

GHANA RED CROSS SOCIETY

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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1.0 FOREWORD

In the past few years, Ghana Red Cross Society set out to re-position itself in order to remain relevant in today's ever-changing humanitarian landscape. In the year under review, the National Society continued to pursue its vision to be the Leading volunteer-based Humanitarian Service provider in Ghana. In pursuance of this vision, we chalked significant successes in alleviating human suffering, notwithstanding the daunting challenges that confronted us.

A major highlight was the sod cutting ceremony in April for the construction of twenty units 2-bedroom houses for flood victims in Atiwa District in the Eastern Region. This project, funded by Swiss Red Cross was a follow-up on a bilateral relief operation which was carried out in September 2011 by Ghana Red Cross Society and Swiss Red Cross, in which 500 family kits were distributed to affected people.

Relations with our partners continued to improve resulting in greater collaboration with partners both within and outside the movement, key among them are IFRC, ICRC, UNICEF and NADMO. Collaboration with our PNSs also increased and we enjoyed unflinching support from them in all our programmes.

Finland Red Cross joined the family of PNSs to build on the work they started on CBHFA. This project has seen tremendous success in building healthier and safer communities and stronger volunteer management systems. With these come a better local branch capacity and an ability to prepare for and recover from disasters and crises better.

On the personnel front, there was a considerable amount of movement of staff, with some leaving or retiring and others being re-located. It is expected that the newly appointed staff will bring with them a new zeal that will help propel the National Society towards the achievement of its goals.

Looking back on the year 2012, the Ghana Red Cross Society experienced its fair share of achievements and challenges and we look forward to the year ahead with the hope of building on the achievements and turning the challenges around into opportunities.

2.0 DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2.1 COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

In line with the objectives of the 2011-2015 Strategic Plan, several activities were undertaken, all with the aim of improving the image of the National Society as well as promoting better understanding of the Principles and Values of the Movement.

- ***Media Appearances***

The period under review saw a fair degree of visibility for the national society in both the print and electronic media.

This was as a result of intensified media interaction which was aimed at reinforcing and promoting the image of GRCS. These appearances included coverage of activities like the World Red Cross Day celebration, visit and donation to the Senya Bereku accident victims, sod cutting ceremony at Atiwa for the construction of 20 houses for flood victims. There were also television appearances including the GTV Breakfast Show featuring the Communication Manager and Greater Accra Regional Manager, as well as various staff and volunteers on Adult Education in the various Ghanaian languages.

- ***Dissemination (Principles & Values, IHL)***

There were several dissemination exercises on International Humanitarian Law in the period. The first, which was attended by about 200 personnel of the Armed Forces, took place at the Bundase Training Camp, on the Accra-Aflao road. These personnel were undergoing training prior to going on a peacekeeping mission and IHL formed part of their training program.

The department also delivered two lectures at the Ghana Armed Forces Staff College in the latter part of the year, one to the Junior Division and one to the Senior Division.

Two sessions on IHL were also held in Bolgatanga and Kumasi for various stakeholders including personnel from the Police, Immigration, Prisons as well as traditional and political leaders.

- ***Newsletter***

Two editions of the GRCS newsletters were produced in 2012, funded by ICRC. The general appearance and quality of the Newsletter continues to improve with constant revisions to the layout.

- ***Brochures***

Jointly funded by the National Society and ICRC, a brochure was developed and printed for circulation. These brochures were long overdue and will be very useful in informing the public about the programs undertaken by the national society and also make contact details readily available.

- ***Promotional Material***

With support from ICRC, branded t-shirts, pens and calendars were produced and distributed to

- ***Branding***

The corporate image of the National Society was greatly enhanced with the increase in promotional material, and other branded material such as roll up banners that can be easily mounted at any event.

The sign posts and directional signs at the headquarters have all been replaced with new ones bearing improved designs.

- ***Website***

After a few challenges with the website, having been hacked on two occasions, the website is now online and fully functional. Content uploaded is reviewed regularly and updated as and when it becomes necessary.

- ***World Red Cross Day celebration***

The World Red Cross Celebration was held in Accra at the Aviation Social Centre. It was marked with several events spanning one week and culminating in a parade that saw a huge turnout of participants from various schools in Accra. A team from the Blood Bank of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital was also in attendance for a blood donation exercise.

As part of the celebration and in conjunction with Iran Clinic, a free medical screening was organized for residents of Kpone Bawaleshie, a community at Dodowa in the Dangbe West District.

The exercise, which attracted over 500 people, was aimed at providing medical treatment including drugs to sick persons and also as a platform to educate the people on communicable and non-communicable diseases, and the need to stay healthy at all times.

GRCS also used the occasion to launch the Emergency Response First Aid Post on the Accra-Tema motorway which was constructed in 2011 with proceeds from a fundraising banquet held at Novotel in October 2010.

The Executive Director of the National Road Safety Commission, Mr. Noble Appiah, who was the Guest of Honor, cut the tape and was assisted by the Chief Executive of DVLA, Mr. Justice Amegashie.

- ***Workshops***

The Communications Manager represented the National Society at the UN Peace Workshop at the Alisa Hotel in Accra. Organized by the UNDP, the Peace workshop was a think tank that brought together representatives of Civil Society Groups to devise creative initiatives to maintain peace in the 2012 elections.

