

Appeal 2006-2007



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

GUINEA

Appeal no. MAAGN001

This appeal seeks CHF 2,459,885¹ to fund programmes and activities to be implemented in 2006 and 2007. These programmes are aligned with the International Federation's Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda goals:

- 1. Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.*
- 2. Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.*
- 3. Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross and Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.*
- 4. Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.*

The International Federation is the world's largest humanitarian organization, and its millions of volunteers are active in over 183 countries. Our aim is to build safer communities, able to prevent and respond to human suffering in times of crises and distress, and where people work together to promote hope, dignity and equity. We work to support vulnerable communities through neutral, impartial, independent humanitarian action, in accordance with our Fundamental Principles and in line with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Code of Conduct, the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response, and the SPHERE Project.

[Click here to visit the Federation website for Guinea, with links to the national society's profile and directory.](#)

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Programme	2006 Budget in CHF	2007 Budget in CHF	Total Budget in CHF
Disaster Management	1,201,366	1,258,519	2,459,885
Totals	1,201,366	1,258,519	2,459,885

The following programmes are included in this Appeal narrative; however, their associated budgets are integrated within the West Africa Regional Programmes appeal budgets. Click on the title below to go to the text:

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¹ USD 1,874,912 or EUR 1,589,586

Focus in 2006

Since its inception, the Red Cross Society of Guinea has focused on operating refugee camps- in collaboration with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Federation) resulting from wars in neighbouring Sierra Leone, Liberia and Cote d'Ivoire. The refugee camps (formerly eight but now reduced to seven) are managed from N'zerekore and Kissidougou field offices. They provide medical, social and nutritional services to refugees.

The national society's medical team in the camps comprise of over 108 persons including medical doctors, pharmacists, laboratory officers, nurses, health assistants and traditional birth attendants (TBAs). Other community services provided at the camps include the training of single mothers/girls in income generating activities, recreational and socio-cultural activities- at individual, family and community levels. Specific support is given to women, youth, the disabled, the chronically ill and the elderly.



In its 2004-2007 strategic plan, the Red Cross Society of Guinea clearly indicates that its most urgent need is to take responsibility for proper functioning and retention of personnel to stem the risk of exodus of staff. The national society does not have a headquarter building and its national offices are housed in a building whose rent and janitor's salary are paid by the Federation. To ensure its survival, there is an urgent need to take initiatives that will assist in building the capacity of the national society to achieve financial sustainability in the immediate future. Consequently, the strategic plan 2004-2007 states that 'by December 2007, the Red Cross Society of Guinea will have the characteristics of a well-functioning national society having reduced its financial dependency by 60%'.

There was very limited response to the national society's 2005 appeal thereby limiting the implementation of programmes including provision of adequate refugee assistance, cholera campaign programmes, blood donation programmes, youth activities, and dissemination.

In addition to other priorities under health and care, disaster response/preparedness and Humanitarian Values, the main focus of this appeal 2006-2007 is organizational development.

Strengthening the national society

Health and Care

The main health problems in Guinea are diseases such as malaria, measles, pertussis, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tuberculosis, tetanus, diarrhoeal disease (including cholera), HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STD). There is also the problem of malnutrition in children. The health problems are compounded by a high birth rate and poor sanitation.

The national society has, during cholera outbreaks, provided house-to-house education and organized clean-up campaigns with technical and financial assistance from the Federation. These awareness campaigns have also been carried out with social mobilization to support the National Immunization Days (NIDs). The national society will continue these activities, in support of the Ministry of Health, so as to reduce vulnerability.

The HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in Guinea has risen from 1.03% to 7.0% by 2005. The continued rural drift to the big towns and the mining areas, coupled with the increasing promiscuity, is a further indicator of the risk of an increase in the prevalence of the pandemic. The national society has organized four public HIV/AIDS sensitization conferences in Kankan, Boké, Nzerekore and Labe. The conferences used skits and films to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS alongside distribution of condoms. The Red Cross Society of Guinea will continue its HIV/AIDS awareness programmes in 2006. The national society has drawn up a three year plan of action to reduce the spread

of HIV/AIDS. The project targets youth aged 12 to 24 in and out the school, young adults aged 25 to 35 years, women's groups, commercial sex workers, road transporters (drivers) and mine workers. Activities will include information, education and communication (IEC), voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) and care of HIV/AIDS orphans.

