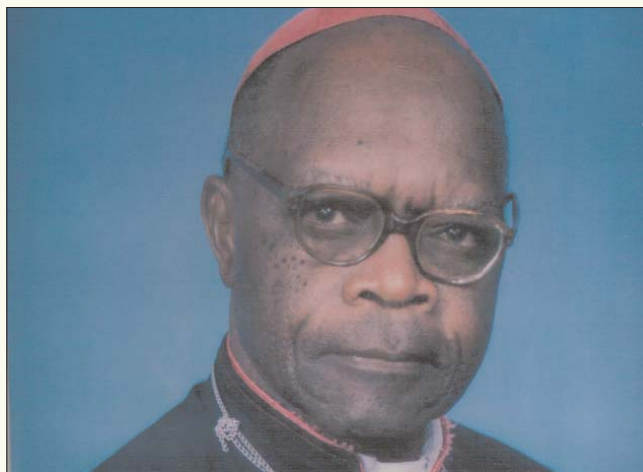


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Reaching the vulnerable wherever they may be



Our mission: To mobilise the power of humanity for improving the lives of the vulnerable in Uganda



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WHO WE ARE

The Uganda Red Cross Society is one of the leading humanitarian organisations in Uganda.

URCS' mission is to mobilize the power of humanity for improving the lives of the vulnerable in Uganda. The most vulnerable people are those who are at greatest risk from situations that threaten their survival and way of living in the community.

Uganda Red Cross Society has continued to grow over the years. The society also works with a number of partners in the execution of its mission. These include the Government of Uganda, United Nations Agencies, International funding agencies, corporate companies and sister National Societies.

URCS has over 150, 000 registered members and volunteers with one & half million beneficiaries to its interventions.

The Uganda Red Cross Society is the leading humanitarian organisation in Uganda that provides assistance without discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions.

It started off as a branch of the British Red Cross in 1941. In 1964 under an Act of Parliament, the Uganda Red Cross Constitution was adopted, bringing into existence what we know today as the Uganda Red Cross Society.

The Uganda Red Cross Society in 1965 was admitted as a member of the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC). The National Society is therefore a member of IFRC.

The International Federation, together with the National Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) make up the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The organization formulated a strategic plan which was aimed at strengthening further the decentralization process within URCS, re-defining the roles of the centre, building strong partnerships at local, national and international levels and strengthening programming and Monitoring and Evaluation further to enhance better performance.

We want to take URCS services where they are most needed and we hope this (Strategic Plan) implementation will help the Uganda Red Cross Society to build capacity in its branches and with this, a number of staff will be moved to branches.

In 2006, URCS was subjected to the SGS audit test and I am delighted to say that we managed to score impressively with 90.7% hence receiving a certificate of compliance for 18 months effective January 2007.

Our vision is to attract more professional volunteers in URCS so that the Red Cross assistance at the grass roots is strengthened.

We are grateful to our partners because the URCS budget for 2006 was the highest. If the pledges made by our partners are fulfilled, URCS will go a long way in achieving

its set objectives in all areas of operation.

I am happy to say that in 2006, two URCS members were elected to serve at the international level. I was elected the Chairman of the New Partnership for Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Africa (NEPARC) to serve for a four-year period.

Mr. Shaban Mawanda was elected to represent Uganda and Africa on Youth Commission in Geneva.

The same year, there were continued efforts to involve non Red Cross corporate bodies in supporting URCS activities. These included MTN, Barclays Bank and Standard Chartered Bank. These organizations have continued to support URCS initiatives.

URCS also assisted a number of internally displaced people in 2006 and I would like to thank volunteers in Gulu, Pader, Lira and Kitgum for their continued efforts in reaching out to the vulnerable.

In a special way I also wish to extend appreciation to the fundraising women volunteers who have tirelessly knocked the doors of all corporate in support of the local fundraising initiatives, such as the Red Cross charity dinner and Red Cross Golf tournament.



I wish to thank all partners and Friends of the Red Cross for your support, without which the work you see in this report wouldn't have been a reality.

As we start a new strategic plan for the next four years we call for more partnerships in order to realize our vision an empowered, healthy and self sustaining community that responds to the needs of the most vulnerable.

Tom Buruku
Chairman Central Governing Board



MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The year 2006 has been a success despite the challenges. The success we achieved resulted in attaining the highest score in the SGS NGO Benchmarking Certification award of 90.7% and recognition from Fritz Institute. My heartfelt appreciation goes to all Red Cross staff, volunteers, members and partners and above all the wise leadership of the Central Governing Board chaired by Mr Tom Buruku who is also chairman of the NEPARC.

2006 served as a concluding year for the implementation of the 2002-2006 Strategic Plan & at the same time opened a new chapter for URCS strategy 2010. The achievements & way forward highlighted in this report are part of the reflection of the concluded five- year Strategic Plan (SP).

In health care, Uganda Red Cross Society (URCS) has remained the leading provider of first aid & Blood donor recruitment (BDR) in the country. The new Strategic Plan (2007-2010) will roll out First Aid and Road safety activities to other branches especially those on high ways. The BDR has gone along way to keep low HIV rates among blood donors as low as 1.6 in 2006 compared to the National rates of 7%. As we start the new SP, we plan to increase the target to have more voluntary repeat blood donors.

In HIV/AIDS, the National Society has scaled up particularly in the area of Home Based Care and support to People Living with HIV &/ AIDS and orphans from 2 to 12 branches. URCS is commit-

ted at the end of SP 2010 to scale up awareness & education programs and to address the OVC challenge through our volunteer network to enhance community copying strategies.

Social mobilizations for Routine Immunization and mass campaigns have had direct impact on immunization coverage in Uganda. In the new SP, we plan to roll out activities to new branches/ districts particularly those with low immunization coverage and hard to reach communities.

The year 2006 was also a climax for our disaster response activities in Northern Uganda. URCS will, however, continue to build branch capacity in preparedness for disasters. In the new SP, we have re-positioned Northern Uganda Relief Operation (NURO) to support return and resettlement of IDPs in conjunction with Government and other partners to respond to the challenges in Northern Uganda through the PRDP.

Our unique family tracing service has continued to be available to deserving populations in Uganda including prisoners, unaccompanied minors and refugees.

Youth program has continued as the key vehicle for implementation of other Red Cross Programs. Youth were trained in HIV/AIDS, VCT, First Aid, leadership, entrepreneurship, dance and drama. In the new SP, we hope to complete the 2nd phase of the National Youth Training and Social Center so as to empower more youth. We hope to continue harnessing their potential to realize our mission. We hope to scale up their involvement especially

in HIV/AIDS programming and in community development.

