

## THE 2012 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NIGERIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.



### COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT



#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The communications department of the Nigerian Red Cross Society has continued to devise means of carrying out her responsibilities of developing strategies for an increased visibility, dissemination, public awareness of the activities of the National Society (NS)

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- ❖ Position the National Society as a responsible humanitarian organization that is highly responsive to the suffering of the victims of violence and natural disasters through efficient and effective use of the media.
- ❖ Promote the RCRC principles and values and the International Humanitarian Law
- ❖ Improve the operational capacity of departmental staff at the Headquarters and Branches.

## **REPOSITIONING THE DEPARTMENT**

Being aware of the good will that the society has begun to enjoy and knowing what is expected of us; we have doubled effort to remain relevant

Thus;

- ❖ We have more cordial relationship with ICRC now than before
- ❖ Our relationship with NEMA (through MICEM) has also improved
- ❖ We have improved relationship with the media

### **1. Visibility**

- ❖ We have been able to get some of our stories published on both local and int'l media
- ❖ The NRCS flood stories were lead stories on Federation 's website
- ❖ We featured on a live radio programme and profiled the work of the NRCS
- ❖ Updated the NRCS website before it was hacked

### **2. Printing.**

Through the support of ICRC, we designed and printed:

- ❖ file folders
- ❖ wall calendar
- ❖ desk calendar
- ❖ newsletter



### **IN PROGRESS**

- ❖ We are designing a radio programme on Nigerian Info FM (95.1), Abuja
- ❖ In consultation with HOP/ICRC on the best possible way to revamp the NRCS NHQ and BRANCH radios
- ❖ Video documentary of the Red Cross flood responses



### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- ❖ Twitter: @nrscng
- ❖ Facebook: Nigerian Red Cross Society or NIGERIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY NHQTS
- ❖ Website : [www.nrscng.org](http://www.nrscng.org)  
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# **Nigerian Red Cross Society National Headquarters, Abuja**

## **Organizational Development Department**

### **Good Governance**

Good governance which entails providing direction and focusing on the broader picture and the long term. The Organizational department continued to assist with optimal relationship between National Headquarters and 37 branches in defining and achieving partnership, roles, responsibilities and lines of authorities. All these are being diplomatically asserted and spelt out to branches so that we can have a “well functioning National Society”. It’s a daunting task that is being pursued, so that; management and governance can continue to co-exist harmoniously in mutual, balance and cooperative attitude. By so doing, branches are being encouraged to have compliance with legal controls as enshrined in our statutes with little or no hitches at all. This will bring about helpful direction for branches in making decisions about people, priorities, programmes and services that will ultimately project Red Cross humanitarian image.

### **Organizational Development and Change Management**

OD department being the cooperation and interface between the National Headquarters and state branches on one hand, and other partners and organizations on the other hand, has continued to handle and manage the transitional changes as presently being experienced at the National Headquarters with strategic focus and good end product in mind. Though this is abstract, yet it has remained the backbone of any successful organization that can either make or mar the organization. These efforts are being translated to tangible products from our programmes and services in terms of quality deliverables to vulnerable people and impact made in the affected communities among others. Selling and managing change to all our branches and partners is a herculean task that will continue to be sustained with vigour and humanitarian zeal

### **Bauchi Mission to Resolve the Internal Crisis**

Bauchi State Branch of the Nigerian Red Cross Society of late has been on top of the National Headquarters priority list, due to its protracted crisis resulting from its continuous appointment and removal of three branch secretaries within 4 months and the deterioration of the Branch. All these have not gone unnoticed by the NHQ and if not nipped in the bud it can affect healthy branches that are far and near, and cause bandwagon effect.

These now prompted National Headquarters to swiftly move to Bauchi using some governance members [Alhaji (Dr.) Yakasai Danyaro-National DM Adviser as Leader of the team, Barrister Godwin Uggah-National Legal Adviser, Alhaji Musa Babangida-National Branch Relations Adviser and Head of Organizational Development as Secretary] to listen to the problems from all angles and

stakeholders; and resolve all issues with elderly wisdom once and for all with a road map forward.

At the end of the mission, some prominent citizens were appointed as caretaker committee. The committee is headed by the Hon. Justice, Sabo Suleiman Darazo (rtd) former Chief Justice of Bauchi state. Other committee members are Alh. Baffa Ahmed Ningi former Director with the Fire Service; Representative of State Ministry of Health; Representative of State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA); Alh. Umar Sambo Ilelah; Barrister Suleiman Kobi; Mrs. Tabitha Caleb Shawalu and Mallam Mohammad Bashar Adamu as Branch Executive Secretary.

These names were already submitted during advocacy visit to His Excellency, Alh. Sagir Aminu Saleh, Deputy Governor, Bauchi State, Emir of Bauchi, His Royal Highness, Alh. Rilwanu Sulaiman Adamu and Bauchi state Commissioner of Police, Alh. Mohammed Ladan. It was accepted one after the other by all. Advocacy visit was also made to the Department of State Security Services (SSS). It was agreed during the visit that, 150 officers and men from Police, SSS and FRSC would be trained free-of-charge in Competence Based First Aid, while these 3 commands while provide hall, feeding and transportation for their men to attend the training in 6 batches.



Figure 1-2: Advocacy Visit to Bauchi State Commissioner of Police, Alh. Mohammed Ladan by the NRCS, NHQs Representatives: National DM Adviser - Alh. (Dr.) Yakassai Danyaro, National Branch Relations Adviser - Alh. Musa Babangida, National Legal Adviser - Barr. Godwin Uggah & Head of Organizational Development - Andronicus Adeyemo with Staff & Volunteers of Bauchi Branch.



Figure 3-4: Advocacy visit to His Excellency, Alh. Sagir Aminu Saleh, Deputy Governor, Bauchi State and Emir of Bauchi, His Royal Highness, Alh. Rilwanu Sulaiman Adamu. This was done in order to reposition the branch.

### **Mission to Kaduna for BEC Election**

National Headquarters closely worked together with Kaduna branch for nearly four months in order to put all the necessary modalities in place for BEC election. At the end of the technical guidance and supervision, a transparent election was held using all the democratic instruments in a free and fair atmosphere devoid of rancor and bickering that produced the new executive committee members.

The newly elected Chairperson for Kaduna branch is Mrs Mallam Laurentia along side 11 other exco members.