The national society has adopted the strategy of using women's groups in communities as health educators and synthesizers for community action in reducing the vulnerability caused by malaria and the vaccine preventable diseases. The strategy, which has been effectively used in Ghana, Sierra Leone, Mali, Eritrea and Equatorial Guinea, operates on the basis that women are the managers of family health in sub-Saharan Africa. It provides them with the requisite knowledge and skills, through community-based first aid, to make them more effective managers of family health. In Guinea, there already exists a popular and well organized women's organization known as SERE and the national society will make use of it in its HIV/AIDS activities. It is expected that this strategy will result in increased participation of mothers in immunization of children, improved sanitation in homes, improved nutrition status of children and better handling of emergencies in the home (which will altogether have a positive impact on health). The strategy will be piloted in six local committee areas chosen for their dynamism and active participation in Red Cross activities. The strategy will be expanded to other local committee areas if the results prove positive.

The national society participates in blood collection for emergency use in hospitals through the mobilization of blood donors who voluntarily donate their blood. The national society will continue this programme in 2006 and 2007. The projects of the national society are expected to reduce morbidity and mortality caused by preventable diseases in the beneficiary communities, provide voluntary donation of blood in emergencies and promote healthy living which is essential for poverty reduction and sustained socio-economic development.

The Federation will provide technical and financial support for these programmes including arranging with other national societies for field visits and sharing of best practices.

Goal: To improve the health status of vulnerable people and promote healthy living in beneficiary communities.

Objective: To reduce morbidity and mortality caused by preventable diseases in beneficiary communities.

Expected Results:

1. Train and deploy 18 trainers, 400 animators and 600 peer educators to reach the youths.
2. Selected targets are reached with HIV/AIDS prevention information.
3. 10% of target groups are voluntarily tested for HIV/AIDS.
4. 30% of HIV/AIDS orphans in Conakry receive adequate care.
5. Six women's groups in six branch and local committee areas are formed.
6. Members of women's groups are trained in community-based first aid (CBFA).
7. 10,000 blood donors are recruited and organized in nine clubs per district.

<Refer to the Logical Framework: Health and Care>

http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual06/logframes/africa/MAAGN001HC.pdf

Disaster management

The national society collaborates with the Federation and UNHCR in providing assistance to refugees from Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Cote d'Ivoire. The programme, in the east and south of the country, is manned by personnel drawn from volunteers trained by the national society.

Like neighbouring Guinea Bissau, Guinea (Conakry) has experienced social unrest caused by rising food prices. Furthermore, the country's neighbours (Liberia, Sierra Leone and Cote d'Ivoire) are facing fragile peace building processes. The entire region therefore faces uncertainty in its stability as the delicate peace existing in the war ravaged countries continues to be under threat.

With the assistance of the Federation, the national society has well-trained first aid brigades and has updated its emergency preparedness plan. The national society has trained brigades on the border with Guinea-Bissau and has

been requested by the Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau to help train similar brigades in Bissau. The Red Cross Society of Guinea will also train and equip six new brigades along the border, develop a volunteers' manual and monitor the activities of the brigades.

These programmes will reduce the vulnerability of refugees living in Guinea Forestière through improved access to health, housing, and supportive social programmes for women, the aged and the physically challenged. The preparedness of the national society to intervene in emergencies will also be strengthened. The Federation will continue to provide the national society with technical and financial support in the management of the refugee assistance programme, strengthening of capacity to intervene in emergencies and continued review and implementation of contingency planning.

Goal: To alleviate the suffering of refugees in Guinea Forestière.

Objective: To provide shelter, health and social services to refugees in seven camps in Kissidougou and N'zerekore.

Expected Results:

1. 80% of refugees have improved shelter.
2. Eight women's groups and two cooperatives formed in 2005 receive continued support.
3. The handicapped and aged organized in cooperatives in 2005 are supported.
4. Medical services are provided for Liberian refugees in Kouankan and Kola camps.
5. The national society's capacity to intervene in emergencies is strengthened.

<Refer to the Logical Framework: Disaster Management>

<http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual06/logframes/africa/MAAGN001DM.pdf>

Organizational development

The aim of the Red Cross Society of Guinea strategic plan 2004 – 2007 is to enable it to become a well-functioning national society by 2007, having reduced its financial dependence by 60 per cent. However, lack of funds in 2004 and 2005 meant that very little of the plan could be implemented. The strategic plan has therefore lost two years and must be reviewed in terms of its duration. In late 2005 the national society still finds itself fully dependent on the Federation and ICRC for the payment of its staff and office rent. The national society must, as a matter of urgency, begin to implement strategies that will enable it to acquire its own offices, to strengthen its financial management, to improve coordination with branches and local committees and to set up a permanent fundraising office within its national headquarters.

Through funds raised by its branches and local committees to the tune of CHF 10,000, the national society has started the construction of a five-roomed office building for its headquarters. The national society plans to move into these offices by April 2006. ICRC is providing CHF 45, 000 in 2005 to assist in the construction.

