

UGANDA RED CROSS SOCIETY

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4th QUARTER PROGRESSIVE REPORT 2008

Overview:

Mbarara Branch is one of the 49 countrywide networks of Uganda Red Cross Branches.

During this quarter the institution has continued with the implementation of the core activities of the Society as well as other priority activities with in our district.

A wide number of the activities both planned and unplanned were carried out though challenges faced the Branch during the quarter.

Account Number 0140053003601 Stanbic Bank.

Statement of affairs as at Dec.20 ,2008	Ug. Shs.	Cash request	Amount
Accumulated funds:			
Opening balance as at Oct.1, 2008	5,429,576	Forecast expenditure for the next quarter	8,220,000
Total receipts	32,106,726	Fore cast expenditure of the first month	2,740,000
Total payments	24,559,226	Expenditure of the following months	5,480,000
Cash at Bank already committed	7,547,500	Plus	
Closing balance as at Dec. 20, 2008	7,547,500	Cash committed at Bank committed	7,547,500
Present by: Stanbic Bank Ltd Mbarara Branch		Total cash request	15,767,500

Account Number 010200851577500 (Standard Chartered Bank)

Statement of affairs as at 20 Dec. 2008	Ug. shs	Cash Request	Amount
Accumulated funds		Forecast expenditure for the next quarter	5,500,000
Opening balance as at Oct. 1, 2008	2,554,697	Fore cast expenditure of the first month	1,833,334
Total receipts	13,487,723	Expenditure for the following months	3,666,668

Total payments	13,487,723	Cash request	
Cash at bank already committed	2,000	plus	
Closing balance as at march 20, 2008	2,000	Cash committed at bank	2,000
Presented by: standard chartered bank Ltd		Total cash request	5,542.000

Summary of achievements:

- Tracing
- First Aid training and services
- Blood donor recruitment and mobilization
- Women and youth projects
- Dissemination and membership recruitment
- Road safety activities
- Disaster preparedness and response
- Local resource mobilization activities
- Monitoring and evaluation

Overall Goal:

Build and strengthen Branch capacity, youth and volunteer management and community development to improve the lives of the vulnerable:

Objective1. Strengthen the capacity of Branches for effective and efficient service delivery.

Activity: Construction of Shopping mall.

The Branch project of building shopping mall is still going on well. The construction is now at the ground floor. It is hoped that the Branch will be able to complete the construction such that her capacity of locally generated revenues can be improved hence self-capacity sustainability.



The focal person in Red Cross T-shirt supervising
The construction of the shopping Mall

Activity: Canteen operational:

The operational of the canteen is still moving on. The structure is ok and the extension has been done to allow further business conducive operations. This was brought about the increasing number of customers and the demand for different services by the community. The generated revenues have helped the Branch to inject in youth activities such as corporate league and exchange visits-therby involving the young people in service delivery and building the strong volunteer force that lead to the visibility of the organization and build the corporate image.

Activity: Hostel:

The functionality of this project is habitable due to attractive conditions. All the rooms are occupied. However, there is a challenge of need for renovation especially the wiring system which is on and off.

Activity: Wood lot:

The project still exists but slow due to its nature of maturity and limited market for tress. No trees were sold this quarter

Activity: Hiring of three offices.

This project is progressing although the space occupied by regional Red Cross offices has not been paid to date. Hopefully, the rent will be cleared in next quarter according to verbal promise from Regional Officers and Headquarters. Child Health Uganda paid in advance up to June 30, 2009.

Activity: Fundraising for Shopping mall construction.

In order to mobilize for the construction of the Red Cross shopping mall, the branch organized one training in First Aid which will take place in middle of February 2009. The funds will help the Branch to set up more second phase of shopping mall construction at Rwebikona. The capacity of the Branch in activity implementation has been geared by having local revenues and this has enabled the institution to meet 95 of Administrative costs.