National Headquarters was ably represented by the National Branch Relations Adviser, Alh. Musa Babangida and Head of Organizational Development, Mr. Andronicus Adeyemo.



Figure 5-6: Kaduna New & Old Exco Members with NHQs Representatives in a Group Photograph after the Election, and; Newly Elected Chairperson, Mrs. Mallam Laurentia with Alh. Musa Babangida, National Branch Relations Adviser

### **Update on 37 Branches Current Status**

As a result of the forms that were sent out to all the branches late last year, OD department was able to generate new and update the existing branches data relating to the time when the present branch executive committee members came on board, time of their next election, number of exco and management members among others. These will enable NS plan for branches elections, governance workshops, capacity building at various levels, know the healthy and sick/weak branches and how best to assist such categories. Categorization is still ongoing, and with the presence of Federation in Nigeria now, OD department will be greatly assisted in setting up modus operandi and how best to analyse data that are being generated in order to effectively assist all the branches.

The table below strictly relates to BEC election for the Branches

**Table 2: Branches Status**

<i>Branch Status</i>	Branches Who Had Conducted BEC Election and Operating Within Statutory Tenure	<b>Branches Whose Tenure Had Expired</b>	Branches With Caretaker Committee	Branches Who Are Due for BEC Election This Year (2013)	Branches Who Are Due for Election in 2014
Branches Affected	Abuja, Adamawa, Akwa-Ibom, Anambra, Benue, Borno ,Cross-River, Delta, Ebonyi, Edo, Enugu, Imo, Kaduna, Kano, Kebbi, Lagos, Nasarawa, Niger, Oyo, Plateau, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe, Zamfara.	Bayelsa, Ekiti, Gombe, Jigawa, Katsina, Kogi, Kwara, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Rivers	Abia, Bauchi, Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Osun,	Abia, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Benue, Borno, Cross-River, Delta, Ekiti, Gombe, Jigawa, Katsina, Kebbi, Kogi, Kwara, Lagos, Nasarawa, Niger, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Rivers, Yobe	Adamawa, Ebonyi, Imo, Oyo, Plateau, Sokoto, Zamfara
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>

Out of 22 branches that are due for election this year, only one had conducted election. Hence, NS is soliciting the support of all the branches and Participating National Societies (PNSs) in order to carry out governance workshop for all these Branches including the back log ones that are yet to be trained.

#### **BRANCH DATA**

We are currently building up a data base for the branches based on entries on volunteer recruitment. Below is a volunteer data entry from branches for the period in review.

**Table 2: Showing New members registered**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>BRANCH</b>	<b>NUMBER ON VOLUNTEERS</b>
1.	Abuja, F.C.T	99
2.	Rivers	42
3.	Ogun	54
4.	Cross River	42
5.	Borno	11
6.	Yobe	35
7.	Adamawa	21
8.	Akwa Ibom	89
9.	Taraba	7
10.	Enugu	22
11.	Lagos	35
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>457</b>

**Table 3: Showing Membership categories Registered**

S/N	Categories	Total number
1.	Bronze	65
2.	Detachment	180
3.	School Unit	28
4.	Service Group	71
5.	Associate	61
6.	Junior Unit	34
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>439</b>

### **Production of ID Cards for Volunteers and Staff**

In order to continue to motivate and properly identify our numerous volunteers in all categories of membership, ID Cards request were made and produced for the following branches: Abuja, Akwa Ibom, Adamawa, Borno, Cross River, Enugu, Kaduna, Kano, Lagos, Ogun, Rivers, Taraba and Yobe.

### **NYSC Batch C Orientation 2012 and Batch A 2013 Pre-Orientation Course:**

OD department rigorously followed-up this assignment, that positively culminated in our branches sending four red crossers per branch as paramedics to NYSC orientation camp thereby increasing red cross visibility and membership drive coupled with additional humanitarian services rendered to thousands of corps members and staff. This was an achievement as in the past; many branches were short changed by being under-represented.

OD department also participated in the NYSC batch A 2013 pre-orientation course. This was held in Asaba, Delta State.



Figure 7: Group Photograph taken during the NRCS, NHQs Interactive & Annual Planning Meeting with the 36 Branches.

**NRCS, NHQs Interactive Meeting with the 37 Branches, 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, Lokoja, Kogi State.**



This meeting was held between the Branch Secretaries and NHQs management staff headed by the Secretary-General, Mr. Bello Hamman Diram with the following objectives: information sharing (status of the NS), interact with Management of the NS, chart a step-by-step way forward for the NS and harmonize efforts and work as one National Society. At the end of the meeting, challenges confronting NS were tackled with the way forward in form of solution to the identified challenges, while 16-key point agenda were arrived at in the communiqué. This was unanimously adopted by all the 36 branches that attended as a working document for the NS. The last interactive and annual planning meeting was held in 2008 between the NHQs old management staff and branch secretaries. It was temporarily suspended due to paucity of fund and other obvious reasons.

### **Rejuvenation of ID card Machine**

The NRCS ID card machine that has been out of work for some months before we came on board was effectively and efficiently rejuvenated and put back to work in the first two (2) weeks of resuming work for the benefit of National Headquarters, Branches, members, volunteers and staff

### **Resource Management**

The OD department is gradually laying a good foundation for this through improved and effective communication, providing information, reports and advice on techniques and strategies appropriate to the branches on how best to deploy their various resource which include but not limited to members and volunteers, skill and technical expertise, good will, material

### **Updating Branches Contacts:**

As a result of changes that had taken place in some branches with respect to new chairmen, branch secretaries, deaths and changes to emails, telephones among others. All these are presently being compiled and finalized to be shared with the branches and movement partners

### **YABC PROJECT**

Youth as Agents of Behavioural Change is a project initiative aimed at abating social vices among youths in our communities.

The project was funded by Lebara Foundation UK, through IFRC . Three branches - Adamawa, Zamfara and Cross River were beneficiaries.