The national society requires further CHF 30, 000 in 2006 to complete the offices.

The Federation, through this appeal, is seeking financial assistance to enable the national society to complete its offices in 2006.

Finance Development

Weaknesses in the financial management of the Red Cross Society of Guinea will need to be addressed in 2006/2007 so as to strengthen financial accountability, quality reporting, transparency and financial integrity which are necessary for attracting development partners. The national society will be assisted to recruit, and train finance personnel and software will be provided to align its financial system with that of the Federation so as to allow for prompt reporting. The national society will be assisted and encouraged to publish its audited financial statement for the year 2006.

Coordination with branches and local committees

The Red Cross Society of Guinea has 33 active principal branch committees and five communal committees in Conakry with a membership of 6,000. There are 1,500 youth in 'camaraderies' and 860 trained first aiders organized in 45 first aid brigades. The headquarters has the need to put in place a system of monitoring and

reporting to allow for an effective coordination of Red Cross activities in the country and transport to implement such (the national society has only one vehicle donated by ICRC). A monitoring and reporting system will be developed and local committees and branch staff will be trained on how to use them. The executive secretary and heads of the technical departments will also be trained to make regular follow-up visits to branches and local committees.

The Federation will assist the national society in developing a monitoring system, training of staff and committee members in its use, as well as monitoring and evaluating the system. The Federation will also provide financial assistance for the project.

Fund-raising

Even though the economic situation of Guinea is not very buoyant, the national society plans to raise funds in the country to meet the target set in its strategic plan (of reducing its financial dependence by 60% by the end of 2007). Albeit fundraising has not yet become a dynamic force among the national societies in the Sahel sub-region, there are best practices that can be shared. The Red Cross Society of Guinea has a fund-raising committee at its headquarters level but has no staff permanently and solely charged with this responsibility. The national society will be assisted by the Federation to recruit and train a fund-raising officer to work with the committee and to train/assist local branches and committees in fund-raising.

The Federation will also assist the national society to:

- Compile a directory of in-country donor partners, the activities they fund and their fund access process.
- Review the list of potential donors compiled by the national society in 2001.
- Elaborate a minimum of five strategies for fund-raising.
- Develop a marketing strategy for the national society for the various publics in the country.

Goal: The Red Cross Society of Guinea will have the characteristics of a well-functioning national society by end of 2007, having reduced its financial dependence by 60%.

Objective: The national society will finance 20% of its administrative cost by beginning of 2007.

Expected Results:

1. The national society's financial management is strengthened.
2. Contraction of the offices of the Red Cross Society of Guinea is completed.
3. Monitoring and coordination system between the national office and branches/local committees is established.
4. Fund-raising unit is established at the national office.

<Refer to the Logical Framework: Organizational Development>

<http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?/annual06/logframes/africa/MAAGN001OD.pdf>

Humanitarian values

With the re-establishment of Federation presence in the country, the Federation will work with the national society to ensure awareness of the Movement's policies and guidelines in the reduction of vulnerabilities in Guinea. As a member of the Inter-Agency Planning Committee for Humanitarian Action, coordinated by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in the country, the national society- in collaboration with the Federation- will ensure that the Red Cross view is represented in the planning for humanitarian action in the country and that the vulnerable are adequately represented in planning and implementation of humanitarian activities.

Goal: The Movement principles, mission, and activities are known and respected by the government and its agencies, civil society organizations, UN agencies, other international bodies and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the country.

Objective: The Federation representative and the national society launch and participate in activities aimed at creating awareness about the Movement principles, mission and activities.

Expected Results:

1. The Federation is represented at all meetings of the IASC and others aimed at coordinating humanitarian action in the country.
2. The World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is given wide publicity in the country.
3. Launch of Federation appeal and world disasters report are given wide publicity in the country.
4. The Movement is represented in the celebration of other important global events such as the World Health Day.

<Refer to the Logical Framework: Humanitarian Values>

http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual06/logframes/africa/MAAGN001HV.pdf

Implementation and coordination

The Federation plans to assist the national society through its representative to develop a Cooperation Agreement Strategy (CAS) in 2006 as an instrument for developing cooperation, coordination and partnership within the Movement. With respect to partnership outside the Movement, the plan is to assist the national society to establish a fund-raising unit at its headquarters which will be charged with the task of making an inventory of all international development bodies in the country, their areas of operation and support, the minimum and maximum amount of support, how to access their funds, contact persons and any other relevant information so that the national society can begin to dialogue with them for development cooperation.

The West and Central Africa regional delegation has included Guinea in its regional strategy for contingency planning. The Red Cross Society of Guinea has its own contingency plan and has a well-developed capacity for intervention. The national society will link up with the regional strategy of the Federation and collaborate with it and other partners in responding to both national and international disasters.

