

# PROGRAMME UPDATE



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## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

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### In Brief

**Appeal No. 05AA035; Programme Update no. 1, Period covered: January-April 2005; Appeal coverage: 79%; Outstanding needs: CHF 333,440 (USD 260,500 or EUR 215,401).**

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**Appeal target: CHF 1,586,382 (USD 1,260,000 or EUR 1,021,800).**

**Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: N/A**

**Programme summary:** This report summarises the activities carried out all over the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) by the Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo<sup>1</sup> between January and April 2005.

The Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of Congo volunteers carried out activities in health (HIV/AIDS and care), disaster management, promotion of humanitarian values, and organisational development. Financial support was received from the Swedish Red Cross, British Red Cross, Irish Red Cross, and Canadian Red Cross, as well as private donors. To date, the Appeal has been covered to the tune of close to 80%.

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<sup>1</sup> Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/check.asp?countryid=187>

## **Operational developments**

Several political, economic and social events characterised the general situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) during the first four months of 2005. Peace in the DRC still remains fragile. While the parliament voted a draft constitution that is to be approved by the population through a referendum (in order to enable free and fair elections), the government authorities are preoccupied in dealing with the secessionist movement in Katanga.

The socioeconomic situation of the country remained unchanged from last year's and was characterised by increased impoverishment of the populations. Some Kinshasa neighbourhoods experienced regular power interruptions. The Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo was a victim of such power interruptions and was forced to purchase a standby generator to ensure continuity of operations.

The national society visibility and appreciation among the populations increased, as it was actively involved in assisting victims of two ferry tragedies. The Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo expanded its community development capacity by empowering officials with micro project management skills.

The Federation, ICRC and partner national societies (British Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, Irish Red Cross and Canadian Red Cross) continued to provide technical and financial support to the DRC national society.

## **Health and care**

**Goal: Improve the target population's state of health in the four target provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo.**

**Objective: The target vulnerable populations of Kinshasa, Equateur, Eastern Kasai, and North Kivu provinces have access to adequate health services as a result of the contribution of the Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo with partners' support.**

### **Achievements**

- HIV/AIDS control
  - The national society volunteers organised eight educative talk sessions, in Kinshasa, which benefited 518 persons.
  - Volunteers paid home visits to PLWHA in Kinshasa and provided them with physical and moral support. 22 parents of PLWHA were trained on homecare techniques for the infected.
  - The national society organised and carried out sensitisation campaigns in public squares; one in Kinshasa (with 1,200 participants), eight in the ports and markets of Bandundu (4,090 participants), and another in Ngaliema market (where 1,500 people attended).
  - 85 university students underwent HIV/AIDS voluntary screening in Kinshasa after being sensitized about the disease.
- Malaria control
  - Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo volunteers carried out sanitation activities. The activities included weeding, refuse collection and gutter cleaning in three local councils of Kinshasa. The volunteers also sensitised close to 100 households on hygiene and sanitation.
  - Some members of the national society attended meetings of the National Malaria Task Force to prepare a workshop for experts on anti-malaria drug use in the DRC.

### **Constraints**

- Lack of adequate teaching aids (folders, posters, videotapes and batteries for megaphones).
- Absence of electricity facility at the Masina Listening Centre and lack of equipment.
- Unavailability of transport means to get to patients in remote areas.
- Lack of inputs for the impregnation of mosquito nets.
- Insufficiency of sanitation equipment in all the sites.
- Lack of incentives for volunteers.

## **Disaster management**

**Goal:** The target provinces are in a position to predict, prepare and respond to disasters that impact their daily lives.

**Objective:** Through the programme initiative Congo (PIC), selected communities of Kinshasa, Mbandaka, Mbuji Mayi, Game, Bukavu and Lubumbashi are informed on the risks and are better positioned to predict and manage disasters with the local authorities' coordination and partners' support.

### **Achievements**

- Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo volunteers registered 1,500 people affected by floods in Insiki (Bas-Congo Province) and distributed 110 first-aid kits donated by ICRC.
- Volunteers from the Tshikapa local branch of the national society buried 150 corpses of victims from a ferry that capsized in the Kasai River, 15kms from Tshikapa (Western Kasai Province).
- Volunteers from the Kinshasa local branch assisted twenty eight survivors from the Yahuma vessel tragedy, in Bolobo (Bandundu Province) and took them back to their respective councils.
- Forty handicapped persons were trained in community-based first aid (CBFA) in the Kintambo council (Kinshasa) while twenty six volunteers received apprenticeship in Matadi.
- The national society trained ten employees of Shell Oil Company on priority action approach in Kinshasa.
- The national society volunteers rescued 1,514 persons on the transit highway no. 1, between Kinshasa and Bas-Congo. Among them were 488 men, 441 women and 585 children.

