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In Brief

Appeal No. 01.43/2004; Programme Update no.1; Period covered: January to March 2004;
Appeal coverage: 51.0%; Outstanding needs: CHF 992,439(USD 784,846 or EUR 649,077).
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Appeal target: CHF 2,024,365 (USD 1,520,363 or EUR 1,303,099).

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: n.a.

Programme summary: The [Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#) (DRC) carried out programmes aimed at improving the lives of the vulnerable populations in the target areas of North and South Kivu and other provinces. In spite of inadequate funds, it successfully organized an effective WatSan and the PIC (Congo Initiative Programme) which helped reduce the incidence of cholera, malaria and other diseases. It also provided support for the PLWHA and their families while reducing the discrimination against the Pygmy population through integration into the non-Pygmy community.

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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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Context and Operational Development

This quarter, the national society carried out several activities in the framework of the Congo Initiative Programme (PIC):

- the fight against cholera in Mbuji-Mayi;
- PIC evaluation in target provinces;
- preparation of first partnerships meetings (CAS);
- launch of income-generating micro-projects;
- vulnerability and capacity assessments (VCA); and,
- partners' and programme coordinators' strategic plan.

While these activities have been within a progressively stabilizing politico-economic context in the country, the security situation in the eastern provinces remains volatile. This hindered the Federation/Red Cross' introduction of the Congo Initiative Programme. In Kinshasa, a military coup which targeted the National Broadcasting Corporation (RTNC) and military installations was immediately quelled.

The national society received strong partnership support in implementing projects contained in the PIC and the strategic plan. Special mention goes to the Swedish Red Cross, British Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, Swiss Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, German Red Cross and Canadian Embassy in Kinshasa. Their financial support helped the Red Cross of DRC in achieving its objectives.

Health and care

Goal: Improve the population's health in the four target provinces of the DRC.

Objective: The target populations of Kinshasa, Equateur, Eastern Kasai and North Kivu provinces have more access to adequate health services as a result of contribution of the Red Cross of the DRC with support from its partners.

Progress/Achievements

HIV/AIDS: Expected result: The PIC in the target provinces reduced HIV/AIDS prevalence.

- A total of 2,069 persons in Kinshasa are sensitized on HIV/AIDS in schools and public places.
- Two discussion centers in Kinshasa, namely Barumbu and Kalamu are electrified. These centers and another in Matadi, received 741 persons for 20 discussion sessions.
- Nine anti-AIDS clubs have been set up in schools, associations and NGOs in Maluku, Masina, Lemba and Ngaliema. About 144 persons received HIV/AIDS training to run these clubs.
- Twenty four (24) PLWHA received visits and socio-psychological support from Red Cross volunteers in Kalamu, Barumbu, Ngaliema, Masina and Lemba. Relatives of the persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) are trained and sensitized on their home care responsibilities.
- Condoms were distributed during eight sensitization activities held in Kinshasa.
- The Barumbu centre in Kinshasa has been equipped with information, education and communication (IEC) audio-visual material for constructive and informative talks with the population.
- Food and non-food items comprising powdered milk, maize flower, soya flower, sugar, household soap, toilet soap, packing sachets and support kits for PLWA have been pre-positioned in the four pools of Kinshasa (15 in Kalamu, 5 in Ngaliema, 12 in Lemba and 22 in Masina) to respond to the needs of the PLWHA to be visited.

ARCHI 2010: Expected result 1: Through the PIC, the incidence of malaria morbidity and mortality is reduced in the target provinces.

- Eight supervision sessions and promotional sale of mosquito nets took place in Ngiri-Ngiri, Kinshasa. According to the Zonal Health Medical Inspector survey, the rate of malaria morbidity and mortality has been reduced among the population using impregnated mosquito nets.
- The Red Cross of DRC committees of Matete and Kimbanseke have been provided with IEC material to sensitize the population on the incidence of malaria. The material comprised 2,000 leaflets and 200 posters.

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Expected result 2: Reproductive health services are improved

The Red Cross and the National Reproductive Health Programme's partnership have strengthened their cooperation through the production of educational tools on reproductive health.

Expected result 3: Surveillance and response to diseases with epidemiological potential have improved in the target provinces (PIC).

- One hundred fifty (150) volunteers and community members re/trained on social mobilization and capable of carrying out surveillance and response to the cholera epidemic in Mbuji-Mayi.

The following activities have been carried out by the Red Cross volunteers:

Activity	Number of families	Number of persons
Sensitization(657)	58,816	272,084
Disinfection	695	-

- Concerted action plans to combat cholera result in the construction of latrines and sanitation measures in Mbuji-Mayi.