The Communications Manager also attended the International Branding Initiative held in London. As a follow-up to the Global Communication Forum held in Geneva in September 2011, the British Red Cross held a workshop in July, attended by communicators from selected National Societies. The objective of the workshop was to develop a common understanding of branding and improve consistency in the way the different components of the movement present themselves.

Constraints

Although the department continues to make progress in enhancing the image and improving on visibility of the National Society, a lot more work needs to be done. This gap is created by the lack of resources, and the need to build the capacity of the department by way of training and human resource support. Funding for the department still remains inadequate.

Conclusion

There has been a marked improvement in collaboration between the department and other departments and it is expected that this will continue in order to build on the successes chalked.

2.2 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Introduction

One of the core mandates of the Ghana Red Cross Society is to reduce morbidity and mortality among mothers and children in deprived areas, the health department embarked on a number of programmes to achieve this mission. Activities that the department undertook during the year under review included:

- Community-based Health and First Aid (CBHFA)
- Maternal and Child Health
- Public health in emergency
- HIV and AIDS

Community-based Health and First Aid (CBHFA)

Refresher trainings/workshops

Volunteers and community leaders were given refresher training as it is mandated by the project to ensure quality house to house health education. The areas volunteers received training on were: first aid, community mobilization in emergency, malaria (hang up and keep up), family planning (use of contraceptives as a means to space child birth) and house to house education, construction and use of cluster household latrines. In all 60 volunteers, 10 chiefs including opinion leaders, 2 districts assemble officers and 5 health workers were trained.

The health coordinator presented a case study on exist and sustainability during the CBHFA global meeting in Geneva. Participating NSs included Sierra Leone, Malawi, Ghana, Irish, and Quit, Yemen, Liberia, Egypt and Bangladesh. The objective of the meeting was to Share updates, case studies and lessons learnt (on M&E, innovation, integration, scaling-up, sustainability)

Clean Up Exercise

Volunteers in all the three communities carried out market sensitization to educate market women on how to prevent communicable diseases and also to clear filth round markets squares. This activities were organized once in every quarter. The exercise was to encourage community participation as CBHFA is about learning by doing.

Meetings

There were three district level meetings organized in 2012 to discuss the progrmme implementation and sustainability. A day's meeting was also organized to re-discuss the benefit of household as against WHO principles on communal toilets. This was necessary because the Edumfa Chief wanted the project to support his community with a communal toilet which will generate income for the community for other

developmental needs. It was in regards to this that the meeting was organized to target the Edumfa Chief to understand and accept the principles for household latrines.

The District Chief Executive repeated similar messages he stressed on during our earlier meetings in 2011. He explained to the Chief that there are several communal toilets that were a burden to the Assembly to dislodge. However when households are clustered for a toilet, the Assembly can monitor it and get households to be responsible for the maintenance of the facility. The outcome of the meeting was that communities would be clustered into households with each clustered household being responsible for a toilet. This was finally agreed by all even though the Chief still had his reservations for communal toilets. The District Chief Executive promised to arrange a meeting with the Edumfa Chief and His Subjects including the environmental protection agency to identify pieces of plots for the construction of the latrines.

Construction of Household Latrines

The project targeted 17 clustered latrines to be constructed in all the three beneficiaries' communities. As of December, 2012, 12 of them were constructed while the remaining 5 were still under construction. The reasons of not completing the targeted number was due to delay in the release of funds from IFRC during the third phase of the project. Another reason was that the where the Edumfa Chief sited some latrines brought a confusion between them and the environmental protection agency. The picture is one of the completed latrines.



The project was evaluated in December, 2012. External evaluators were engaged for the evaluation and the drafted report have been sent to the National Society. The final report is not yet ready.

Public Health Emergencies

During the year under review, Ghana had experienced two major outbreaks which included yellow fever and cholera. The NS received DREFs from IFRC to mobilize communities for vaccinations. A total number of 300,000 and 100,000 people benefitted from cholera and yellow fever operations respectively.

Monitoring and Reporting

There were monitoring at all levels. District Organizers (DOs) visited all the three communities once in every week to ensure that volunteers were carrying out their community education. The regional managers had conducted monthly monitoring to the project communities. Different PMER tools were used at various levels for the monitoring. There was a joint monitoring by the Health Coordinator and the Health and Care Manager for the West Coast office.

Maternal and Child Health Project

In 2012, the NS received support from the IFRC to implement three months MCH project in one district. The Tepa district in the Ashanti region benefited from the project. Twenty volunteers were mobilized and trained in three days. They conducted house to house education on safe delivery, bed net hang up and usage, and correct preparation of oral rehydration solution (ORS), promotion of hand washing at critical times and nutrition. The training was conducted in collaboration with the Ghana Health Service.

HIV and AIDS

GRCS trained 12 PEs (8 FSW and 4 Non-PP) who organized outreach activities in promoting the 10 key healthy behaviors among the MARPs. The two main approaches used by the peer educators were: ‘one-to-one’ and small group discussions.

For one-on-one they reached 1,190 MARPS, and for small group discussion, they reached 6,139 bringing the total number of MARPS who improved their knowledge, attitudes and practices to 7,309 and increase of 164% over the target of 4,455.