### **Constraints:**

- Lack of sea rescue equipment.
- Lack of emergency equipment (first-aid kits, stretchers, and blankets).
- Unavailability of communication means, especially for emergencies rescuers.
- Inadequate teaching aids.

## **Humanitarian values**

**Goal:** There is an improvement in respect for human life, more effective solidarity with the vulnerable, their families and groups and a more cohesive community.

**Objective:** Discrimination, stigmatization and rejection are reduced in the provinces of Eastern and Oriental Kasai, North and South Kivu, and Katanga.

### **Achievements**

- Sensitisation of 4,419 persons in the Bandalungwa, Matete, Lemba and Ndjili councils of Kinshasa about the Movement. A similar exercise was carried out in Tshimbulu, Western Kasai where 2,027 persons (who included pupils, teachers and directors of primary schools) were imparted with knowledge of the humanitarian values and standards.
- 1,125 pupils in Kananga and 108 university students from Bukavu were sensitised to the Movement's principles, and the fight against violence, drug-abuse and HIV/AIDS. 1,600 persons living in the Kalemie refugee camp (Katanga) were also enlightened on the need to respect the national society's emblem and principles.
- 172 communication specialists were trained; 20 in Tshimbulu (West Kasai), 20 in Mbanza-Ngungu (Bas-Congo), 5 in Beni (North Kivu), 72 in Gungu (Bandundu), and 55 in Tshikapa, Kanaka and Mweka.
- 1,650 persons participated in a conference on sexual abuse in Lemba, Kinshasa.
- With ICRC's financial support, two national coordinators and three provincial coordinators were appointed to facilitate the search for missing persons.
- Seven motorbikes were repaired and distributed to provincial coordinators.

### **Constraints**

- Some national and provincial radio stations declined to broadcast the programme “Echos de la Croix-Rouge” (Red Cross News) unless paid. The national society lacked financial resources.
- Unavailability of transport means forced communication experts to cover long distances on foot, greatly hindering their performance.
- The number of communication specialists trained was inadequate to cover all localities of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- Unavailability of reports on activities carried out at provincial levels.
- Lack of communication means (telephones) to get in touch with volunteers in the field.
- One national society’s motorbike was stolen in Bukavu while two of the repair kits were incompatible with available make of motorbikes.
- Accounting equipment was not distributed to Bandaka, Boende, and Province Orientale coordination headquarters.

### **Organisational development**

**Goal: The Red Cross of Democratic Republic of Congo becomes a well-functioning national society.**

**Objective: Through the PIC in the target provinces, well-functioning governance and management teams exist in the target provinces in 2005.**

### **Achievements:**

- The national society executive council organised three cooperation agreement strategy (CAS) workshops in the Equateur, North Kivu, and Eastern Kasai provinces.
- The chairperson and the secretary general of the national society paid visits to the Maniema, North-Kivu, Kasai-Oriental and Equateur provinces to assess the activities carried out.
- Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo experts elaborated the criterion for the selection of candidates to be trained or retrained on micro project management and sent them to the various provinces. It also developed a module for management of the micro projects.
- Officials from the national society secretariat general, the Kinshasa provincial committee, and nine volunteers from Mbankana, Kinshasa were trained on the management of income-generating micro projects.
- Five micro projects from the Ndjili, Masina, Lemba, Gombe and Mbankana councils were selected and financed by the support programme of the Belgian Red Cross.
- A General Assembly was organised to elect new leaders of the Lusambo district (Eastern Kasai) committee of the national society.
- The national society financed a water supply micro project in Mpasu III, Kinshasa.
- Under the patronage of the minister of health, the national society organised the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day celebrations.
- A delegate from the national society participated in a training workshop, on food security and emergency evaluations, which was organised by the WFP in February 2005.

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# Democratic Republic of Congo

ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 05AA035

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

06/07/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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### CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->					1,586,382		TOTAL COVERAGE
							79.0%
OPENING BALANCE				47,020			
AUSTRALIAN - PRIVATE DONOR				100	07.04.05		
BRITISH - RC		10,000	GBP	21,810	14.01.05	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	
BRITISH - GOVT/DIFD GRANT				78,000	01.01.05	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH	
JERSEY OVERSEAS AID		41,091	GBP	89,619	06.05.05	CHOLERA PREVENTION	
CANADA - GOVT/CIDA/HAPS		247,500	CAD	232,652	08.03.05		
IRISH - GOVT		58,493	EUR	90,577	04.02.05	PROGRAMME INITIATIVE CONGO	
SWEDISH - RC		800,000	SEK	136,800	07.03.05	ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & COORDINATION	
SWEDISH - RC		103,589	SEK	17,714	23.03.05	PIC MBANDAKA	
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		3,150,000	SEK	538,650	10.05.05	HEALTH, PIC ACTIVITIES, ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HOD	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				1,252,942	CHF		79.0%

### 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	