Activity. Support to Ibanda Sub Branch

The funds for said has not been transferred to date. Presently, the institution is facing the problem of rent and focal person incentives. The branch is still waiting for positive response from twinning office to this effect. The Branch also is pursuing the land that was offered by District officials. This will be a land mark for institution development and formulation of visible focus for intensification of service delivery in the district. The comparative advantage of the institution will be realized if the sub branch succeeds in this initiative. It is also a request that the support for this sub branch be continued to address the unbecoming situation like malnutrition, HIV/AIDS, OVCS, and Malaria among others and improve the socio economic aspects to uplift and open the lives of the time.

Objective: 2. mobilization, Development and retention of youth as the most active volunteer force to respond to their vulnerabilities and needs of other people in the community.

Activity: Junior Youth Exchange visit.

Progressive primary school, 4stars primary school, St Boniface primary, Nyakayojo primary school, Booma Primary school, Kabateriene memorial primary school were hosted by Mbarara preparatory on 2nd December 2008 where they had debating competition. The theme of the competition was "Red Cross volunteer a future of tomorrow" Most of the pupils gained experience of understanding the challenges of young people while undertaking humanitarian work and improved on their expression of ideas while in public .

Activity: Senior youth Exchange visit:

. Mary Hill link visited Mbarara High school during the quarter. A total of 20 girls participated in the activity. The major activities carried out were dissemination and community service. During the visit, 15 youth were recruited (all males) as a result of dissemination. The link would like to have more social activities which engage youth especially in assisting the neediest.

Activity: HIV Exhibition

The branch conducted the HIV exhibition at Ntare school on 30th November, 2008 under the theme **“Healthy Relationship and HIV prevention Among the youth”** were by the following links participated: Mbarara High School, Ntare School, Nyamitanga secondary school, St Joseph Vocational school, Nyakayojo secondary school, Mbarara University, Ruharo Vocation training, Nyamitanga technical school, Clever land High school, Kakoba University and Kinoni girls. During the concert, three best schools i.e Ntare School was the first, Mary Hill Girls, the second and Nyakayojo took the third position. These schools were given special certificates of performance and the rest got the certificate of participation. During the function, the guest of honor was the Chairperson, Branch Governing Board Mbarara Branch who represented the President Rotary Club of Mbarara.



Nyamitanga technical link staging a song about the scourge of Aids in today's generation



Mary Hill staging poem about Aids



Nyamitanga secondary showing dangers of peer pressure

Activity: formation of youth links

The Branch registered 4 links i.e. 4 stars primary school, progressive primary school, Nyakayojo primary school and St. Boniface primary school). These links have functioning executive. The links conduct community services around their schools, drama and dissemination. The Branch is organizing an orientation about the roles and responsibilities of link leaders.

Activity: Meetings

The Board and Youth council sat once during the quarter to plan on how to strengthen the existing structures of the governance and proper implementation of policies.

Objective 3. Developing and implementing volunteer and membership management systems and raising quality of membership for improved productivity and self- sustenance.

Activity: membership recruitment.

During the quarter, the Branch recruited the following members

Life	11 members
Youth junior	222 members
Youth senior	81 members
Renewals	01 members
Annual	01 members

During the quarter a total of 316 members have been recruited coming to 1,255 members' i.e (517 life members, 700 youth members and 38 Annual members) in four quarters. The target was exceeded due to adequate mobilization, involvement and participation of the community in Branch activities.

Activity: Recruitment of volunteers:

This quarter, the Branch recruited 30 volunteers i.e. (males 10 and females 20). These volunteers are all professionals in different fields.

Activity: Dissemination

During the period of implementation, 18 dissemination sessions were conducted i.e. 4stars P/s, Progressive P/s, Nyakayojo Sec, Preparatory P/s, Nyamiyaga P/s, Ruharo vocation, Kakoba Institute Business, Ruti institute, Kent SS, Mbarara SS, Boma HS, Boma P/s, Uganda Martyrs P/s, Manji Memorial Academy, Katatumba M. A. Kashaka Girls and Ntare School. This resulted into 316 members being recruited and 4 links fully registered.

Objective 4: Empower communities for self-sustenance.

Activity: Community service:

This has been done in schools and communities especially in Katete Ward. 30 women together Red Cross volunteers participated in cleaning. The objective of activity was to improve hygiene and sanitation. This picture created good will among the community members and 23 people (12 females and 11 males) joined Red Cross as members and the promise was made by Local Council Chairperson to continue sensitizing people about disaster mitigation.



