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# Zimbabwe Annual Report

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**This report covers the  
period 01 January to 31  
December 2013.**

Mashonaland Central Province,  
Muzarabani District: Chiwashira  
action team attending to a casualty  
during the 2013 general elections at  
Mhene primary on 31/07/13/ ZRCS  
photo.



## Overview

2013 had been very significant for the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society (ZRCS) as it experienced a new start with the ushering in of a new Governing Board and a new Secretary General. This was followed with a roadmap to constructively plan the future of the National Society (NS), with the development of a Turnaround Strategy. This has been very significant in the society's forward movement efforts and the related recorded positive results during the period under review. Also in 2013, the long term planning framework was modified and this report has been made against this plan to support the NS.

ZRCS has achieved the following during the year 2013:

- 11,000 households (55,000 people) in 3 provinces were reached with trainings and support for agricultural activities. 18,454 beneficiaries in 2 districts were also reached with food aid support under the WFP funded NSART Programme.
- An emergency food security operation reaching out to over 10,000 beneficiaries with food assistance and safe water at the peak of the food insecurity situation for the 2012/13 consumption year was implemented.
- Water, Sanitation and hygiene promotion needs were addressed, 281 local water point committees' members trained in management, operation and maintenance of water points. 210 water points were repaired/ rehabilitated benefitting over 53,000 people. 1,311 latrines were constructed, with 50,000 people reached with hygiene messages.
- 552 OVCs were supported with school fees whilst at the same time 161 OVC received medical check-up support. Children were assisted with medical consultation and the

procurement of prescribed drugs for opportunistic infection. HIV positive children were the most affected by the prevailing food shortage due to drought as the drugs they were taking required proper/balanced meals which they could not afford.

- The NS also provided first aid services during the 2013 Zimbabwe elections campaign period (20 star rallies) as well as during the polling of the general elections held on 31 July 2013. The ZRCS carried out the exercise with the support of RC movement partners.

## Working in partnership

Partner	Areas of support to ZRCS
IFRC	Coordination, resource mobilisation, technical and programmes support in Disaster Management, Food Security, WATSAN and Organisational Development in Zimbabwe and advocacy on behalf of the vulnerable
ICRC	Technical and programmes support in Communication, Disaster Management and Organisational Development across the country- Bilateral support
WFP	Food security in Bindura District through IFRC as Cooperating Partner
America Red Cross	Disaster management in Binga CBDRR- Bilateral Support
British Red Cross	Food Security in Mashonaland West (Zvimba and Hurungwe) and Midlands (lower Gweru and Shurugwi)- Bilateral Support
Danish Red Cross	First Aid Capacity building in 8 provinces.
Finish Red Cross	CBHFA- DM in Muzarabani – Bilateral Support
Netherlands Red Cross	HIV and AIDS- OVC in Manicaland and Women and Children in Conflict in Matebeleland South- supported through the IFRC
Norwegian Red Cross	Programme Support in Organisational Development for youth delegates in Manicaland, Health in Chipinge and School fees assistance in Nkayi and Mashonaland West.- Bilateral Support
DFID	Supported OD development. Governance induction
Japanese Government	Food Security and Livelihoods in Matebeleland South, Manicaland, Mashonaland Central, Masvingo Mashonaland West- supported through IFRC
Ministry of Health and Child Welfare (MOHCW)	Technical support, policy and coordination in Health Programmes.
World Health Organisation	Technical assistance on trends, outbreaks and response in collaboration with the MOHCW.
Agricultural Extension Services (AGRITEX)	Food security and livelihoods
District Development Fund (DDF)	Technical support on WatSan
Relevant Government Ministries and local authorities	Technical partners in the food security and livelihoods, WatSan and disaster management

## Progress towards outcomes

### Business line 2: To grow Red Cross Red Crescent services to vulnerable people

**Outcome 1:** Enhanced food and nutritional security to save lives alleviate human suffering and strengthen means of livelihoods.

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of households receiving food assistance from ZRCS		15,000 households	14,530 households
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A concept note to the Japanese government was developed, however no funding was received.</li> <li>A new agreement with WFP was signed which saw the continuation of Bindura district and a new district (Zvimba) in Mashonaland central benefiting from food assistance and health and nutrition programme. 7,000 beneficiaries from 15 clinics received food assistance in Bindura district whilst 32 new clinics in Zvimba supported 14,000 beneficiaries.</li> <li>10,000 beneficiaries received food assistance in Nkayi district supported by partners that contributed to the Emergency Appeal.</li> </ul>			

**Outcome 2:** To scale up community HIV/AIDS programme including a holistic support to OVC with education, food, PSS, Social inclusion and economic support

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of people reached with HIV/AIDS programming in 2013		6,722 people	22,029
# of OVC reached with economic and social support		563 OVCs	563 OVCs
# of women reached for PMTCT support		960 women	1,014 women
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More women were reached than the target this is largely due to increased awareness and community sensitisation on the importance of PMTCT.</li> </ul>			

**Business Line 3:** To strengthen the specific Red Cross Red Crescent contribution to Development  
**Outcome 1:** Access to safe water and sanitation services in identified vulnerable communities is increased.

