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In Brief

Appeal No. 01.31/2004; Programme Update no. 2, Period covered: May to September 2004; Appeal coverage: 62.1%; Outstanding needs: CHF 1,634,051 (USD 1,361,100 or EUR 1,068,400).

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Appeal target: CHF 4,315,140 (USD 3,240,811 or EUR 2,777,689).

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

- 2005 Annual Appeal no. 05AA025: Nigeria sub-regional programmes (includes Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo) – http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA025.pdf

Programme summary: The Nigerian Red Cross Society¹ conducted an internal mid-term review of its HIV/AIDS programme. A survey of HIV/AIDS knowledge, Attitude, Practice and Behaviour (KAPB) was conducted amongst the youths involved in peer education. The national society's Emergency and First Aid Teams (EFATs) provided first aid and psychological support to over 600 victims of disasters and also distributed food and non-food relief assistance to those affected, totalling 52,740 persons. The national society, with the Federation's assistance, conducted a three-day business planning and Income-Generating Project (IGP) workshops for six branches.

The Federation and its partners have continued to work with the Ghana Red Cross Society² to implement a restructuring plan as agreed by the national society and stakeholders. This aims to resolve the financial and administrative challenges and set up a functioning governance and management systems for the Ghana Red Cross.

The Federation and ICRC coordinated the various meetings for the resolution of the constitutional and management problems of the Red Cross Society of Benin³.

The Togolese Red Cross⁴ has been supported to implement its HIV/AIDS and health programmes. This includes the mobilization of volunteers to support community mobilization for a national malaria and measles campaign planned in December 2004, as highlighted in the Programme Initiative no. 10/2004⁵.

¹ Nigerian Red Cross Society – <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=128>

² Ghana Red Cross Society – <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=73>

³ Red Cross Society of Benin – <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=209>

⁴ Togolese Red Cross – <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=170>

⁵ Programme Initiative: Malaria and Measles – http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?04/1004ProgInitMal&Meas.pdf and Programme Initiative: Malaria and Measles, Focus on Action in Togo - http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?04/1004ProgInitMal&MeasTogo.pdf

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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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Operational Developments

The Nigerian Red Cross Society continued the implementation of its mandate and fulfilling its vision to reduce the suffering of the most vulnerable nationwide. Concerted efforts were made to execute its planned programmes, based on Federation's appeal for 2004. The national society responded to a number of national disasters and carried out preparedness activities. The Nigerian Red Cross also organized a series of trainings and in collaboration with the Federation, continued support to enhance its staff and volunteers' capacities in health care including HIV/AIDS.

The Nigerian Red Cross has been most active in participating in the national polio eradication campaigns for under-fives since the resumption of the anti-polio immunization exercise in some northern states of Nigeria. It has increased its volunteers' support and focused efforts on these high risk states with the most vulnerable population.

The national society has also carried out development of its branches to improve programme implementation and reporting capacities. During this period, prison sanitation programme, tracing, and dissemination of international humanitarian laws and principles of the Movement also continued. These activities have further enhanced visibility and the national society's collaborative effort. .

Health and Care

Community-Based Health Care (CBHC)

The CBHC activities include participation and representation in a stakeholders' national HIV/AIDS conference held in Abuja and attended by almost 5,000 persons. Consequently, an internal, mid-term review was conducted for the HIV/AIDS programme to assess progress made to date and guide future operational and strategic planning. Similarly, a KAPB HIV/AIDS survey was conducted amongst the youths involved in peer education to gain further information for enhanced programme planning.

Other health activities comprise National training on: Community-Based First Aid (CBFA), Mothers' Club, School Units and development of Health Action Teams (HATs). The Nigerian Red Cross staff and volunteers have been actively involved at all levels of the activities from social mobilisation for the Sub-National Immunisation Days (SNIDs) focussing particularly on the eight high risk states (Sokoto, Zamfara, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Jigawa, Bauchi and Kebbi) to participation in the Inter-Agency Coordination Committee meeting and Social Mobilisation Working Group.