Volunteers pose for a photo after community service at Katete community center

Activity: catering services:

The Rukokoma women group has continued implementing catering services in the community. The group has got new members from 20 to 30 members. All these, are engaging in the same activity. Due to the demand and efficient services, the group has acquired the market in the district and beyond. This has enabled the group to increase on income from 150,000/ per month to 400,000/. The income has been used in purchasing more catering equipment and investing in other projects like local chicken and heifer. However, the group is facing the challenge of training in catering services and leadership skills, financial management and report writing skills.

Activity: Heifer project:

This activity was carried out in Ibanda-Mabonwa women group. The group is still going on with this activity. The heifers are now 8 from the initial 3. Almost all the group members received a part from 2 members who will receive in near future. It was reported that 2 heifers died and there is need for compensation from the Red Cross. However, the group was advised to sit and device means of compensating the lost members.

Objective 5. To facilitate vulnerable groups in our community in improving their health status in order to reduce morbidity and mortality rates arising from common diseases and health emergencies

Activity: First Aid services and trainings

Mbarara Red Cross Branch in partnership with the district conducted first aid services at on December 1, 2008 at Booma ground during the International world Aids day. 200 casualties (90 males and 111 females) were attended to whereas on December 3, 2008, the Branch nursed 89 casualties during the International Disabled Day. The function took place at Booma ground in Mbarara. The Guest of Honor was His Excellence the President of Republic of Uganda. The Branch nursed minor injuries such as headache, dizziness due to over standing and hunger. No referral of any causality was made The Red Cross society Mbarara branch was invited to render First Aid services and highly recognized by the guest of honor.

The Branch carried out First Aid training at Katete community centre. During the training, 25 community people attended the training i. e (09 females and 15 males). It is hoped that the skills acquired will help them to overcome community emergencies



The Red Cross first Aid team together with the district healthy teams on world Aids day celebration in Mbarara district



The first Aiders attending to the causality that Hard collapsed On Dec. 3, 2008 during International Disabled day celebrations at Booma ground in Mbarara district.

Activity: Road Safety

This activity was done as per work plan and it took place in Rugazi Progressive School and Kabateraine primary school respectively.



Rugazi Progressive P/school performing a play about proper usage of road signs especially zebra crossings.

Activity: Blood Donor Recruitment

This activity was done at a slow rate due to lack of support. However, it has been integrated in other activities especially youth and volunteer management activities since they are the most active driving force in donating blood. At the time of report writing, the Branch was unable to obtain the blood units collected during the quarter. It is hoped that the Branch will give the collected blood units next quarter 2009.

Activity: Painting of Zebra Crossing

The Branch repainted one zebra crossing along the Mbarara University High Way. Seven volunteers participated with the help of Mbarara Traffic police. The objective of the activity was to minimize road accidents along the high way especially children who are the most vulnerable.

Objective 2: Strengthen community resilience and institutional capacity to respond and reduce the impact of disasters.

Activity: Sensitization of Cholera in Nakiivare refugee settlement

The branch has tried her level best to save the lives of the most vulnerable people. 45 volunteer have participated in food distribution and cholera sensitization in Nakiivare refugee settlement



Red Cross volunteers displaying posters about cholera in Nakivale camp



Red Cross volunteers carrying out sensitization about cholera in Nakivale camp

Activity: Distribution of T-shirts:

The Branch distributed 50 T-shirts to volunteer that are participating in refugee operation. This acts as a motivation to volunteers and visibility of the organization.

Activity: Tracing

The Branch distributed 385 RCMS cases in Nakivare Refugee settlement this quarter 2008 and only 56 replies were made and sent to the Head quarter.

Activity: Dissemination session on tracing:

Activity: Disaster Assessment

The Branch conducted one assessment about the cholera out break in Nakivale refugee settlement and other tracing needs. The report was sent to Headquarters DM department for action. The Branch received the reply and some of the contents are being implemented.



B F C sensitizing refugees on tracing needs in Nakivale Refugee settlement

Activity: Tree planting:

The central link has come up with an initiative of conserving the climatic charges and protecting the environment through tree planting. This quarter the link planted 120 pine trees coming to 500 trees.



