

Report 2006-2007



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of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Guinea

Appeal No. MAAGN001

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This report covers the period of 01/01/ 2006 to 31/12/2006 of a two-year planning and appeal process.

In a world of global challenges, continued poverty, inequity, and increasing vulnerability to disasters and disease, the International Federation with its global network, works to accomplish its Global Agenda, partnering with local community and civil society to prevent and alleviate human suffering from disasters, diseases and public health emergencies.



Red Cross volunteers assisting at a vaccination centre

In brief

Programme Summary: Many of the planned activities, particularly in health, could not be implemented due to inadequate funding. The only activities that the Red Cross Society of Guinea (RCSG) managed to carry out included a cholera management project and participation in the National Immunization Day (NID) for measles vaccination.

Under disaster response, the National Society carried out a refugee assistance programme, offering health and care services, social welfare services as well as assistance in voluntary repatriation. Trained Red Cross staff and volunteers continue with the programme, with the support of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Federation.

In disaster preparedness, contingency plans for mass population movements and epidemics have been elaborated, and three National Disaster Response Teams (NDRTs), known in Guinea as GAPUs, have been trained and equipped.

Under organizational development, a Strategic Plan for 2007-2010 was developed and a new office building for the National Society was constructed. In addition, RCSG's financial management was strengthened and the assessment of the capacity of local branches (local committees) was carried out by the National Society.

Goal: Red Cross Society of Guinea aims to reduce morbidity and mortality caused by preventable diseases in beneficiary communities as well as to alleviate the suffering of refugees in Guinea Forestière. The National Society also strives towards becoming a well-functioning national society by the end of 2007 and reduce its financial dependence by 60%.

Needs: Total 2006-2007 Budget CHF 2,268,004 (USD 1,865,135 or EUR 1,400,002); out of which 58.9 per cent covered.

About 91% of the Appeal response was for the refugee assistance programme (disaster response), whereas the other core areas did not receive adequate funding. Some activities were

implemented with support from the Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF)-cholera response, the Africa Health Initiative-National Immunization Days and the Federation's administrative funding from the refugee programme. **Click here to go directly to the attached financial report**

For more detailed information on the 2006 activities, please see Programme Update 1 and 2:

Programme Update no. 1: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual06/MAAAGN00101.pdf>

Programme Update no. 2: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual06/MAAAGN00102.pdf>

No. of people we help: In 2006, a total of 2,193,913 benefited from RCSG's activities in health and care, disaster management and organizational development

Our partners: The main partners of RCSG included the government of Guinea, the MoH, the National Refugee Coordination Office (BNCR¹), UNHCR, OCHA, WHO, UNICEF, WFP and UNFPA. Other partners included international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) such as Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

Information on roles and capacities were shared through inter-agency steering committee (IASC) meetings of COPIA and the MoH crisis committee, which is the coordination forum for control of epidemics and other health emergencies.

Partners who provided funding included UNHCR, the Irish Government, the Swedish Red Cross and the United States Government (PMR).

Current context

Two general strikes organized by the trade unions took place in the country as a consequence of the persisting social and economic crisis marked by the continuing devaluation of the currency and its concomitant effect of increasing prices. This situation was exacerbated by three successive increases in fuel prices between January and June 2006, which further aggravated the existing poverty situation and increased the cost of living.

Persistent outbreaks of yellow fever, meningitis and cholera, coupled with the high prevalence of malaria, typhoid fever, HIV and AIDS as well as sexually-transmitted infections (STIs), malnutrition in children, poor sanitation and personal hygiene also contributed to the growing vulnerability of the Guinea population.

The Federation continued to support the National Society in its activities to reduce vulnerability through the management of cholera outbreaks, participating in National Immunization Days (NIDs) as well as capacity building of the National Society through organizational development activities.

The major constraint remained inadequate funding which limited the extent to which the Red Cross Society of Guinea (RCSG) could scale up its efforts and the capacity of the Federation delegation in Dakar to assist the National Society.