The Nigerian Red Cross continued its support to the cholera epidemic control in Faskari, Katsina State and provided assistance to the disaster management team during the ethno-religious conflict that affected parts of the country.

Goal: Morbidity and mortality rate in Nigeria are reduced.

Objective: The Nigerian Red Cross capacity is enhanced in delivering efficient services in improving the health of the vulnerable by the end of 2007.

Expected Result 1: The Nigerian Red Cross' visibility, recognition and relevance to more people in the social context are increased.

Progress

In July 2004, the national society organised a national community-based first aid training for its volunteers in the six health programme branches namely Kaduna, Yobe, Abuja, Oyo, Akwa Ibom and Jigawa. Following this, step-down training was conducted in these branches reaching 270 team leaders and 66 activity coordinators.

Impact

First aid skills of volunteers have increased within the communities in the health programme branches. These communities can now manage accident administration effectively and efficiently. There had also been improved quality assurance system in the 37 Branches as well as good record keeping.

Constraints and recommendations

Volunteers' have limited skills and resources to report activities from field level. New report format and systems to be implemented to address this.

Expected Result 2: Community-based health activities have been implemented by Red Cross School Unit, Road Safety Clubs and HAT.

Progress

A national training for 12 school unit coordinators and their assistants was held in the six new health programme branches in August 2004. An update on the activities of school unit volunteers from 18 branches is under way. The first edition of the Health Action Team (HAT) manual has been produced and its use demonstrated during a training workshop. The Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH) participated in the workshop and made valuable contributions to the potential roles and responsibilities of the HATs and how they may work in collaboration with the Ministry.

Impact

Accident management skills of both teachers and pupils were improved in schools. There has also been an increased awareness of the role of the Nigerian Red Cross in effective and efficient management of health emergencies.

Constraints and recommendations

Stakeholders' commitment in schools was limited requiring increased awareness in the future.

Expected Results 3

All branches have established and benefited from activities undertaken by the Nigerian Red Cross Mothers' Clubs.

Progress

A review of Mothers' Club training and work tools, including the flipchart and production of Mothers' Clubs' Manual was carried out. Equally, a national training of 12 new coordinators and facilitators for six new health programme branches was conducted in Jigawa State, which was followed by step-down training in these branches to reach more volunteers and beneficiaries.

The Nigerian Red Cross Mothers' clubs have been highlighted as key participants in social mobilisation for the polio eradication campaign in the most hard to reach areas. Plans have reached an advanced stage on the use of insecticide-treated mosquito bed-nets (ITN) for the Nigerian Red Cross pilot 'Roll-Back Malaria' project. Finally, the Gombe Branch Snakebite project has been implemented for the control of snakebites, a major problem identified by the mothers club in Kaltungo Local Government Area of Gombe state.

Impact

Leaders of Mothers' Clubs are now better equipped to train other mothers on primary health care issues in their community through the training and resources provided. Members are fully integrated into the social mobilisation of Polio Eradication Initiative (PEI). They have become increasingly empowered in income generation activities and developing local initiatives to address local health issues.

Constraints and recommendations

Full participation of women from the most rural areas is limited. Encourage development of mothers' clubs in the most rural and hard-to-reach areas.

Expected Result 4: The Nigerian Red Cross' capacity to effectively deliver assistance to vulnerable PLWHA and reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS among the general population is increased.

Progress

The activities implemented during this period include the active participation of volunteers and staff at the National HIV/AIDS Conference in Abuja. The Nigerian Red Cross President and volunteer presented papers at the conference while over 50 volunteers from the Abuja branch assisted in ushering and providing first aid services at the event. The Abuja branch volunteers and Nigerian Red Cross Health Action Teams (HATs) also facilitated an exhibition of materials at the conference.

An internal mid-term review of the Nigerian Red Cross HIV/AIDS programme aimed at assessing progress to date and guiding future strategic planning was carried out with support from staff and volunteers. The review's main findings were on the scope of the programme and its relevance to the national HIV/AIDS response. However, it does represent a major management and technical challenge to the existing structures and capacities of Nigerian Red Cross.

