

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## EQUATORIAL GUINEA

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### In Brief

**Appeal No. 01.45/2004; Programme Update no. 1; Period covered: January to March 2004;**  
**Appeal coverage: 0.0%; Outstanding needs: CHF 175,841 (USD 132,062 or EUR 113,190).**  
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**Appeal target: CHF 175,841 (USD 132,062 or EUR 113,190)**

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

**Programme summary:** The activities carried out by the [Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea](#) during the reporting period were essentially related to community-based health and the promotion of humanitarian values. The national society facilitated the construction of latrines and rehabilitation of water points and other related activities as priority areas of intervention, thereby making concrete moves into improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable. These activities received support from the Spanish Red Cross. The national society also made an effort aimed at preserving the health of the elderly i.e. giving them assistance, thereby contributing to the eradication of discrimination against them. Remarkable efforts have been made in order to build the capacities of the national society executives in planning.

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## **Operational Development**

Since the creation of the Federation Central Africa Sub-Regional Office in Yaoundé (Cameroon), there has been an insistence on the necessity of developing a comprehensive Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS). This it hopes will serve as a framework for development of pertinent programmes related to humanitarian action and capacity building. Unfortunately, this is yet to be put in place due to the limited number of partner-supported Red Cross activities and insufficient resources. Water-borne and other eradicable diseases continue to cause havoc among children as immunization coverage remains very low.

Five years ago, HIV/AIDS was almost non-existent in Equatorial Guinea (prevalence rate in 2000: 0.05 per cent). Now, it has become a major health hazard given its negative impact on the country's development process. Thus, the need to increase public awareness in order to stop its spread has become more pertinent.

Since Equatorial Guinea became an oil producer, its financial resource base has grown stronger. Yet, its social welfare policy to protect the most vulnerable, like the elderly and abandoned orphans who suffer discrimination, remains largely undeveloped.

The Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea has decided to fully implement the [ARCHI 2010](#) strategy in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs. The national society's volunteers have been busy carrying out health and social welfare activities in the last three years.

## **Health and Care**

**Goal: Reduce the vulnerability of Equatorial Guinea's populations to diseases and guarantee their social welfare.**

**Objective: Enlighten the populations in the targeted communities on the need to adopt low risk behaviours and use the national society's health and social welfare services.**

**Expected Result 1: The Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea gains public recognition and respect as a humanitarian organization.**

Seventeen national society volunteers have been assisting the Nkuie Health Centre the staff on the basis of three volunteers weekly. They have also been sensitizing both the patients and their minders to hygienic rules needed to avoid diseases.

In addition, these volunteers encouraged the construction of latrines among the populations as a disease prevention strategy. Since the beginning of the year 2004, over 360 patients have been registered: 50% with malaria, 25% with acute respiratory diseases, and the remaining 25% with worm-transmitted diseases. From January to March 2004, 24 national society volunteers constructed 45 latrines: 10 in Agnisok, 10 in Rieba and 25 in Nkuie. In addition, three other volunteers, assisted by eight volunteers from the beneficiary community, constructed three wells in Nkuie.

### **Impact:**

Red Cross volunteers have an improved public image as recognized government auxiliaries.

## **Disaster Management**

**Goal: Reduce the vulnerability of the populations of Equatorial Guinea to disasters.**

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

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In January 2004, the national society head of the relief and emergency department trained 22 volunteers from local committees in disaster preparedness.

### **Impact**

Red Cross volunteers are well trained to respond to disasters.

## **Humanitarian Values**

**Goal: Eradicate discrimination against the elderly, orphans, and women.**

**Objective: Enlighten the public on the rights of the elderly, orphans and women through the media, theatre groups, or renowned national or international personalities.**

During this term, the national society's volunteers distributed food and clothing to seven orphans and 40 elderly people.

### **Impact**

The Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea has translated the fight against discrimination into concrete action.

## **Organizational Development**

**Goal: Build Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea capacities in key areas of the ARCHI 2010 strategy.**

**Objective: Build the financial and management capacities of the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea to ensure smooth programme implementation and cover expenses.**

The Swiss Red Cross conducted an external assessment from 16 to 21 February 2004. A training session on the planning process was held in Malabo from 23 February to 1 March 2004. Two executives from the Swiss Red Cross, one from the Spanish Red Cross, and the Secretary General of the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea were present as facilitators. On that occasion, the 35 participants who came from local committees carried out field work (practical phase of the training) in the Moto locality situated 32 kms from Bata.

## **International Representation**

**Goal: Encourage the public, government authorities, diplomatic corps, and donors to increase their support to the efforts made by both the Federation and the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea**

**Objective: The targeted community and donors have a better understanding of the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea and the Federation's activities and positions on humanitarian issues thus enhancing collaboration with the Red Cross.**

In February 2004, the ICRC in Yaoundé, the Spanish Red Cross and the Swiss Red Cross visited the Red Cross of Equatorial Guinea. The delegates of these institutions used the occasion to meet with government officials in Malabo.

### **Impact**

Government authorities now have a better knowledge about the Red Cross and its partners.

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APPEAL No. 01.45/2004

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

23/06/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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## CASH

					TOTAL COVERAGE	
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				175,841		0.0%
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				0	CHF	0.0%

## 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

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