In order to re-enforce their message the peer educators used BCC materials provided by FHI360. They also distributed these BCC Materials to the 134 hot spots they identified in the project area.

They also did referrals on STI, T&C and provided avenues for FSW and Non-PP to access on-line counseling services

Conclusion

In 2012 volunteers undertook several activities in their various communities to accomplish the projects goals and objectives. The year recorded 70 active volunteers involved in the CBHFA activities in the 3 communities. Total number of households covered within this year for CBHFA was 969. Total number of people reached was 5, 235. Twelve latrines were constructed.

2.3 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

TRAINING OF DRIVERS:

The training of drivers is still ongoing at all the DVLA Centers in the country, in collaboration with the National Road Safety Commission (NRSC) and Driver and Vehicle License Authority (DVLA)

Ghana Red Cross Society has been able to train Twenty Three thousand five hundred and twenty eight (23,528.00) drivers throughout the country since July 2012 to July 2013, each driver or participants pay a tuition fee of six (6) Ghana Cedis only. And has generated a total sum of **GH¢ 122,344.00**.

Below is the table indicating the performance by the regions and the basis of apportionments for 2012 as well as amount of money that the regions owe that they have not been able to pay.

REGION	2012 / 2013	HEAD OFFICE % GH¢	REGION % GH¢	TOTAL	GRADING
Greater Accra	10,845.00	30,531.00	25,863.00	56,394.00	1 ST
Ashanti	3,950.00	11,110.00	9,430.00	20,540.00	2 ND
Western	3,500.00	9,100.00	9,100.00	18,200.00	3 RD
Brong Ahafo	108.00	294.00	267.60	561.00	10 TH
Eastern	1,694.00	4,760.00	4,048.00	8,808.00	4 TH
Upper East	109.00	302.60	264.20	566.80	9 TH
Upper West	1,470.00	3,822.00	3,822.00	7,644.40	5 TH
Volta	698.00	2,002.60	1,627.60	3,630.00	7 TH
Northern	238.00	662.60	575.00	1,237.00	8 TH
Central	1,416.00	4,033.00	3,328.00	7,361.00	6 TH
Total	24,028.00	66,618.60	58,325.40	124,944.00	

Expenses Incurred:

The training cost of materials (Manual and certificate) still stand at Gh2.00 and it is paid from headquarters proceeds. Administrative cost at the Regional offices including allowances for the instructors is Gh2.0.

At a review meeting held at Afloa in the Volta region, it was agreed by consensus that the regions should forfeit their percentage of 30% of the Net profit of Gh2.0 to be used to settle our SSNIT and PAYE obligation owe to the Government (Arrears), however National Road Safety Commission and DVLA still receive their percentage portion of 20% respectively.

Ghana Red Cross Society	60% = 0.12
NRSC	20% = 0.04
DVLA	<u>20% = 0.04</u>
	100% = 2.00

Regional Debts:

From the table above it is clear that some regions are not doing very well in the training of the drivers.

Ashanti Region has still not paid the debt they owe to the National Headquarters they issued three cheques all totaling **GH¢ 4,128.80** to Headquarters and was dishonored by Fidelity bank for signature mismatch.

Western Region currently owes National Headquarters an amount of **Gh¢3,776.00** to the 1180 DVLA training Books that the out going Regional Manager Ms Josephine Ama Daise could not account for during her handing over.

Increment of training fee

Even though we have not been able to increase the training fee from GH¢ 6.00 to GH¢10.00 at the various centres DVLA centers some are now charging the GH¢ 10.00 at the centres. It is now up to Central Council to take the decision whether to increase it to GH¢ 10.00.

Sale of First Aid Certificate

We have been able to realize an amount of from the sale of Standard First Aid certificates. The breakdown is as follow from July 2012 to July 2013.

REGION	AMOUNT
Greater Accra	900.00
Central Region	2,304.00
Northern Region	60.00
Western Region	1,216.00
Eastern Region	3,120.00
Volta Region	772.00
Ashanti Region	360.00
Headquarters	2,930.00
Total	11,662.00

First Aid Kits

We have been able to also raise an amount of **GH¢10,224.00** from the sale of first aid both from the regions and the national headquarters, and the breakdown is as follows from July 2012 to July 2013.

REGION	AMOUNT
Headquarters	8,664.00
Brong Ahafo	980.00
Northern Region	220.00
Eastern Region	360.00
Total	10,224.00

First Aid Training

National Headquarters has been able to raise an amount of **GH¢ 14,780.00** single handedly in commercial first aid training from July 2012 to July 2013.

National Cloth

Management have been able to secure a cloth design which is going to be our national cloth to be used by all member of the society and it will come out very soon after the final approval of the design agreed upon by all. Please find a sample of the designs.

Community First Aid Book

A three man committee which was tasked to review the Community First Aid Book for nursing school has finished with their work and what is left now is to raise funds to publish it again for nursing schools and the general public to buy.

Membership Drive

Membership is an area that all the regions are not doing well at all, since the beginning of the year 2012 amount raised from the membership drive is **Gh¢ 2,074.00** only.