In recognition of this, clear recommendations were identified and an enlightenment workshop was held on how to implement the recommendations nationally in collaboration with the headquarters and Zonal health officers. These are now being implemented over a planned period. The Nigerian Red Cross reviewed, updated and produced new IEC materials and tools for the various components of the HIV/AIDS Programme. It also planned refresher training and further support for monitoring/supervision, including new reporting format and logistical support systems. The HIV/AIDS KAPB survey conducted among the youths involved in the peer education programme comprised 2,400 respondents from the four branches in different geographical locations. The survey revealed that in spite of respondents' knowledge of HIV/AIDS, they were still engaged in high risk sexual practices and discriminated against PLWHA. This demonstrates a continued need for interventions to be targeted at the in-school youths using the youth peer education approach.

The national society celebrated the World Red Cross day in Oru town, Ogun State. An HIV/AIDS cartoon booklet "Mama Lasisi" designed by a popular Nigerian cartoonist with technical direction by Nigerian Red Cross was launched and disseminated. The Nigerian Red Cross conducted a rally with the theme: **Stop Discrimination**. More than six million people were reached through the television, radio and print media.



Above: The Federation Head of Sub-Regional Office, the Nigerian Red Cross President and PLWHA Coordinator at ceremonies celebrating World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2004 Rally at Refugees' Camp in Oru, Ogun State.

Impact

The Nigerian Red Cross is increasingly recognised as an active partner in the national response to HIV/AIDS through high visibility at the community and national levels. Implementing the review's recommendations has resulted in an enhanced and more dynamic HIV/AIDS programme. The production of improved IEC materials for the various components of the HIV/AIDS Programme is ensuring clear and concise messages. Provision of mobility and tools for staff and volunteers in the branches has also led to increased programme implementation.

Below: HIV/AIDS Rally on World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2004 in Oru, Ugun State



Other Activities

Objective: Polio Eradication in Nigeria is attained by 2005 through Nigerian Red Cross' contribution.

Progress

The Nigerian Red Cross has continued its support and advocacy for the Polio Eradication Initiative Campaign. The Society and Federation's health delegates still participate in the ICC meetings at national level and support the Nigerian Red Cross' role in the multi-agency social mobilisation work group based in Abuja.

Following the confirmation of acceptance of the vaccine in Kano state after almost an 11-month suspension of the campaign, Nigerian Red Cross and the Federation's health delegate participated in briefing and training of the Nigerian Red Cross volunteers active in the campaign.

The volunteers continued to focus on the most vulnerable in the most hard-to-reach areas during the August Sub-National Immunization Days in eight high-risk states of Sokoto, Zamfara, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Jigawa, Bauchi and Kebbi including the 2nd Round National Immunization Days in all the 37 Branches. The flag off was done in Abuja and Kano respectively with Nigerian Red Cross participation.

Impact

Communities were fully involved through the use of the Nigerian Red Cross Mothers' Club coordinators and leaders. With the acceptability of the vaccine, more communities were also covered.

Constraints and recommendations

All stakeholders were not fully committed to the Polio Eradication Initiative Programme which required active information dissemination and increased awareness and knowledge.

Capacity building

A number of staff from headquarters and branch levels participated in the National HIV/AIDS Conference held in Abuja. The Nigerian Red Cross senior health staff participated in a report writing workshop held in Nigeria for participants from the sub-region. A health officer from the headquarters participated in a roll back malaria workshop held in Ghana. The Nigerian Red Cross health sub-committee meeting was held during this period and recommendations from the HIV/AIDS review was circulated to members during the meeting.

Disaster Management

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

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

Expected Result 1: The vulnerability of disaster victims is reduced.

Progress

During the reporting period, the Nigerian Red Cross responded to four major disasters in seven different parts of the country, namely in Adamawa, Gombe, Kano, Nassarawa, Bauchi, Plateau and Rivers States as demonstrated in Table 1. The Emergency and First Aid Teams (EFATs) in these branches provided first aid and psychological support to over 52,740 victims affected by disasters and also distributed food and non-food relief assistance to them.