**Table 4: Summary for YABC Project Implementation**

<b>YABC DETAILED PLAN OF ACTION (PoA)</b>															
<b>PROJECT OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>CALENDER OF ACTIVITIES (Jan 2012 - Dec 2012)</b>												<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>MEASURABLE OUTPUT</b>
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D		
<b><i>To build positive attitude in youths between the ages of 12-18 through peer education group in 36 selected schools/youth clubs between January - December 2012</i></b>	Identification / Selection of project schools / youth clubs	x												Branch secretaries/school unit coordinator	36 schools and youth clubs selected in three project branches /states
	Selection of trainers from NRCS volunteers		x											Branch secretaries	Eighteen Nigerian Red Cross volunteer trainers selected from three branches
	Advocacy visit to school /youth club authorities		x											Project Team/branch secretaries	36 selected school and youth club authorities reached
	Updating of modules / annuals and production IEC materials	x	x											Project Team	Training Module/manuals and IEC materials produced
	Training of trainers on behavioural change and Step-down training			x	x									Project Team	18 volunteers trained as trainers on behavioural change and 240 young persons trained as peer educators
	Peer education activities			x	x	x	x	x		X	x	x		Peer educators trainer and peer educators	7200 young persons reached
	Outreach shows				x	x	x	x			x	x		Peer educators and groups	At least 20000 persons reached

## **YOUTH CAMP**

The 13th International Youth Camp was held at the Nigeria NYSC Orientation camp Kubwa, Abuja from Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2012.

Twenty-six (26) Branches and 1 external National Society (Ethiopia) from Africa attended with 240 registered campers comprising of 55 female and 210 males.

### **Camp theme**

Youth shun violence; help build our nation

### **IMPACT**

The camp made positive impact on youths in the following areas:

- i. various lecture sections especially from ICRC and NEMA better exposed the youths to Red Cross structure and mandate
- ii. Nigerian Red Cross youths had the opportunity of exchanging ideas on Use of Non violence actions with youths from other branches and National Societies
- iii. Campers had the opportunity of making new friends and exchanging cultural ideas
- iv. For some youths, that was an opportunity to visit Federal Capital Territory.

### **Global Youth Conference: Vienna, Austria, 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2012**

Head of Organizational Development represented OD department actively by projecting the image of Nigerian Red Cross and participated in all the conference thematic areas. The four broad thematic areas are: 1. Youth promoting humanitarian values and life skills; 2. Youth as Innovators; 3. Youth as beneficiaries and, 4. Youth as Leaders.

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**HEALTH AND CARE DEPARTMENT 2012 TO FIRST QUARTER 2013 REPORT**

Health and Care is one of the Nigerian Red Cross Society's core programmes Following the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) 2011 - 2013 of the Nigerian Red Cross Society (NRCS), the health and care department adopted the following programs in its 2012 Plan of action. Namely;

1. HIV/ AIDS
2. CBH&FA ( maternal, neonatal and child health (immunizations)  
Health in emergencies)
3. VOLUNTARY NON REMUNERATED BLOOD DONOR RECRUITMENT
4. WATSAN

**Overall Health Programme Goal**

The overall goal of the Nigerian Red Cross Society's Health Programme is to reduce morbidity and mortality by strengthening the capacity of the vulnerable people in their daily lives and enabling them to address their priority health problems.

**HEALTH IN EMERGENCIES**

The focus of health in emergencies is on prevention and response to epidemics and prevailing health issues, especially those that affect the most vulnerable (women and children, rural and urban communities)

1. The NRCS health and care department with support from the IFRC delivered assistance to communities affected by Lassa fever in Ebonyi, Edo and Nasarawa states on the 13th Feb. 2012 was closed on 25th May 2012, having reached 21,000 households (81,461 people) which is about 4% above the targeted population. Collectively, the assistance delivered contributed to alleviating the living conditions of the community members reached.

**Activities carried out**

- Recruitment and Training of 282 NRCS community volunteers to carry out Rapid community assessment to determine the risk factors and the gaps left by other partners in control of Lassa fever.
- 300 volunteers were trained on Lassa fever overview and vector control, good hygiene, water purification, sanitation, hospital referrals and they were equipped with Epidemic control kit/module



- The volunteers carried out community sensitizations and campaigns on prevention of Lassa fever, good hygiene, water purification, sanitation and hospital referrals.

### **Achievements**

- The National Society continued to play a major role in health emergency response in Nigeria
- More Red Cross volunteers' capacity built on Health epidemics response.

### **Constraints**

Lack of funding to cover more states as the NRCS responded in 3 out of 19 states initially involved.

2. The Health and care Department on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012 commenced its activities on the flood intervention in Nigeria, involving 10, out of the affected 23 States. This is supported by the IFRC.



It has so reached a total number of 21,886 people in different communities in the 10 states with following activities:

- Sensitization on Malaria Prevention and control.
- Households group sensitization on disease prevention and health promotion
- Sensitization on diarrhea diseases in children, possible causes, preventive measures and treatment using Oral Dehydration Therapy.
- A complete demonstration on the mode of application of ORS and how to improvise in the absence of ORS using our household iodized SALT and SUGAR Solution in appropriate quantity.
- Hand washing and its importance in disease prevention.
- Monitoring of relief distribution of Mosquito nets as three (3) each was given per household.

Some of the challenges encountered so far are lack of health facilities, pharmacy, health provider or trained health workers in some communities. This intervention is presently ongoing.

### **Community Based & First Aid (CBH&FA)**

The CBH&FA programme commenced since 2010 and was designed to support basic health needs provided by the government, it comprises basic health care, social mobilization for immunisation and control, malaria prevention, community-based first aid, health in emergencies etc.

1. As a result of reports coming from members of Kuyizhi community as well as from the Daily Trust Newspaper, the NRCS Health and Care Department in synergy with the Disaster Management Department with support from the NRCS National Headquarters carried out various activities aimed at improving resilience and capacities of people of Kuyizhi community (Kuje Area Council) regarding risk reduction particularly those related to water and health. About a thousand people (33 Households) were reached with the following activities:

#### **Activities**

1. ***Education on safe water and distribution of water treatment chemicals.***

A training session was conducted to teach community members on how to make water safe for drinking. Part of the topics taught in the session was methods of household water purification which include filtration, sedimentation, boiling and chlorination.

The correct use of Aqua tab for household water treatment was demonstrated to the community members and 3,060 numbers of Aqua tabs (Six months supply) were then distributed to all households in the community.

2. ***Malaria prevention and distribution of LLINs***

Community members were educated on the cause of malaria, its prevention and importance of seeking medical help for malaria treatment. 50 Long Lasting Insecticide Treated bed nets (LLINs) were distributed to children (0 - 5 years), nursing mothers, pregnant women and the elderly in the community. Proper use of LLINs (hanging and care of the net) was also demonstrated to the community members.