Below is the breakdown:

REGION	AMOUNT GH¢
Greater Accra	232.00
Central Region	254.00
Ashanti Region	150.00
Volta Region	200.00
Eastern Region	630.00
Upper East	608.00
Total Amount	2,074.00

Donation of non emergency relief item by Red Cross Society of China

Red Cross of China Last year donated a non emergency relief items to us to help us in our first aid operation the following items were as follows:

NO.	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	QUANTITY
1	CPR Mannequin	90 Sets
2	Laptop	15 Sets
3	Desktop computers	30 Sets
4	Vehicle Haval H5	1 Set
5	Ambulance	1 Set
6	Spine Board	120 Set
7	Splint	80 Set
8	Basket Stretcher	40 Set
9	Foldable Stretcher	120 Sets
10	First Aid Kit	500 Sets
11	Two way Radio	20 Sets
12	Mobile Phone	20 Sets
13	Digital Camera	20 Sets

Headquarters as part of empowering the regions to do well in their first aid activities and also for good publicity have been given some of these items to do well in the training of volunteers and to raise funds to support their respective regions.

2.4 FIRST AID DEPARTMENT

1.0 Background

The creation of First Aid Department was officially proposed at the beginning of 2013.

Series of concepts papers were prepared and adopted by the Management Board at the end of February 2013 with Mr. Francis Obeng as the substantive Coordinator of First Aid.

The objective of the department is to train at least 10% (2.5 million) of the country's population and meet 40% of the core cost of Ghana Red Cross Society.

2.0 SUB –COMMITTEE

The sub-committee for the department was inaugurated in March 2013.

The members of the Sub-Committee are,

1. Dr. Cecilia Esi Benstsi --Chairperson
2. Dr. George Puplampu- Member
3. Mr. Foster Ansong Bridjan- Member (Rep. National Ambulance Service)
4. Mr. Kwame Asumadu-Darko-Member
5. Insp. Tenku-member(Rep. Ghana Police Service)

The Committee has met thrice and agreed to meet at least once in every three (3) months.

3.0 FIRST AID TRAINER OF TRAINERS' WORKSHOP

The workshop was carried out from 12th-20th May 2013 in Kumasi.

It was sponsored by the Finish Red Cross and facilitated by Mrs. Niina Hernoven (Finish Red Cross) and Mr. Auwal Mohammad (Belgian Red Cross- Flanders).

25 participants were trained to constitute the up-dated First Aid Instructors for Ghana Red Cross. 9 Master Trainers were also identified and recruited. The criteria for their selection was based on their knowledge and skills to deliver first aid instruction. The workshop was based on Africa First Aid Materials (AFAM) donated by the Belgian Red Cross.

5.0 First Aid Training

3 levels of First Aid Training were conducted during the period. They are, Drivers Training, Basic First Aid and First Aid talks to teachers, churches and other organizations.

Find Below the breakdown of the training.

Region	TYPE OF TRAINING		
	Basic First Aid No. Trained	Drivers Training No Trained	First Aid Talk No. Reached
HQ	107		350
Greater Accra	-	5245	-
Ashanti	-	1400	64
Brong Ahafo	-	22	-
Western	-	2000	-
Central	-	588	-
Volta	-	313	91
Eastern	14	594	-
Northern	-	73	-
Upper West	-	426	-
Upper East	-	32	-
Total	212	10693	505

6.0 INCOME FROM FIRST AID TRAINING

During the period under review, first aid training and sale of first aid kits yielded an amount of GHc 52,500. Find below the breakdown.

Category	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
First Aid training		950.0	2,110.00	1,000.00		1,600.00	5,660.00
sale of certificates				1,300.000	300.00	3,480.00	5,080.00
sale of First aid kits	860.00	760.00	1,900.00		3,000.00	3,000	9,520.00
DVLA training.	3,278.20	4,160.00	8,170.40	4,133.00	3,179.00	9,130.00	32,050.60
Grand Total							52,310.60

7.0 First Aid Kits.

50 domestic and 24 industrial First aid kits were sold during the period.

The kits were sold to companies like Galaxy Oil, Unicef, Nestle west & central Africa and some individuals.

8.0 First Aid Talks:

First Aid Talks were given to 504 persons during the period.

The participants for the talks were church members, teachers, nurses and some individuals.

Breakdown of the talks held;

1. Headquarters-----350
2. Ashanti-----64
3. Volta-----91
- Total-----505**

9.0 Achievements

- ❖ 25 First Aid Instructors and 9 master Trainers have been trained

- ❖ A new First Aid Drivers Training Manual has been developed.
- ❖ A sub-committee on First Aid had been inaugurated.
- ❖ GRCS has registered with the Belgian Red Cross for AFAM.
- ❖ Has obtained subsequent up-date training materials.

10.0 The Way Forward.

- ❖ Trainer of trainers' workshop will be conducted in October if we get the necessary financial support.
- ❖ To improve and standardize First Aid Training throughout the country.
- ❖ 5 First Aid Post will be established throughout the country.
- ❖ GRCS will start ambulance service by close of year.
- ❖ Monthly First Aid Training school will start as soon as the Resource Centre is completed
- ❖ Canvassers for First Aid training will be given commission for number of trainings they contract.
- ❖ The new First Aid manual For drivers will be rolled out by 1st August 2013.
- ❖ District First Aid Coordinators will be recruited and appointed.
- ❖ GRCS will produce its own First Aid manual based on AFAM.