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of people reached with hygiene promotion		45,180 people	54,445 people
# of Rehabilitated of water points,		210 water points	210 water points
# of latrines constructed		1,700 latrines constructed	1,311 latrines constructed
# of trained water point committees		200 water point committees	281 committees were trained
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More people were reached with hygiene promotion than the planned due to the need that presented itself in the targeted communities. 50 new boreholes were planned but only 5 were achieved due to contractual challenges. The awarded contractor failed to meet his contractual obligation and IFRC was forced to terminate the contract, however a new contractor has been identified to continue with borehole drilling.</li> </ul>			

**Outcome 2:** A Disaster response mechanism is effective and efficient in meeting the needs of those affected by disasters especially potential situations of violence during the scheduled referendum and harmonized elections.

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of volunteers trained in CBHFA		150 volunteers in CBHFA trained	1,459 trained in safer access
# of districts provided with first aid services during the referendum and election rallies.		42 districts	47 districts reached
# of people reached with prepositioned emergency stocks and provision of shelter and household goods.		3,500 people.	6,204 people.
# of volunteers trained in DRR		90 volunteers	90 volunteers
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zimbabwe experienced floods and hailstorms in January and April 2013 respectively which</li> </ul>			

resulted in 125 people losing their lives and 6,204 people affected. Following the floods, a DREF operation was implemented from 07 February – 7 June 2013 targeting 3,500 beneficiaries. This contributed to the overachievement in the number of people reached with prepositioned stocks. The prepositioned stocks enabled timely response attributing to the higher number of people reached due to the severity of the floods in 6 provinces.

- Safer access training was used for election preparedness during the referendum and harmonised elections of July 2013. Safer access methodology was used as it was the most relevant training required in 2013.

#### **Business Line 4: To heighten Red Cross Red Crescent influence and support for our work**

**Outcome 1:** To strengthen the capacity of volunteers, governing council and youth structures through trainings

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of board members inducted		18 board members	26 staff and board members inducted
# of youth leaders inducted.		13 youth leaders	13 youth leaders
# of youth advisors trained on the formation of junior first aid clubs		32 youth's advisors.	53 reached
# of staff and volunteers participating in the formulation of resource mobilization strategy		32	32
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IFRC Zimbabwe with the support from the Regional office successfully inducted 26 key personnel against the target of 18 because of the need after the election and appointment of new leaders within ZRCS.</li> </ul>			

**Outcome 2:** Enhanced knowledge, understanding and application of the fundamental principles and humanitarian values at all levels of the organization (non-discrimination, nonviolence, tolerance and respect for diversity)

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of staff trained in the fundamental principles and humanitarian values of the Red Cross		80	80
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% was achieved on this outcome</li> </ul>			

## Stakeholder participation and feedback

ZRCS has maintained strong networks with various government ministries such as AGRITEX for trainings in crop production, Veterinary Services for livestock production and Management, District Development Fund for borehole rehabilitations and Environmental Health Department for latrines construction and trainings in PHHE. It has been recommended to strengthen exit strategies for livelihoods and food security programmes.

Community stakeholders have appreciated the participatory approach in programming used by ZRCS from project design to project evaluations. Key stakeholders are involved in designing programmes and selection/ development of targeting criteria for beneficiaries.

IFRC has continued spearheading and coordinating the Movement Coordination Meetings which are held to support the Zimbabwe Red Cross to address the humanitarian challenges facing the country. IFRC, ICRC and ZRCS are members of the Emergency Steering Committee (ESC) which has been instrumental in planning for and overseeing the referendum and harmonised election preparedness activities.

## Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key Risks or Positive Factors	Priority High Medium Low	Recommended Action
Attract long term donors to support development programmes in Food Security, Health and Capacity Building	High	Establish new relationship with donors funding development programming
Increase donor confidence	High	Maintain high levels of accountability to all existing and potential new donors
There is overreliance on donor funding for core and programme costs	High	Investment in skills building for board and management members.  Strengthen local resource mobilisation strategies.

## Lessons learned and looking ahead

- Trained volunteers particularly along the highways can be organised to respond to road traffic emergencies/accidents which have continued to be fatal. Support can be solicited towards construction of Red Cross first aid posts especially in identified accident prone areas (“black spots”).
- Prepositioned emergency stocks within the NS structures enable timely response to emergency related programmes. There is need to establish and or increase the relief stocks in all the NS provinces.
- Long term funding for livelihood and health programmes tend to be more sustainable than short term relief projects.

- Male Involvement in PMTCT programmes is important to ensure support to safe motherhood and holistic care for babies in Health and Social Services Department.
- It remains critical that support for activities that keep the volunteers motivated should be available to retain skilled volunteers. Volunteer motivation activities such as procuring small incentives for volunteers need to be encouraged. Small-scale volunteer's competitions, support for volunteer exchange meetings among others could significantly boost the morale of the volunteers.

## **Financial situation**

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## How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations](#) (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.



The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of nonviolence and peace.

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