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COOPERATION CENTRE FOR AFRICA

**INSTITUCIONAL AND TECHNICAL STRENGTHENING
OF AFRICAN RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT
SOCIETIES**



International Federation
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

 **Cruz Roja Española**

Cooperation Centre for Africa



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BACKGROUND CCA

- The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Spanish Red Cross opened in 2009 a new humanitarian logistics centre in the Canary Islands (Spain).
- In 2013 an agreement is signed between the IFRC and CRE.

COOPERATION CENTRE FOR AFRICA

In order to promote, organize and standardize the exchange and technical cooperation with the Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies of Africa, the Spanish Red Cross National Committee approved in May 2013 the creation of a Cooperation Centre for Africa with its seat in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

- Members of Spanish Red Cross
- Members of the Governing Board of ACROFA (French, Spanish and Portuguese speaking National Societies)

OUR MAIN GOALS

The Centre primarily serves the National Societies of Africa and specific activities for the National Societies members of the ACROFA. The Centre bases its activities on the following lines:

- Disaster Management : Preparedness, response and mitigation
- Civil Society Strengthening: Volunteering, Youth and Local Development
- Development and Resilience: Livelihoods and Food Security

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Strengthening of African National Societies DM capacities, with a focus on Logistics

2014

- Las Palmas, in collaboration with IFCR, 14 people from Africa National Societies already trained in logistic.
- Gambia: training in logistics. Container was sent with humanitarian relief material to provide support to 250 families.

2015

- Mali, training in logistics.
- Niger: training in logistics. Container was sent with humanitarian relief material to provide support to 500 families.
- Burkina Faso: Container was sent with humanitarian relief material to provide support to 500 families.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Adaptation and Translation to French of DM related tools and resources

- Manual kits on water, sanitation and hygiene education: translated to French.



CIVIL SOCIETY: VOLUNTEERING AND LOCAL YOUTH

Enhance Volunteers Management

Volunteer Management System Framework for ACROFA National Societies

- Establishment of a working group on volunteering.
- Development of a final version: “ Guide for Volunteers Management” presented and approved by ACROFA General Assembly December 2015

Basic equipment for volunteers

- Vests: 26,000 tailored vests for 34 National Societies. Each item was made with the name of each National Society.



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Next Steps:

- Dissemination of Guide for Volunteers Management / Regional Workshops
- Adaptation of Volunteers Management System to concrete National Societies
- Development of a database system for volunteer management



LIVEHOODS AND FOOD SECURITY

Enhance capacities on livelihoods and food security

- Introduction to Livelihoods Training, Las Palmas, 2013
- Facilitate training sessions on livelihoods: ACROFA General Assembly, Gabon 2015
- An introductory session has been included in Logistics Training Programmes.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

GOVERNANCE SUPPORT Facilitate meeting fora, support coordination, give technical support and provide knowledge exchange, support the formulation of long-term strategic policies.

- Management of the ACROFA Secretariat – support internal communications within ACROFA and with partners; support Bureau meetings agenda and reports; follow up of annual plans and activities, etc.
- Host and coordinate once a year an ACROFA Bureau meeting.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dissemination and awareness raising within Spanish Society

- Dissemination and awareness raising activities. 76 groups visited the CCAO (2,264 people) in 2015
- Fortnightly Newsletters for volunteers
- Communication of CCA activities: Web page – Facebook and local media

Humanity

Impartiality

Neutrality

Independence

Voluntary service

Unity

Universality