Conclusion

- ❖ The department needs a complement of at least 3 staff and vehicle to enable its operations effectively.
- ❖ It also needs a training and store rooms for First Aid Materials.
- ❖ It is realized that the regions are not doing any first aid training

2.5 DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPT

3.0 REGIONAL REPORTS

3.1 GREATER ACCRA REGION

ADMINISTRATION

The region operates in nine (9) administrative districts in Greater Accra. They are; Tema, Adenta, Accra Metro, Ga South, Ga East, Ga West, Ashiaman, Dangme East and Dangme West.

STAFF

Eric Asamoah Darko	-	Regional Manager
Nafisa Haruna	-	Office Assistance
Mumuni Sikira	-	Office Assistance (DVLA)

GERMAN VOLUNTEERS

Two volunteers from German Red Cross were in the country to support Red Cross activities. They were; miss Sina Henschen and miss Vanessa Melde. They were on a special programme which lasted for one year. The two volunteers were staying with the Regional Manager (Mr. Eric Asamoah Darko) and Mr. Ernest Nyame Anne (National Youth Co-ordinator).

They are since left for Germany after they have finished their one year program. However, two other volunteers from Germany have reported since September 2012 also to assist our Schools youth activities. They are Miss Lia and Miss Christina. Due to ill health of Miss Christina, she was called back to Germany for treatment.

VOLUNTEER STAFF

Regional Youth Organizers	2
Regional Mothers Club Facilitators	2
Regional EFAT Co-ordinator	1
Regional First Aid Co-ordinator	1
Regional Chapter Organizer	1
Regional Blood Donation Organizer	1
District Organizers	9
District Mothers Club Facilitators	5

District Chapter Organizers	8
District Youth Organizers	8

MANAGEMENT

The Region is managed by 12 elected committee members. They are;

Mr Kwabena Nkatia Aday	Chairman
Mrs Princess Lizzy Gbordze	Vice person
Mr Clement Zormelo	Hon Treasure
Mrs Babara Mensah Agborkpr	Legal Advisor
Mr Joseph Dwonor Ankra	Hon Health Advisor
Mr Ricky K A Amokye	Hon P.R.O
Miss Catherine Adasu	Youth Rep
Mr Ebenezer Kwame Addae	Member
Mr Gabriel Anaba	Member
Mr George K Ankomah	Member
Mr David Mills	Member
Hajia Ashia Mohammed	Member

YOUTH

The youth organizers and their Districts Officers visited schools that have Red Cross activities to explain our programmes and activities for 2012 to them. In the month of March 2012 the Region organized a fun fair for over 80 schools comprising 5000 youth at Aburi Gardens

In the Month of July 2012, first aid competition was organized for 50 Schools in Greater Accra. Three Schools were awarded with television sets and Ceiling Fan. They were; Global Evangelical School, Victory Presby School and NASEC. This program also served as fund raising to support the Regional activities.

The youth were involved in HIV/AIDS Campaign, however on the 1st of December 2012, about Five Thousand(5000) youth and Two Hundred (200) adults participated in HIV/AIDS walk starting from the Teachers Hall, through the principal streets of Accra and ended at the Ministry of information .In attendance were, all the Regional Committee Members and some School Heads.

Air force basic School at Burma camp was awarded the best School for Red Cross activities for the year. An industrial first aid kit was given to the School as its prize.

HEALTH CARE

The Region collaborated with the National Headquarters during the Red Cross Day Celebration, in May 2012 at the Aviation Social Centre to embark on blood donation exercise, In all, 17 Volunteers donated blood to Korle-Bu Blood Bank.

Health talk was organized for Mothers at Tema New Town. Thirty Five Mothers participated.

Also the Region involved in Yellow fever campaign as a result of an outbreak in some part of Accra. Currently, the Region is embarking on Cholera Education in the Communities, Schools, Church etc. The National Blood Bank collaborated with the Region to embark on Blood Donation campaign during the World blood donation Week celebrations.

CHOLERA CAMPAIGN

The Greater Accra Regional Branch of the Ghana Red Cross embarked on educational Campaign on Cholera.

Workshop was organized for 80 volunteers drawn from Tema, Accra Metro, Ga East and Ga West Districts all in Greater Accra.

The volunteers were educated on the following:-

What are the causes of cholera

How does cholera spread

How can you avoid cholera

How to prevent cholera in your community

What to do when cholera strikes

Cholera treatment

- The use of aqua tabs

YELLOW FEVER REPORT

The Greater Accra Regional Branch of the Ghana Red Cross Society ;recruited and trained 60 volunteers to embark on the Fever Campaign on the 24th January 2012 to 31st March 2012

Volunteers were taken through

1. The cause of Yellow Fever
2. Mode of transmission
3. Referral points
4. Prevention

Volunteers were however tasked to undertake social mobilization schools, mosques, lorry parks and churches.

COMMUNICATION

The Regional Manager was invited on Many occasions by the Multimedia T.V station GTV, TV3 and T V Africa to talk on Red Cross (Accra) as well as National Programmes, Also calendars were printed for our schools and some volunteers. During the HIV/AIDS walk 2012, some of the Media houses were present to report on the program.