A corporate fundraising policy was adopted in 2006 & other policies were revised including the branch, gender policies and the constitution.

These will go along way to enhance volunteer, branch and overall organizational development. Volunteers have continued to be a major pillar of Red Cross work in Uganda and I take this opportunity to salute all of them for the sacrifices they make.

In the new SP, we are combining Monitoring & Evaluation Unit with ICT to form a department that will ensure quality, measurable results and accountability. The new SP will also establish regional structures. New areas of programming will also evolve.

I wish to congratulate all Red Cross members, staff and volunteers for the achievements made in implementing the first 5 year strategic plan. Lessons learnt from our 5 year SP evaluation, have been used to forge a new direction for the next four years, up to 2010. To all our partners, we say thank you and hope to have even stronger partnerships and alliances as we aim to fulfil our mission



Alice Uwase Anukur



The year 2006 not only concludes implementation of strategic plan 2006 but also opens chapter for strategy 2010 through an evaluation

Improving the health of the most vulnerable

The goal of the Intergrated Health Programme (IHP) is to improve the health status of the most vulnerable people in Uganda by reducing morbidity and mortality from the common diseases and health emergencies.

Implementation of the IHP was guided by both the international and national policies which included the Federation Strategy 2010, ARCHI 2010, Millennium Development goals, the Uganda Government Health Sector strategic plan, HIV and AIDS National Strategic framework and the Ministry of Health (MOF) minimum Health Care package.

In partnership with the MOH and other stakeholders, community capacity building, networking, and participation were the key implementation strategies.

In 2006, the URCS partnership expanded through signing a memorandum of understanding with the Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC) for care and treatment of People Living with HIV and AIDS (PLHA) particularly among vulnerable communities the Society serves.

Other significant partnerships and coordination linkages towards health improvement have been with the Uganda Aids Commission, Uganda Blood Transfusion services, UWASNET and more so the MOH.

AIDS fight

Through the health programme, the Uganda Red Cross Society contributed to the fight against malaria, HIV and AIDS, promotion of road safety, first aid, hygiene and sanitation, provision of safe



PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE: Uganda Red Cross Society volunteers demonstrate the use of mosquito nets during one of the distributions. A total of 4,500 mosquito nets were distributed in 2006. water and blood donor recruitment.

New initiatives were registered in the areas of reproductive health, expansion of the water and sanitation activities and planning for the possible return, resettlement and recovery of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Northern Uganda.

Through the IHP, URCS continued to reach out to the most vulnerable in various parts of the country through her branches.



URCS involved in promoting road safety

In a bid to scale up the programme, First Aid TOT courses were conducted and community based First Aid volunteers were trained. First Aid was also provided at a number of public functions throughout the year. There was continued provision of First Aid services to primary schools and the general public in form of sensitization programmes and provision of care for casualties.

Technical and financial support was extended to the Disaster Management Programme in response to the cholera outbreak in Kitgum/ Pader -IDP camps, as well as Kampala in December 2006.

Intensive media campaigns on first aid and road safety were carried out mainly via radio, TV and Newspapers to educate the public and improve URCS' corporate image.



AT WORK: URCS Secretary General Alice Uwase Anukur paints a zebra crossing with Kampala youth during road safety week.

Key Achievements

- Provided First Aid/ Ambulance services at 23 national and 117 district functions and in the process, a total of 5,497 casualties were assisted and 74 serious cases referred to hospitals for further medical care.
- Trained 3,500 basic, 500 standard, 500 First Aid TOT, 1,000 First Aid at work-place and 100 road safety TOT were certified over the year.

- URCS conducted 90 road safety awareness sessions in primary schools resulting into a total of 12,549 school-going children sensitized in safe road usage.

- Provided First Aid to 3,478 casualties at the First Aid post in the Old Taxi Park in Kampala Central branch with 249 serious cases being referred to hospitals for further care.

- Provided technical support to Disaster Management Programme in response to the cholera outbreaks in Kitgum and Kampala.

- A total of 324 radio spots on road safety aired reaching an estimated 10 million listeners. Additional media campaigns were carried out in the Monitor Publication and on WBS Television.



Mobilising communities for blood donation

Blood Donor Recruitment (BDR) activities were implemented with the objective of facilitating the collection of safe blood for transfusion and reducing the spread of transfusion transmissible infections through blood. The activities were implemented according to the strategic plan.

Funding for the BDR activities was raised from several sources that included the Danish Red Cross and the Presidential (Bush) Emergency Plan For Aids Relief (PEPFAR) programme. URCS and Uganda Blood Transfusion Services jointly implemented the PEPFAR programme throughout the country.

However, the funding from



OUR RESPONSIBILITY: Student of Nakanyonyi Secondary School donate blood during an exercise organised by the society at their school.

PEPFAR was reduced to half of what was expected and this caused a setback to the programme.

Key Achievements

- A total of 48 staff acquired skills in blood donor mobilization and data col-

lection, while management was trained in the use of PDAs.

- URCS collected 104,346 units of blood from all regions throughout the year.

- The Society held 3,440 sessions with an average of 30 units of blood

collected per session.

- Carried out education and sensitization of approximately 844,036 people on blood, HIV and other TTIs.

- Carried out post donation counseling for 92, 245 blood donors through out the year.

- Formed 121 blood donor clubs and supported 34 of them.

- Provided funding and logistical support to branches for blood donor mobilization.

- Distributed different items such as T-shirts, caps, stickers, pens, notebooks and donor cards, as awards to continue donating blood.

- 197,749 condoms were distributed.



URCS collected 104,346 units of blood from all regions throughout the year

Happy living starts with good health

Community Based Health Care (CBHC) was implemented in five Red Cross branches namely; Kabale, Ntungamo, Bushenyi, Kampala East and Kampala South. Activities such as water sanitation, hygiene promotion and malaria control were implemented in each of the above-mentioned branches in an integrated manner using community-based approach. Both hardware and software aspects of these activities were implemented.

The versatile Participatory Hygiene And Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) dominated the implementation of the software part of the WatSan and Hygiene Promotion.

In addition, the CBHC endeavored to build capacity and facilitate the branches to implement component activities. Such activities included protection of water sources, distribution of Insecticide Treated Nets (ITN), Indoor Residual Spraying

(IRS) in institution and prone areas; and community sensitization on malaria control among others.