The Red Cross volunteers Jacket emphasizing on tree spacing for good yields

Activity: Radio call Management training

The Branch hosted the Radio call training which attracted the six Branches in Mbarara region. The branches which participated include the following: Kabale, Kisoro, Rukungiri, Ntungamo, Bundibugyo and Mbarara. 14 people attended the training whose main objective was to acquire skills and knowledge in communication. The training was held at Wasteland Hotel from December 5-7, 2008.



The instructor showing the participants the distance of holding the VHF radio call

Activity: Emergency response activities:

The Red Cross Action Team has responded to some emergencies especially in road accidents when the vehicle overturned in Ruti Kabaale-Mbarara road. Six people were injured and the Red Cross Action Team rescued them and took them to the Mbarara University Teaching Hospital for more treatment.

The Branch has also carried out 21 meetings during the Cholera outbreak in Nakivale Refugee settlement with all partners on best practices to employ in order to rest the situation. The team is busy sensitizing the community. Over 53 cases have been confirmed since 28th November 2008 and 12 new cases were identified in Kabahida and Juru zones. The MSF is handling the situation medically and the Red Cross is working with her and other agencies to arrest the situation in sensitization. 4 community sessions were carried out in Kasharazi in Mbarara Municipality where 2 people were rushed to Mbarara Hospital vomiting and were suspected to be suffering from cholera. The diagnosis revealed that he was suffering from dysentery. The team did their best to arrest the situation and now the hygiene and sanitation is ok. No any cases of this nature have been reported.



BFC, Mr. Richard Nsubuga(in red cross reflector) together with RCAT carrying out cholera sensitization in Nakivale Refugee

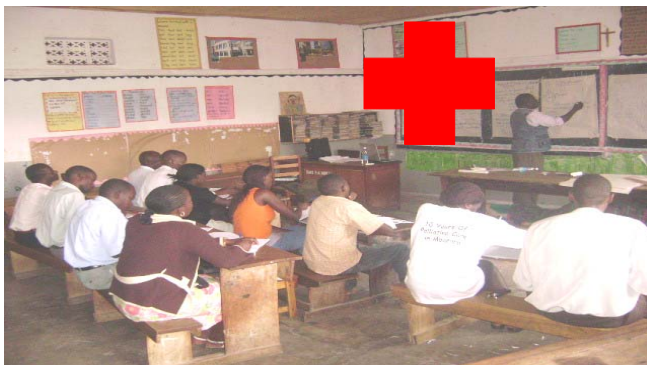
The Branch registered 40 unaccompanied minors in Nakivale refugee settlement and helped who had come without the parents, later, the parents came and they were reunited.

Tree planting has been going on to achieve the objective of go green belt. This is a project of Red Cross Action Team which is implementing with 10 schools in Mbarara Branch. Since the inception of this activity, over 6,000 trees have been planted. This has created a sense of belonging among the community. It is hoped that this is one ways of preparing for climatic hazards.



Youth volunteers ready for tree planting at Progressive Primary school being guided by Alex Kamukama (in T-shirt)Member

Dissemination sessions have been going on in the communities focusing on principles of The Red Cross and identifying community needs, identifying and planning with the community on how to minimize/eradicate unbecoming situations that would be negative to their lives and environment. Such negative forecast events as floods, drought, heavy winds, lightening and thunderstorms, cholera, malaria among others. These sessions have led the community to change drastically of behavior as evidenced in reducing cutting of available trees, replanting trees, making phone calls when emergencies occur among others.



Students of Bishop Stuart University listening carefully during dissemination session at Kakoba Training Hall

The Branch participated in radio awareness talk show. It was presented on 11/ 11/2008 at Great African Radio. The objective of the session was to sensitize the public about how to be prepared and respond to any emergencies. This was positive due to number of callers calling in that were received during the presentation to understand more about kind of disasters in their area.

The Branch carried out assessments on fire out break in Kakoba zone on 1/10/2008, cholera assessment on refugees from Congo, Cholera/dysentery assessment in Kashanyarazi and hailstorm in Mwizi parish. The reports were sent to Kampala DM department for action but up to now the Branch is still waiting for any response. Apart from Refugee operation, some of items as were received.