Also GNA and Ghanaian Times reported extensively on our recent yellow fever and cholera campaign.

DISASTER RELIEF AND PREPAREDNESS

The Region was involved in training drivers at the DVLA centres. Currently, Greater Accra has 3 centers. They are Tema, Weija and 37-Accra .

In all, about Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Five (10,385) Drivers were trained in an emergency first aid.

The Region collaborated with Ministry of Education to train Teachers in the public Schools. In all, 1260 Teachers from 660 Schools were trained.

Regional Committee Members have recently being trained in first aid management.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Group	As at 31 st December 2011	31 st December 2012	Good Standing
Chapter	6240	6439	1021
Mother's Club	818	900	210
Youth	26310	26622	1200
Life Members	Nil	Nil	Nil
Patrons	Nil	Nil	1
Corporate	Nil	Nil	Nil

FUNDRAISING (1st Jan-15th June 2012)

ACTIVITY	INDICATORS	PERFORMANCE	REMARKS
Registration\dues	15.000	2,199.00	could do better
First aid training	15,000	4,0960.00	Good
First aid Kits	10,000	6.698.00	could do better
Donation	10,000	5000.00	Good
First aid Service	500	3257.00	could do better
DVLA	79,800	107882.95	Good
Youth Programs	2000	3000 ,00	Very Good
HIV/AIDS	3000	2490,00	Good

The Region has established an internet café and secretarial services at Tudu the centre of Accra. An amount of GH¢8800 was spent .Vodafone Ghana Supported the project with an amount of GH¢5000. In order to expand our training program at the DVLA centres which is currently the biggest fundraising for the Region, we have invested an amount of GH¢4900 in building Structures at the three (3) DVLA centres.

An amount of GH¢7,000 was spent in the renovation work at the Greater Accra Regional Office.

This renovation is to help us have more rooms for training and offices.

The National Youth Employment has adsorbed the allowances of 23 of our volunteer staffs a new development that serves as a motivation to the volunteers.

The office has established a volunteers welfare scheme with a seed money of GH¢1000.

3.2 ASHANTI REGION

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL ISSUES

The Regional Secretariat is manned by two (2) paid staff- the Regional Manager and the Office Assistant.

None of the staff have taken their leaves within the period under review.

GOVERNANCE MEMBERSHIP

The elected Regional committee members are still at post and are working effectively to see to it that the activities of the Red Cross in the region are carried out effectively.

ACCOMMODATION

The residential accommodation for the Regional Manager needs renovation, since the accommodation was not occupied for about Eight (8) years now.

LAND AND PROPERTY

a) Suntreso

The Region has a big plot around the accommodation which we intend to partner with some estate developer to develop it for a better usage since this land has been there for a long time and it is now occupied by non-rent paying traders.

The state housing has threatened taking part of it since we have not developed it.

b) Twedie

We also have a big plot of land at Twedie given to us by the Chief, to be used as a clinic for the community, this was a promise given to them by the former secretary general, by which the community started some mobilization of sand and cement for the commencement of the project but the region did not follow it again so the stop.

We have therefore met with the stakeholders and have decided to relook at that project again since it may help the region in terms of fund raising.

TRANSPORT

The region has one vehicle, which is in bad condition therefore needs replacement, because the maintenance cost is at the higher side to enable us run the region.

MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

The region has so far organized Six (6) committee meetings and Six (6) regional meetings for Do's and other volunteer staff.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Operational Districts:

The Region is currently operating in ten (10) out of the twenty eight (28) political districts in the region.

Membership

The Region has total registered membership of **(673)** as part of innovative membership drive with the following breakdown:

- Youth Membership: 510
- Adults (chapter): 163

COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING:

Media

The Region continues to collaborate with media stations in the region, for our programs and activities especially during this year's world Red Cross day and the general elections.

IHL

IHL workshop was organized for Chiefs, Security Personnel and other partners of which about 30 people attended this was done at the Regional Coordination Council conference room, the same workshop was done for Military at the officers mess. All this was finance and facilitated by the ICRC.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

DVLA Training

The region has so far trained 4,900 in first aid, of which (Gh¢24,500.00) has been raised from this.

Registration and Dues

Membership dues amounting to (Gh¢958.00) has been realized.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The region was able to attend to victims at the NPP national youth rally at K-poly who fell from a vehicle, in all about twelve (12) people were attended to but four of them were sent to KATH, during our normal 'mounting of ten at every gatherings'.

Disaster Response capacity building:

The region has collaborated with the regional educational directorate; to give free basic first aid training for selected teachers in all the districts and so far only three districts has been trained with total number of (600).

Disaster and Emergency Contingency Planning:

▪ First Aid Services

The Region was able to provide First Aid services during the 6th March parade, the premier League, and other social gathering.

We also participate fully In providing first aid at the polling stations at the region during the 2012 presidential and the parliamentary elections.

TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS ON EFFAT

50 Volunteers were train as emergency first aiders by the national first aid coordinator and the Disaster coordinator.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

HAND WASHING ACTIVITIES:

The regions has on several occasion rendered this services at many funerals

Blood Donation:

As part of activities marking the world Red Cross day, the region organized two (2) different blood donations; in all we mobilized 72 pints of blood for the KATH blood bank.