Key Achievements

- Trained 40 PHAST trainers/ Hygiene promoters.
- Trained 68 PHAST groups.
- Followed up 254 PHAST groups.
- Thirty springs were identified and prepared for protection.
- Thirty communities were sensitized about malaria control using video, radio talk and drama shows.
- Procured and distributed 1,000 insecticide mosquito nets.
- Carried out IRS in institutions and epidemic prone areas.
- Held 19 inter-agency meetings both at National and branch level.



HEALTH PROMOTION: URCS health volunteers sensitize residents of Kisenyi suburb in Kampala about sanitation and hygiene.



Psycho-social support key to positive living

Although a countrywide cause, activities in this component were implemented in 23 branches through support from a variety of partners:

- Norwegian Red Cross (Soroti and Kampala South)
- Irish Aid (Arua and Apac)
- Danish Red Cross (through development assistance for refugee hosting areas project) in Arua, Nebbi, Masindi and Hoima)
- Netherlands Red Cross (Kampala East, Luweero, Kitgum/Pader)
- Global Fund against AIDS, TB and Malarial (12 branches in the North and North East support to orphans and other vulnerable children).

The project interventions include among others psychosocial support, nutritional support, medical (referral and follow-up), memory work for Orphans and other Vulnerable Children (OVC) and general health sensitization through drama, radio spots, posters, brochures, TV, radio talk shows,



SHARING EXPERIENCE: A client gives his testimony during the mini World's AIDS Day commemoration in Acholibur IDP camp in Pader district.

community sessions, formation and support of positive living clubs. These interventions were implemented in line with the URCS strategic plan; National HIV& AIDS strategic plan among other guiding principles and policies, both National and International.

Key Achievements

Implementation of the major running projects was as follows:

- Formalised a mutual understanding with Joint Clinical Research Council which partnership helped URCS serve the majority of the vulnerable people living in remote areas.
- Actively participated in the commemoration of the World Aids Day and the

development of the country HIV strategic plan 2006/7 to 2011/12 and the general Society strategic plan 2007-2010.

- URCS provided psycho social support counseling and supplementary nutritional support to 3250 PLWHA and 2882 OVC. The support to OVCs has been mainly through scholastic support and follow up to ensure that OVCs continue in school.

- The Society also supported 540 families with OVCs with succession planning through memory work and will writing, and 120 OVCs with vocational skills.

- Provided support to 430 PLWHA with revolving funds for IGA to improve their economic well being.
- Helped 3,245 people in the difficult to reach areas to access VCT services through the support of the static VCT sites to conduct outreaches especially to the IDP camps and refugee hosting areas.



Immunization can reduce deaths

URCS as one of the major stakeholders in the campaigns for routine immunization was able to implement immunization activities in four Red Cross branches namely Katakwi, Pallisa, Mbarara and Bushenyi. In this exercise, the Branch Field Coordinators (BFCs), Immunization Focal Persons (IFPs), the trainee sub county coaches and parish volunteers worked closely with other stakeholders in their respective districts.

House to house visits were conducted to relay messages and remind parents about routine immunization. Coordination was improved between the community and health workers, as volunteers provided a forum for understanding the roles and responsibilities of health workers. The programme successfully

implemented mass immunization against measles in all the four branches.

Key Achievements

- Over 5,000 households were reached through the house-to-house visits to relay immunization messages.
- A total of 25,000 children below the age of five were registered for easy monitoring of their immunization schedules.
- Successfully implemented mass immunization against measles up to an average of 86% in the four branches.
- Provided logistical support of five vehicles that were stationed at branches to ferry vaccines to the immunization centers during the mass measles campaign.
- Supported six drama groups



The Secretary General, Ms Alice Uwase Anukur, immunizes a child during one of the mass campaigns for immunization. 84% coverage was attained in the targeted districts.

to convey the immunization message through entertainment.

Since May 2004, URCS has been involved in the mobilisation of communities for routine immunisation.

Working through a network of community-based volunteers, thousands of mothers are always persuaded to take their children for immunisation. This has greatly reduced cases of immunisable diseases.



URCS improving the lives of the most vulnerable

URCS in collaboration with the Danish Red Cross (DRC) implemented the Development Assistance for Refugee hosting Areas Programme (DAR) under the general framework of the national DAR programme under the Office of the Prime Minister.

This project is part of the government strategy and operates in four districts. These are; Masindi (Kiryandongo sub county), Hoima (Kabwoya, Kyangwali sub counties), Nebbi (Zeu, Kango, Erusi sub counties), Arua (Madi, Okollo and Uriama sub counties); and aims at improving the standards of living of the communities in refugee hosting areas.

DAR's major objective is to strengthen government and community institutions so that refugees and nationals, particularly women, are able to play a greater role in identifying and realizing their own development agendas.

The project also looks up to increasing household and communal resources in the target areas, by providing beneficiaries with skills and resources that serve to reduce poverty and foster durable solutions to their social and economic needs. A baseline survey was conducted to generate data on households in refugee hosting areas and to guide implementation and provide benchmarks for the project.

Achievements

- A three-day refresher-training workshop was held for 32 traditional birth attendants.



URCS team monitoring one of the springs constructed under DAR Project in Okollo SC.

- A total of 3,200 ITNs, eight Hudson humps, 100 sachets of ICON, and four generators were procured and distributed as malaria control materials.
- Eighty-eight community sensitization and awareness sessions on HIV and AIDS were conducted in churches, market places and community meetings.
- A total of 1,954 clients were tested for HIV and AIDS as a result of 39 VCT outreach sessions conducted.
- 500 PLWHA were trained in advocacy, public speaking and income generation for better advocacy and financial management.
- Home and individual hygiene was improved by providing 500 PLWHA project beneficiaries with household kits containing mosquito nets, blankets, basins, soap, towels, cups and plates.

- One hundred home care facilitators were trained and facilitated with bicycles, rain gear and gum boots.
- A total of 160 OVC were provided with scholastic materials, which included a pair of uniform, books, mathematical sets, school bags, pencils and pens.
- Produced and distributed blood donation IEC amounting to 30,000 leaflets and 5,000 posters.
- Eight drama groups were formed and trained in social mobilization skills.
- Sixteen PHAST groups were formed as a result of 176 PHAST sensitization sessions. conducted at district, sub county, parish and village levels.
- A total of 3,200 households have access to safe and clean water as a result of 10 shallow wells that were constructed and six spring wells protected.



HR: Helping staff develop their skills

In 2006, the department recruited new staff members at both management and board level; implemented board resolutions of transfers of branch staff; supported staff in developing their skills to attain the required competences; oriented new staff members to get acquainted with the URCS principles, operations, and management guidelines.