Table 1: Nigerian Red Cross major interventions in disaster situations between May and September 2004

Location	Nature of Disaster	No. of deaths	No. of victims & situation	Red Cross Action
Plateau, Kano, Nassarawa and Bauchi	Ethno-Religious conflict	350	40,000	Provision of non-food materials
Numan, Old Loko-Adamawa	Ethnic / religious conflict & flood	229	4,440 displaced	Provision of food relief items
Gombe	Flood	20	2,300 displaced	Provision of food relief items
Ataba- Rivers	Communal clash	36	6,000	Provision of non-food materials

The Nigerian Red Cross carried out an assessment of all the disasters and effectively responded according to the needs in the four affected states engulfed in the ethno-religious conflict resulting in mass internal displacements. The table 2 below demonstrates that the displaced communities required non-food items plus first aid and psychological support.

Table 2: Non-Food Items distributed in the four states of Plateau, Nassarawa, Bauchi and Kano to victims of Ethno-Religious Conflict

States	Quantity supplied per family	Kano	Plateau	Bauchi	Nassarawa	Total
Families (IDPS)		750	200	400	500	1,850
Items						
Blankets	2pcs.	1,500	400	800	1,000	3,700
Mats	2pcs.	1,500	400	800	1,000	3,700
Cooking Pots	2 sets	1,500	400	800	1,000	3,700
Cooking Stoves	2	1,500	400	800	1,000	3,700
Kitchen Sets	1	750	200	400	500	1,850
Toilet Soap	2 tablets	1,500	400	800	1,000	3,700
Detergents	1 kg	750	200	400	500	1,850
Plastic Buckets	2pcs.	1,500	400	800	1,000	3,700
Assorted Clothes	Assorted	15 bales	15 bales	15 bales	15 bales	60 bales

The Nigerian Red Cross found the greatest immediate need was for food relief while responding to the flood victims in both Adamawa and Gombe states. These items were then distributed as demonstrated in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Food item relief supplied to victims of ethno-religious conflict and Old Loko flood in Adamawa

Adamawa		Gombe	
ITEM	QUANTITY	ITEM	QUANTITY
Rice	40 (50Kg) bags	Rice	10 bags
Beans	10 (100kg) bags	Beans	5 bags
		Loaves of Bread	1000

The families involved in the Ataba conflict, Rivers State required immediate non-food relief as detailed in below.

Table 4: Non-Food Relief Items distributed to Displaced Persons of Ataba Conflict in Rivers State

NON-FOOD RELIEF MATERIALS	QUANTITIES DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES
Toilet Soap	300
Plastic bowls	150
Spoons	200
Plastic cups	200
Plastic plates	300
Blankets	100
Mats	100
Cooking pots	100
Plastic sheeting	100

Impact

The EFATs’ capacity has tremendously increased the value of Nigerian Red Cross services in reducing vulnerability as demonstrated during the above interventions. The number of vulnerable people reached had increased.

Constraint

Limited access to the coastal areas due to the nature of the terrain and use of sophisticated ammunition including automatic weapons and dynamite by parties to conflicts hindered prompt delivery of humanitarian service by Nigerian Red Cross volunteers to the Niger Delta Area especially in Rivers State.

Expected Result 2: The efficiency and effectiveness of the Nigerian Red Cross emergency response is increased.

Progress

The national society trained 20 EFAT Leaders in Adamawa and Bauchi State branches and pre-positioned non-food relief items for 800 families in three branches, namely Akwa -Ibom, Benue and Kano, most prone to disaster as shown in Table 5. In addition, a side store was provided for the Disaster Management Unit at the National Headquarters for storage of emergency materials and equipments. This aimed to increase the capacity of disaster preparedness leading to a more effective response.

Table 5: Pre-Positioning of Non- Food Relief Stocks in 3 branches: Akwa-Ibom (200 families), Kano (400 families) and Benue (200 families)

ITEM	QUANTITY
Blankets (pieces)	1,600
Cooking Pots (pieces)	1,600
Stoves (pieces)	800
Plastic buckets (pieces)	1,600
Plastic plates (pieces)	4,000
Plastic cups (pieces)	4,000
Toilet soap (pieces)	4,000
Detergent (kg)	800

Impact

The Nigerian Red Cross' response capacity has increased with an enhanced visibility.

