

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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In Brief

Appeal No. 01.43/2004; Programme Update no. 3; Period covered: July to December 2004; Appeal coverage: 60.4%; Outstanding needs: CHF 802,447 (USD 674,900 or EUR 518,200).

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Appeal target: CHF 2,024,364 (USD 1,520,363 or EUR 1,303,099)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2005 Annual Appeal no. 05AA035 – http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA035.pdf

Programme summary:

The Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo¹ 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 funding, it successfully organized the PIC (Congo Initiative Programme) which reduced the incidence of malaria and other diseases.

Over the last six months, the Youth programme of the Red Cross has been very active with young volunteers involved in the fight against discrimination. They supervised 200 street children and contributed to the reinsertion of 121 of them in buddy families.

Female volunteers organized a series of activities on poverty reduction and respect of human dignity, to show their sympathy to vulnerable people in Kikwit. Those activities included manufacturing soap for the benefit of vulnerable people in Kikwit, and providing food for 40 malnourished children in Kikwit.

The Spanish Red Cross and British Red Cross sponsored the implementation of some of these projects, which has enhanced the national society's visibility and community acceptance.

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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 Developments

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has been confronted with civil unrest since 1998. Political reforms have been carried out and the situation has become increasingly stabilized, although socio-economic and health situations remain precarious with the annual per capita income standing at less than USD 100.

Within the reporting period, the Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been striving to attain its 2004 objectives especially in the areas related to organizational development, relief, disaster prevention and preparedness, health and social welfare action, humanitarian principles and values, and youth, gender and development.

Health and Care

Goal: The health condition of the populations in the targeted provinces is improved upon.

Objective: Red Cross of DRC continues to render health and care services to vulnerable people in the targeted provinces, in collaboration with its partners.

Achievements

HIV/AIDS Control

About 100 Red Cross of DRC volunteers carried out the following activities in favour of vulnerable people:

- 19 educative talk sessions organised in favour of the Kinshasa, Matadi, and Bandundu communities;
- 73 supporting kits distributed to People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH);
- Red Cross of DRC volunteers paid 108 home visits to PLWH;
- Red Cross of DRC volunteers distributed and sold condoms to promote its use;
- Food and non-food products bought and distributed to PLWH to support them;
- Audio-visual equipment purchased for the Barumbu and Kalamu Listening and Orientation Centre

Reproductive Health

- 95 educational aids produced;
- 114 volunteers (community-based animators and relays) received training on the use of written and visual reproductive health aids;

Malaria Control

- Supervision of activities to impregnate mosquito nets with insecticides and sell them at promotional prices in Ngiri-Ngiri and Kinshasa;
- Supervision of sanitation activities in Matete and Bandalungwa;
- Home survey on the use of impregnated mosquito nets;
- Re-impregnation of 15 mosquito nets;
- Mass sensitization on the use of impregnated mosquito nets at Finkin.

Fight against Cholera

- Resumption of activities to combat the cholera epidemic in Mbuji-Mayi;
- Construction of family latrines;
- Social mobilization of communities;
- Disinfection of 513 houses belonging to cholera-affected people;
- Sensitization of 22,773 households and a total of 61,728 people.

Social Welfare Action

Handing-over of agricultural equipment, seeds and food items to the beneficiaries of the Mbenseke agricultural project;

- Training of trainers in the management of ECOSEC micro-projects in Kinshasa and Mbandaka;
- Replication of the same training in the East Province;
- Launching of the sanitation project at the University of Kinshasa;
- Organisation of sanitation activities in the University of Kinshasa’s Paediatrics Department, private clinics as well as the Bandalungwa, Lingwala, Kimbanseke, and Ngiri-Ngiri, local councils.
- Follow-up of province-based executives trained in micro-projects management in Lubumbashi, Mbuji-Mayi, Kananga, Likasi, Mweme-Ditu (ECOSEC);
- Recruitment of medical doctors and nurses for the paediatric hospital of Kalembelembe (Kinshasa);
- Collection and distribution of 23,583 Red Cross messages in western DRC.

