

Appeal 2008-2009



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Zimbabwe

Appeal No. MAAZW001

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This appeal seeks CHF 3,526,535 (USD 3,154,324 or EUR 2,137,293) to fund the planned programmes that are to be implemented in 2008-2009.



One of the water points constructed in Chikomba district of Mashonaland Central province. A ZRCS volunteer demonstrates how to pump water from the borehole.

Current context

The worsening souring macro-economic environment and the adverse effects of climate change present significant challenges to the already vulnerable communities with regards to food insecurity, inefficient health delivery system, shortages in water supply and sanitation facilities. On top of that, the HIV and AIDS pandemic continue to undermine the positive gains across all sectors of human development. It should however, be noted that, Zimbabwe is the first country in southern Africa to record a significant decline in the HIV prevalence among pregnant women attending antenatal clinics from 37 percent in 2000 to 24,6 percent in 2003 to 20.1 percent in 2005. This is attributed to, a possible change in sexual behaviour. Unfortunately the prevalence rate is still unacceptably high.

Zimbabwe Red Cross Society (ZRCS) programmes has been focusing on reducing the suffering of the most vulnerable communities through implementing community-based health and care, water and sanitation, disaster preparedness, building community resilience, food security and livelihoods projects. The demand for humanitarian services is on the increase following the social and economic crisis that Zimbabwe is undergoing. Through strengthening of its branches, ZRCS embarked on a decentralisation strategy to ensure programme implementation is closer to the beneficiaries, while enhancing community participation. Through coordination and collaboration with other stakeholders, ZRCS aims to scale up its programming to effectively deliver the most needed services to a wider population. The national society (NS) has maintained stability in its leadership, which has ensured continuity and sustainability of programmes.

Programme summary

Disaster Management (DM)

Target population:

- **4,000 people with information on disaster risk reduction strategies in identified disaster prone districts.**
- **500,000 people outside the home-based care (HBC) programmes, plus 260,100 HBC clients and their family members with food aid programmes, 600 orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC) with supplementary feeding programme.**
- **20,222 households with protection and promotion of sustainable livelihoods through the provision of seeds and fertilizers. These include 1,000 households to benefit from small livestock production.**

The DM programme requires resources to develop food security, disaster risk reduction and disaster preparedness and response activities. The food security programme prioritises livelihoods initiatives, targeting HBC clients to ensure food supply and nutrition, which helps the intake of medication such as antiretroviral and tuberculosis Direct Observation Therapy Strategy (DOTS). This has to be complemented by adequate supplies of water for both domestic and agricultural purposes. Zimbabwe Red Cross Society (ZRCS) has planned to scale-up the disaster risk reduction programme in order to address long-term disaster preparedness, mitigation, resilience and response in a more integrated approach. The initial priority will be awareness creation which will enable the respective communities and the most vulnerable to identify their vulnerabilities and how to mitigate the impact. The livelihoods initiatives will incorporate long-term development inculcating a sense of economic independence and contributing to the reduction of poverty.

The NS has developed a contingency plan for cholera and will ensure plans are also in place for floods and food security. The integrated food security programme needs more funding support given the shortages of basic food stuff in the country. Support is guaranteed from the Federation Operational Zone Office and the Zimbabwe delegation to be operational from 2008.

Expected outcome(1): Community-based disaster preparedness

- Communities are aware of disaster hazards and have capacity to respond to emergencies.

Planned Activities:

- Developing and implementing community-based disaster preparedness programmes in high disaster risk communities.
- Conducting disaster preparedness awareness campaigns and assisting the development of community-based contingency plans.

Expected outcome(2): Disaster risk reduction (DRR)

- Vulnerability of communities in disaster prone areas reduced from impacts of disasters through timely information, capacity building and resilience to disaster risk.

Planned activities:

- Designing and implementing DRR projects.
- Conducting Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (VCA) and baseline studies in Chipinge, Matobo, Mwenezi and Chimanimani districts in 2008.
- Developing national, provisional and community level early warning systems.
- Training volunteers on DRR.
- Volunteers disseminating information on DRR and income generating projects.
- Training 4,000 households in the four identified disaster prone areas on disaster risk reduction strategies.

Expected outcome(3): Livelihoods recovery programme

- Availability and access to food at household level is increased and their capacity to produce food for consumption is strengthened.

Planned Activities:

- Providing food aid to 500,000 vulnerable community members including the elderly, disabled and woman/child headed households.
- Distributing 35,698MT of food items to 260,100 HBC clients and OVC; and supplementary feeding to 600 OVC in Mwenezi, Bindura and Matobo for eight months.
- Promoting and protecting sustainable livelihoods through the provision of seeds and fertilizers and capacity building on good farming practices to 20,186 households.
- Supporting the establishment of two demonstration nutrition gardens; identifying and training volunteers on promoting nutrition; facilitating nutrition promotion sessions to increase awareness on balanced and diversified diets.

Health and Care

ZRCS will continue implementing the five-year integrated HIV and AIDS programme (2006 to 2010), which is part of the Southern Africa Regional HIV and AIDS programme ([MAA63003](#)) and a component of the Federation Global HIV and AIDS Alliance. The International Federation is scaling-up its response to HIV and is committed to reducing vulnerability and its impact through; preventing further infections, expanding care, treatment and support and reducing stigma and discrimination.