Recruitments

A total of 20 staff were brought on board including Branch Field Coordinators (BFCs), Field Project Officers (FPOs), Assistant Health Programmes Officer, Deputy Secretary General (DSG) and Blood Donor Recruitment Officers (BDRO).

Transfers

As a new policy, transfers of field staff were executed starting with the central region. However, three resignations were registered. These included the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and the Public Relations Officer. In their free time, these staff support URCS as volunteers.

Staff Development

URCS through the HR/ADMIN Department supported staff members to further develop their skills and competencies in their respective areas of expertise. Several staff were facilitated to attend seminars, workshops and trainings both local and International.

Logistics Department

- Support to programmes for effective service delivery

Logistics department reaped successful implementation of activities with the planned targets met and additional unplanned activities carried out. The department coordinated procurement of goods, services and works for all programmes, ensuring value for money in a fair competitive and transparent manner. Emphasis was also put on operationalising new procurement guidelines.

The warehouse improved its system of accountability for receipt, storage, dispatch and reporting on all items under warehouse custody. Warehouse guidelines were also developed and are being adhered to.

The transport section greatly improved its performance through management and control of the fleet such as maintenance of a high level of fleet serviceability and adherence to standard preventive service schedules in order to maintain constant readiness to meet the transport requirements of the society.

Key Achievements

- A successful pre-qualification exercise was done and all planned procurements cleared.
- Three independent stock audits were carried out and recommendations implemented.

- Developed a new procurement and warehouse guidelines, which were adhered to and put into operation.
- Maintained an updated inventory for fixed assets for both the headquarter and branches.



HR: Mrs. Esther Sekiziyivu

- Provided an efficient system for storage, receipt, dispatch, verification and reporting on all items in the warehouse custody.
- Completed wiring of the warehouse to install email services.
- Three Land Cruisers and two Toyota Double Cabin Pick-ups were bought.
- Improved billing system for usage of motor vehicles due to regular checking of logbooks and vehicle pool vouchers.

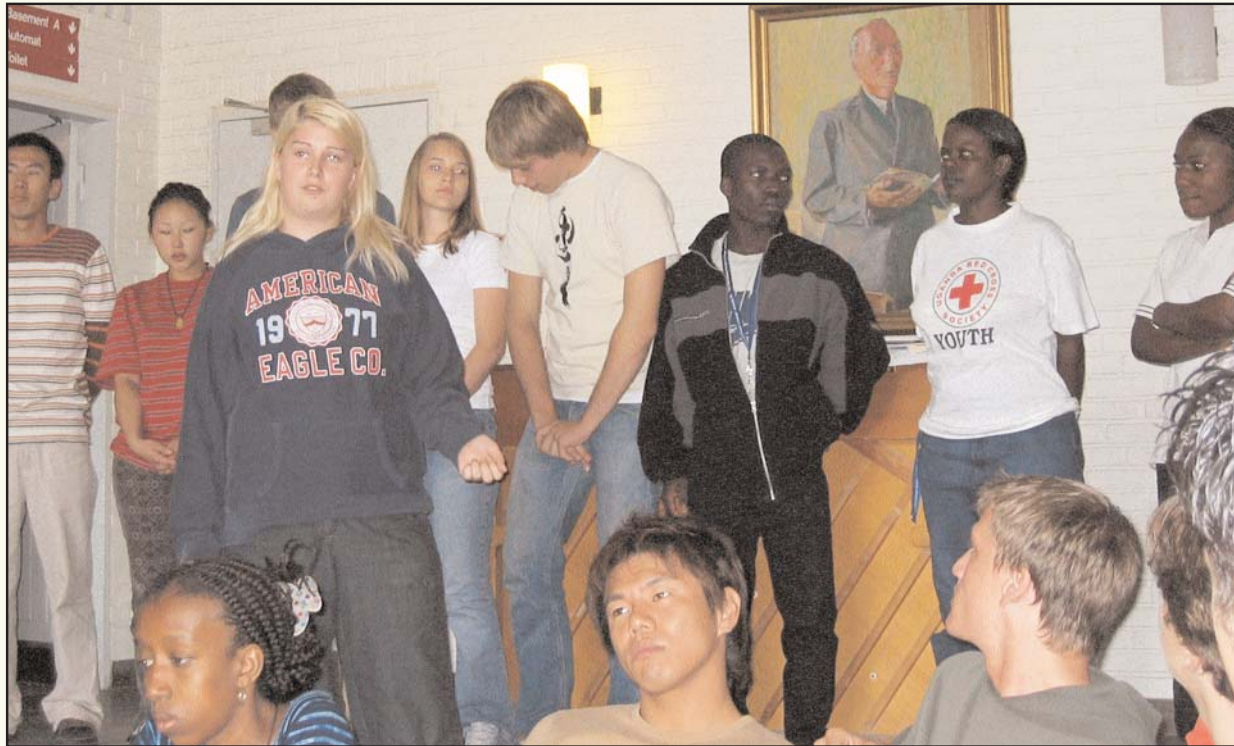


Strengthening the capacity of youth as volunteers and leaders

The youth programme carried out a series of activities that helped to spread the Uganda Red Cross Society ideas and principles. Being the most active volunteer resource group, the youth programme has been able to recruit a registered membership of approximately 155.5% more than the planned target for the year.

Hope for young people with the construction of NYTSC

Development of a National Youth Training and Social Center (NYTSC) commenced, with the construction of a 56 bed-capacity hostel in Mukono branch up to roofing level. This was done with support from the Norwegian Red Cross. The activity has been decentralized to Mukono branch and is



TEAM BUILDING: URCS youth-Dorothy Namukasa (R), Sarah Agwere (2nd R) and Chris Oyergiu (3rd R) during an exchange programme in Denmark.

aimed at enhancing both youth empowerment and income generation.

Youth Exchange programme-Beyond the borders

Four youth volunteers (two males and two females) participated in the International

Youth Exchange programme in Denmark. On return, they implemented a follow-up youth leader project in four URCS branches. Consequently, the programme through its partnership with the Danish Red Cross Youth supported six branches of Hoima, Tororo, Jinja, Mbarara, Kampala East and Masindi to host eight Danish youth volun-

teers (three females and five males) for four months. The programme included community development, health related activities, youth and volunteer development and branch capacity building.

A total of 78 youth leaders participated in an exchange programme with Rwanda and Kenya Red Cross Societies; twinned branches sent youth to their twin partners in Sweden.

Experience, knowledge and skills acquired have contributed to new youth initiatives and branch volunteer development.