Constraints and recommendations

The EFAT leaders training was initially delayed due to the absence of the ICRC Cooperation Delegate whose eventual arrival provided the needed coordinated ICRC/Federation approach in strengthening the Society's Disaster Management capacity.

Expected Result 3: The capacity of the vulnerable is strengthened.

Progress

The Nigerian Red Cross' contingency plan for population movement in respect of the Bakassi Peninsula was partially activated to cater for Nigerian returnees from the Republic of Cameroon. Consequently, the Red Cross volunteers from Akwa Ibom and Cross River State branches assisted a total of 749 returnees. Furthermore, there were consultations with governments and other stakeholders on the focused disaster management activities in three pilot branches of Akwa-Ibom, Cross-River and Rivers, which was supported by the British Red Cross Society.

Impact

Trained EFATs' volunteers effectively responded to emergencies in different parts of the country. The Community Based Disaster Management (CBDM) of Nigerian Red Cross has been involving local communities in all activities thereby giving them a sense of ownership for all disaster management activities.

Organizational Development

Goal: The population's vulnerability has reduced due to an increased programme and service delivery capacity of the Nigerian Red Cross.

Objective: The Nigerian Red Cross' capacity to provide sustainable, focused and responsive services to the vulnerable is improved.

Expected Result 1: The managerial, technical and strategic planning skills of HQs staff and branches is enhanced

Progress

The National Headquarters of the Nigerian Red Cross conducted an assessment and on-the-job training for branch secretaries of Enugu, Edo, Delta, Rivers, Kogi and Abuja (Federal Capital Territory, FCT). Among other issues discussed during the exercise were governance/management relationship, timely and quality reporting, volunteer management/membership drive, resource development, financial management and record keeping.

The national society also restructured the Imo State Branch management and governance for efficient administration and effective service delivery to vulnerable people.

Impact

The on-going assessment and on-the-job training for Branch Secretaries have improved the skills of officers concerned and made significant contribution in services to the most vulnerable.

Constraints and recommendations

While some branch secretaries still lack efficient management skills which they are likely to acquire through the on-going training, some others are yet to have smooth working relationship with the governance.

Expected Result 2: The efficiency and integrity of the leadership/governance at all levels of the national society has increased.

Progress

During the assessment visits to Enugu, Delta, Rivers, Edo, Kogi and Abuja (FCT), the members of governance were briefed on their responsibilities to minimize the usual conflicts between them and management. In addition, the

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Nigerian Red Cross strengthened the Executive Committees of Anambra and Katsina State Branches through organizing new elections. The national society also made efforts to restructure the Imo and Abia State Branches' governance to enhance members' understanding of their roles as policy makers as well as support the branch management in programme implementation

Similarly, the governance of Anambra State Branch and the interim board members of Imo State Branch had orientation sessions during which their roles were adequately explained to reduce management and governance conflict.

Impact

Most branches have good working relations between governance and management as well as ensuring the election of purposeful leadership into their governing boards.

Constraints and recommendations

Few branches still do not comply with statutory electoral guidelines when constituting their governing boards. Consequently, the national society recently gave a directive indicating that branch board membership election must be done in the presence of representatives of the central governance following approved guidelines.

Expected Result 3: The ability of the national society to develop, manage and retain volunteers (including youths) has improved.

Progress

The national society conducted a number of training programmes during the reporting period to effectively develop, retain and utilise the volunteers. This included the volunteer management workshop for branch secretaries and branch/divisional volunteers' coordinators in the 24 HIV/AIDS project branches. The workshop's objective is to establish volunteers' network in rural communities to implement the Society's programme objectives such as HIV/AIDS activities. To achieve this objective, a step-down training will be conducted in 24 project branches (Kano, Kaduna, Katsina, Kebbi, Ebonyi, Enugu, Imo, Anambra, Osun, Oyo, Ondo, Lagos, Benue, Abuja, Plateau, Nassarawa, Rivers, Akwa-Ibom, Edo, Cross-River, Gombe, Taraba, Adamawa and Bauchi).