Summary of Achievements

Expected Results	Previsions	Achievements	Percentage
Creation of anti-AIDS clubs	50	21	42%
Educative talks for the benefit of the general public	36	19	52%
Home visits to PLWH	200	108	54%
Distribution of supporting kits to PLWH	200	198	99%
Production of image boxes	100	95	95%
Production of leaflets	50,000	48,750	97%
Production of posters	1,600	1,600	100%
Production of circled advertising stickers	1,000	1,000	100%
Sensitisation campaign on HIV/AIDS in Kinshasa, Bandundu, and Matadi	350	220	57%
Households sensitised in Mbuji-Mayi (cholera)		22,773	
Houses disinfected in Mbuji-Mayi (cholera)		601	
Volunteers (community-based animators and relays) trained on how to use scripto-visual aids in reproductive health	114	114	100%
Mosquito nets re-impregnated	15	15	100%
Red Cross messages collected and distributed	23,583	23,583	100%

Impact

The majority of the Ngiri-Ngiri health district populations have approved the use of impregnated mosquito nets.

Constraints

- Lack of financial support has hindered the execution of the AIDS programme in schools.
- Difficulty in finding a permanent source of inputs.
- Refusal of some members of the community to use impregnated mosquito nets on fears of suffocation.
- Need to update the micro-project to produce impregnated mosquito nets locally.
- Failure of various animators to write activity reports.
- Outdated sanitation material.
- Lack of deltamethrin tablets for re-impregnating mosquito nets.

Disaster Management

With the ICRC and the Federation support, the Red Cross of DRC trained volunteers in almost every community nationwide. This enhanced the national society’s response to disasters like floods (Kinshasa) and epidemics (other parts of the country). Since 2001, the Red Cross of DRC has trained 105,000 volunteers in:

- common and community-based First aid (CBFA),
- the ARCHI 2010 process,
- identification of vulnerable people’s needs through vulnerability and capacity assessment (VCA), and
- disaster preparedness.

Goal: The populations in the targeted provinces are capable of foreseeing, preparing, reducing the effects, and responding to the disasters that affect them on a daily basis.

Objective: The targeted local councils of Kinshasa, Mbandaka, Mbuji-Mayi, and Goma have good mastery of risks and are capable of responding to disasters, with the support of local authorities and partners.

Achievements

The Red Cross of DRC established loyalty amongst its trained volunteers and recruited more, for effective disaster management. The following table summarizes the achievements of the national society during this period.

Expected Results	Planned	Achieved	Percentage
Volunteers trained in CBFA	200	188	88%
Volunteers trained in novitiate	150	118	68%
Team leaders retrained	120	121	100%
CBFA trainers retrained	48	48	100%
Volunteers mobilised for simulation exercises	200	153	53%
Relief to victims of road accidents in Bas-Congo	457	457	100%

Impact

- Enhanced intervention capacities of local committees through retraining programme.
- Reduced effects of disasters such as floods and erosion.

Constraints

- Lack of funds for volunteer training in CBFA.
- Restricted CBFA training due to armed conflict in parts of the country.
- Inadequate materials for practical exercises, relief, and sanitation activities.

Promotion of Humanitarian Values

Goal: There is an improvement in respect for human life, more effective solidarity with the vulnerable, their families and groups as well as more cohesive community.

Objective: Discrimination, stigma, and social exclusion are reduced in the Maniema, Oriental, and North-Kivu provinces.

Achievements

- 77 newly recruited first-aid workers from Bibanga (Kasaï Oriental) and Bobanga (Mbandaka) are exposed to the Fundamental Principles of the Movement and history of its emblem, to inculcate the Red Cross spirit.
- 370 students from the Bikanga Government School and the “Bon Berger” School are introduced to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement with the aim of setting up clubs to consolidate the Red Cross spirit.

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- 991 people from the Bandalungu, Mont-Ngafula, Matate, Ndjili, and Gombe local councils, 2,650 people from Matongue and Matete, and 8,257 people at the Kinshasa International Trade fair benefited from the same presentation about the Movement.

Impact

- An increasing number of people have been sensitized to the Red Cross mission.

Constraints

- The lack of production and diffusion materials (megaphones, outdoor publicity signs, and the diffusion kit) affected the smooth execution of the programme.