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Helping the youth realise their potential

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Key Achievements

- Construction of a 56-bed capacity hostel at the NYTSC commenced as part of the big youth centre master development plan.
- Eighty-four youth volunteers and leaders participated in the International Youth Exchange Programme with DRC, SRC, Rwanda and KRC Societies.
- A total of 5,400 new youth members were recruited with 2,617 (48.5%) female, 2,783 (51.5%) males and 6.4% professionals.
- Ninety-two new youth links were registered, oriented and are actively involved in URCS activities.
- Twelve branch Music, Dance and Drama (MDD) and sports initiatives were supported to carry out community sensitizations on community challenges mainly HIV and AIDS prevention, malaria control, hygiene and sanitation, blood donation and road safety.
- The programme decentralized approximately 70% of its activity implementation to branches.



URCS youth during an exchange programme in Denmark.

hes of Entebbe, Mukono, Bushenyi, Arua, Kampala West, Jinja, Nebbi and Mpigi. A total of over 1500 youth who participated in the camps and shared experiences and knowledge on youth involvement in activities that support vulnerable communities to address their own needs. These have developed initiatives at community level to respond to vulnerability.

- Four NYC quarterly meetings were held with an average turn up of 85% of the member.

NYC and its executive have advanced youth concerns during their regional meetings. Policy, constitution, participation

and programme-issues have been addressed.

- Fifty-nine members of the BYC from 12 implementation branches were oriented on the URCS policies and systems to improve on their performance.

- Data bank has been developed for better management of volunteers and records. Two other volunteers have supported the programme.

- The annual newsletter strengthened the sharing of experiences, ideas and skills among the volunteers and members in the different branches.

- The programme procured one set of visual equipment to support the documentation and dissemination of programme activities.

- The NYC chairperson has become a key communication and resource line after his election to the International Youth Commission to represent the interests of young people of Africa region.



5,400 new youth members were recruited

URCS improves public understanding

Throughout 2006, the program worked to enhance knowledge and respect of IHL, Red Cross fundamental principles, the Red Cross Emblem and to maintain Red Cross values.

Preparing field staff for national elections

Training of disseminators at grass-roots level continued throughout the year in order to strengthen the dissemination function of the program.

In preparation for National elections, the programme with support from ICRC conducted a specialized orientation for all Branch Field Coordinators, selected service volunteers and board members to prepare them for any eventualities that could arise during the election period.

The topics tackled included: URCS standard operations procedure, and security guidelines, safe access model, fundamental principles made



YOU GET THE POINT? A URCS volunteer disseminates to residents of Luweero

practical and media relations during elections.

Enhancing public understanding of URCS mandates

The URCS' response to disasters such as the collapse of the City of the Lord Church building in Kalerwe on Wednesday 8th March 2006 that left several people dead, the fire that gutted Kabarole Islamic Primary and Secondary Schools on Friday 31st March 2006, generated

a lot of support from volunteers. The URCS personnel worked with the media to deliver timely and reliable information about the Society's response to these and other disasters.

Some key events on the URCS calendar such as the International Red Cross Day (8 May), World Aids Day (1 December), the MTN marathon, the Fundraising Golf Tournament, the mama bag distribution in Lira, the Fundraising Dinner Dance and Road Safety week provided more opportunities for creating awareness and understanding about URCS.

The programme personnel continued to work hard to create awareness and understanding of URCS activities at local, national and international levels. The URCS website www.redcrossug.org was used as a communication channel to the outside world providing timely

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Dissemination activities intensified

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and accurate news and reports about the Society's activities. Information was shared with sister National Societies via email and the bi-weekly updates to FedNet, the International Federation's extranet that enables National Societies to share information on a broad range of topics.

There was good partnership with the media and public support in URCS service delivery.

Key achievements

- Conducted specialized orientation sessions in different parts of the country.
- Conducted specialized dissemination trainings for western (in Fort Portal) and north-western regions (in Nebbi) in collaboration with ICRC.
- Carried out dissemination through spot dissemination sessions, customized dissemination sessions, during activities like relief distribution, and through the media totaling to 2,514 sessions and



HEAR THIS: Some of the dissemination activities going on in different parts of the country.

90,030 people reached.

- Established and supported two drama groups in Gulu and Nebbi to develop plays on the role of the Red Cross in the community and the plight of orphans within the community. This has generated positive attitude in the community.

- Produced 'The Partner', a brief newsletter of partnership meeting that took place at Hotel Africana on November 15th, 2006.

- Made efforts to share information with sister national societies in the East African region through email communication, contributing to the Nairobi "Bi-weekly", and ARCHI update.



URCS prepares communities for disasters

The programme put more emphasis on preparedness and mitigation activities in 2006. This put into practice the ancient saying that prevention is better than cure. As a step towards mitigating disasters, communication systems were improved by computerizing the telephone system with a new PABX system. In addition, some branches were connected to the Internet while others were provided with heavy duty batteries, and 10 Motorola GP. Today, 14 out of 15 base stations are functional.

Timely response to fire outbreak in Kabarole

On March 31, the Uganda Red Cross Society volunteers were thrown into action as fire gutted Kabarole Islamic Primary and Secondary School. URCS mobilized the Red Cross Action Team (RCAT) of 30 members that rushed to the scene to put out the fire and provide first aid services to the victims.

Fast response to collapsed church in Kalerwe



RELIEF: Some of the Mama Bag Kits that were distributed in Amuria District.

The City of the Lord Church collapsed as worshippers attended a conference of Born again pastors. This was after a heavy down-pour in most parts of Kampala on March 8. URCS volunteers formed part of the rescue team that included the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Mulago Hospital and the Uganda Police. The volunteers who worked late into the night managed to rescue and evacuate 90 casualties to Mulago Hospital.

Driving cholera out of Kampala

For about 10 weeks since early November, many parts of

Kampala were hit by the cholera epidemic, with the most vulnerable people being the urban poor who live in slums. In an effort to reach out to these people, the programme distributed items such as soap and Oral Rehydration Salts to people in slums like Namuwongo, Banda, Katwe, Mengo Kisenyi, Kawempe, Kawala, Bwaise, Nakawa Market, Kalerwe, Naguru and Bukoto. In addition, the programme trained and facilitated 600 volunteers to sensitise and mobilize communities on proper hygiene practices.

Hosting the Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) training

In 2006, Uganda hosted the Eastern Africa Regional Disaster Response Training (RDRT) organized by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies (IFRC) annually. A two-week training that took place at the Speke Resort Hotel in Munyonyo, Kampala in November and December 2006 attracted 39 participants from Ethiopia, Tanzania, Sudan,

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Preparedness through communication infrastructure

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Kenya and Uganda.

