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In Brief

Appeal No. 05AA021; Programme Update no. 2, Period covered: June to October 2005; Appeal coverage: 73.5%; Outstanding needs: CHF 267,653 (USD 204,653 or EUR 172,958).

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

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A

Programmer 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 preventing it from assisting a population that is considered extremely vulnerable. Nevertheless, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and other partners, the national society participated in polio vaccination campaigns, and also implemented community health education and social mobilization in the management of cholera and yellow fever epidemics with the support of the Federation. On-going refugee assistance operations continued with support from the UNHCR and the Federation.

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Operational developments

The Federation and the Red Cross Society of Guinea planned to appeal collaborate for assistance in programmes on health, disaster management and organizational development this year. In the health sector, limited activities were

¹ The Red Cross Society of Guinea <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=77>

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conducted in community sensitization, education and social mobilization as part of vaccination campaigns and responses to cholera and yellow fever outbreaks.

There has been a little growth and expansion in the branches of the national society as well as leadership training in the area of organizational development. However this has been minimal as compared to the planned development for 2005. The major activity undertaken deals with disaster management in the areas of capacity building for disaster response with the increase in the number of trained and equipped first aid brigades and disaster response teams and assistance to refugees in the Guinea Forestière region.

Because of the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other blood-transmitted diseases in most of Africa, supply of safe blood remains a major concern. In Guinea, the national blood transfusion centre (NBTC) has set up structures and necessary resources to promote development of safe blood transfusion services. The national society has supported this effort through the recruitment of voluntary non-remunerated blood donors and their gathering into blood donors' clubs.

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 improve living 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: The national society contributes to the reduction of malaria-related mortality and morbidity in Guinea.

Objective 5: The Red Cross Society of Guinea provides support to the communities to encourage behavioral changes relating to environmental cleanliness.

Progress/Achievements:

- Further to the cholera epidemic announced by the MoH in April 2005, The Federation and the national society gave technical and financial support, in response to the epidemic. The national society intervened in the four districts in Conakry, the prefectures of Coyah, Dubréka, Kindia, Mamou, Dalaba, Pita, Labé, Telemele, Llama, Boké and Forécariah. The national society's human resources: national programme coordinator, national director of health, 16 supervisors of local committees, and 220 volunteers were deployed in the local committees, as well as 19 volunteers in cholera treating centers.
- 100 sensitizing guides for the volunteers, 8,000 folders, 1,000 posters, four wheelbarrows, 15 shovels, 15 rakes, three pulverizers, 25 kilogrammes of calcium hypochlorite and 160 recyclable bavetes have been used.
- The national society trained 150 volunteer blood donors recruiters in five regions (Boké, Kindia, Labé, Kankan and N'Zeérékoré). The training was conducted with the assistance of the health district divisions and national blood transfusion centre trainers.
- Five volunteer blood donor clubs were created in five regions, as a result of the training. Each club is comprised of 30 volunteer blood donor recruiters.
- The volunteer clubs carried out a total of 40 sensitization sessions and blood donor clinics have been set up in 2005 (eight blood donor clinics per club and per year).
- Polio vaccination campaigns were carried out by MoH, with 100 volunteers being deployed for social mobilization.

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Impact:

- Strengthening of volunteer's knowledge and capacities through social mobilization in response to epidemics.
- Good master of interpersonal techniques of communication by the volunteers.
- Reinforcement of volunteers' knowledge and capacities on cleaning.
- Increase of the visibility of the national society and of the Red Cross Movement: certificate of satisfaction by local authorities in zones of intervention were delivered to the national society.
- Reinforcement of the partnership between the MoH and other partners such as MSF, WHO, the UNICEF, etc.
- There is a progressive increase in the number of vaccinated children under five (114% in the second phase to 132% in the third one).
- The campaign provided an opportunity to meet a number of first-time polio vaccine recipients (16% in April, versus 28% in May).

Constraints:

- Lack of funding hindered the implementation of activities planned for the fight against malaria, and against HIV/AIDS as well as of activities of social mobilization for voluntary blood donations and hygiene and sanitation.
- Some communities were suspicious and rejected the polio vaccination.
- Inaccessibility to potable water in the islands of Coyah, in the Kindia region, led to the persistence of the epidemics.
- Great risk of insecurity due to defective state of roads during the raining season.
- Inadequate means of transportation and inaccessibility of the islands of Coyah further aggravated the health status of the local populations who have little access to health centers.
- Unavailability of potable water network compelled the local populations in Kentia 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 environmental protection's rule by the major part of the population that is illiterate.

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.

Progress/Achievements:

- The volunteers of the national society working under the coordination and support of the Federation and with the funding of the UNHCR provided medical care, social welfare services for the vulnerable among the refugees (people with disability, elderly, chronically and mentally ill, unaccompanied minors, and youth), built and rehabilitated shelters, medical screening for refugees due for voluntary repatriation. According to UNHCR Statistics – September 2005, 67 085 refugees in 8 refugee camps in Kissidougou and Nzerekore prefectures in Guinea Forestière benefited from Red Cross support. 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. The national society's medical team is comprised of over 108 persons including six medical doctors, one pharmacist, two laboratory officers, 56 nurses, 32 health assistants and 11 traditional birth attendants (TBAs).

Impact:

- The refugees have access to basic social services and basic physical infrastructure and thus have had their vulnerability reduced.
- The health status of the refugees was kept within all the performance indicators set by the UNHCR (e.g. mortality rates, immunisation coverage, malnutrition rates, etc.)
- Shelters for 99.98% of the refugees were in good condition, while 100% of identified vulnerable refugees had individual shelters.

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- The capacity of the refugee community to take charge of the vulnerable was strengthened.
- About 3151 refugees were medically screened and found in good medical condition and were repatriated between August and October 2005.
- The Federation has strengthened the capacity of the national society to the extent that all the activities are carried out and managed by trained volunteers of the national society with the Federation providing coordination, financial and technical support, and management of the partnership with the UNHCR, WFP and other partners.

Constraints:

- It is very difficult to plan for Red Cross activities because 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.

Progress/achievements:

- None

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 are functioning in Basse Guinea, Moyenne Guinea, Haute Guinea and Guinea Forestière.

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.

Progress/Achievements:

- None of the planned activities was implemented.

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 and 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 exiting strategies of the Federation.

Achievements:

- The national society has taken a giant step in beginning the construction of its headquarters, financed through locally-mobilized resources.
- The job description of the regional coordinators has been revised this year while that of the rest of the staff was revised in 2004; a new organ gram was also drawn up and approved in 2004.
- The new salary scale is still under discussion between the partners
- The Federation handed over all responsibilities for operating and managing the refugee assistance programme to trained volunteers and staff recruited from the national society.
- The Federation's office in Guinea is embedded in the national society and uses its staff.
- The Federation representative resumed in August 2005. He coordinates the refugee programme and management of the partnership with UNHCR, WFP and other partners, as well as financial and technical assistance to the national society in its development efforts.
- The operation and management of the refugee assistance programme is entirely manned by trained volunteers of the national society. The society participated in OCHA's planning for humanitarian activities in Guinea for 2006.

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

20/12/2005

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	