3. ***Trainings of Mothers on Nutrition***

Women in the community attended a training session on nutrition. They were taught the importance of good nutrition for pregnant and nursing mothers, exclusive breastfeeding of newborn for six months, introduction of weaning diet after six months, good nutrition for children and adolescent females. There was demonstration on different classes of food and how they can be combined to make balanced diet. Mothers were taught how to make weaning cereal using locally available food.

4. ***Management of Diarrhea and distribution of ORS***

The training session on management of diarrhea was well attended by both men and women in the community. Topics treated under this session include diarrhea, signs and symptoms of dehydration, preparation of ORS, how to administer ORS, home remedies for management of dehydration.

340 sachets of Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) were distributed to mothers in the community.

5. Shovels and wheel barrows were given to the community to support their communal work and waste management.
6. First Aid training for 20 community members

7. **Community Health Centre**

Kuyizhi community members jointly constructed a 3 – bedrooms Health Centre while the NRCS donated hospital equipments to the community. NRCS formally commissioned and handed over the community clinic to Kuje PHC on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 and the Director; PHC Kuje Area Council assigned two health personnel to man the community clinic.

**Achievements**

The NRCS achieved increased visibility in its interventions.



2. The NRCS Health and Care Department with support from the IFRC carried out social mobilization activities in Kaduna, Niger and Bauchi States, using its mother's club unit and other volunteers, from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at 5 LGAs in each branch and 100 wards per LGA. A total number of 126, 478 were reached.



The volunteers made a comprehensive list of non compliant communities, held meetings with them and the caregivers on behavioral change and the educated them on the importance of polio vaccine and dangers of polio.

Some challenges faced are that of non compliance on the part of some of the registered children and some communities where not accessible with vehicles. The recommendations include constant meeting with non compliant households and using electronic media to display to them the effects of polio.



Increasing the number of LGAs and States to be reached.

### **HIV/AIDS**

The IFRC met with UNAIDS early February to discuss on how to meet up with the 15 million people living with HIV/AIDS on treatment come 2015 target set by the UNAIDS. Based on this target, a gap of 6 million is yet to be filled, on further investigation, Nigeria happens to be one of the countries identified to have large number of PLWHIV not on treatment, based on high prevalence rate Cross River and Benue States where chosen as pilot states to intervene.

The NRCS Health and Care Department together with the IFRC health team, has just concluded a rapid assessment of these two states, with the aim of identifying the gaps and challenges faced by the caregivers/stakeholders and thereby plan on where and how to intervene.

### **RAMP (Rapid Mobile Phone Based) Survey Tool Kit.**

The IFRC recently introduced a new innovative for organizations and other partners to conduct health surveys at reduced costs, in a timely fashion and with limited external technical assistance.

This approach was tested in Cross River in 2011. Malaria was chosen to test the innovative approach with surveys designed to find out about net coverage following a mass distribution of long - lasting insecticide - treated nets (LLINs).

The NRCS health team visited Kenya on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2012, to witness first hand on how RAMP was rolled out. It is planning a day orientation meeting in Delta State in collaboration Roll back malaria (FMOH) with support from the IFRC.



### **REMI BABALOLA RED CROSS CLINIC**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012 the NRCS health team and the Vice president went to Ibadan where the Remi Babalola Red Cross Clinic was officially commissioned by the Hon. Minister of the health in Ibadan Oyo State, consequently on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013 the inaugural board meeting of the Remi Babalola Red Cross clinic took place at the board room of the clinic in Gbagi, Ibadan with the other stakeholders in attendance - UCH, Remi Babalola Initiative, and Representatives of the host LGC, Police, Federal Road Safety Commission, FMOH and Nigerian Security & Civil Defence Corps also attended the meeting.

Also the Abeokuta Red Cross clinic has been commissioned, board constituted and is operational.



**PROSPECTS:**

- The NRCS health team with support from the IFRC health team is working on developing a proposal on Integrated Case Management on malaria to be funded by USAID.
- The NRCS Health and Care Department is presently developing a proposal for Bill and Melinda gates foundation in support of its eradication of polio campaign. This process is facilitated by the IFRC.
- The NRCS health and Care Department is concluding on its assessment report to work with the UNAID on reaching its targeted 15 million PLWHIV on treatment goal. This is also facilitated by the IFRC and technical inputs from the IFRC health team.

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**REPORT ON FIRST AID ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2012 AND 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**QUATER 2013**

First Aid is the entry point of Red Cross it's much expected of every Red Crosser to acquire skills and techniques involved in saving lives. First Aid training is an ongoing activity of the Nigerian Red Cross Society, with the aim of alleviating human suffering, The NRCS trained volunteers and Emergency and First Aid Teams (EFATs) are positioned all over the country to respond not only to emergencies and situations of violence but other epidemics and public health situations.

**FIRST AID TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

The strength of the Red Cross depends on the capacity of its volunteers to build a stronger volunteer management system; the NRCS effort to build capacity for effective response to the vulnerable is unending. The NRCS continues to train its volunteers in respective branches, divisions, detachments and units to respond to emergency situations and epidemics in their homes, schools, workplaces, Society at large both in times of violence and natural hazard induced disasters. Also, these first aiders provide first aid services to public events and NYSC orientation camps in all states of the country.

In the year 2012 From January to December more than 1586 volunteers of the Nigerian Red Cross Society have been trained on Competence Based Standard First Aid. These trainings took place in the following branches: Abuja, Abia, Cross Rivers, Delta, Enugu, Kebbi, Kano, Bauchi, Lagos, Rivers, Edo, Kaduna, Enugu, Rivers, Imo, Niger and Kwara.



*Volunteers Training at NYSC Camp*

## **COMMUNITY FIRST AID TRAINING**

The Nigerian Red Cross Society through its trained volunteers has been conducting community first aid trainings in 36 respective branches in the country including FCT Branch in various communities, with support from the ICRC more than 2,765 people were trained in community first Aid programme in the 10 target branches: **Bauchi, Kano, Kaduna, Plateau, Rivers, Borno, Edo, Niger, Bayelsa, and Yobe.** These target branches, selected based on their proneness to violence and lack of access to medical facilities and health centres, their volunteers were trained to build healthier and safer communities by reducing the community members' vulnerability to diseases and accidents, sudden illnesses and emergency situations.