With support from the Federation, the national society will recruit a finance manager to complement its management team. The Federation will also ensure that capacity building and use of national society staff and volunteers is appropriate so as to keep administrative costs within budget.

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BUDGET 2006

PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

Appeal no.: 06AAGN

Name: GUINEA

PROGRAMME:

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Emergency	Total
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Shelter	0	10,725	0	0	0	0	10,725
Construction	0	75,880	0	0	0	0	75,879
Clothing & Textiles	0	54	0	0	0	0	54
Food	0	17,565	0	0	0	0	17,565
Seeds & Plants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water & Sanitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical & First Aid	0	27,411	0	0	0	0	27,411
Teaching Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utensils & tools	0	720	0	0	0	0	720
Other Supplies & Services	0	10,389	0	0	0	0	10,388
SUPPLIES	0	142,744	0	0	0	0	142,743
Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computers & Telecom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND, VEHICLES & EQUIPMEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storage	0	900	0	0	0	0	900
Distribution & Monitoring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport & Vehicles cost	0	186,311	0	0	0	0	186,310
TRANSPORT & STORAGE	0	187,211	0	0	0	0	187,210
International Staff	0	344,800	0	0	0	0	344,800
Regionally Deployed Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
National staff	0	83,496	0	0	0	0	83,496
National Society Staff	0	270,554	0	0	0	0	270,553
Consultants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONNEL	0	698,850	0	0	0	0	698,849
Workshops & Training	0	3,930	0	0	0	0	3,930
WORKSHOPS & TRAINING	0	3,930	0	0	0	0	3,930
Travel & related expenses	0	11,382	0	0	0	0	11,381
Information & Public Rela	0	6,828	0	0	0	0	6,828
Office Running Costs	0	63,538	0	0	0	0	63,538
Communication Costs	0	3,555	0	0	0	0	3,555
Professional Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other General Expenses	0	360	0	0	0	0	360
GENERAL EXPENDITURE	0	85,663	0	0	0	0	85,663
Asset Depreciation	0	4,879	0	0	0	0	4,879
DEPRECIATION	0	4,879	0	0	0	0	4,879
Contributions & Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRIBUTIONS & TRANSFERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Programme Support	0	78,089	0	0	0	0	78,088
PROGRAMME SUPPORT	0	78,089	0	0	0	0	78,088
TOTAL BUDGET:	0	1,201,366	0	0	0	0	1,201,365

BUDGET 2007

PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

Appeal no.: 06AAGN

Name: GUINEA

PROGRAMME:

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Emergency	Total
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Shelter	0	10,725	0	0	0	0	10,725
Construction	0	75,880	0	0	0	0	75,879
Clothing & Textiles	0	54	0	0	0	0	54
Food	0	17,520	0	0	0	0	17,520
Seeds & Plants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water & Sanitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical & First Aid	0	27,411	0	0	0	0	27,411
Teaching Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utensils & tools	0	720	0	0	0	0	720
Other Supplies & Services	0	10,389	0	0	0	0	10,388
SUPPLIES	0	142,699	0	0	0	0	142,698
Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computers & Telecom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND, VEHICLES & EQUIPMEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storage	0	900	0	0	0	0	900
Distribution & Monitoring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport & Vehicles cost	0	276,311	0	0	0	0	276,310
TRANSPORT & STORAGE	0	277,211	0	0	0	0	277,210
International Staff	0	344,800	0	0	0	0	344,800
Regionally Deployed Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
National staff	0	82,380	0	0	0	0	82,380
National Society Staff	0	236,685	0	0	0	0	236,685
Consultants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONNEL	0	663,865	0	0	0	0	663,865
Workshops & Training	0	3,930	0	0	0	0	3,930
WORKSHOPS & TRAINING	0	3,930	0	0	0	0	3,930
Travel & related expenses	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
Information & Public Rela	0	6,678	0	0	0	0	6,678
Office Running Costs	0	63,538	0	0	0	0	63,538
Communication Costs	0	3,555	0	0	0	0	3,555
Professional Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other General Expenses	0	360	0	0	0	0	360
GENERAL EXPENDITURE	0	84,131	0	0	0	0	84,131
Asset Depreciation	0	4,879	0	0	0	0	4,879
DEPRECIATION	0	4,879	0	0	0	0	4,879
Contributions & Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRIBUTIONS & TRANSFERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Programme Support	0	81,804	0	0	0	0	81,803
PROGRAMME SUPPORT	0	81,804	0	0	0	0	81,803
TOTAL BUDGET:	0	1,258,519	0	0	0	0	1,258,519