In order to achieve these three outputs, the capacity of ZRCS is to be strengthened at branch level to enable effective, expanded and direct outreach to the affected. The ZRCS HIV and AIDS programme is targeting five million people with HIV prevention interventions, 34,000 people living with HIV (PLWHIV) and 110,000 orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) by 2010. To support this programme, ZRCS is seeking approximately CHF 1,495,000 for 2008 and CHF 1,601,000 for 2009; to cover the implementation of the activities, needs of the NS and the Federation Secretariat support cost.

WatSan activities are funded under the EU ACP 2006-2010 water initiative and are therefore not included in this appeal. The initiative seeks to address the water and sanitation deficiencies in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries in line with meeting the Millennium development goals and Federation Global Agenda 2. The programme will be implemented for 3 years in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Namibia and for 4 years in Mozambique.

Capacity Building

Target population:

- **A total of 30,000 volunteers will be trained throughout ZRCS 551 branches on voluntarism and community-based activities.**
- **4,000 households in Matobo, Chimanimani, Chiredzi and Mwenezi districts.**
- **130 staff members.**

In response to the deepening humanitarian needs in Zimbabwe, ZRCS has increased effort on institutional capacity building and resource mobilization, good corporate governance and management systems. Volunteer management system has been reviewed and gaps addressed to align the ZRCS with the characteristics of a well functioning NS.

Strengthening of Red Cross branch structures and their functionality and preparedness in disaster prone is a priority. ZRCS has 130 staff members and over 30,000 volunteers in 551 branches

throughout all the provinces. Through human resource review, will be trained in relevant areas to enhance skills and performance. The current decentralisation process provided good ground for staff and volunteer development, since training needs will be more localised and responsive to the needs of the communities being served. The decentralisation process also aims to facilitate local resource mobilisation and development of partnerships.

Expected outcome(1): Capacity building of communities

- Capacity of vulnerable communities in disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery is strengthened through ZRCS community-based programmes.

Planned activities:

- Conducting a community capacity baseline survey in 2008.
- Ensuring the production of community capacity impact analysis reports, and the implementation of the recommendations.
- Conducting community-based activities such as social mobilisation, training on basic disaster management, HBC, nutrition and livelihoods initiatives.

Expected outcome(2): Institutional capacity building

- ZRCS has functional and strengthened structures in governance, management and volunteer management according to the characteristics of a well functioning national society (WFNS).
- ZRCS has well defined policies and guidelines in programming and human resources development and in coordination in place.

Planned activities:

- ZRCS meets minimum requirements of a WFNS in governance, management, branch networks, volunteer and staff capacities and resource mobilization.
- Developing and implementing human resources and contingency plans for programme implementation.
- ZRCS leadership with a shared vision and in control of all outcomes cherished of a WFNS.
- Training staff and volunteers on relevant skills.
- Facilitating the decentralization process and ensuring its completion.
- Establishing a sound planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER) system and network.

Principles and Values

Target population:

- **One million people countrywide.**
- **90% of all beneficiaries in the Integrated HIV and AIDS Programme in 27 project areas.**

With technical support from the ICRC, ZRCS will continue strengthening the dissemination of information the Red Cross Movement Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values and the International Humanitarian Law (IHL). The Danish Red Cross is supporting the information and communication activities under this department. By operating in a political sensitive environment, dissemination activities need strengthening in order to increase visibility and credibility of the NS.

ZRCS is gender sensitive in the implementation of the community-based programmes such as the HBC. About 10% of the care facilitators are males and plans are underway to increase male involvement to at least 50 %. Efforts have been made to ensure that all information for both planning and reporting is gender aggregated, in order to ensure equity between men and women and gender sensitivity in programme development.

PHAST approaches in WatSan activities provide appropriate choices of technologies that ensure

equal participation of men and women. At the same time, the provision of water sources and sanitation facilities enable women and girls to focus on other life skills activities, including increasing school attendance of the girl child.

Expected Outcome: Promotions of Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values

- To keep ZRCS humanitarian action neutral, independent and ensuring that the NS is neither used in nor perceived as being part of a wider political agenda, while promoting the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and spreading knowledge of the Movement’s Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values.

Planned Activities:

- Training 75 staff members on the dissemination of Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values.
- Training 3,200 volunteers as key disseminators of the IHL, Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values through organised training workshops for all provincial council members in the country’s eight provinces.
- Conducting eight dissemination workshops on IHL at military and police training institutions (four in 2008, and another four in 2009).

Needs

Programmes	2008 Budget in CHF	2009 Budget in CHF	Total Budget in CHF
Disaster Management	732,236	591,064	1,323,300
Capacity Building	364,599	369,947	734,546
Principles & Values and Coordination	778,422	690,267	1,468,689
Total	1,875,258	1,651,278	3,526,535

Working in partnership

Existing partners include the Federation, ICRC, British, Danish, Finnish Japanese and Swedish Red Cross Societies. United Nations agencies include OCHA, WHO, WFP, UNDP, UNICEF, and other humanitarian organizations such as the European Union. ZRCS also works in collaboration with the government through the Ministries of Education, Agriculture, Health and Child Welfare, and of Public Service Labour and Social Welfare, and institutions such as the Civil Protection Unit and District Development Fund (DDF). Research institute such as ICRAF, CYMMIT provide technical support for the livelihood programme. Other partners include the National AIDS Council, other non-governmental organizations, faith-based organizations (FBOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs), private companies and Embassies.

How we work

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 \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering quality and accountable assistance to the most vulnerable. For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for a full description of the national society profile, please access the Federation’s website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

<p>The International Federation's activities are aligned with its 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".</p>	<p>Global Agenda Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.• Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.• Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.• Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.
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