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In Brief

Appeal No. 05AA008; Programme Update no. 1, Period covered: January to May 2005; Appeal coverage: 26.6%; Outstanding needs: CHF 816,205 (USD 634,192 or EUR 523,041).

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Appeal target: CHF 1,112,426 (USD 883,600 or EUR 716,500).

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A

Programme summary: The Angola Red Cross¹ is undergoing a comprehensive change process with the vision to become a strong and well functioning national society with autonomous branches and motivated volunteers who are capable of assisting and addressing the needs of the most vulnerable communities. The national society continued to implement activities in community-based health and care, health education, mother and child health care, HIV/AIDS prevention and promotion of behavioral change. Disaster management activities included mine awareness, control and response to the Marburg hemorrhagic fever and the provision of safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

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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). All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the Code of Conduct and is committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

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¹ Angola Red Cross Society <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=18>

Operational developments

There is a high level of commitment among the Angola Red Cross's new 18 provincial presidents and their provincial councils in carrying on the change process that the national society is undergoing and conducting the General Assembly before the end of 2005. Many of them, though, are not aware of the Movement and its operations hence an urgent need to train all the governance members and senior management staff, prior to the general assembly.

With support from the regional delegation and the Danish, Norwegian and the Swedish Red Cross societies, the national society has managed to implement integrated community health and care projects and malaria and HIV/AIDS prevention activities.

Following an outbreak of Marburg hemorrhagic fever in Angola, which had evolved into a serious situation by March 2005, the Federation supported Angola Red Cross with a disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) allocation of CHF 65,000. The regional disaster management technical manager and a regional disaster response team (RDRT) delegate were sent in to conduct an assessment and provide social mobilization training for staff and volunteers. The first cases of Marburg virus had been reported in October 2004 in Uige province and had resulted in three deaths. By end of June 2005, a total of 353 cases had been detected, with only nine infected people surviving. The epidemic- the deadliest ever worldwide- is now under control. However, Angola Red Cross continued with social mobilization activities and food and non-food items distribution for another month.

In March 2005, the national society received financial support- in form of a CHF 44,171 DREF allocation- to respond to floods that occurred after Kapacala and Kwanza Norte Rivers burst their banks. 300 houses were completely destroyed while 1,200 others were partially destroyed. As a result, 10,000 people from 2,100 households in the city of Dondo were rendered homeless.

Health and care: Community-based health services

Goal: Sustainable improvement in the general health conditions of vulnerable communities, whilst building and expanding upon national society capacity and volunteers system in the entire country.

Objective: National society basic health care provision in three provinces to targeted communities surrounding national society health posts (with emphasis on returnee population) is improved and contributes to the mitigation of priority health problems.

Progress/Achievements

- The community-based health and care programme, which is aimed at improving the health of mothers and children in the community through effective and sustainable volunteers' intervention based on ARCHI 2010, was implemented in all the provinces with Angola Red Cross Society health posts to the benefit of approximately 197,305 people. Below is a breakdown of beneficiaries:
 - 13,107 benefited from curative, first aid and treatment of the most common diseases.
 - 99,222 from health education sessions.
 - 20,313 from home visits and water sanitation activities.
 - 17,683 from vaccination routine and campaign programme.
 - 20,539 children under five years from child care and treatments.
 - 8,532 women from prenatal assistance care.
 - 17,909 people from malaria prevention activities.
- As a key government's and interagency coordination committee's partner for social mobilization during routine national vaccination campaigns, Angola Red Cross participated in all vaccination programme activities by the two.
- In response to the Marburg haemorrhagic fever outbreak, more than 40 volunteers of the national society worked together with Ministry of Health staff in disseminating information to Uige populations. The Angola Red Cross supplied its Uige branch with medicines and medical supplies to support the provincial hospital. They included aspirin, disinfectants, hospital gaze, paracetamol, physiologic ORS, dextrose ORS, and needles. Though the epidemic is now under control, Angola Red Cross will continue with social mobilization activities and distribution of food and non-food items for another month.

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- The Bengo, Cabinda, Zaire, Malange and Kwanza Norte branches of the national society, considered high risks places due to their proximity to Uige province, worked with the Ministry of Health in disseminating information and conducting house-to-house visits on prevention and dealing with the Marburg haemorrhagic fever. The branches worked closely with the communities and traditional and church leaders in conducting health at public places, markets and schools.

Impact

- The activities carried out by the national society's volunteers during home visits and the health education sessions were positively received by the communities. Increased awareness of health and hygiene in communities surrounding Angola Red Cross's health posts is evidence of the impact of the education sessions.
- Due to the Angola Red Cross's credibility and the quality of service it provides to the most vulnerable people, its health post activities continued to receive support from Ministry of Health.
- The Angola Red Cross community-based health activities have enhanced visibility of the Red Cross at community level and have succeeded in re-establishing contact with a wider local population.

