, Moxico, Lunda Norte and Lunda Sul).

The implementation of the recommendation was moved forward due to the initial delay in conducting the first provincial assemblies. The narrative and financial report to be presented to the general assembly will be audited externally between January and March 2005. A committee was formed to revise the statutes also between January and March 2005. The general assembly is planned to be held in April 2005.

Impact

The provincial assemblies have reactivated some of the branches and two governance structures have been put in place for the first time. The elected governance will be responsible for drafting strategies and identifying priority programmes for their branches.

Constraints

The national society requires strengthening its headquarters and branch relationship to facilitate effective implementation of programmes. The new elected governance will need orientation courses to fully understand their roles as most elected members are coming from outside the movement. This is likely to cause delays in launching into drafting strategies and priorities for the Red Cross branches.

Coordination

Angola Red Cross coordination with WHO, UNFPA, WFP, OCHA, UNAIDS, UNHCR, government of Angola and other national and international stakeholders strengthened through continuous dialogue and engagement at both the field and national level. The health delegate, accompanied by the Angola Red Cross programme coordinator, national health coordinator and HIV and AIDS continued to participate in the inter-agency coordination committee (ICC) and coordination committee meeting (CCM) for the Global Fund proposal for malaria and HIV.

A tripartite coordination meeting has also been established as a coordination and cooperation mechanism for the Angola Red Cross, ICRC and Federation to provide feedback and advice to the Angola Red Cross on national programmes, governance and issues of common interest and concern. The ICRC and the Federation have agreed on providing complementary support to the National Society during this important change process. Both have invested in supporting the provincial assemblies with their presence and coaching of the senior management and leadership. Additionally, ICRC funding complements the Federation resources for all the provincial assemblies.

The Federation is keeping communication channels open with the Spanish and French Red Cross operating bilaterally with the Angola Red Cross. The Regional programme coordinator in Harare is regularly sharing general information made available from the Federation such as the Algiers Plan of Action, World Aids Day key messages, etc. In country health delegate keeps the PNS informed on National Society programme and capacity building progress.

Cooperation Agreement has been signed between Angola Red Cross and Save Children (USA) to strength the Angola Red Cross health post services and other cooperation agreement negotiated and developed from Angola Red Cross and Angolan National PLWHA Association and UNWFP will be the key tool in the efforts to coordinate the HIV and AIDS activities.

Southern Africa Partnership for Red Cross Societies (SAPRCS) forum will remain the central regional coordinating body where learning and knowledge sharing takes place. The Angola Red Cross will continue to participate in this forum. Support to national society leadership and governance in certain contexts, such as facilitation of common positions on advocacy issues, Angola Red Cross Provincial Assembly and General Assembly process for example, integrity issue or financial structured.

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APPEAL No. 01.11/2004

PLEDGES RECEIVED

11/01/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				2,766,153	TOTAL COVERAGE 18.6%	
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				135,954		
AMERICAN - PRIVATE DONOR/RC		101,875	USD	127,242	29.12.03	MALARIA CONTROL
DANISH - GOVT				63,103	02.04.04	HEALTH DELEGATE
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		132,500	NOK	25,043	25.04.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
NORWEGIAN - RC		100,000	NOK	18,250	25.08.04	CHANGE PROCESS
SWEDISH - RC		300,000	SEK	50,250	23.08.04	HEALTH, FIELD MANAGEMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT		319,987	SEK	53,598	23.08.04	PROVINCIAL ELECTION PROCESS RC
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND				25,000	26.08.04	CHANGE PROCESS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				498,440	CHF	18.0%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
DENMARK	DELEGATES			17,400		
Note: due to systems upgrades in process, contributions in kind and services may be incomplete.						
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				17,400	CHF	0.6%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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