

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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In Brief

Appeal No. 05AA021; Programme Update no. 1, Period covered: January to May 2005; Appeal coverage: 73.3%; Outstanding needs: CHF 267,653 (USD 209,203 or EUR 172,902).

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Appeal target: CHF 1,009 799 (USD 802,100 or EUR 650,400)

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A

Programme summary: The Red Cross Society of Guinea¹ was not able to carry out most of its planned activities, particularly in health, due to lack of funding. However, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and other partners, it was able to participate in polio vaccination campaigns.

Lack of funding has led to the inability of the National Society to assist a population that is considered extremely vulnerable. On-going refugee operations, however, continued with minimal support from the Federation and UNHCR.

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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 Red Cross Society of Guinea - <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=77>

Operational developments

The Red Cross Society of Guinea and the Federation planned to collaborate for assistance in programmes on health, disaster management and organizational development in 2005. There has been little achievement though:

- Provision of co-ordination assistance to two sub-offices, in N'zerekore and Kissidougou, to assist the refugees in the camps;
- Provision of training, social assistance and leadership skills to refugees and local communities through the national society's branches, to help reduce the vulnerability of the refugee population in Guinea, and
- Participation in social mobilization during polio vaccination campaigns.

Because of the high HIV/AIDS and other blood-transmitted disease prevalence in most of Africa, supply of safe blood remains a major concern. In Guinea, the National Blood Transfusion Centre (NBTC) has put up structures and necessary resources to promote the development of safe blood transfusion services. With the mobilization of human and financial resources being a problem, the social mobilization project in support of blood donations could not be implemented due to lack of funding.

Health and care

Goal: Lives of vulnerable people in Guinea are improved.

Objective 1: HIV/AIDS/STI prevalence in targeted areas is reduced through the national society awareness programme.

Objective 2: The national society contributes to improving conditions of persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Objective 3: The Red Cross Society of Guinea contributes to the promotion of volunteer blood donations in targeted regions of Boke, Kindia, Labe, Kankan and N'Zerekore.

Objective 4: To contribute to the reduction of malaria-related mortality and morbidity in Guinea.

Objective: The Red Cross Society of Guinea provides support to the communities to encourage behavioral changes relating to environmental cleanliness.

Achievements

- Polio vaccination campaigns were carried out, with 100 volunteers being deployed for social mobilization.

Impact

- There is a progressive increase in the vaccination of children aged under five years, from 114% in the second phase to 132% in the third.
- The campaign provided an opportunity to meet a number of first-time polio vaccine recipients. The number increased by 16% in April to 28% in May.

Constraints:

- Lack of funding hindered the implementation of activities planned for fight against malaria, fight against HIV/AIDS, social mobilization for voluntary blood donations and hygiene and sanitation.
- Some communities were defiant and rejected the polio vaccination.
- Inaccessibility to potable water in the islands of Coyah, situated in the Kindia region, led to the persistence of epidemics.
- Inadequate transport and inaccessibility of the islands of Coyah further aggravated the health status of the local populations, who have little access to health centres.
- Unavailability of an adequate potable water network compelled the local populations in Kindia to resort to unhygienic water sources, for drinking and other domestic use.
- Health complications related to poor environmental management, mainly due to lack of knowledge of the rules on environmental protection by the largely illiterate populations.

Disaster management

Goal: The Red Cross Society of Guinea contributes in alleviating the suffering of vulnerable people.

Objective: The vulnerability of refugees in Nzerekore and Kissidougou is reduced.

Achievements

- The Red Cross Society of Guinea, in collaboration with the Federation and UNHCR, operated eight refugee camps in Nzerekore and Kissidougou. The camps provided medical, social and nutritional services to refugees. The National Society's medical team comprised of over 108 persons including 6 medical doctors, a pharmacist, 2 laboratory officers, 56 nurses, 32 health assistants and 11 traditional birth attendants (TBAs).
- Other community services provided at the camps included the training of single mothers/girls in income generating activities, recreational and socio-cultural activities at individual, family and community levels.
- Special support was given to women, youth, the disabled, the chronically ill and the elderly.

Impact

- The Federation plans to continue its support to the refugees and other vulnerable groups in other parts of the country.

Constraints

- The exact number of Liberian and Ivorian refugees in Guinea is yet to be ascertained given massive repatriation that has taken place since the wars in Sierra Leone and Liberia ended.

Humanitarian values

Goal: The Red Cross Society of Guinea, through the promotion of the humanitarian values, contributes to behavioral changes among the Guinean community, particularly among the youth.

Objective: As a result of the sensitization activities and social mobilization conducted by the Red Cross Society of Guinea, acts of violence of all kinds are reduced in the community.

Constraints

- No activities were carried out during this reporting period due to lack of funding.

Organizational Development

Goal: Improvement of the Red Cross Society of Guinea enhances its capacities to becoming a well functioning national society.

Objective 1: By the end of 2005, the structural and organizational capacities of 20 Red Cross Committees are reinforced.

Objective 2: By the end of 2005, 15 new school clubs are installed and functioning in Basse Guinea, Moyenne Guinea, Haute Guinea and Guinea Forestiere

Objective 3: Through a mini camp, the organizational and operational capacities of five school clubs of Guinea Forestière are reinforced.

Objective 4: The coordination between the Movement's components is reinforced.

Objective 5: The administrative and financial capacities of the Red Cross Society of Guinea are reinforced.

Constraints

- No activities were carried out during this reporting period due to lack of funding.

Coordination, cooperation and strategic partnerships

Goal: To ensure a flexible, efficient functioning of the delegation in order to provide effective, concrete support to the Red Cross Society of Guinea's development capacities with a view to fulfilling its humanitarian mission with vulnerable persons.

Objective 1: Pursue the strengthening of the delegation's human resources to guarantee appropriate Management support to the Red Cross Society of Guinea.

Objective 2: Continue to handover responsibilities to the Red Cross Society of Guinea in line with the exit strategy of the Federation.

Achievements

- Though the Federation has no representation in Guinea, it continued to provide minimum support to refugee operations, in collaboration with UNHCR.
- The Red Cross Society of Guinea has taken a giant step in beginning the construction of its headquarters, financed through locally-mobilized resources.

Impact

- The new approach, of mobilizing resources locally, has provided an opportunity for the national society to redefine its mission and strategies.

Constraints

- The post of Federation representative, that has been vacant for quite some time, is yet to be filled.
- The Red Cross Society of Guinea is now struggling to take over all its financial obligations formerly covered by the Federation.
- Though the National Society has seen the need to begin income generating activities, it does not have funds to initiate them.

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APPEAL No. 05AA021

PLEDGES RECEIVED

06/07/2005

CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->					1,009,799	TOTAL COVERAGE 73.5%	
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM	250,000	USD	311,425	03.06.05			
UNHCR (202 f)	880,100,998	GNF	264,030	20.05.05		LIBERIAN REFUGEES	
UNHCR (203 c)	90,094,165	GNF	27,028	20.05.05		IVOIRIENS REFUGEES	
UNHCR (300 c)	330,852,952	GNF	99,256	20.05.05		LIBERIAN REFUGEES	
UNHCR (LS403 a)	134,689,380	GNF	40,407	20.05.05		SIERRA LEONEAN REFUGEES	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH					742,146	CHF	73.5%

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	