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*School latrine at Chogogwe
Secondary school Masvingo
province, Chivi District
constructed under the
CHIWASH project. Photo:
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Overview

2014 was a year in which the National Society built the capacity of its staff and volunteers, realigning its policies by considering organisational development (OD) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) as the entry point into programming direction it was taking from 2013 onwards. Thus the NS is realigning the turnaround strategy with its strategic plan through a review process. Also the NS constitution is being reviewed as well as the disaster management policy to take into consideration the current prevailing socio-political, environmental and economic situations. Also the HR policies, the accounting procedure manual and a new fraud and anti-corruption policy were in the process of being drafted.

ZRCS has achieved the following during the year 2014:

- 21,096 people (4,529 HHs) in 2 provinces were reached with food aid support under the WFP funded Nutritional Support for ART Programme (NSART).
- An emergency food security operation reaching out to over (2,100HH) 12,294 beneficiaries with cash for food assistance and safe water provision in Gwanda District was implemented.
- The cash for food assistance was complemented by community gardening initiatives which saw the establishment of 5 community gardens and construction of a latrine in each garden.
- Over 25,000 people gained access to safe water through the rehabilitation of 48 existing boreholes and drilling of 53 new ones in areas previously unserved in southern part of chivi district where the national society is on its third year of implementing a water facility project. The management, operation and maintenance skills of local communities were enhanced through trainings to 177 water point committees.
- Disaster management committees in 3 wards of Chipinge District were trained in First Aid including District Civil Protection Committee members as a way of capacitating them to offer first aid services during times of disaster as well as other times when the services are required.

Working in partnership

Partner	Areas of support to ZRCS
IFRC	Coordination, resource mobilisation, technical and programme support in disaster management, food security, WATSAN and organisational development and advocacy on behalf of the vulnerable in Zimbabwe
ICRC	Technical and programmes support in communication, disaster management and organisational development across the country; Bilateral support
WFP	Food security in Zvimba and Bindura districts 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	Disaster management in Kariba District - Bilateral support
Finnish Red Cross	CBHFA- DM in Muzarabani – Bilateral support
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
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)	Technical assistance on 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: Relevant, Speedy and effective humanitarian assistance by Zimbabwe Red Cross

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
• # of people reached with HIV services		320	265
• # of people reached with food security programming		5,000 people	34,939
• # of people reached with WATSAN services		25,000 people	5,250

Comments on progress towards outcomes

- Over 4,529 clients received nutritional support through the WFP supported nutritional support programme targeting people on ART, TB treatment including malnourished lactating mothers and children under 5.
- 12,294 people (2,100 households) received food /cash for food in Gwanda during the implementation of a food insecurity appeal. Over 1,368 households received seeds for community gardens to improve nutritional diversity.
- Over 9,678 people received hygiene messages in Chingwizi camp following the displacement of communities as a result of flooding at Tokwe Mukosi dam. A further estimated 500 people benefitted from one borehole out of the three drilled at the camp site and close to 2,000 people were served by temporary latrines.
- In Gwanda Food insecurity response, 21 boreholes were rehabilitated, providing water to 5,250 people
- 580 households benefitted from temporary shelter after they were displaced from the Tokwe Mukosi dam flooding.
- 132 volunteers/lead farmers were trained and were able to reach other farmers with messages to improve farming methods.
- Education in Zimbabwe is valued highly as it is believed to be an investment on the child. Thus the ZRCS continued to support the OVC with educational support. In 2014 the support reached a total of 265 OVC 83% against the targeted 320 children.

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of people reached with hygiene promotion • # of rehabilitated water points • # of latrines constructed • # of trained water points committees • # of new water points 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30,000 • 100 • 1,200 • 150 • 50 	53,000 48 1,457 177 53
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,457 latrines were constructed benefitting 5,405 people at household level and a further 7,360 pupils in schools. Eight health centres also benefitted from latrines constructed. The latrines constructed have therefore provided the targeted beneficiaries with improved access to hygienic form of excreta disposal. • 177 water point committees were formed and received training in management, operation and maintenance of water points. • 53 boreholes were drilled and benefitted 12,500 people in areas previously unserved, while a further 12,000 people benefitted from stable and improved water sources after the rehabilitation of 48 boreholes. • Hygiene promotion activities promoting behaviour change were continuously followed up, reaching over 53,000 people. 			

Outcome 2: Disaster response mechanism is effective and efficient in meeting the needs of those affected by disasters.

Measurement			
Indicators	BL	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of programmes ZRCS is implementing in high risk 		5	2

communities			
• # of people reached with Urban DRR programmes in the current year		31,490 people	9,634
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 140 volunteers (71 females and 69 males) were trained in CBHFA. A total of 100 people (53 male and 47 female), members of disaster management committees were trained in first aid in Chipinge. Among them, 30 were drawn from the district Civil Protection Committee as a way of capacitating them, thus offer first aid skills to incidents that may occur in their respective wards and villages. Also 235 people (115 Women, 120 Men) including the local leaders were reached with DRR trainings at ward levels and subsequently 9,634 people were reached through campaigns. The inclusion of the ward leaders later facilitated the implementation of the Community Action Plans (CAPs) as the village leaders were spearheading the CAPs activity implementation. Thus reclamation of gullies and road repairs were done as part of these activities. 51 Volunteers who participated in the food security appeal in Gwanda were trained on DRR. 			