Community first aid trainings were equally conducted in Kuwizi community in Kuje local government on three occasions during the month of June and July respectively, 2012.

Community First Aid Training was also conducted for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013. In the various Branches supported by ICRC.



*Volunteers at Training simulation*

## **FIRST AID AT WORK**

As a way of mobilising resources for the society and equally maintain the sustainability of binding relationship and partnership with government and private organisation. In the 2012, the training department has conducted commercial first aid at work training for the following organizations:

- |  |   |                  |
|--|---|------------------|
| ➤ Provast Nig. Ltd                     | - | April 2012       |
| ➤ UNICEM                               | - | April - May 2012 |
| ➤ PGS Exploration                      | - | June 2012        |
| ➤ WARTSILA                             | - | June 2102        |
| ➤ Federal Fire Service training school | - | June 2012        |

➤ Lilypond Container terminal	-	July 2012
➤ I. T. B Lagos	-	July 2012
➤ MTN Nigeria	-	May - July 2012
➤ MACMAHON	-	August 2012
➤ Julius Berger Construction Company	-	August 2012
➤ BATCO	-	August 2012
➤ Canadian High Commission	-	September 2012
➤ Embassy of Spain	-	September 2012
➤ Petroleum Equalisation Management Board-	-	October 2012
➤ ACF	-	November 2012
➤ GRM	-	November 2012
➤ GEMS	-	November 2012
➤ CHAI	-	November 2012
➤ SPARC	-	November 2012
➤ NESTTELE	-	November 2012
➤ REGENT SCHOOL	-	December 2012
➤ LIVER BANK SCHOOL	-	December 2012
➤ SAVI	-	December 2012
➤ GAMES ENUGU	-	December 2012
➤ PROPCOM	-	December 2012
➤ RIVER BANK LAGOS	-	January 2013
➤ GRM	-	February 2013
➤ SPARC	-	February 2013
➤ NEMA	-	February 2013



*First Aid at Work Training*

### **FIRST AID TALK**

In our effort to disseminate knowledge on life saving techniques and equally promote and market our commercial first aid, the training department offers first aid talk in public gathering, seminars, workshops etc.

Some of the organisations and public gatherings that benefited from our services include the followings:-

- Road safety awareness seminar for Federal State and Local Government officials and various private and commercial vehicle drivers conducted on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2012
- Anglican Communion brigade wuse, Abuja, workshop on safety tips 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012
- ECWA church at Kubwa , Abuja on safety related issues 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2012
- NEMA preparedness exercise on road safety during ember month, November 2012

### **2012 NATIONAL FIRST AID COMPETITION**

With the theme “**first aid for vulnerable people**”, the NRCS held its National First Aid Competition on the 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2012 at the NYSC Orientation Camp, Kubwa, Abuja.

The Competition, supported by the ICRC aimed to strengthen the First Aid capacity of the NRCS and to develop a standard First Aid training curriculum for all branches.

Twenty-one (21) Branches participated namely: **Bauchi, Enugu, Ebonyi, Borno, Kano, Plateau, Abuja, Gombe, Katsina, Niger, Kwara, Adamawa, Kogi, Cross River, Kebbi, Benue, Zamfara, Anambra, Yobe, Lagos and Taraba** with over 200 participants from the respective branches. At the end of the Competition, **Lagos, Plateau and Enugu** Branches emanated as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Positions respectively.

### **PROSPECTIVES**

The National Society is trying to arrange and look at the possibilities to raise fund or solicit for support from our partners to conduct refresher trainings for the First aid trainers in all branches especially those outside the program states supported by the ICRC as First aid is dynamic so first aiders need to update their skills from time to time for effective response to situation of emergencies.

Equally, in the same vein, First Aid is proving effective in saving lives but having the necessary resource materials i.e. First Aid kits will help greatly for the intervention to make effective and efficient impact while institute First aid remedies to casualties by our teaming volunteers in our branches. The need for the production of such First Aid boxes will be addressed in due course.

The importance of having First Aid Manual/First Aid Guide cannot be over emphasised in strengthening confidence and skills regarding life-saving and stabilisation measures, and educational methods/techniques, focusing on specificities of First Aid interventions during situations of emergencies. This will equally contribute to the National standardisation of the First Aid curriculum and training programmes of the National Society, the preparation and production of the said materials are work in progress.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

**DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT FIRST QUARTER REPORT, 2013**

The National Society continued with the relief operation started in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012. The operation is supported by sectorial delegates from the West African sub region and other parts of the world. All the sectors identified in the Plan of Action (PoA) viz Health and Care, Water and Sanitation, Shelter and Relief were continued targeting the 50, 000 beneficiaries for 12 months.

**Relief distribution**

Relief distribution of Non food items such as Jerry cans, Shelter tool kits, Plastic sheeting, Mats, Blankets, Kitchen kits, Mosquito nets, Soaps, Water purification Tablets(Aqua tab/PUR), Hygiene kits, IEC materials and Low fluid dispenser were carried out. The breakdown is as follows:

S/No	State	Total Number of Communities	Total Beneficiaries	Total of Items Distributed
1	EDO	4	509	13,666
2	KOGI	9	428	13,275
3	NIGER	1	25	575
4	PLATEAU	1	23	529
5	DELTA	4	413	29,736
6	BAYELSA	12	1032	78,052
7	RIVERS	8	413	30,008
8	ANAMBRA	5	605	44,770
9	BENUE	3	109	2,769
10	TARABA	4	143	3,636

The above-listed items have been distributed in 10 states, 35 local governments, 51 communities and 3,697 HH have benefited.

Distribution is yet to be carried out in two States of Adamawa and Imo including Wukari Local Government in Taraba State.



## Relief distribution in Edo

## Relief distribution in Rivers

### WATSAN ACTIVITIES

The Water and Sanitation Support towards the Nigerian Flood Disaster in some affected states still continues with Support from Federation and Nigerian Red Cross. Due to financial constraints, the activities are focused in Kogi State but in future with more funding, extension would be made to others states like Edo and Delta as planned.

Hygiene promotion is prioritized as the effects of the flood are affecting the health and hygiene status of the most vulnerable members of the community like the children. In the first three months of the operation, community based volunteers were trained to sensitize the members of their communities on hygiene promotion.

The following activities were carried out.

