

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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### In Brief

**Appeal No. 01.41/2004; Programme Update no.1; Period covered: January to March 2004;**  
**Appeal coverage: 21.0%; Outstanding needs: CHF 253,645 (USD 200,668 or EUR 165,349).**  
[\(Click here to go directly to the attached Contributions List \(also available on the website\).](#)

**Appeal target: CHF 320,975 (USD 241,063 or EUR 206, 614.**

**Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:** [Central Africa sub-regional programmes; Appeal 01.48/2004](#)

**Programme summary:** The [Central African Red Cross Society](#) did not really function in 2003 because of political events in the country that caused most of the national society's members and volunteers to be displaced, giving way to the ransacking and destruction of the national society's infrastructure. The internal conflicts of the national society prompted the intervention of the government.

The Federation has initiated actions aimed at solving the problem and launching the reconstruction of the national society. To that effect, the organizational development delegate and the Federation's representative in Gabon visited the national society on a six-day mission (15 to 21 June 2004) to lay the foundation for the national society's rehabilitation plan.

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## **Operational Development**

The Central African Red Cross has yet to adopt a Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) in accordance with its partners. This is due to the absence of a long term strategic plan clearly establishing its priorities and coherent and pertinent objectives. It also explains the lack of support from its partners in carrying out operations. Consequently, the national society has insufficient resources for smooth implementation of its activities. In 2003, a process intended to culminate in the elaboration of a CAS for the national society was launched following the setting up of a regional office sponsored country project team. This team was expected to complete the following before the end of 2003:

- Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (VCA) in priority localities;
- analysis of potential areas of interest in which the national society may operate; and,
- SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis.

Unfortunately, the team was unable to work because of the institutional crisis of the Central Africa Republic last year. A mission to support national society has however been programmed from 15 to 21 June 2004. This mission falls in line with the initiative to re-launch the activities which were suspended and comes as a follow-up of the recommendations of the Burkinabe Red Cross Society chairperson and the Dakar regional office programme coordinator after a mission to the national society in November 2003.

## **Health and Care**

**Goal: Reduce the spreading of HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis among high risk group in Central African Republic.**

**Objective: Encourage the targeted communities to adopt low risk sexual behaviours and increase the use of prevention, screening, and treatment services.**

### **HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis Control**

No health-related activity was carried out during this term given the prevailing crisis in the country.

## **Disaster Management**

**Goal: Reduce the vulnerability of the Central African Republic populations to disasters.**

**Objectives: Set up a national disaster management team and build its water and sanitation (WatSan), epidemic management, and food security capacities. Establish a mechanism that to enhance the hosting of an ERDAC (Regional Disaster Response Team for Central Africa), a [FACT](#), or an [ERU](#) team. Build the prevention, preparedness and response capacities of local branches in high risk areas.**

A Central African Red Cross executive participated in the first regional office ERDAC workshop in 2002. Unfortunately, the crisis in the country made it impossible for the national society to attend the second and third ERDAC workshops.

Nothing was achieved during this term in the area of disaster management.

## **Promotion of Humanitarian Values**

**Goal: Eradicate discrimination against high risk groups.**

**Objective: The Government and the population of the Central African Republic understand the positions of the Federation in promoting humanitarian values and contribute to the fight against discrimination, especially against People Living With HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).**

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### **Progress**

The events that took place in Central African Republic recently, clearly revealed the need and relevance of the promotion of humanitarian values among the public as well as political, administrative and military authorities. In fact, the post conflict context in the country is characterized by social exclusion, discrimination and violence.

Unfortunately, owing to the institutional crisis in the country, nothing has been done as far as the promotion of humanitarian values is concerned during this term.

### **Organizational Development**

**Goal: Build the Central African Red Cross capacities in key areas of the [Strategy 2010](#).**

**Objective: Build the governance and management capacities of the Central African Red Cross.**

#### **Achievements**

Within the framework of its country project, the national society launched its strategic planning process in 2003. The VCA process was also launched and is expected to complement the survey that has already been carried out in the group of people who are likely to benefit from the Red Cross activities. This process will be pursued during the second semester to enable the elaboration of a CAS for the national society.

The capacity of the national society will be built as its executives will receive quality training. Thus the projects and programmes registered in the strategic plan will be well elaborated to provide impact-bound services to the vulnerable.

### **International Representation**

**Goal: Encourage the general public, authorities, the diplomatic corps, and donors to increase their support to the Federation and Central African Red Cross activities.**

**Objective: The targeted community and donors have a better understanding of the Central African Red Cross and the Federation activities on humanitarian issues and promise to collaborate with the Red Cross.**

#### **Achievements**

The Burkinabe Red Cross chair person and the regional delegation programme coordinator (Dakar) conducted several missions in Bangui where they met with government and the Central African Red Cross' authorities in an attempt to resolve the national society's institutional crisis.

#### **Impact**

Through the Federation support, the conflict which led to the Central African Republic' government's opposition to the national society is resolved.

There are clear signs that team spirit is developing among the members of the Executive Committee in charge of strengthening work relationship between the Federation regional office, the national society, and the Central African Republic government.

#### **Constraints**

Owing to the institutional crisis, the national society failed in its role as a relief agency for the vulnerable people in the country.

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# Central African Republic

ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 01.41/2004

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

23/06/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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### CASH

					<b>TOTAL COVERAGE</b>	
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>320,975</b>		<b>21.0%</b>
CASH CARRIED FORWARD				67,330		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				67,330	CHF	21.0%

### KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

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