Orientation of RCAT; this was done in preparation for all these interventions. The information collected was/is analyzed and used for concept paper development and proposal writing. The recent one is starting a Pre Hospital Injury Control Center in Mbarara Branch/Region. This is proposed to be accompanied with purchase of 2 ambulances and training Rapid emergency response Team, installing of free toll land line among others. These works and activities have been contributed by having RCAT in place which is professional.

Mobilizing support for malnourished children: the Red Cross action team together with Danish volunteers has mobilized support for malnourished children in Mbarara University referral Teaching Hospital. The Team mobilized 20 kg of sugar, 20 clothes for children, 16 loafs of bread and assisted the poor and sickly children. These items were donated by Mr. Edgar and Company- a businessman in Mbarara Town. The Branch has also collected data on malnutrition which will be used in proposal development in conjunction with Child Health Uganda and Mbarara University Community Health department.



Some of beneficiaries of locally collected items from community by RCAT at Nyamitanga Moslem community center. Over 40 orphans were assisted.

Objectives: Administration:

To ensure smooth running of all activities through an efficient and effective administration.

Activity: Payment of Salaries:

Salaries for support staff have been paid to date.

Activity: Payment of other operation bills

Water, electricity, postage and other operational bills were paid to date.

Activity: Monitoring and supervision

The BFC visited Katoma youth group, Rukokoma Women group and Rwarire women group. In these places, there is conflict of interest and roles about the group dynamics and the functionality of the structures. The Branch was able to meet them and resolve the issues. The atmosphere is now okay though closer monitoring is needed.

Other places visited included: Nyamitanga, Kabaterine, and Kabingo. The groups are active but lack leadership skills. The Branch will look at some possible areas where it can intervene to improve on existing leadership structures.

Progressive in implementing the work plan**The overall goal:**

To enhance the capacity of the Branch to effectively and efficiently implement Uganda Red Cross activities.

Activity	Performance indicator	Planned out come	Actual out come	Comment and variances
Objective I: Improve the Health status of Vulnerable and affected communities by reducing morbidity and mortality arising from common diseases and Health emergencies.				
First Aid Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. First Aid services conducted. • No. of pple attended to. • No. Occasions held • No. of volunteers participated. 	02	02	Target achieved because these were the only functions held
First Aid training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of participants attended. • No. of trainings held 	01	01	funds received and people available
Road safety awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of schools reached • No. of children sensitized • No. of posters distributed. 	04 700 02	04 500 None	Volunteers participated but target not achieved due to tight school schedule
Objective 2: Strengthen community resistance and institutional capacity to respond and reduce the impact of disasters.				
Tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. RMS received • No. of RMS receive, distributed • No. of replies received 	385 385 56	56 08 08	Target not achieve due to lack of funds and transport problem.
Objective 3: Building and strengthen Branch capacity, youth and volunteer management and community development				

to improve the lives of Vulnerable.				
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of meetings held No. of pple attended Minutes produced. 	02	02	Members responded because there was need.
Distribution of T-shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of T-shirts made from within the Branch distributed No. of people received T-shirts 	50	50	Target achieved because t-shirts were enough.
Distribution of Gum boots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of gum boots distributed 	20	20	Target achieved because they were available
Dissemination and membership recruitment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of dissemination sessions held. No. of pple recruited by age and sex and type of membership. 	30	303	Not achieved target. However, dissemination sessions are going on up to 22 nd /12/2008. Perhaps the target will be achieved.
Give out certificates	-No. of pple received certificates by sex.	22	22	Target achieved
	-No. of certificates give out	22	22	
Objective: 4: To insure smooth running of all activities through an efficient and effective administration.				
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No. of quarterly meetings held -No. of pple attended. -Minutes produced. 	02	02	Members available and discussion held.
Salary payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No. of staff paid. -No of months paid. 	06	06	-achieved target due to availability of funds
Payment of operation bills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No. of operational bills paid by nature. 	02	02	Funds were available.

Lessons learnt:

Community engagement in the aspects that are related to the community disaster preparedness is very important because it brings a strategy of being empowered to overcome any risks and hazard.