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		16 members	none
# of youths leaders inducted		13 youth leaders	none
# of youth advisors trained on the formation of junior first aid clubs		32 youths	none
# of staff and volunteers participating in the formulation of resource mobilisation strategy		32 staff 125	14 members. None
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 members from governance and management were trained on financial management. 			

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.		60	20
# of workshops held to disseminate Movement history principles and values		2	6 meetings
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued profiling of the NS programmes on the website, ZRCS Facebook page, Ambassador Macheso's fan page, Twitter and through IFRC and ICRC newsletters also helped update partners on work done and milestones achieved. Effective profiling by the media also helped promote our brand towards partner confidence. Donations from new partners were also realised with new programmes 			

coming on board. Staff members were reoriented on the fundamental principles during the programme management meetings which were held on a quarterly basis. This assisted in ensuring that every new employee was oriented on the fundamental principles. The Red Cross through the Humanitarian Ambassador also responded to other isolated humanitarian cases like the case of one physically challenged boy who needed help to purchase a wheel chair and other needs was profiled in the local media. This helped create goodwill and support needed. ZRCS Communications also got a slot to present on Brand Management and working with celebrities towards enhanced advocacy at the 2014 Global Communications Forum in Kenya and the amount of work done and positives scored by the NS were well profiled.

- The NS was more visible in 2014 through exhibitions and participation at key National events like the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair, International Disaster Day, Harare International Carnival, the OK Grand Challenge, Harare Agricultural Show as well as hosting of other key Red Cross Commemorations like World Red Cross Day and World First Aid Day. During Red Cross commemorations, key Red Cross messages were disseminated with detailed profiling of service to humanity. Red Cross volunteers provided free first aid coverage and event tracing services. Also the NS carried out disseminations, networked with partners and stakeholders as well as distributing and showcasing IEC materials like brochures and project documentaries.
- Sensitization meetings were carried out through radio programmes, print media as well as with government structures at provincial levels. Sensitisation was done for Resident Ministers in Matabeleland North, Mashonaland East provinces. This has led to an improvement in the visibility of ZRCs within government structures at higher levels. Sensitisation sessions were also carried out with volunteer structures in the province.
- 23 ZRCS staff members were trained in PMER. The PMER capacity building was led by the IFRC Department of Planning and Evaluation (PED) from Geneva in collaboration with the ZRCS as a part of a larger capacity-building exercise. The workshop built capacity of participants in results-based management (RBM), planning, monitoring, evaluating and reporting (PMER) on projects and programs. A 2-day PMER capacity assessment for the National Society was done after the training. The results of the capacity assessment are being used for a follow up capacity building process.
- Meetings were held with management and board at national and District levels. When National meetings are taking place that's when a slot is given to discuss about the National Society mandate.

Stakeholder participation and feedback

ZRCS continues to work with various government ministries such as AGRITEX for technical advice on establishment of gardens and trainings in crop production, veterinary services for livestock production and management, ministry of health for OVC medical support, District Development Fund for borehole rehabilitation, and Environmental Health Department for latrines construction and trainings in PHHE.

Key stakeholders are also involved in designing programmes and selection/development of targeting criteria for beneficiaries.

IFRC in the first half of the year 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.

The IFRC also secured funds to support the affected 500 households with shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene promotion activities, after heavy rains in Masvingo province which led to the Tokwe Murkosi dam floods thus rendering many households to be relocated on the upstream areas.

Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key Risks or Positive Factors	Priority High Medium Low	Recommended Action
Commitment to building and nurturing effective partnerships	High	Increase Transparency through dialogue Strengthen holistic and integrated programming
Attract long term donors to support development programmes in Food	High	Establish new relationship with donors funding development programming
There is overreliance on donor funding for core and programme costs	High	Strengthen local resource mobilisation strategies.

Lessons learned and looking ahead

- The need to build capacity of District and Ward Disaster Response Teams for those districts mainly prone to disasters was identified as a great need after realising how proactive these response teams can be during the Tokwe Murkosi flood disaster.
- Holistic support for the OVC improves school attendances for the children living in difficult circumstances.
- The guardians' gardening clubs can be a source of fees for primary school OVCs and food for their families if they are well supported.
- There is need to support the in-school youth clubs with visibility materials, IEC materials, exchange visits, first aid kits and facilitating first aid competitions. This support and the provision of materials and kits will assist the clubs carry out more effective dissemination of the work of the national society and effective and timely provision of first aid services respectively at public and school level gatherings.
- The macro level projects should consider construction of foot bridges especially where children fail to go school due to flooded and impassable rivers during the rainy season as these issues were coming out in the community action plans. Other priority areas include borehole rehabilitation and improved sanitation facilities.

Financial situation

Click [here](#) to go directly to the financial report.

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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