Progress towards objectives

Health and Care

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.

¹ In French: Bureau National de Coordination des Réfugiés (BNCR)

One thousand volunteers were trained and deployed in 38 Prefectures for house-to-house sensitization and mobilization of children aged under five years two days before and during the seven-day measles immunization period. The volunteers also assisted at the vaccination centers.

In February/March 2006, a cholera outbreak was reported in Lola, Kissidougou, Nzerekore and Gueckedou prefectures as well as in Conakry and Faranah in June/July. 255 Red Cross volunteers were trained and deployed to carry out health education, clean up of public areas and assist in treatment of camps in the affected communities. A total of 2,130,457 people were sensitized on cholera.

Disaster Management

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 Nzerekore.

Table 1: Number of refugees

Location	Camps	Number
Nzerekore	Kouankan	16,394
	Kola	6,831
	Nonah	3,289
	Laine	22,765
Sub Total		49,279
Kissidougou	Boreah	1,929
	Kountaya	8,386
	Telikoro	3,804
Sub Total		14,119
Total		63,398

Red Cross volunteers, with the coordination and support of the Federation and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), provided the following services:

- Medical care: curative services (consultation, laboratory services, pharmacy and referrals);
- Public health services: mother and child health (MCH) services, ante and post natal clinics, deliveries, immunization of pregnant women and children, child growth and development monitoring;
- Nutrition services: surveys and therapeutic feeding of identified malnourished children as well as pregnant and lactating mothers;
- Social welfare services for the vulnerable among the refugees, people with disabilities, the elderly, chronically-ill refugees, unaccompanied minors, women-headed households and youth as well as medical screening for refugees due for voluntary repatriation.

The refugee population in the camps of Kissidougou and Nzerekore Prefectures has reduced from 44,353 (January 2006) to 22,580, as a result of the voluntary repatriation of 23,000 Liberian refugees. As at the beginning of October 2006, refugees were only in Laine, Kola, Kouankan 1 and 2 camps in Nzerekore Prefecture, and refugees from Kissidougou Prefecture were transferred, following the closure of the camps in this area.

Two thousand eight hundred urban refugees in Conakry were provided with health care at four government health centres. A survey on the most vulnerable refugees was conducted to provide social welfare services. Fourteen of the refugees (six women and eight men) were assisted to start small businesses: seven were assisted in petty trading of cloths, rice, palm oil and second hand clothes; two were assisted to start small restaurants; one was assisted to start a hair dressing salon; one was assisted to start a coffee shop; while three refugees were assisted to start dressmaking.

The provision of health care services included the care for 115 referred refugees from the refugee camps in Guinée Forestière to Conakry for specialist treatment. These refugees were allowed one relative to accompany each of them. In Conakry, the referred refugees stayed in two patient recovery homes after being discharged from the hospital.

The National Society has completed its contingency plan for population movements as well as trained and equipped three more National Disaster Response Teams (NDRTs). RCSG benefited from training programmes organized by the Federation for Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) members as well as during the drawing up of contingency plans for epidemics.

In 2006, two Red Cross staff were appointed as Federation delegates, while two volunteers also served as RDRT members in Niger.

Organizational Development

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

Objective: The National Society will finance 20 percent of its administrative cost by the beginning of 2007.

Table 2: No. of beneficiaries in organizational development

Activity	Men	Women	Total
Financial management training	22	5	27
National Society self-assessment workshop	25	4	29
Total beneficiaries			56

In July 2006, RCSG carried out a self-assessment, with financial support from the Swedish Red Cross and technical assistance from the Federation. The National Society also appointed a task force of five people to manage the drawing up of the strategic plan. The committee facilitated four regional workshops to collect data on:

- Vulnerabilities and capacities in beneficiary communities;
- Capacities of the National Society local committees;
- A strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis of the local committees;
- Priorities in terms of response within the planned period.