Expected result 4: Application of the PIC in the target provinces improved the supply of potable water and environmental sanitation for the vulnerable.

- The water and sanitary needs of the target populations have been improved.
- The provincial committee chlorinated 1,032 cubic metres of water in the Cholera Treatment Centers to combat the epidemic.
- The populations of Mbandaka, Equateur province receive sanitary support through the construction and improvement of familial latrines. Each household beneficiary contributed money to help the elderly and invalids to have their cesspools dug.
- Trained volunteers and the community in the pilot quarters of Mbandaka organize sensitization campaigns on hygiene. The Red Cross technically supports the communities with stonework.
- The public latrines constructed in the two markets in Mbandaka have been officially opened and users pay taxes.

Impact

- Cholera incidences have been reduced in Mbuji-Mayi and its outskirts.
- The measures set up by the crisis committee regarding the use of public and familial latrines and chlorinated water have improved the population's hygiene and awareness of the epidemic.
- Red Cross volunteers are well trained to combat any potential epidemic. The provincial committee is equipped with response material.
- The community is well trained in the techniques to combat cholera or any potential epidemic.
- The PLWA visited are well treated and family members provide good home care.
- Discussion centers receive more people following the acquisition of IEC materials.
- Malaria morbidity and mortality in Ngiri-Ngiri and Kimbanseke in Kinshasa have been reduced.
- The Red Cross visibility and credibility has been improved following the successful fight against the epidemic.
- The majority in Mbandaka avoid drinking water from the River Congo and other unprotected sources and wells.

Constraints

- Unwillingness of some PLWHA to receive Red Cross volunteers because they do not bring them food or other non-food items.
- Inadequate funds lead to insufficient supply of IEC and sanitation materials.
- Insufficient condoms for distribution and equipment of the discussion centers.
- Inadequacy in managing the funds generated by the Revenue Generating Projects because of the economic situation in Mbandaka.

Disaster Management

Goal: The target provinces are in a position to confront and respond to disasters that impact their daily lives.

Objective: The selected communities have a sound knowledge of the risks and are in a position to predict and manage disasters with the local authorities and partnership coordination

Progress/Achievements

VCA, risk mapping and disaster awareness: Expected result 1: Risk mapping and disaster planning are carried out in the communities selected in the PIC programme.

- The Congo Geographic Institute and Méttelsat accept the new terms of reference to support the provincial committees in undertaking mapping exercises. The results will be used for disaster planning.
- The provincial committee of North Kivu (Goma) is in agreement with its local authorities and some NGOs to carry out the mapping exercise. With Federation support, the Goma-based disaster preparedness delegate undertook the mapping of risk zones and developed a database of existing risks.
- The provincial committee finalized risk mapping in Mbandaka.

Building Operational Disaster Management Capacities: Expected result 1: Disaster mitigation training activities are carried out in the selected provinces.

- Four youth groups have been established in Mbandaka to fight against floods in the quarters of Bosomba and Bobwanza.
- The Red Cross local committee in Lufutoto, Lower Congo assisted 4,415 people during the flood-induced disasters.
- Fifty (50) local committee volunteers in Tembo, closely worked with OCHA, MSF-B, Oxfam and Caritas to assist at least 60,000 Congolese expelled from Angola. The HQ in Kinshasa and the Federation delegation provided the committee with 50 aprons, one stretcher, one Red Cross flag, 25 pairs of gloves, one mobile phone, and 10 prepaid cards.
- Red Cross volunteers in Katanga, worked hard to stop the ravine on Matadi Street.

Impact

- Goma's population is aware and prepared for the risk of the volcanic eruptions.
- The credibility and visibility of the Red Cross has been increased.
- The committees' in Mbandaka and Goma operational capacity to deal with disasters has been strengthened.

Constraints

- The volatile security situation in North and South Kivu hampered most Red Cross activities in these provinces.
- Climatic caprices in Mbandaka (untimely rains).

Humanitarian Values

Goal: There is an improvement in respect for human life, solidarity with the vulnerable and more cohesive community.

Objective: Discrimination, stigmatization and rejection are reduced in the provinces of Maniema, Eastern, Oriental, North Kivu and South Kivu.

Progress/Achievements

Project: Combating Discrimination

- A total of 77 volunteers/First Aid providers in Bikanga and Bobanga were sensitized on the Fundamental Principles and Emblem of the international Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.
- A total of 370 primary school students of Bikanga and Bon Berger schools in Mbandaka have been sensitized and trained on discrimination and the knowledge of the Movement.
- The Belgian Red Cross in Kinshasa trained 100 teachers on humanitarian norms, leading to a decrease in cases of discrimination, fighting and theft among students.
- A total of 270 are sensitized on HIV/AIDS and the discrimination, stigmatization and rejection of PLWHA.