1. Pilot Latrine Construction
2. Latrine Site selection in target communities
3. Refresher training for Community Based Volunteers in Kogi State
4. Meeting with Local authorities and Community Leaders

### LATRINE CONSTRUCTION

The construction work on the pilot institutional latrine in Ozahi has started with the construction of four seater latrines in the community school. This site was selected, based on the fact that this institution hosted almost all the community members during the flood and it did not have any latrine to cater to the people. Open defecation was practiced especially by the children and the aged, which contributed to the health problems as reported by the volunteers and the community health personnel.

The following number of sites was agreed upon for the construction work:

LOCAL GOVT. AREA	COMMUNITY	SECTION	NUMBER OF LATRINES	
KOGI	OZAH	Onchobo	1	
		LalayOzahi	1	
		Ordodoiza	1	
		Egbechi	1	
		Angoi	1	
		Lahiebechi	1	
		School	1	
	ODOGWU	Health Centre	1	
	MOZUM OSE	EHI---BECHI	1	
		EHI...BECHI NEW	1	
		EHI... BABASIMANU	1	
		EHI... KUAKERA	1	
EHI...AHAMA		1		
EHI..BABASHAIDU		1		
EHI..KPANDARA		1		
EHI...ISSAH	1			



		EHI..BABAAROUNA	1
		EHI..EGBA	1
		EHI..	1
		SCHOOL	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>20</b>



**HAND WASHING DEMONSTRATION**



**PIT LATERINE CONSTRUCTION**



**HH WATER TREATMENT DEMONSTRATION PIT LATERINE CONSTRUCTION**

### **SHELTER ACTIVITIES**

The initial plan was to build emergency shelter for beneficiaries but the plan was changed to have recovery shelter. The Red Cross has trained Ozahi and Mozum-Ose communities on how to improve the normal way they build their houses to reduce risk using local solutions.

### **Kogi Branch**

The shelter team is working in 3 communities in 3 LGA's of Kogi state.

- Ozahi community in Kogi LGA
- Mozum-Ose Community in Bassa LGA
- Odogwu Community in Ibaji LGA

- The Red Cross is building 30 houses to 30 beneficiaries in Ozahi and 40 houses to 40 beneficiaries in Mozum-Ose
- For Odogwu, we are giving different supports to 30 HH depending on their Shelter needs (Shelter needs assessment has been done)
- Planned to conduct a 2 day training in Odogwu on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2013 on how to make their houses more resilient
- 10 foundations and cement blocks for 4 houses in each of Ozahi and Mozum-Ose has been completed and frame work for roofing has been completed for

4 houses in the 2 communities (Buildings are half cement blocks and half mud bricks)

### **Bayelsa Branch**

#### Bayelsa Project Proposal

- Reduce disaster impact for local communities and make houses more resilient
- To develop coping strategies / mechanism within the communities
- To build capacity of Bayelsa Branch for shelter activities in the future (emergency or disaster preparedness)
- Take opportunity to organize a one day Shelter Kit Training for two to three resource persons + other 7 volunteers.
- These trainers will then be used to train in the others communities should be volunteers with skills Ability to step down.

### **PARTNERSHIP**

The following UN Agencies and International Nongovernmental organizations have entered into MOUs with the National Society to serve as implementing partner for the 2012 flood operations. The list below summarizes the partners collaborating with NRCS:

- United Nations Fund for Population Activities - UNFPA
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees - UNHCR
- UNICEF
- Oxfam Nigeria
- Save the Children
- Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG)

The NRCS has signed MoUs with UNHCR, UNFPA, Save the Children and Oxfam Novib. This is in addition to the MoU signed between UNICEF and NRCS two years ago. This MoUs have been operationalized during the 2012 flood and presently the NRCS is distributing sexual and reproductive health kits, dignity kits and hygiene kits in 14 states in Nigeria from UNFPA. NRCS is also participating in hygiene promotion in two states of Kogi and Delta in partnership with Oxfam Novib. We have also distributed hygiene kits (1500 soaps, 8160 sanitary pad, 14400 laundry soap, 1000 IEC, 2000 mosquito nets) in five states for Save the Children. NRCS and UNHCR are planning to distribute NFIs to 5500 families in 10 states. There is an ongoing discussion between NRCS and Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) which will lead to the signing of an MoU for capacity building for the National Society. The WHO has donated 21 palettes of Trauma Kits to be distributed to selected hospitals in the Northern part of the country that is experiencing general insecurity.

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**DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012**

The Nigerian Red Cross Society has moved steps ahead with timely response by our trained volunteers in the branches. We have continued as the first responder in most emergencies across the country. The arrival of the Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT) has supported in profiling the National Society with the conduct of the rapid assessment and the implementation of the Plan of Action of the 2012 Flood Appeal (MDRNG014).

The profile of the NS has greatly risen in recent time. This has attracted a lot of interest in the NS by all responders and has exposed the competence of NRCS in Emergency Management. If this opportunity is properly harnessed by the Governance and Management of NRCS, the NS will have a turnaround in its fortune for years to come.

**FUEL SUBSIDY REMOVAL**

The Federal government announced on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 an increment in the pump price of petrol (PMS) and as a result, there were protests and strike by the Nigerian Labour Congress in different parts of the country with Kaduna, Kano, Lagos, Oyo and the FCT being more tense than other states. Consequently, it resulted in about 596 injured and 30 dead. The NRCS National Headquarters responded by putting branches on alert and monitored the situation until the strike was called off. The ICRC supported the National Society with communication support for the branches and also pre-stocked dressing kits in three branches of Borno, Gombe and Kano. Part of these prepositioned items were utilised during the response.



*NRCS volunteers at work*

**GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS**

The Supreme Court of Nigeria nullified the gubernatorial election in 5 states of Adamawa, Bayelsa, Cross River, Kogi and Sokoto and new date for elections were re-scheduled. During the elections, all affected branches were placed on alert to monitor the situation so as to provide humanitarian assistance when needed.

**BOKO HARAM INSURGENCE**

The Nigerian Red Cross Society has with the support of the ICRC continued to support people affected by the explosions and gunfights as a result of the insurgence in Borno, Niger, Yobe, Kano, Adamawa, Taraba, Kaduna, Bauchi, Plateau and Gombe states.

**DANA PLANE CRASH**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2012, at approximately 3:43pm, a Dana plane crashed into a residential area while attempting an emergency landing in Lagos, killing all 153 passengers and crew on board. The crash site was in a heavily populated urban area and resulted in the death of at least 4 persons who were inside the buildings at the time of the crash, bringing the total number of deaths to 157 people, and 6 injured.