The data collected was used in an eight-day workshop facilitated by the regional organizational development delegate, who was the consultant responsible for drawing up the National Society's strategic plan, from 7 to 14 December 2006 in Conakry.

A functional capacity for fund-raising has been established in RCSG's national office, through the recruitment of a fund raising officer. A workshop was also organized to strengthen the finance management of the National Society.

Humanitarian Values

Goal: The Movement's Principles, mission and activities are known and respected by the government and its agencies, the 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's Principles, mission and activities.

In commemoration of World Red Cross Day, all branches participated in clean-up campaigns, distribution of food and non-food items (NFIs) to patients in hospitals, organization of a seminar on volunteering, sensitization campaigns on the Federation Principles and Emblem as well as strengthening of fellowship among the youth.

At national level, the day was commemorated with food and NFIs distribution. These items were purchased using proceeds collected in a concert held by a musician (a Goodwill Ambassador of RCSG), who performed to people living with HIV (PLWHIV) in Matam Centre, Conakry. A first aid competition was also held between six first aid brigades in the six communes of Conakry.

Working in partnership

With support from UNHCR and the Federation, Red Cross staff and volunteers carried out a refugee assistance programme, offering health and care and social welfare services as well as assistance in voluntary repatriation. The National Society also benefited from training programmes organized by the Federation for RDRT members. In addition, RCSG managed to conduct a self-assessment, with support from the Swedish Red Cross and the Federation.

Information on roles and capacities were shared through inter-agency steering committee (IASC) meetings of COPIA and the Ministry of Health (MoH) crisis committee, which is the coordination forum for control of epidemics and other health emergencies.

Contributing to longer-term impact

Despite the financial constraints faced by the National Society due to very limited appeal coverage, RCSG was nevertheless able to provide services to a high number of people, particularly with regards to cholera sensitization.

The populations sensitized on cholera have been empowered to identify the signs and symptoms as well as protect themselves from contracting the disease, contributing to reducing future cholera outbreaks in the communities. Furthermore, the support given to several people in starting small businesses will go a long way to generate income for them and reduce their vulnerability by making them more self-sufficient.

The capacity of the National Society has been strengthened to facilitate a scale up in programmes to further reduce vulnerability. With the elaboration of a strategic plan for 2007-2010, RCSG is expected to enter into a Cooperative Agreement Strategy (CAS) to strengthen its partnership building in scaling up activities for reducing vulnerability in the country.

Looking Ahead

The priority for 2007 is to assist the National Society to enter into long-term partnerships that will support it in implementing the strategic plan through a country assistance strategy, to expand its capacity to respond to disasters through retraining, re-equipping and increasing the number of NDRTs, establishing a volunteer management system, further strengthening of its financial management as well as establishing and implementing strategies for local fund-raising.

Beyond 2007 the focus is to assist the National Society to substantially reduce its total dependence on the Federation and the ICRC for the financing of its administrative costs.

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Financial Report 2006

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/12
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2007/12
Appeal	MAAGN001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget	155,139	2,081,365	31,500	0	0	2,268,004
B. Opening Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Irish Government</i>		63,380				63,380
<i>Other</i>		-31,820				-31,820
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>		84,900				84,900
<i>UNHCR (UN Agency)</i>		812,631				812,631
C1. Cash contributions		929,091				929,091
<u>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</u>						
<i>Other</i>		204,810				204,810
<i>PRM</i>		243,900				243,900
<i>UNHCR (UN Agency)</i>		-48,135				-48,135
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		400,574				400,574
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Miscellaneous Income</i>		6,016				6,016
C6. Other Income		6,016				6,016
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	0	1,335,682	0	0	0	1,335,682
D. Total Funding = B + C	0	1,335,682	0	0	0	1,335,682

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Income	0	1,335,682	0	0	0	1,335,682
E. Expenditure		-1,060,772				-1,060,772
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	0	274,910	0	0	0	274,910

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Interim Financial Report -2006