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- Family members in Kinshasa were sensitized and accepted to reinsert demobilized child soldiers into their families.
- Red Cross quarterly bulletin no. 32 are produced and distributed
- Many listeners of the Broadcasts on the RTNC channel on the Red Cross activities have called and written to the national society to express their satisfaction on the quality of topics developed, mainly on the fight against HIV/AIDS.
- With the support of the Federation, the provincial committee provided community-based First Aid (CBFA) training to Pygmies and non-Pygmies. The former were very motivated and happy to be trained together with non pygmies' community members.

Impact

- The populations in the project provinces are well-informed on Red Cross activities with the local communities' involvement.
- The volunteer base within the Pygmy community in Mbandaka has grown. The Pygmies' integration in the non-Pygmy community within the Red Cross family is excellent.
- Discrimination is reduced and humanitarian values respected in professional circle at the Red Cross headquarters.
- The students of 100 elementary schools in Kinshasa are sensitized to discrimination and stigmatization issues through Humanitarian Norms project. They listen to the weekly broadcasts by the national society and the Belgian Red Cross, and practice all the lessons learned.

Constraints

- The communication between the HQ and the provinces is not fluid due to lack of communication materials such as HF radios, internet and telephones among others. As a consequence, reports are delayed
- Lack of security in most parts of the project provinces.
- Most activities are not funded.

Organizational Development

Goal: The national society becomes a well-functioning national society.

Objective: Through the PIC in the target provinces, well-functioning governance and management teams exist in the province of Kinshasa, Equateur (Mbandaka), North Kivu (Goma), Eastern Kasai (Mbuji-Mayi), and two other provinces to be identified in 2004.

Progress/Achievements

Good Governance and Management: Expected result: Through the PIC, the national society, in identified provinces has improved governance, volunteer participation and management /youth activities. .

- Good governance and management teams have been set up to support the restructuring of the Bikoro (Equateur province) territory local committee.
- With Federation support, the central committee has approved the strategic plan, setting out priorities, resources, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.
- The recommendations of the General Assembly held in Kinshasa last November on governance financial management are being implemented.
- The principles of good governance and management have improved at the provincial level in Equateur.
- The Finance and Administration delegate carried out an evaluation of the implementation of the financial and administrative system in Kisangani, Goma and Bukavu following the training of November 2003.

Development of Financial Resources: Expected result: In line with the multiplier approach PIC, the national society is committed to developing financial resources.

- The Federation funded the creation of a bakery as an income-generating micro-project for the urban committee in Mbandaka.
- New members of the fund-raising committee have received basic training in the work of the Red Cross. Fund-raising policy and guide lines have been approved and are used at the headquarters and provinces.

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- In Goma, a group of women have been trained in vegetable and fruit farming, food transformation, knitting and sewing enhancing their economic capacity.

Congo Initiative Programme (PIC), Coordination of Multiplication: Expected result: PIC and coordination and multiplier mechanisms are developed and managed by the national society with the Federation support.

- A national PIC management group exists and works in close collaboration with delegates in the field and Kinshasa, provincial coaches, national experts and partners.
- An effective multiplier system is gradually introduced in many branches in Goma, Kinshasa and Mbandaka.
- A team comprising an independent consultant (leader), the Central Africa regional office Programme Coordinator, a Congolese Red Cross representative and the Deputy Secretary General of the Red Cross of the DRC carried out a PIC evaluation to show the impact of the programme on the Red Cross and the community.
- Cohesion exists in execution and approaches in the different target areas where pilot projects are introduced thus maintaining the national and provincial character of the programme .
- The operational capacities and management in the provinces of Equateur (Mbandaka), Eastern Kasai (Mbuji-Mayi), Kinshasa (Kinshasa town), and North Kivu (Goma) have improved. They are involved in the creation of income-generating micro-projects to become self-financing.
- The provinces of South Kivu (Bukavu) and Katanga have been chosen for the replication of PIC. In Kinshasa, the communes of Bandalungwa, Ngaliema and Mont Ngafula are targeted for the PIC replication.

Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS): Expected result: National society capacities in partnership coordination and management are strengthened.