On youths' motivation, a total number of 402 youths from eight countries and the 36 local branches in Nigeria participated in the Nigerian Red Cross 7th Annual International Youth Camp. The Federal government, corporate bodies and organizations including the Federation supported the camp, whose theme was 'Youths Unite against HIV/AIDS'.

About 20 youths are currently participating in the Katsina State Branch empowerment project while another group in Akwa-Ibom State Branch has reached out to over 300 young persons on peace promotion in the Global Youth Awareness Programme (GYAP).

Impact

The establishment of community volunteers' network will enhance volunteer management and programme implementation in rural communities as well as the identification and recruitment process of quality Red Cross volunteers in rural communities.

The Society's hosting of the International Youth Camp has led to further development and improvement of its youth members and volunteers. The Katsina State Branch Youth Empowerment Project has contributed to the self-supporting status of a number of its graduates and encouraged many branches to develop interest in similar projects.

Expected Result 4: The national society's financial and resource development is broadened and improved.

Progress

The Nigerian Red Cross with the Federation's assistance conducted a three-day Business Planning and Income Generating Projects (IGPs) workshop for six branches namely Kano, Kaduna, Cross-River, Oyo, Anambra and Rivers. This is to broaden the participants' knowledge in enhancing existing resource development capabilities in their branches.

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The Nigerian Red Cross continued to generate income through the sales of branded items, first aid kits including commercial first aid training. The computerization of the national society's accounting system by the Federation would soon be completed. The exercise had been completed at the headquarters and would soon commence in selected branches. The Federation's assisted financial procedures and computerization project, when finally completed, will improve the Society's financial system.

The furnishing of the National Headquarters' Liaison Office in Abuja (FCT) had been completed. The acquisition of the Liaison Office and the subsequent provision of furniture and relevant equipment were supported by the both the British Red Cross and Federation.

Impact

Participants of the Business Planning and IGP workshop acquired resource development and writing skills for fund raising business proposals in the branches. The adopted financial procedures and computerization of the national society's financial system has improved financial strategies at the headquarters.

Constraints and recommendations

Most branches still lack initiatives to generate potential and needed funds. It is however hoped that the skills acquired at the Business Planning and IGP workshop will improve situation at the branches. Most branches were also deficient in membership drive and mobilisation.

Humanitarian Values

Goal: The humanitarian values embedded in the Red Cross Movement are widely shared and understood thereby increasing tolerance, mutual understanding and respect of human dignity in Nigeria.

Objective: The Nigerian Red Cross' capacity to promote the Movement's Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian value is increased.

Expected Result 1: There is greater understanding of humanitarian values and of the Movement's Fundamental Principles within the national society.

Progress:

The Nigerian Red Cross facilitated adequate understanding of the Movement's Principles by both volunteers and staff at the headquarters and branch levels. Dissemination of the Principles was integrated into the training activities of HAT, HIV/AIDS, EFAT, Volunteers' management, etc.

Impact

Volunteers and staff's understanding of the Movement's Principles has improved.

Constraint

Inadequate funding has hindered the dissemination of the Movement's Principles within the national society.

Expected Result 2: The Society's profile and image as a national humanitarian organization is further increased.

Progress

The Nigerian Red Cross continued to publicise its activities through lectures on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) to officers and members of the police, armed forces and civil society, massive media coverage on Red Cross events and tracing activities to the public. These events include World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2004, a media briefing to discuss the HIV/AIDS review as well as KAPB survey 2004, media coverage for annual international youth camp 2004, World First Aid Day 2004.

Impact

The Society's increased publicity and dissemination of its activities has enhanced its profile and image.

Expected Result 3: Branch commitment to tracing activities has increased.