MCH

20 volunteers were trained to carry out two months house to house campaign against Maternal mortalities in the Ahafo-Ano North district in the region.

CLEAN UP EXERCISE

Clean up exercise was carried out at several places like the Bekwai Hospital, Manhyia Hospital and KO school.

Conclusion:

The region needs a lot of support both financial and technical to enable us redeem the lost image of the society which has been damaged for long time, and also create awareness of the society in minds of the general public.

We are working hard to make the Ashanti region one of the best regions for the society.

3.3 CENTRAL REGION

ADMINISTRATION

Status of Personnel at post (at post, on leave, attending training)

The Regional Secretariat is manned by two (2) paid staff- the Regional Manager Mr. John Ekow Aidoo and the Office Assistant, Mr. Jonathan Hope.

Auxiliary Staff:

The Region has three volunteers staff and three service personnel who are both assisting in administrative and operational work at the office.

GOVERNANCE MEMBERSHIP WITH NAMES, CONTACTS, POSITIONS

The elected Regional committee members are still at post and are working effectively to simulate, assisting and co-coordinating all work of the Society within the region.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	Position	Telephone
Mr. Patrick Awuku Owusu	Reg. Chairman	0243681828
Mr. Vincent Biney-Amissah	Vice Chairman	0244725902
Mad. Isabella Arthur-Norman	Hon. Treasurer	0243867633
Mr. Kingsley K. Prekoh	Hon. Health Adv.	0248654673
Mr. Lolonyo Agbeyagah	Hon. Legal Advisor	0207489569
Mr. Isaac M. Hagan	Hon. PR Advisor	0246644048
Mr. Charles Andoh-Appiah	Youth Representative	0244994822
Mr. J.A Allotey	Council Member	
Mrs. Yeyra Fiankor	Council Member	
Mad. Veronica Mantey	Council Member	
Mad. Hannah Arko	Council Member	
Dr. Gladys Ekuban	Co-opted member	
Dr. Jacob Steglo	Co-opted member	
Mr. Dramani Mahaman	Co-opted member	

UPDATED RECORDS OF GRCS PERSONNEL FOR REFERENCES (VOLUNTEER STAFF)

Name	Position	Telephone
Miss. Gloria Enchill	Reg. Youth Organizer	0246909691
Mad. Matilda Mlapa	Reg. M/C Facilitator	0243676021
Mr. Francis Adainoo	1 st Aid/ERT Co coordinator	0277039393

ACCOMMODATION

The Region has a residential accommodation for the Regional Manager, and office accommodation situated on the Society own acquired land.

The Region also has four bed rooms hostel accommodation as a means of income generating venture.

All have undergone some innovations during the year under review.



The New facelift of the Regional Secretariat

LAND AND PROPERTY

The Region has initiated a road map to possess part of the Society's buildings handed over to Ghana Health service during the sixties and seventies.

Again the region is in consultation with Ogu Mansin health insurance scheme and Metro. Assembly for signing of MOU and also paying of rents with regards to occupying and construction of building on the land.

To forestall any future misconception about the ownership of the land and the properties, the region has taken other bold initiative to register the land.

TRANSPORT

The old used vehicle released by headquarters to replace the Region original vehicle is also now out of road and it is affecting the operational work of the Region.

MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED (COLLABORATIVE & GRC MEETINGS)

- ✓ The Regional Manager attended workshop on Yellow Fever at Kumasi from 11th to 14th January, 2012 organized by the National headquarters.
- ✓ Workshop organized by Cape Coast Metro. Health Directorate on Nutrition and malaria control for Child Survival Project on 14th March 2012 and the Metro health directorate review meeting for 2011.
- ✓ The Regional Manager also attended Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Health, central region Press Soiree as a special guest.
- ✓ The Regional Manager attended another workshop at Windy Lodge organized by the Ministry of Local Government, supported by NNICEF on Cholera from 27th -30th December, 2012.
- ✓ There were other workshops and meetings related the ongoing CBHFA Program.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Operational Districts:

The Region is currently operating in ten (10) out of the seventeen (17) political districts and is nurturing five new districts.

The operative districts are; AAK, Cape Coast, THLD, Twifo Hemang, Mfantman, Agona West, Awutu Senya East, Gomoa West, Ajumanko, Asin South.

Membership

The Region has total registered membership of **(747)** as part of innovative membership drive with the following breakdown:

COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING:

Media Programs-

The Region continues to collaborate with media partners in propagating programs and activities of the Society at the Region.

During the year under review, the Regional Manager and some of its stakeholders have been engaged on TV and radio discussions on issues pertaining to Public Health Emergencies, HIV/AIDS Stigma Reduction among others



One of the Radio talk show @ Radio Central

Souvenirs produced: The region was able to produce some souvenirs for public awareness creation and image building.

It is expected that the region could raise enough funds to enable us produce more souvenirs.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The Region once again tried to organized Fund Raising and Award Day, dubbed “ **Jean Henri Dunant Humanitarian service Award**” with the aim of raising funds and also presenting awards to individuals and institutions who have contributed to the growth of the Society in the Region.

Some guests’ presence to grace the occasion was, the President of the Ghana Red Cross Society Prof. Kwabena Mante Bomsopem and the Secretary General.