Community based volunteers are important resource for any community interventions. Having Standby volunteers for any emergencies is crucial as it helps for lessening human suffering.

Working together with other partners in community disaster interventions brings about fully resource utilization.

Raising resources locally is very helpful because it enhances the institution development.

Local resource mobilization must be taken as a priority as it strengthens further the implementation of activities and enhances the capacity building of the institution.

Networking and collaboration drive an extra mile in tackling the unfilled gaps in community intervention situations.

Challenges:

Below are the challenges faced during the quarter.

- Feedback from the assessment reports sent to the region and the Headquarter is also a challenge. This would be better to improve on our reporting procedures and quick response.
- Transport means leading to work on standstill.
- Inadequate funds to cater for the needs in the branch.
- Sourcing of funds to build the 2nd phase of Rwebikona shopping mall
- Office space occupied by the Regional officers has not been paid amounting to over 10 million.

Conclusions

The Branch has done her best in carrying out Humanitarian work as the report indicates. The support from the community, Board, Sister Organizations and the National Secretariat has facilitated the smooth running of activities during the quarter.

UGANDA RED CROSS SOCIETY
MBARARA BRANCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AS AT 20TH DEC. 2008.

STANIBIC BANK A/C NUMBER 0140053003601 MBARARA BRANCH

Item	Amount
Opening balance as at Oct. 1, 2008	5, 429,576
Health and Care(Regional)	6,967,500
BYC orientation(Regional)	2,650,000
BGB orientation(Regional)	3,031,750
EPR(Branch)	450,000
DYV GPRS connection (Branch)	320,000
Immunization (Branch)	7,547,500
DM radio training(Regional)	4,565,000
F/Aid (Branch)	215,000
R/Safety(Branch)	660,400
OD monitoring(Regional)	270,000
Total	32,106,726
Expenditure as at Dec. 20, 2008 on A/C 0140053003601	
Health and Care (regional)	12,325,584
BYC orientation(Regional)	2,650,000
BGB orientation (Regional)	3,031,750
EPR (Branch)	450,000
DYV GPRS connection (Branch)	320,000
DM radio management training (Regional)	4,565,000
F/Aid (Branch support)	215,000
R/safety awareness	660,400
OD monitoring(Regional)	270,000
Bank charges	71,492
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	24,559,226

Explanation:

Balance at Bank as at Dec. 20, 2008 on A/C No. 0140053003601 Mbarara Branch is 7,547,500/ only. The Funds are meant for Immunization.

STANDARD CHARTERED BANK
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 010200851577500 INCOME AS AT DEC. 20,2008

Item	Amount
Opening balance as at October 1,2008	2,554,697
CHU Adm. Contribution	1,108,054
Rent Advance (CHU) up to June 30, 2009.	3,600,000
Hostel dues	732,000
Membership returns	293,000
Red Cross Canteen	200,000
Rental Advance for shopping mall	3,000,000
Loan for mall construction	2,000,000
Total income	13,489,723
Expenditure as at Dec. 20,2008 on A/C No. 010200851577500	
Electricity bills	863,565
Incentives for Branch support volunteers	1,500,000
Stationery	328,692
Meetings facilitation	158,400
Water bills	647,994
Office imprest	300,000
General repairs	100,000
Internet fee	400,000
HIV Youth Exhibition	308,600
Red cross Canteen funds passing on A/C	96,900
Cleaning and sundries	75,000
Support to Ibanda sub Branch (rent)	300,000
Perdiem	280,000
Shopping Mall construction	6,118,000
Volunteers incentives/day allowances	630,472
Official public transport	320,000
Ground rent for Kyahi Forest	111,500
Membership remittance to HQ	198,600
Mobilization	70,000
Loan servicing 15%	600,000
Field volunteers (Lunch)	50,000
Bank charges	30,000
Total expenditure	13,487,723

Explanation:

Balance on A/C No. : **010200851577500 as Dec. 20,2008 is 2,000**

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Approved by:

Treasurer/Chairman., Branch Governing Board.

SUBMITTED TO:

OD Mbarara Region.
Cc: OD HQ