The participants gained skills in disaster assessment, development of appeals, and determination of damage, needs assessment, and management of displaced / affected people in the initial emergency phases of disaster.

In 2006, the greatest challenge faced was inadequate funds to implement Community Based Disaster Management activities in the branches. In the future, the programme will lay emphasis on networking for better results.

- Communication systems were improved by computerizing the telephone system with new PABX hence enabling branches with Internet to access and exchange information in a timely manner.

- Five branches were provided with heavy-duty batteries, 10 Motorola GP, 40 batteries for the handsets



COMMUNITY SENSITIZATION: URCS volunteers sensitize residents of Kisenyi about the cholera threat.

were procured, bringing the number of operational handsets to 24.

- Kasese and Bundibugyo branches acquired safe and clean water. Five water sources were protected and four shallow water sources devel-

oped technical support from the headquarters.

- Humanitarian assistance was extended to 120 Ugandan pastoral families who had illegally settled in Virunga National Park in DRC and were evicted by the National Park Authorities and to 503 households affected by floods in Eastern Uganda.

- During the cholera epidemic that broke out in Western Uganda and Kampala City, URCS was on hand to create awareness, provide emergency ambulance services, provide essential items such as soap, and ORS using the community based volunteer network.

- URCS provided 21,200 essential household items, Mama Baga, sanitation facilities, digging tools, and seeds in the districts of Amuria, Lira, Kitgum, Pader, Oyam/Apac, which improved on people's lives of up to 50,000 returnees.



URCS assisted 50,000 households through the emergency response programme 17

Enhancing branch capacity for effective services

The programme's overall goal was to enhance the capacity of branches to effectively and efficiently implement Uganda Red Cross programmes and activities. The programme owes the successful implementation of most of its planned activities to the Lake Victoria Programme (LVP), Swedish and Norwegian Red Cross, DFID and SIDA funds received during the year.

Networking with sister National Societies

The programme hosted a three-day Local Capacity Building Network Forum that attracted 32 delegates from Red Cross / Crescent Societies from Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Seychelles, Eritrea, Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi, Mauritius, and Ethiopia. The Forum enabled the Societies to share experiences, formulate common strategies in activity implementation and devise means of improving the Organization Development networks in the



SERVICES IMPROVED: URCS and Government officials lay a foundation stone for the Lira Branch offices. region.

During 2006, the programme also participated in the LVP Regional Conference in Nairobi to discuss issues such as the role of the Red Cross in regional fora like the East African Community, expectations from Swedish Red Cross and SIDA and the role of ICRC in implementation of activities in LVP areas with delegates from sister National Societies.

Two twinning seminars were conducted where representatives from the branches of Mityana, Entebbe, Kampala West and North, Gulu and the LVP of Busia, Kalangala, Mukono, and Rakai attended. The seminars, which were attended by delegates from Swedish Red Cross, emphasized harmony and cooperation in implementation of shared activities.

Encouraging development

Putting in place required institutional infrastructure and physical Red Cross centers remained a key priority in 2006. As part of the celebrations to mark the International Red Cross Day, former minister Jovino Akaki, who represented the Prime Minister, Prof. Apollo Nsubambi, laid a foundation stone on the newly commissioned Lira Branch offices. In the same light, the programme facilitated the Luweero, Soroti and Kampala East branches to complete their office and the Kamuli, Kampala Central and Kalangala branches to pay their rent.

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Networking improves at URCS branches

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Battling with storms, winds and poverty in the Lake Victoria Basin

Lake Victoria is one of the largest fresh water lakes in the world covering about 68,800 square km and sustaining the livelihood of over 30 million people. The people who live around the lake and who mainly earn their livelihoods from fishing and farming suffer from common problems like poverty, flooding, water borne diseases and lack of access to clean water. The Lake Victoria Programme was therefore initiated by the Swedish Red Cross in conjunction with SIDA to tackle these issues in the three East African countries.

In 2006, the programme empowered the community to predict, prevent and mitigate the impact of disasters through intensive risk-reduction sessions and provision of life jackets. A total of 207 life jackets were procured and distributed to the project branches.

In addition, several First Aid posts



TEAM BUILDING: One of the women volunteers groups in Soroti mobilizing and empowering the community.

equipped with RCAT volunteers and medical personnel and equipment such as stretchers, reflectors, and first aid kits have been distributed at a number of landing sites to respond to any emergencies on the lake.

All the branches were able to carry out most of their planned activities as a result of increased networking, fundraising and cooperation with stakeholders.

Key achievements

- The vacant positions of Branch Field Coordinators in Kitgum, Kumi, Kabong, Moroto and Mityana and those of ABFCs of Kampala South, Rakai, Ntungamo, Katakwi, Bundibugyo and Sironko branches were filled hence improving the performance of the branches.
- 99% of the branches held their Annual General Meetings (AGMs) with elections, which brought in new governing board members and branch youth

council executives.

- Improved networking systems for shared expertise information and cooperation with sister National Societies in East Africa through meetings and exchange visits.
- A total of 7,874 members were recruited into the Society. These included Life (901), Youth (5,400), Annual (866), Women groups (42), Youths links (92) and corporate (11).
- The Programme continued to put in place required institutional infrastructure and physical Red Cross centers. The renovation of Kampala South offices was completed while construction is ongoing for Kampala East, and Kitgum branches. The Luweero and Soroti centers were completed. This improved services to the people due to accessibility.
- The Lake Victoria projects managed to implement 80% of their targeted activities in line with their goal of improving the quality of life of the people in the Lake Victoria Basin particularly, the most vulnerable.



The sick and helpless need your support

The sound of music is echoed out of the small room adjacent to Bukoto Mosque, in Bukoto 1 zone, Kampala East Branch. The mood is somber and the rhythm moderately slow; as they relay a message about the reality of HIV and AIDS. However, the song takes a new twist and gains a faster rhythm and its all smiles as the beautiful voices are syncopated with high-tune drumbeats. In their song, the members of “Asiika Obulamu” Post Test Club express their gratitude to the URCS- HIV and AIDS Community Based Home Care project.

This project that has been implemented in the five Red Cross branches of Kabale, Ntungamo, Bushenyi, Kampala East and Kampala South has brought hope to the lives of many PLHA in Uganda.

URCS Home Care-based project targets young PLHA, orphans and other vulnerable groups of people. We have several clubs in the parishes. Our goal is to strengthen the coping capacity of young PLHA and OVC through a community-based psycho-social support and Home-based care.