Progress

The Society's tracing activities were largely carried out with the ICRC support. The Society has so far treated four tracing requests and 11 Red Cross messages during the period under review. These requests were from ICRC, Federation, and other national societies: American Red Cross, British Red Cross, Cuban Red Cross, Irish Red Cross and Netherlands Red Cross. Tracing activities were jointly done at headquarters and branch levels.

Impact

Commitment in tracing activities at the headquarters and branch levels have increased.

Constraints

In spite of the improved commitment recorded in tracing activities, some branches were still performing below expectations.

Coordination, Cooperation and Strategic Partnerships

Goal: Focused development and management of agreements, MOU, CAS and other coordination mechanisms are achieved.

Objective: The Federation's sub-regional office in Lagos works with the national societies, the ICRC and other partners to develop regional meetings.

Expected Result 1: The National Red Cross Societies in the Lagos region increased their capacity to work with their partners.

Progress

The fifth Lagos Region and Technical Group meeting for health, information and disaster preparedness (DP) was held 28/29 September 2004 in Victoria Island, Lagos. The Presidents and Secretary Generals of the National Red Cross Societies of Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo - along with focal technical officers for health, DP and information - attended the two-day meeting. The Finance Development Delegate, OD delegate and Health Delegate represented the Federation's Lagos office at the meeting in which progress and plans on regional experiences in health, information and DP was shared.

The meeting resolved the following:

- An agreed Mothers' Clubs guidelines for the sub-region were distributed.
- A draft data base for DP activities prepared by the DP Office of the Togolese Red Cross was finalized.
- The Nigerian Red Cross' need for continued communication and information exchange was highlighted and a regional news bulletin was shared.

The Federation hosted a report writing workshop for the sub-regional staff. This was facilitated by the Regional Reporting Officer from Dakar regional delegation. Delegates of the Lagos office visited staff, volunteers and programmes in Nigeria, Togo, Benin and Ghana. The health delegate met with partners at different levels in Ghana, Nigeria and Togo and continued to offer support and advice on all health programme issues. The health delegate co-facilitated a regional workshop for the restructuring of the regional HIV/AIDS network which is now a network for all 24 national societies in the West and Central Africa region-RANWAC⁶. Support has also been given to the Federation initiative to develop guidelines for Care of Care givers for PLWHA.

Impact

The sub-regional national societies are increasingly sharing experiences leading to enhanced programme implementation. The Federation's delegates have been able to offer more focussed technical support through team work to increase the Societies' capacities resulting in more global recognition.

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⁶ RANWAC – Regional AIDS network for West and Central Africa

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 01.31/2004

PLEDGES RECEIVED

01/12/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->	4,315,140					TOTAL COVERAGE 62.1%
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				1,036,063		
BRITISH - RC	25,000	GBP		58,987	27.02.04	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
BRITISH - RC	30,000	GBP		70,785	27.02.04	COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH
BRITISH - RC	12,500	GBP		28,631	20.05.04	RECOMPUTERISATION FINANCE MGT SYSTEM
BRTISH - RC	83,000	GBP		189,738	01.11.04	NIGERIA HIV/AIDS
BRTISH - RC	5,527	GBP		12,634	01.11.04	NIGERIA HIV/AIDS
FINNISH - GOVT/RC	118,000	EUR		181,248	07.06.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DISASTER MANAGEMENT
NORWEGIAN - RC	500,000	NOK		92,625	31.03.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, CBHP
NORWEGIAN - RC				6,100	25.06.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DELEGATE
PARTHENON TRUST	135,725	GBP		310,878	20.05.04	HIV/AIDS
SWEDISH - RC	1,750,000	SEK		295,750	06.04.04	DISASTER MANAGEMENT, HEALTH, ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT	36,600	SEK		6,130	07.09.04	SUB-OFFICE & OD DELEGATE
SWEDISH - GOVT	1,463,400	SEK		245,120	15.10.04	HEALTH
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				2,534,689	CHF	58.7%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
GREAT BRITAIN	DELEGATES			146,400		
Note: due to systems upgrades in process, contributions in kind and services may be incomplete.						
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				146,400	CHF	3.4%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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