The Youth Programme

Within the last six months, the Youth programme of the Red Cross has been very active with young volunteers involved in the fight against discrimination. They supervised 200 street children and contributed to the integration of 121 within buddy families. The issue of street children was discussed with religious authorities in Bumba, Limete, and Kasa-Vubu to strengthen the sensitization of an increasing number of humanitarian actors.

The Spanish Red Cross sponsored a sanitation programme at the University of Kinshasa to enhance the Red Cross' visibility amongst students. The British Red Cross has also been very supportive in the implementation of these projects.

Impact

- The general population, particularly students, is more aware about Red Cross activities. Youth are increasingly involved in activities to promote the Red Cross ideal.

Constraints

- Limited resources in executing programmes such as the Street Children Project.

Gender and Development

Achievements

The female volunteers organized a series of activities on poverty reduction and respect of human dignity, to show their sympathy to vulnerable people in Kikwit. Those activities included:

- Manufacturing soap for the benefit of vulnerable people in Kikwit;
- Providing food for 40 malnourished children in Kikwit;
- Cultivating of cassava, soybean, sugar cane, tomato, and amaranth farms in Kindu; distributing the harvest to 200 displaced persons.

In addition to the above, the Red Cross of DRC implemented training and sensitization activities targeting women. These are summarized below with indicators of success.

Expected Results	Planned	Achieved	Percentage
Wives of soldiers sensitised to the consequences of HIV/AIDS in Kinshasa (STP Military Camp in Kintambo)	200	100	50%
Women trained in how to use appropriate technologies to manufacture hand-crafted local products	200	80	40%
Women trained in CBFA in Gemena (Equateur)	20	15	90%
Female executives trained in food security (ECOSEC) and in PPP	8	8	100%
Women trained in reproductive health to reduce the mortality rate in Kinshasa	20	16	96%

Impact

- Women are becoming less dependent on others and adhere to the Red Cross of DRC activities.

Constraints

- Inadequate financial resources prevented Red Cross of DRC from pursuing its activities to provide psychosocial and health support to women and children affected by sexual abuse.
- Some provincial committees do not support Gender and Development activities.

Organizational Development

Goal: The Red Cross of DRC functions smoothly.

Objective: With the support of the (PIC), efficient governance and management teams are put in place in the Kinshasa, Equateur (Mbandaka), Kasai Oriental (Mbuji-Mayi), and North-Kivu (Goma) provinces, as well as two other provinces identified in 2004.

Achievements

- Development of priority projects to build the National Society’s capacities (2005);
- Printing of 65,100 stamps to establish membership cards and 10,000 passes for volunteer first-aid workers;
- Constitution of 100 first-aid kits;
- Participation of the national society in training programmes:
 - the reporting workshop in Kribi (Cameroon),
 - PPP training in Côte d’Ivoire, and,
 - HELP Course (Health Emergencies in Large Populations) in Benin;
- Organization of a CAS meeting with partners and an extraordinary meeting of the Central Committee;
- Collaboration with ICRC for funding of several humanitarian projects in provincial committees within the framework of the ECOSEC programme;
- PIC training in the local councils of Mont-Ngafula, Bandalungwa, and Ngaliema (Kinshasa).

Summary of Achievements

Expected Results	Planned	Achieved	Percentage
Stamps printed	65,100	65,100	100%
Passes printed	10,000	10,000	100%
First-aid kits constituted	200	100	50%
People trained	30	30	100%

Impact

- The execution of programmes has enabled the national society to come closer to provincial and local committees, as well as to communities.
- The operational capacities of Red Cross of DRC local branches have been reinforced.
- The visibility of the national society in the community has been restored.

Constraints

- Difficulty in communication with the grassroots through email has relied heavily on ICRC and Federation.
- Inadequate resources result in few field follow-up visits, and even suspension of some programmes.

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

15/02/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->	2,024,365					TOTAL COVERAGE 60.4%
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
DANISH - RC				95,395	21.10.04	
GERMAN - RC	1,500	USD		1,897	30.07.04	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
SWEDISH - GOVT	200,000	SEK		33,500	13.12.04	REGIONAL DELEGATE
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1,162,718	CHF	57.4%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
NEW ZEALAND	DELEGATES			51,200		
SWITZERLAND	DELEGATES			8,000		
Note: due to systems upgrades in process, contributions in kind and services may be incomplete.						
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				59,200	CHF	2.9%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

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