*Red Cross volunteers and other stakeholders at the Dana plane crash site*

The incident left family members of the affected people and residents of the area traumatized. The Nigerian Red Cross Society Lagos State Branch administered First Aid and helped to evacuate the affected population and with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also provided non-food items and psychosocial support training to NRCS volunteers and staff and the affected population. The Psychosocial support to those affected has continued in partnership with the University of Lagos.

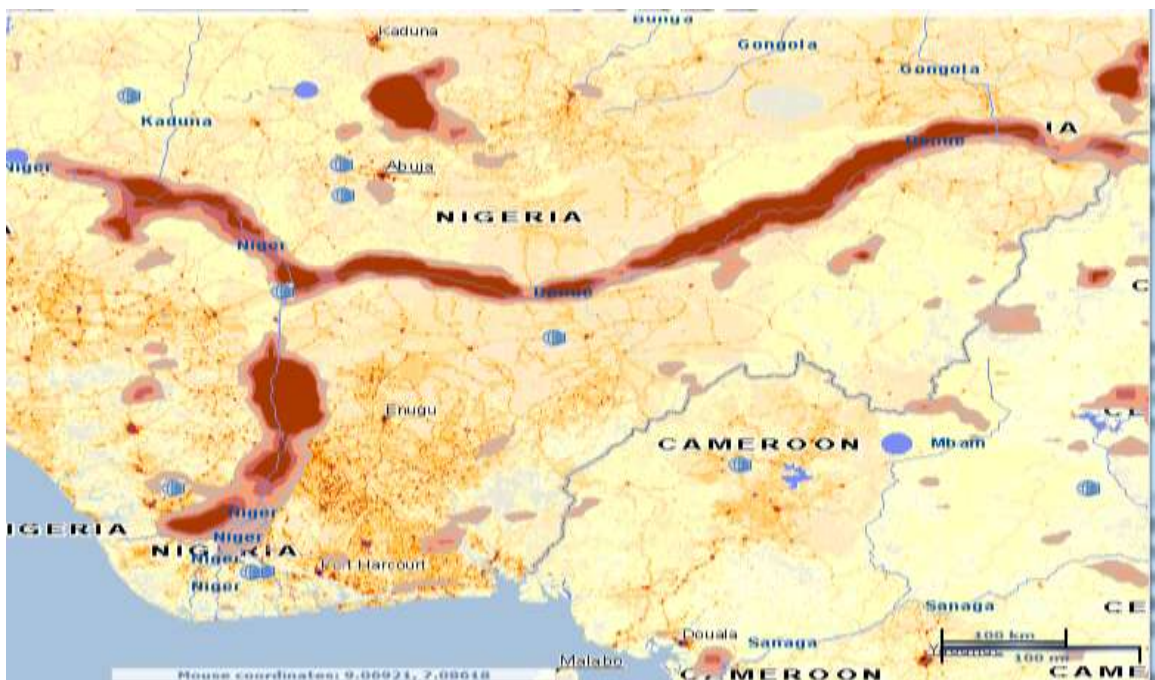
**RELIEF MATERIALS FOR DANA CRASH VICTIM**

<b><u>DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS</u></b>	<b><u>QUANTITY (IFRC)</u></b>
Mattresses	300pcs
Bar Soap	80 cartons
Kitchen Sets	150pcs
Blankets	4 bales
Mosquito Nets	4 bales
Aqua tab	5 cartons
Detergents	300kg
Stoves	150pcs
Clothing	1 big bale
Bucket	300pcs
Jerry can	300pcs
Fumigants, Disinfectant,	1

Sanitizer Water Guard	20 cartons
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**NIGERIA 2012 FLOODS**

Torrential rainfall and the water released from dams on the Niger and Benue Rivers led to the worst flooding in over 40 years. The Floods commenced in the first two weeks of September after the flash floods of July in Jos, Plateau state. With states bordering the Rivers Benue and Niger being the most affected, the floodwaters moved into the Delta area in the south. While flood waters in the states upstream of the River Benue, such as Adamawa, Plateau, Taraba and Benue has subsided, satellite imagery shows the areas along the river downstream are still much wider than in previous years.



**Satellite Imagery of Flood Path**

The Nigerian Red Cross Society staff and volunteers in the affected branches responded with First Aid/evacuation and camp management in the affected states. The National Headquarters provided Non Food Items to 7 branches from its prepositioned Non Food Items.

<b>Branch</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>#s</b>	<b>Quantities</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Adamawa	Girei, Yola South, Yola North, Numan	304 families	Blankets 608, Buckets 304, Mats 608, Soap 1,200, Shelter Kits 100, Kitchen Sets 100, Tarpaulins 200 and Jerry cans: 200	Camp Management, Health , Psychosocial support and Hygiene Promotion
Benue	Agatu, Guma, Logo	60 families	Blankets 300 , Buckets 100, Mats 100, Soap 600, Shelter Kits 40, Kitchen sets 40, Tarpaulins 80, Jerry cans 100 and Second hand clothing 3 bags	Psychosocial support, Camp Management and Hygiene Promotion
Jigawa	Dutse	50 families	Blankets 100, Mats 100, Mosquito nets 100, Hygiene kits 100, Kitchen sets 20, and second-hand clothing 2 Bags	Social Mobilization and Hygiene Promotion
Katsina	Mai'addua	50 families	Blankets 100, Mats 75, Mosquito nets 100, Hygiene kits 100, Kitchen sets 20, and second-hand clothing 2 bags	psychosocial support , First aids Services and Information sharing with relevant stakeholders
Kogi	Ajaokuta, Ofu, Koto karfi, Igalamela	60 families	Blankets 600 , Buckets 100, Mats 100, Soap 600, Shelter Kits 40, Kitchen sets 40, Tarpaulins 80, Jerri can 100 and second-hand clothing 2 bags	Psychosocial Support, Registration of Families affected, Evacuation , Camp Management and Hygiene Promotion
Taraba	Wukari, Ibi, Lau, Ardo-kola, Gassol, Karim lamido	250 families	Blankets 500 , Buckets 250, Mats 500, Soap 1,080 , Shelter Kits 100, Kitchen sets 100, Tarpaulins 200 and Jerrycan 175	Camp Management, Psychosocial support, Social Mobilization and Hygiene Promotion

On realizing the overwhelming nature of the 2012 floods, the NRCS National Headquarters asked for surge support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. A Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT) was activated and mobilized to support the NRCS in the last week of September, 2012.

