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International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

GUINEA-BISSAU

Appeal no. 05AA020

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This document reflects a range of programmes, objectives, and related activities to be implemented in 2005, and the corresponding funding requirements. These are based upon the broader, multi-year framework of the Federation's Project Planning Process (PPP). The PPP products are either available through hyperlinks in the text, or can be requested through the respective regional department.

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	2005
Programme title	in CHF
Strengthening the National Society	
Health and care	167,814
Disaster management	60,807
Organizational development	50,950
Total	279,571³

¹³ USD 222,100 or EUR 180,100.

National Context

Guinea-Bissau is a West African country comprised of 30 ethnic groups. The country is divided into nine administrative regions, comprising of 108 sectors, sections and villages.

The urban population represents 31.5% of the total, with a population density of 35 inhabitants per km² and a population growth of 3 per cent.

After two decades of independence, Guinea-Bissau continues to be one of the poorest countries in the world, with poor infrastructure and low social indicators; 88% of its population lives on less than USD 1 per day. Its human development index is ranked 172 of 175.



Legislative elections were held on 28 March 2004, after a transitional period of six months, resulting from the coup d'état of 14 September 2003. Prolonged and multi-dimensional crisis preceding the inauguration of the new government, has deeply affected the populations thereby reducing their daily survival capacity. The increasing difficulties to meet basic needs increase the risks of social explosion and the possibility of a humanitarian crisis.

Human Development Indicators at a Glance

Category	Guinea-Bissau	Sub-Saharan Africa	World
Total population (millions)	1.4	641.0	6,225.0
GDP per capita (USD)	141	469	5,174
Life expectancy at birth (years): Female - Male	46.8 - 43.7	n.a.	n.a.
Infant mortality rate, per 1,000 live births	130	108	56
Maternal mortality per 100,000 live births (adjusted ratio)(2000)	1,100	n.a	n.a
Population (%) with sustainable access to an improved water source (2000)	56	57	82
HIV prevalence (% , ages 15-49) (2003)	n.a	7.7	1.1
Adult literacy rate (% , ages 15 and above) Female : Male	24.7 - 55.2	n.a	n.a

Source: UNDP Human Development Report, July 2004: Human Development Index (pages 139-250). Refer to http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/2004/pdf/hdr04_HDI.pdf Data is 2002 unless noted above.

Red Cross/Red Crescent Priorities

National Society Strategy/Programme Priorities:

The Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau⁴ was founded on 2 December 1977, through a Government decree (Law no 35/77 of 2 December). It gained ICRC recognition on 27 August 1986 and became a member of the Federation on 18 October 1986.

The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau organizes its nation wide activities through the operational structures in the regions, sectors, sections and districts. There are ten regional and 36 sectoral committees. The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau recruits its members from all the socio-professional sectors of the population with an estimated 1,000 active volunteer membership and 226 first aid workers trained and better equipped to face local emergencies.

At the national level, the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau has the following structures:

- General Assembly, the supreme ruling body which meets every three years.
- The National Council, which meets every six months.
- The nine-member management committee meets every two months.

At the local level, the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau has 11 regional committees, except for Bissau that has not yet been created.

Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau At A Glance

	Year	Observations
Statutes	2003	
Contingency Plan	2004	
Strategic Development Plan	2003	
Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS)		Planned for the end of 2004
Self evaluation	2002	
General Assembly	2002	
External Evaluation	2001 (latest)	Federation, Spanish Red Cross

Strengths

- The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau is experienced in working with local and international partners of the Movement;
- A strong presence on the entire national territory and dynamic volunteers, available, motivated and trained in first aid and community activities;
- Good working relationships with the Ministries of Health, Education and Natural resources;
- Good image as a result of the actions carried out during the military conflict of 1998.

⁴ Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=183>

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Challenges

- Competition with certain local non-governmental organizations
- Become self-sufficient through its own resources
- Strengthen structures at all levels.

Movement Context:

Federation

The Federation's regional office in Abidjan covers five countries namely Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Its priorities for the region are to contribute to the building and strengthening of the operational capacities, setting up of organizational development programs, enhancing relief and disaster management as well as health and care. The regional office provides organizational development support to General Assemblies and strategic planning activities of the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau.

ICRC

The ICRC has a Regional Delegation in Dakar, which is active on the field and has a focal point in Bissau. Institutional co-operation between the ICRC and the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau covers programs for the promotion of principles and humanitarian values, disaster preparedness and family reunification services.