Fear and loneliness surrounded Nabasumba Juliet, the Chairperson of “Asiika Obulamu” Post Test Club (PTC) when she discovered she was carrying HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. “I was scared of being rejected by my friends and family, so I isolated myself and let loneliness take over.” She narrates.

Fortunately, before the fear drove her to breaking point, one of the volunteers introduced her to the project at the end of 2006. The counseling she received made her realize that her life was far from over. “My life changed when I joined the Post Test club. I made many friends who made me realize that I was not alone anymore,” she said. Through the project, Juliet has managed to boost her business with the loans from the project, learnt how to make crafts and gained more practical knowledge on how to live positively with HIV and AIDS.

Two years ago, Sarah Namyalo and Rehema Batwawula of Bukoto I, Nakawa Division had lost hope when they discovered they were HIV positive. They were afraid of declaring their status publically. They thought their lives would soon come to an end and their families would be left hopeless. “The community at large would despise me; I would not move out of my house for fear of being cursed and rebuked,” Sarah confesses. “Nevertheless, since I joined the club I realized that I was not the only one and for once in my life I felt at peace with my self.”

She stresses that URCS has played a tremendous role in transforming

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HOPEFUL: Ms Nabasumba Juliet testifies about her HIV status during one of the activities of “Asiika Obulamu” PTC in Kampala East branch.



Reaching out to the vulnerable

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her into what she is now. “By being a member of the club, I am able to benefit from the URCS because I get some food for my family; I was also given a mosquito net,” she adds.

The club, with a total number of 114 members meets twice a week with various activities to carry out. “On Saturday, we make crafts and also get counseled; and on Sunday, we have music, dance and drama activities, and also visit each other to discuss issues to do with hygiene and nutrition among other things,” says Rehema. “I enjoy counseling sessions because they give me hope. I also thank URCS for the workshops from which we learn more on how to live positively.”

Byaruhanga Wilson, whose wife is also a member in this club laments about the benefit of having such a project. “It took a lot to convince me to join the club; my wife had to request the project Officer to intervene, but since I joined, I have gained hope of living longer and also been able to handle the problem of stigmatization”.

In the slums of Naguru II zone, is a group of Red Cross volunteers who

dedicate their time to taking the message of hope to the homes of PLHA. Armed with a Basic nursing kit containing plastic sheets, cotton swabs, painkillers, antiseptic, gloves, plasters, pens, notebooks and condoms, these volunteers commonly known as Home Care Facilitators move to different homes to provide counseling, basic nursing care and basic health education to PLHA, as well as their caretakers.

“Sometimes we have to treat bed sores, or even clean the person’s home,” Josephine Otema, the Volunteer Coordinator, Naguru II narrates. “Being a Home Care Facilitator is very taxing because there is an overwhelming demand for their services.”

Onyango Gorreti, a volunteer in the same zone revealed that many times she has had to leave her customers in the saloon unattended to in order to answer an urgent call by one of her clients.

“Because of the dedication and commitment I have towards helping the vulnerable, sometimes I have to cancel many important appointments to attend to a client who needs my help but isn’t going to pay me,” she narrates.



VOLUNTEERISM: Some of the Red Cross volunteers at a home of one of the People Living with HIV/AIDS.



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- Global Fund
- International Youth Foundation
- Uganda Youth Empowerment Alliance
- DFID
- ECHO
- African Union
- UNICEF
- DANIDA
- Development Cooperation Ireland
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Local Government
- Uganda AIDS Commission
- Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development
- Centre for Disease Control & Institute of Public Health
- NGO Forum
- Forum for People with HIV/AIDS

- AIDS Service Organisations
- Hope for African Child Initiatives
- AAB
- AAR
- Kobil
- KPMG
- Kyoto Restaurant
- Libra
- Lugazi Sugar
- AIG
- Africa Polysack Industries Limited
- Allied Bank
- Bank of Uganda
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- MTN Uganda
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- Mandela Auto Spares
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- Monitor Publications Ltd
- Motorcare
- Mowing Industries
- MFI Office Solutions
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- Multi-choice
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- Speke Group of Hotels
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- Standard Chartered Bank
- Serena Hotel
- Superwave
- Spear Motors
- Super FM
- Swedish Embassy
- Statewide Insurance Company
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- Shell Uganda
- SN Brussels
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- Lornho Motors
- Madelene
- Maersk Industries
- Mamba Point
- Media house (Print and Electronic)
- Tororo Cement
- Total
- The Surgery
- Kobil
- KPMG
- Kyoto Restuarant
- Libra
- Lugazi SugaTotal
- Orient Bank
- Pan African Insurance
- Uganda Breweries
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- Uganda Railways
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- Ministry of Gender and Social Development
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- Swedish Red Cross Youth
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- Coffee Development Authority
- New Vision
- House of Dawda
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- Danish Red Cross Youth
- UYANET
- Ministry of Gender

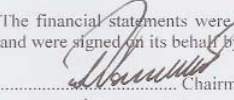


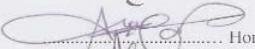
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THE UGANDA RED CROSS SOCIETY PROGRAMMES CONSOLIDATED FUND BALANCE AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006

	Note	2006 Ushs'000	2005 Ushs'000
Fund balance at 1 January		1,390,676	758,589
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		(281,238)	551,465
Annual release of capital reserves	17	24,992	24,992
Transfer of excess depreciation on revaluation	18	9,272	55,630
Accumulated Fund as at 31 December 2006		<u>1,143,702</u>	<u>1,390,676</u>
Represented by:			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and equipment	11	614,017	648,055
Prepaid operating lease rentals	12	<u>245,847</u>	<u>252,182</u>
		<u>859,864</u>	<u>900,237</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Due to/from programmes & staff	13	56,735	-
Working advances	14	344,147	216,230
Other receivables		12,841	1,141
Cash and bank balances	15	<u>1,285,449</u>	<u>1,617,080</u>
		<u>1,699,172</u>	<u>1,834,451</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other payables	16	(601,717)	(726,705)
URCS branches		(150)	(2,529)
Gratuity scheme	1(g)	<u>(407,610)</u>	<u>(174,657)</u>
		<u>(1,009,477)</u>	<u>(903,891)</u>
RESERVES			
Capital reserve	17	(238,966)	(263,958)
Revaluation reserve	18	<u>(166,891)</u>	<u>(176,163)</u>
		<u>(405,857)</u>	<u>(440,121)</u>
NET FUND BALANCE		<u>1,143,702</u>	<u>1,390,676</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Central Governing Board on 2007 and were signed on its behalf by:


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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UGANDA RED CROSS SOCIETY

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Uganda Red Cross Society which comprise the consolidated income and expenditure statement, consolidated fund balance for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes in respect of the twelve programmes listed on pages 2 to 3.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting set out in Note 1(a). This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatements; whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate for the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the twelve programmes as at 31 December 2006, and of the deficit for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting set out in Note 1(a) in the financial statements.