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Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/12
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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A		B					A - B	
BUDGET (C)		155,139	2,081,365	31,500	0	0	2,268,004	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	10,725		140				140	10,585
Construction Materials	75,880		42,432				42,432	33,448
Clothing & textiles	54							54
Food	17,565		33,526				33,526	-15,961
Seeds,Plants			4,902				4,902	-4,902
Water & Sanitation			322				322	-322
Medical & First Aid	42,583		147,625				147,625	-105,043
Utensils & Tools	720		785				785	-65
Other Supplies & Services	13,795		90,607				90,607	-76,813
Total Supplies	161,321		320,339				320,339	-159,017
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom			10,878				10,878	-10,878
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.			733				733	-733
Medical Equipment			432				432	-432
Total Land, vehicles & equipment			12,043				12,043	-12,043
Transport & Storage								
Storage	900		144				144	756
Distribution & Monitoring			17,062				17,062	-17,062
Transport & Vehicle Costs	457,779		81,624				81,624	376,155
Total Transport & Storage	458,679		98,830				98,830	359,849
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegates Payroll	365,200		115,827				115,827	249,373
Delegate Benefits	312,000		49,574				49,574	262,426
National Staff	139,992		90,171				90,171	49,821
National Society Staff	358,689		281,174				281,174	77,514
Total Personnel Expenditures	1,175,881		536,746				536,746	639,134
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	63,860		6,279				6,279	57,581
Total Workshops & Training	63,860		6,279				6,279	57,581
General Expenditure								
Travel	24,202		15,590				15,590	8,612
Information & Public Relation	95,707		890				890	94,817
Office Costs	124,066		92,499				92,499	31,567
Communications	6,750		17,723				17,723	-10,973
Professional Fees			5,143				5,143	-5,143
Financial Charges	360		-14,831				-14,831	15,191
Other General Expenses			-147,263				-147,263	147,263
Total General Expenditure	251,085		-30,249				-30,249	281,334
Depreciation								
Depreciation	9,759		4,879				4,879	4,879
Total Depreciation	9,759		4,879				4,879	4,879
Program Support								
Program Support	147,420		68,950				68,950	78,470
Total Program Support	147,420		68,950				68,950	78,470
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			42,955				42,955	-42,955
Total Operational Provisions			42,955				42,955	-42,955
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	2,268,004		1,060,772				1,060,772	1,207,233
VARIANCE (C - D)		155,139	1,020,594	31,500			1,207,233	

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IV. Project Details

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
Health & Care							
PGN401	Health and Care	0	0		0	99,545	99,545
PGN410	HIV	0	0		0	55,594	55,594
PGN517	SANTE ECHO	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Health & Care		0	0		0	155,139	155,139
Disaster Management							
PGN160	VCA Dpp	0	0		0		0
PGN501	Liberian Refugees	0	0		0		0
PGN502	Liberian Refug Repat	0	0		0		0
PGN503	Sierra Leonean Refug	0	0		0		0
PGN504	SL Refugees, Guekedo	0	0		0		0
PGN506	Reponse aux catastro	0	1,348,048	-1,073,998	274,050	2,081,365	1,007,367
PGN509	Refugees assistance	0	-12,366	13,226	860		13,226
PGN515	G.Bissau Refugees	0	0		0		0
PGN516	G.Bissau Repatriatio	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Disaster Management		0	1,335,682	-1,060,772	274,910	2,081,365	1,020,594
Humanitarian Values							
PGN301	Humanitarian Values	0	0		0	31,500	31,500
Sub-Total Humanitarian Values		0	0		0	31,500	31,500
Organisational Development							
PGN002	GN RC HQ Building	0	0		0		0
PGN161	HIV/AIDS	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Organisational Development		0	0		0		0
Coordination & Implement							
PGN505	Internation represen	0	0		0		0
Sub-Total Coordination & Implement		0	0		0		0
Total	GUINEA	0	1,335,682	-1,060,772	274,910	2,268,004	1,207,233