Bilateral Partners (Participating National Societies)

The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau has good co-operational relationship with the Spanish Red Cross, whose presence has been regular since 1996. Delegates settle regularly in the country. Spanish Red Cross implements projects in the area of water and sanitation (WatSan), HIV/AIDS and organizational development.

Partners	Health and care	Relief operations	Disaster preparedness	Humanitarian values	Organizational development	Others
ICRC		XX	XX	XX		XX
Federation		XX	XX		XX	
Spanish Red Cross	XX					XX
Other	XX					

Strengthening the National Society Health and Care

Background and Achievements

The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau plays a very important role in the area of prevention of common diseases in Guinea-Bissau, assisting the Ministry of Health in building a national resource capable of reducing morbidity and mortality rate due to diseases such as Malaria, diarrhea and measles. With the assistance of the Spanish Red Cross, a health centre providing curative and promotional health services was built in 2000. The national society conducts HIV/AIDS sensitization activities among the population and also organizes peer-education projects in three regions of the country. It further promotes voluntary blood donation, through community sensitization in association with voluntary blood donors. The initiative for improving access of the population to safe water included the construction of 37 traditional wells and 16 public washing facilities for more than 225 people in the villages of the Oio region since 2002.

Primary Health Care

For more than 12 years, Guinea-Bissau's armed conflict has taken its toll on the country's development, with ripple effects on the already deplorable health care delivery. At the end of 2003, the under-five mortality rate was 221 per 1,000 while the health situation of women and children remains critical. The economy tends to fluctuate along the tendencies of the agricultural sector, which is its mainstay. This weighs heavily on social services, particularly, health and education. While the social situation took a favorable turn in 2004, the population's health conditions remained deplorable. In line with its main objective of providing assistance to the most vulnerable individuals and communities, the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau aims to implement this primary health care project in the rural areas of Sab, Quinara, Tombali, Oio and Bolana, according to the ARCHI 2010 strategy. The project will focus mainly on community volunteer mobilization at an average of two persons, per village and 25 villages per region. Its mission will involve sensitizing communities on the frequent tropical diseases preventable by vaccination and common diseases. It will work closely with regional health management unit and is expected to be completed within a year.

Goal: The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau contributes to the improvement of health conditions of vulnerable populations in 2005.

Objective: The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau has stimulated responsible behavioral changes against the most common and vaccine-preventable diseases in the areas of Sab, Quinara, Tombali, Oio and Bolama

Expected Results:

- The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau has technical capacity for the fight against common and vaccine-preventable diseases.
- The target population of the project is sensitized on common and vaccine-preventable diseases.
- The target population of the project is sensitized on malaria.

*<Refer to the Logical Framework Planning Matrix: Guinea-Bissau Primary Health Care>
<http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/logframes/africa/05AA020HC.pdf>*

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Water and Sanitation

Severely restricted access to safe water and sanitation explain the low life expectancy and high infant mortality encountered in Guinea-Bissau. About 52% of the rural population do not have access to potable water. The government has developed a water code on the provision of water supply and sanitation within the framework of the development program of the country which is aimed at attracting financial resources, coordination and capacity building within the sector.

The Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau in collaboration with the Federation has been working with Spanish Red Cross on WatSan projects since 1995. Consequently, the national society has developed considerable expertise in the domain. The present project aims to improve the living conditions of the people by improving access to water and sanitation in the country.

Goal: The population's living conditions are improved in 2005.

Objective: Vulnerable communities of Gabu, Bafata, Oio and Bijagos have access to safe drinking water and observe basic hygiene measures.

Expected Result:

- The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau has contributed to the improvement of the living conditions of vulnerable populations.

<Refer to the Logical Framework Planning Matrix: Guinea-Bissau Water and Sanitation>
http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?/annual05/logframes/africa/05AA020HW.pdf

Disaster Management (DM)

Background and Achievements

Guinea-Bissau has four identifiable disasters:

- Natural (earth tremor in 1984), agricultural (locust invasion, 22 hectares destroyed in 2003),
- Health (cholera, meningitis and measles epidemics) and
- Man-made (refugees from the Casamance crisis in Senegal and the internal 1998 politico-military crisis).

As part of its emergency response activities, the disaster management programme remains a priority for the national society's development plan. Providing the basic contingency planning for the elections is a part of the preparation for emergencies. Thus, in 2000, the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau drew up a contingency plan with Federation support.