The FACT and NRCS conducted a Rapid Assessment in 10 worst affected states of Adamawa, Taraba, Benue, Plateau Niger, Kogi, Edo, Delta, Anambra, and Bayelsa from 6 - 9 October, 2012. The team also determined the immediate health needs of the IDPs, as well as available human and personnel resources in the most affected camps and communities in the targeted 10 states. The analysis of the results - summarized in the table below - is the basis as to what should be the goals and objectives in the intervention. Methodologies used in the rapid assessment include: focus group discussions; individual IDP, key informant and volunteer interviews, as well as secondary data collection.

### Summary of NRCS Rapid Assessment Data

State	LGA s	# Affected	# Displaced	# Deceased	# Injured	# Missing	# of Camps	# of camp residents	# Homes destroyed /severely damaged
Adamawa	6	20544	15879	24	233	0	11	5147	5740
Taraba	6	15193	12440	3	23	0	15	8058	3344
Plateau	2	2096	1645	3	22	0	0	0	329
Benue	4	12420	7801	5	5	1	8	5992	2183
Kogi	9	72725	30709	19	314	1	84	28764	12452
Niger		9935	1789	32	76	0	3	1030	278
Edo	3	54269	39602	10	178	0	13	30855	1854
Anambra	10	64487	43350	1	1	0	3	43134	621
Delta	8	52421	29635	18	15	0	12	27264	0
Bayelsa	8	118601	73917	1	0	0	12	73917	0
Rivers									
Totals	56	422691	256767	116	867	2	161	224161	26801

- *Source:* NRCS Rapid Assessments

The NRCS has been supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) with Disaster Emergency Relief Fund (DREF), Preliminary Emergency Appeal (PEA) and later an Emergency Appeal was launched to support the affected people. There is varying response to the Emergency Appeal by donors within and outside Nigeria.

FACT with NS has initiated contact with several donors, which has resulted in a USD 1 million contribution to the appeal from Shell, Exxon Mobil 500,000 USD, and USAID of US\$100,000.

- VERF/WHO Volunteer Emergency Relief: 300 CHF
- Netherlands Red Cross: 96,934 CHF
- Japanese Red Cross: 29,700 CHF
- Canadian Red Cross: 47,285 CHF
- Swedish Red Cross: 130,000 CHF
- Shell Oil Company: 929,670 CHF
- Exxon Mobil 500,000 USD

▪ French Embassy:	60,455 USD
▪ Anceture	500,000 NGN
▪ FCMB Plc	25,000,000 NGN
▪ Stanbic Ibtc	10,000,000 NGN
▪ Zumutai Association USA	475,000 NGN
▪ Mobil Producing Nigeria ltd	2,500,000 NGN
▪ NLNG	500,000 USD

#### **In-kind donations**

- Nestle Nigeria Limited
- Nigerian Bottling company
- News Agency of Nigerian(NAN)
- And other Individuals

The NRCS is the first organization to conduct an assessment of the current situation in Nigeria and has become a reference point for all responders including the National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, the Interagency Emergency Preparedness and Response Working Group (IA-EPR WG) and the Humanitarian Country Team of the UN (HCT). As a result of interest indicated by a major donor, Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), we have included Rivers state among the targeted branches for response.

The NRCS response to the 2012 flood led to the reinstatement of the IFRC country delegation which was relocated to Abidjan in October 2010 and the Federation Representative has been recruited and posted to Nigeria. The presence of the Federation in country will support the National Society in the area of programmed activities as opposed to the response operation we carry out now.

#### **MOVEMENT COORDINATION**

The movement coordination has been weak due to the absence of IFRC in the country but with the current presence of the IFRC with a new Head of delegation and office in Abuja there will be monthly coordination meeting among the ICRC, IFRC and the National Society to bring about a more coordinated approach to the Movement activities in Nigeria. There has also been cooperation between the National Society WATHAB focal person and the IFRC and ICRC WATHAB delegates to carry out a more effective and efficient water and sanitation activities in the country. The ICRC HoD has been supporting the NRCS in all areas of this operation. Our request for logistical support was answered with a 4x4 vehicle for 4 weeks and has been extended for some months with the promise of additional vehicles coming to the NS.

#### **VALUE ADDED**

The flood operation has presented to the NRCS an excellent opportunity to redeem its image and continue to provide a lead role amongst emergency management stakeholders. This has won the confidence of Participating National Societies (PNSs) that have already indicated willingness to come back and continue supporting NRCS in programming.

#### **RESTORING FAMILY LINKS**



As part of its activities, the RFL unit of the NRCS carried out RFL assessment during the Dana plane crash and the floods affecting the 11 targeted worst affected states. A few successes were recorded with clarifying the fate of those reported missing, while several unaccompanied minors were reunited with their families especially with the flash flood in Plateau state in July 2012.

The focal point for the programme was supported by the ICRC to participate in the regional RFL meeting in Dakar where a presentation of RFL activities in Nigeria was made. The presentation highlighted the challenges faced by NRCS in providing RFL services and the general lack of awareness of the services and this has led to an offer by the regional delegation to conduct training in Nigeria soon.

Three field visits to work on RFL cases occasioned by migration was conducted to the branches of Edo, Lagos, Oyo, Ogun, Anambra, Enugu and Imo with the support and participation of the ICRC. The NRCS NHQ on its part supported the unit in terms of communication support and internet to enable speedy disposition of request from originating National societies. In all 102 tracing request and Red Cross Messages were received and dealt with while 26 RCMs related to military service in the United States were received and sent to the American Red Cross Society. 57 disasters related RFL cases were reported by various affected branches.

### **PARTNERSHIP**

All meetings with external stakeholders over the past months reinforce the same two messages: every entity in emergency management landscape in Nigeria is looking to the Nigerian Red Cross Society to lead the way in response, even well above and beyond its capacity and mandate; and secondly, no other agency or organization is placed and able to react with even half of the speed and capacity with which the NS reacted to the disaster.

All Emergency Management Stakeholders in Nigeria are now willing to partner with the NRCS. NEMA has signed an MoU with the NS and donated a fully equipped ambulance to herald this partnership.

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