

PROGRAMME UPDATE



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In Brief

Appeal No. 05AA026; Programme Update no. 2; Period covered: June to October 2005; Appeal coverage: 52.6%; Outstanding needs: CHF 149,460 (USD 113,918 or EUR 96,582).

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Appeal target: CHF 315,387 (USD 250,500 or EUR 203,100).

Related Emergency Appeal: Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania and Niger: Food Insecurity; Appeal no. 05EA015; http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05EA015.pdf

Programme summary: During this reporting period, the Burkinabe Red Cross Society¹ could not implement most of the activities outlined in the appeal 2005 as its attention was on an ongoing emergency operation, in aid of populations affected by severe food insecurity in the Sahel region.

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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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Operational developments

Burkina Faso is one of the countries in the Sahel region currently facing severe drought, resulting from a poor 2004-2005 harvest- which was prompted by the worst locust invasion in 20 years compounded by low rainfalls. Crops were greatly reduced, as was the availability of grazing land in pastoralist areas. This has resulted in serious food insecurity in a region already suffering from chronic malnutrition and endemic poverty. On 22 July 2005, the International Federation launched Emergency Appeal 05EA015 seeking support from donors so as to provide assistance to millions facing starvation in the Sahel region.

¹ Burkinabe Red Cross Society- refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=181>

Some 149,859 beneficiaries have received food assistance in the six most affected provinces of Burkina Faso- with the target of 254,793 beneficiaries expected to be reached by the end of December 2005. A field visit undertaken by the Burkinabe Red Cross Society, the Federation and the Luxembourg Red Cross at the end of October concluded that this year's harvest in the Sahel and northern areas of the country will be insufficient to re-establish households on a secure footing, due to the degree of indebtedness, increased sale of livestock to cover basic household needs (e.g. school fees), as well as the on-going drought in certain departments. In Soum, for example, villagers estimate that this year's production will last them only six months – not even until the usual 'soudure' or lean period.

The main focus of the national society during the reporting period has hence been to respond to the many vulnerable people affected by food insecurity whereas other activities have been put on hold. For latest details and news stories, photos and operational updates related to the food insecurity operation please visit the Federation website for the Sahel operation-<http://www.ifrc.org/news/sahel/>

Unfortunately, weaknesses within the national society's communication and management systems made two partner national societies (PNS) to withdraw their support. The regional delegation is working on supporting the national society within these areas to re-establish donor confidence.

Health and care

Goal: To contribute to the reduction of infant and maternal morbidity and mortality and to the reduction of vulnerability of target groups and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) through social and community mobilization activities.

Objective 1: To increase the number of children aged 0 to 11 months who receive full standard vaccination as well as the number of pregnant women correctly vaccinated against tetanus.

Objective 2: To reduce vulnerability related to HIV/AIDS in people aged 0 to 40 years in the four provinces of Pony, Comoé, Banwa, and Boulkiemdé.

Achievements

- Volunteers' involvement in social mobilization improved as they participated in the polio campaigns in February, March, November and December.
- Volunteers have been trained in first aid and communicable diseases.

Organizational development

Goal: The Burkinabe Red Cross Society improved its service delivery to vulnerable people.

Objective 1: The Burkinabe Red Cross Society capacity to conduct effective health and disaster programmes is strengthened.

Objective 2: The management capacities of the Burkinabe Red Cross Society at both headquarters and regional branch levels are strengthened.

Achievements

- An officer for partnership coordination and a health coordinator have been appointed.
- A policy on volunteering has been developed with terms of reference elaborated at regional level with input from the national society. The recruitment of a focal point for volunteer management is under process with Federation support.
- A financial audit of the national society's accounts has been conducted.

Constraints

- Despite support from partners, the national society's communication and finance management systems still have major weaknesses and did not meet the expectations of many partners. Consequently, the Danish Red Cross and the Austrian Red Cross decided to withdraw their programme support to the national society and to the Federation's activities in Burkina Faso.

- It is a great concern at the regional delegation level which has learnt from this situation and will focus future intervention on partnership management, financial management issues, and communication prior to any other issue.

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APPEAL No. 05AA026

PLEDGES RECEIVED

28/12/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

				TOTAL COVERAGE		
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				315,387		52.6%
OPENING BALANCE				42,948		
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT				62,852	01.01.05	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH
DANISH - RC				40,000	10.12.04	FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT, ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
IRISH - GOVT		12,998	EUR	20,128	04.02.05	HEALTH
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				165,928	CHF	52.6%

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	