- The national society, supported by the Federation, is constructively implementing the PIC, [Strategy 2010](#), the [Ouagadougou Declaration](#) and other regional decisions.
- The national society also with Federation support monitors a well-developed strategic development plan.
- A working session on the Cooperation Assistance Strategy (CAS) was held at the national society's headquarters. It was attended by the Federation Secretariat in Geneva and the delegation in Kinshasa. This meeting was preparatory to the first cooperation (partnership) meeting of April 2004.
- There is an effective collaboration with the ICRC in line with the [Seville Agreement](#) and Movement standards that Weekly Movement meetings are held within this framework to share news about the activities of each component.
- The Red Cross of DRC maintains cordial relations with its operational partners which have enhanced its capacity in its fight against cholera in Mbuji-Mayi.
- The Federation delegation activities are well integrated into those of the national society and the productive working environment within which they operate enhances learning on both sides. The Federation health delegate shares office with the national society.
- The Federation has developed exchanges in human resources between the Red Cross of the DRC and the Congolese Red Cross in health, disaster management and information.

Impact

- Target provinces' governance and management have improved. There are fewer complaints in the finance and personnel management. The relationships between members of the management and governance teams have also improved significantly.
- The strategic plan inspires the implementation of the Red Cross of the DRC activities and priority projects.
- The collaboration between the Federation delegation and the national society improves the Secretariat personnel's operational capacities.
- The training of reporting officers in writing enhances the quality of reporting by the Red Cross of DRC.
- There is an excellent cooperation and collaboration between ICRC and the Federation leading to the organization of effective training, working sessions and conferences.
- The PIC in the target provinces bears fruits. The communities and the Red Cross volunteers are involved in the implementation of income-generating micro-projects and rely less on the response or support of the Red Cross or other humanitarian agencies.

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- The financial and administrative system in Goma, Kisangani and Bukavu is harmonized. Each of these provincial committees has a good financial and administrative structure. There exists a good job description for the staff.

Constraints

- There are inadequate funds to implement all the planned activities in the target provinces.
- The armed conflict in Kivu hampered the implementation of PIC activities in Bukavu .

Coordination, Cooperation, and Strategic Partnerships

Goal: Stakeholders in the DRC are familiar with Federation's values and programmes.

Objective: The delegation represents the Federation at the national, regional and international levels to promote Red Cross values and programmes.

Progress/Achievements

Meetings, conferences and representations: Expected result: The Red Cross partners have a better understanding of the Federation's work. The national society and the Federation are thus considered trustworthy partners in health, disaster management and development issues.

- In anticipation of a possible volcanic eruption at Goma, province of North Kivu, OCHA is coordinating its disaster-preparedness activities with the Federation, the national society and the Goma Volcanic Observatory.
- The government's support strengthens the national society's capacity as an auxiliary of public authorities.
- The Ministry of Health collaborates effectively with the Federation and the national society on issues related to HIV/AIDS reduction, cholera epidemic in Mbuji-Mayi and the vaccination programme. This collaboration provides opportunities for the delegation to promote the Ouagadougou Declaration in respect of HIV/AIDS and other diseases affecting the population.
- The participation of the head of the delegation and officers in the national and regional meetings provided the opportunity to advocate on the Movement's behalf on programmes implemented in the target provinces.

Impact

- The Federation's credibility and collaboration with its local and international partners is excellent. The UN agencies, Health Ministry and some Kinshasa-based Embassies contribute to the Movement's activities. The Federation is involved in all the partners' strategic humanitarian response meetings.
- The national society received funds and support from partner national societies: Swedish Red Cross, British Red Cross, Danish Red Cross, German Red Cross and Swiss Red Cross, amongst others.

Constraints

- Frequent changes of the Health Ministry officials often slow down the Red Cross/Federation's pace in obtaining authorizations to carry out activities.
- Insufficiency of funds to organize events to strengthen relations with UN agencies, embassies and other local and international partner organizations.

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DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				2,024,365	TOTAL COVERAGE 51.0%	
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT 2004				68,000	29.01.04	HEALTH
BRITISH - RC		20,000	GBP	47,190	27.02.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
BRITISH - RC		10,000	GBP	22,905	20.05.04	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
BRITISH - RC		10,000	GBP	23,080	27.05.04	CHOLERA PROGRAMME MBUJI-MAYI
BRITISH - RC		25,000	GBP	57,700	27.05.04	HEALTH
CANADIAN -GOVT/CIDA		198,000	CAD	193,347	01.04.04	
DANISH - RC		1,500	USD	1,896	25.06.04	CAS MEETING
NEW ZEALAND - RC		3,500	NZD	2,783	30.06.04	
SWEDISH - GOVT		2,850,000	SEK	480,225	06.04.04	PIC, WATSAN DELEGATE, ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION
SWEDISH - RC		800,000	SEK	134,800	06.04.04	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE DELEGATE, PIC
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1,031,926	CHF	51.0%

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

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