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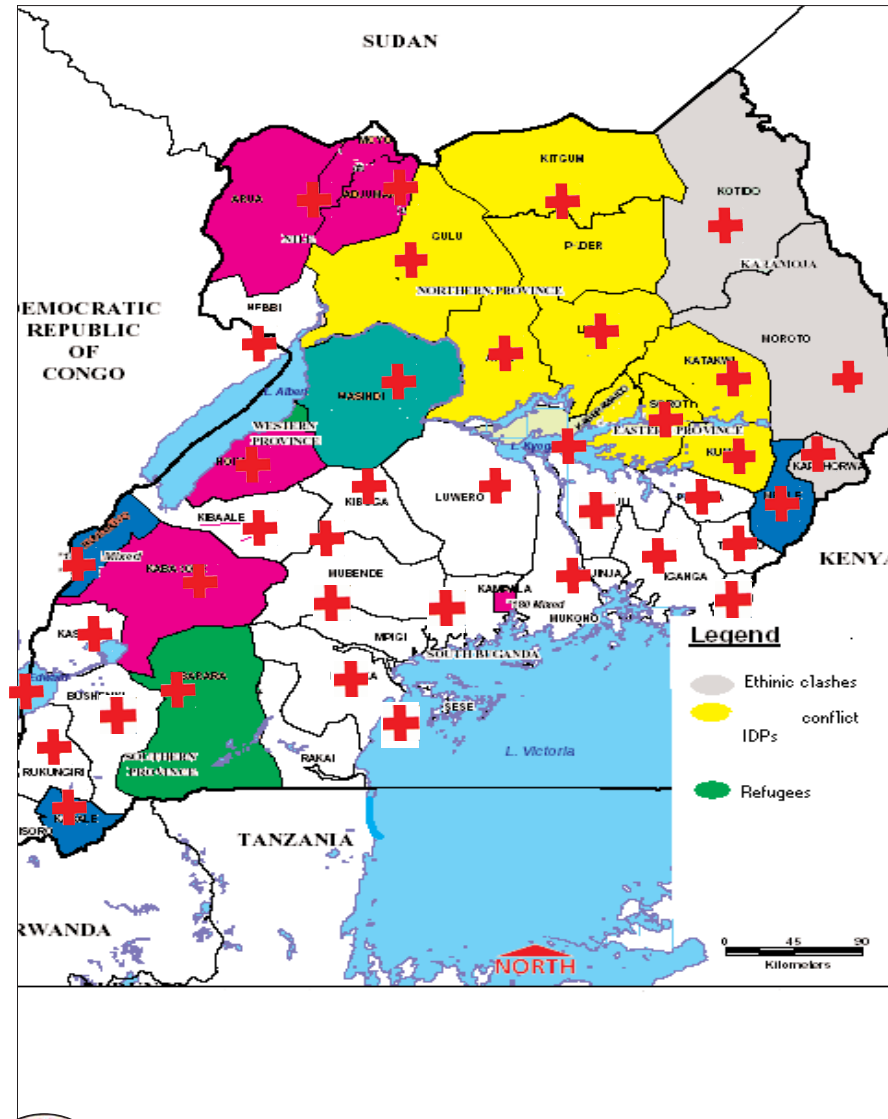
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Reaching the vulnerable wherever they may be

URCS COVERAGE



Acronyms

- VCT - Voluntary Counseling and Testing
- IEC - Information Educational and Communication materials
- PHAST - Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation for transformation
- FPO - Field Programme Officer
- BDRO - Blood Donor Recruitment Officer
- PRO - Public Relations Officer
- HR - Human Resource
- JCRC - Joint Clinical Research Council
- PLWHA - People Living with HIV/Aids
- IGA - Income Generating Activities
- BFC - Branch Field Coordinator
- DAR - Development Assistance for Refugee Hosting Areas
- DRC - Danish Red Cross
- TOT - Training of Trainers
- PEPFAR - Presidential Emergency Plan for Aids Relief
- CBHC - Community Based Health Care
- ITN - Insecticide Treated Nets
- IRS - Indoor Residual Spray
- OVC - Orphans and other vulnerable children
- IFRC - International Federation of the Red Cross
- ICRC International Committee of the Red Cross
- SG - Secretary General
- NGO - Non-governmental Organization
- SP - Strategic Plan
- BDR - Blood Donor Recruitment
- NURO - Northern Uganda Relief Operation
- IDP - Internally Displaced Person
- IHP - Integrated Health Programme
- ARCHI
- MOH - Ministry of Health
- KRC - Kenya Red Cross
- SRC - Swedish Red Cross
- NYTSC - National Youth Training and Social Center
- BFC - Branch Field Coordinator
- RDRT - Regional Disaster Respond Team
- RCAT - Red Cross Action Team
- LVP - Lake Victoria Projects
- ABFC - Assistant Branch Field Coordinator
- AGM - Annual General Meeting
- PTC - Post Test Club
- AIC - Aids Information Centre
- IFP - Immunization Focal Person



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Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross Movement

Humanity

The Red Cross movement aims at providing assistance to the vulnerable without discrimination to prevent & alleviate human suffering. Its purpose is to protect life & health and to ensure respect for human dignity. The movement also promotes mutual understanding & lasting cooperation among all people.

Impartiality

The Red Cross does not discriminate. It endeavours to relieve the suffering of individuals being guided by their needs and giving priority to the most urgent cases.

Neutrality

To earn the confidence of all, the Movement takes no sides in hostilities nor does it engage in controversies of a political, social, religious or ideological nature.

Independence

While national societies are auxiliaries to their governments in the provision of humanitarian services & subject to the laws of their respective countries, they should maintain their autonomy.

Voluntary Service

As a humanitarian organisation, it is a voluntary relief movement, not prompted in any manner by desire for gain.

Unity

There can only be one Red Cross or Red Crescent society in any one country. It must be open to all and carry out humanitarian work throughout its territory.

Universality

The Red Cross/Red Crescent movement is worldwide. All societies have equal status and share equal responsibility in helping each other.

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Uganda Red Cross Society is a major humanitarian organisation in Uganda which has continued to grow over the years and now boasts of 49 branches spanning the whole of Uganda.

Uganda Red Cross Society is a member of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement which comprises of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and other National Red Cross and Crescent Societies.



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