Constraints

- The Angola Red Cross Society's headquarters and branches still lack the capacity to timely produce reports.
- Shortfall of funding hindered the implementation of planned activities in other provinces.
- Monitoring visits and communication with all provinces was affected by logistics problems such as lack of access due to poor road networks.

Health and care: HIV/AIDS

Goal: Sustainable improvement in health and well being of being of targeted vulnerable populations.

Objective: 600,000 people reached through an extended prevention programme, 100 OVC and 100 clients provided with care and support through the new pilot home based care project.

Progress/Achievements

- During the reporting period a total of 238 volunteers, including HIV/AIDS coaches, facilitators and youth peer educators were recruited and trained in the ten provinces of the country. HIV/AIDS activities of the volunteers reached 28,824 males and 22,824 females.
- The national society received 250 educational posters and more than 2,000 preventive information booklets from UNICEF. 1,807 sensitization sessions were held and up to 6,149 IEC material was distributed.
- A total of 300,000 condoms were received from the American government, via USAID. 76,405 condoms have so far been distributed.
- Angola Red Cross is an active member of the coordinating committee meeting for the Global Fund.

Impact

- HIV/AIDS campaigns and activities conducted in the nine provinces by the national society have increased awareness among the members of the communities, as evidenced by the increase in the use of condoms.
- Sensitization sessions have seen a steady decline in the stigmatization and discrimination of persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).

Constraints

- The HIV/AIDS programme failed to establish a home-based care project in this period report due to financial limitations as attention was on to responding to the Marburg Haemorrhagic fever outbreak in Uige province.

Disaster management

Goal: The vulnerability of people affected by disasters is reduced.

Objective: The vulnerability of targeted communities is improved through implementation of disaster prevention, preparedness and response strategies.

Progress/Achievements

- Angola Red Cross was an active participant in the National Emergency Committee.
- The national society, with ICRC's support, continued implementing landmine awareness campaigns in Bie Benguela, Kwanza Sul, Moxico, Kwanza Norte and Bengo provinces. 40 volunteers conducted activities at local community level. Over 10,590 vulnerable people, from about 250 communities in eight municipalities, were sensitised through drama and songs since January 2005.
- During the landmine awareness sessions the volunteers received information on UXO/mines found from the local populations and transmitted it to the authorities and demining organizations who took the necessary actions.

Impact

- The landmine awareness campaigns conducted by the national society's volunteers have seen an increased co-operation by community members who report mines found to the authorities and demining organizations thus reducing the vulnerability by preventing mine accidents.

Constraints

- Lack of funding hindered the implementation of the disaster management activities, especially the training of volunteers and vulnerability capacity assessments (VCA) trainers in priority provinces.

Organizational Development

Goal: Angola Red Cross Society is a well-functioning national society and is recognized and respected as a key national actor in the humanitarian sector, first and foremost by the Angolan people themselves and by the government and other local and international humanitarian agencies.

Objective: The governance and management capacities of Angola Red Cross at both headquarters and provincial branch levels are strengthened so as to meet the new emerging development needs and deliver quality services to most vulnerable communities to fulfil its role as an auxiliary to the government in humanitarian activities.

Progress/Achievements

- Angola Red Cross Society conducted its first national council in March 2005 which was attended by all 18 provincial presidents and national headquarters staff. The aim of the meeting was for the new provincial presidents to start the preparatory activities for the general assembly. During the council, three national commissions were established:
 - *Strategic commission for the national development plan- strategic plan:* On the basis of the assessment mission's recommendations the provincial executive council has to carry out vulnerability capacity assessment upon which the national development plan for four year will be developed.
 - *Legal commission- law/statutes revision:* in charge of the revision of the Angola Red Cross Society statutes together with the Federation, ICRC and a joint technical expertise team. The commission has established general rules and regulations and an Angola Red Cross Law proposal.
 - *Fundraising commission- finances and resources mobilization:* In charge of carrying out inventory of the national society properties. It will draft proposals on fundraising and resources mobilization activities.
- During the reporting period, Angola Red Cross signed an agreement of understanding with an external auditing firm, KPMG for the auditing of the five years books of accounts. The audit was conducted at the end of June 2005.

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Impact

- There is an increased commitment towards the change process among the national society's provincial presidents and members of the three national commissions.
- To support the change strategy the health delegate has been promoted to programmes coordinator and the mission extended to December 2005 so as to ensure the continuation of the process and the support to the senior leadership and governance.

Constraints

- The legal commission and finances process were delayed by the management structure to approve the contract for the audit company and to allocate resources to start preparations for the General Assembly.
- The national society's secretary general resigned on 12 May 2005.

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

04/08/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				1,112,426		26.6%
OPENING BALANCE				22,453		
CAPACITY BUILDING FUND				105,168	31.01.05	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
DANISH - GOVT				42,000	26.01.05	HEALTH DELEGATE
DANISH - RC				41,100	04.07.05	HEALTH DELEGATE
SWEDISH - GOVT		500,000	SEK	85,500	19.05.05	ARC GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				296,221	CHF	26.6%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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	