Furthermore, during the 28 March legislative elections, another contingency plan was prepared with ICRC support covering the four most sensitive national regions. Additionally, a disaster management plan of action for 2004-2005 involving all aspects of disaster preparation and response has been developed with Federation support.

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Goal: The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau contributes to the reduction of disaster- related risks in Guinea-Bissau in 2005.

Objective In 2005, the disaster management capacity of the regional committees in four border regions (S.Domingos, Tombali, Gabu and Bubaque) has been built and strengthened.

Expected Results:

- The contingency plan is drawn up and implemented
- The regional committees of S. Domingos, Tombali and Gabu are equipped with teams, materials and equipments to face emergency situations.

<Refer to the Logical Framework Planning Matrix: Guinea-Bissau Disaster Management>
http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/logframes/africa/05AA020DM.pdf

Organizational Development (OD)

Background and Achievements

The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau has experienced many structural problems for several years mainly due to the non-separation of management from governance. In April 2003, the direct intervention of the government in the appointment of a Chairman worsened the governance situation. The last General Assembly was organized in November 2003 with Federation support during which a new Chairman was elected and the Advisory Board opted for the separation of powers between governance and management functions; a nine-man Management Committee and a Secretary-General to direct a secretariat which includes administration, finance, and the technical departments (disaster management, health and care, volunteer services).

The technicians are mainly volunteers, who receive State stipends as does the current Secretary-General. Professionalization of key positions has become necessary within the context of the new restructuring policy and headquarters operations' regularity and efficiency. Terms of reference for the position to be filled are already elaborated in the logical framework and funds are being expected to commence the recruitment process.

In 2004, the national society drew up a three-year development plan based on the Federation's main strategic orientations, taking effective recognition of its capacities. Inadequate financial resources constitute a constraint on the development of the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau. It has, however, set up three income-generating projects: training centers, a film hall and a cyber café to reduce dependence on external partners.

Furthermore, the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau organized first aid training for disaster preparedness and knowledge of the Movement for local committees. The national society is faced with a series of difficulties such as the absence of activities which adversely affects members and volunteers' motivation. Volunteers do not benefit from trainings received by staff members. Thus, one of the national society's major challenges is the strengthening of branches to enhance their capacities to meet the needs of the vulnerable.

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Goal: The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau's capacity to respond to the needs of vulnerable populations is strengthened.

Objective: The management of the Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau to enable it respond to the needs of the vulnerable is improved in 2005.

Expected Results:

- The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau applies the principles of good governance.
- The Red Cross of Guinea-Bissau's management capacity is improved.
- The fundamental principles and humanitarian values are promoted within members and volunteers.

*<Refer to the Logical Framework Planning Matrix:
Guinea-Bissau Organizational Development>*

<http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/logframes/africa/05AA020OD.pdf>

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PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

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PROGRAMME:

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Emergency	Total
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Shelter & construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clothing & textiles	525	0	0	0	0	0	525
Food	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000
Seeds & plants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water & Sanitation	40,050	0	0	0	0	0	40,050
Medical & first aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teaching materials	3,493	2,500	0	0	0	0	5,993
Utensils & tools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other relief supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	44,068	7,500	0	0	0	0	51,568
Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles	4,500	0	0	0	0	0	4,500
Computers & telecom	200	1,575	0	2,575	0	0	4,350
Medical equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other capital exp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL EXPENSES	4,700	1,575	0	2,575	0	0	8,850
Warehouse & Distribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport & Vehicules	6,769	530	0	1,530	0	0	8,830
TRANSPORT & STORAGE	6,769	530	0	1,530	0	0	8,830
Programme Support	10,908	3,952	0	3,312	0	0	18,172
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Personnel-delegates	8,557	3,209	0	3,209	0	0	14,974
Personnel-national staff	42,502	7,632	0	10,632	0	0	60,765
Consultants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONNEL	51,059	10,841	0	13,841	0	0	75,740
W/shops & Training	32,946	19,047	0	14,597	0	0	66,590
WORKSHOPS & TRAINING	32,946	19,047	0	14,597	0	0	66,590
Travel & related expenses	890	334	0	334	0	0	1,558
Information	3,250	6,463	0	5,420	0	0	15,132
Other General costs	13,224	10,565	0	9,341	0	0	33,130
GENERAL EXPENSES	17,364	17,362	0	15,095	0	0	49,820
TOTAL BUDGET:	167,814	60,807	0	50,950	0	0	279,571