Though the Region could not raise the expected funds, it was able to use the occasion to make some impact in the region. The occasion was also used to inaugurate the Cape Coast chapter of Red Cross.

Some old members who have contributed immensely both cash and kind were award likewise individuals and organizations



RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Sources	Target GHC	Achievement	%Performance	Reasons for over/under performance
First Aid Trg. (DVLA)	10,000.00	8,070.00	90%	
Commercial First Aid training/ Services/kits	15,000	4,980.00	30.5 %	People are yet to appreciate the important of first aid
Membership Subscription (Dues)	1500	1,156.00	65%	Members are being encouraged to pay their annual dues.
Running of Hostel/hiring of foam mattresses	10,000.00	7,857.00	85%	Rooms are not enough to accommodate more clients likewise the foam mattresses
Donation/Fund raising	60,000.00	2,277.00	28.5%	

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

As part of our humanitarian services the region make the following donation to the Ankaful psychiatric Hospital and Cape coast Aged clinic during the period under review.

Eighty (80) pieces of blankets, sixty (60) pieces of mats and two sacks of used clothes donated by a philanthropist.

The regional together National headquarters assist Senya Bereku road accident victims



Disaster Response capacity building:

In collaboration with the regional electoral commission, the Society was able to organized one day free basic first aid training for some the districts field officers and returning officers prior to the bio- metric registration exercise.

Again in collaboration with regional educational directorate, there is ongoing free basic first aid training for selected teachers in all the districts and so far only three districts has been trained with total number of (270).

Disaster and Emergency Contingency Planning:

- **First Aid Services**

The Region was able to provide First Aid services during the 6th March parade, National Farmers Day, World AIDS Day Celebration, the premier League, and other social gathering.

- **First Aid Training**

The Region was able to provide First Aid training to organizations, institutions and the public during the period under review with a total number of eighty (120) people so far trained.

- **Shelter Kit Training Workshop:**

The Region was able to host the above workshop from 8th -12th October, 2012 held at Cape Coast Hotel for selected major disaster prone Regions and other National Societies from Togo, Mali, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast.

It was organized by Swiss Red Cross in collaboration with the Ghana Red Cross Society and the aim was to equip the participants with skills in Emergency shelter needs assessment and design of a plan of action.

The Chairman for the official opening was the Omanhene of Aboadze traditional area and the President of Central Region House of Chiefs and also a member of Council of State in the person of Dasebere Kwabu Ewusi II. In attendance was the Secretary General, Swiss Red Cross Country Representative.



HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CBHFA ACTIVITIES:

The three years pilot project came to an end by the 31st December, 2012 though there are some few activities to be done by the various communities in regards to the completion of the Model households' latrines as some are almost 70% to complete them.



Region Specific activities:

Procurement and allocation of various building materials to the communities for the construction of the household latrines and refresher training for the volunteers was part of activities during the year under review.

HIV/AIDS Education/Stigma Reduction Sensitization

The Region together with other stakeholders and partners have engaged in HIV/AIDS Education and stigma reduction campaign at communities, educational institutions and other public places with the aim of assisting to reduce the spread of the disease and also the stigmatization and the discrimination against People living with the disease.



School education outreach on HIV/AIDS

Psycho-social support:

The Region continues to offer these services to victims of road accidents during the period under review.

Youth Programs

During the period under review, the youth desk was not able to organize its planned activities as it mostly coincided with school, Regional or Nation activities but then some of them organized their internal activities such First Aid talk, provision of first aid services during their schools inter-houses sports activities.

Constraints

Lack of resource mobilization is hampering the developmental agenda and activities of the region.

Protocols:

The Regional secretariat under the auspices of the Unique Educational Institute School Link paid a courtesy call to the chief of Ofankor Odupong Nai Odupong Awushie Tetteh II to introduce the Society to him.

The Regional later bestowed on him as Chief Patron of the school link and was given Red Cross badge.

Again through the effort of Twifo Hemang District Red Cross, we pay a Courtesy call to the chief of Junkwa to introduce and informed him of the presence of Red Cross in the district.

Visit by Dr. Jonas Manhan Regional Health & Care (IFRC), Tina, Anne both from Finish Red Cross, The Secretary General (GRCS) to monitor the ongoing CBHFA Project.

Conclusion:

It is our hope that things will improve for a better future for Ghana Red Cross.

3.4 NORTHERN REGION

INTRODUCTION

The administration of the region was greatly challenged as a result of the destruction of the Regional Secretariat by fire. The Regional Manager was assisted with an office by Northern Network for Development (an NGO), whilst one room at the Secretariat was used by the Office Assistant. The Regional Committee had also made strenuous efforts to talk to the Regional Coordinating council for an office but in vain. However the situation did not affect the running of the administration until the Secretariat took an initiative to renovate out of its own generated income.

The DVLA Programme finally commenced in the region at the beginning of the year under review after consultation with stakeholders and upgrading the ground of operation offered by the DVLA authorities. There has been tremendous collaboration and support from the DVLA.

In a bid to increase the membership of the Society in the region, all active districts have been entreated to embark on intensive membership drive which is still ongoing, and efforts are being made to improve on the membership at all levels.

STAFF OF THE REGION (Name and designations)

a. Paid staff

- Saladin S. Mahama - Regional Manager
- Zakaria Adams - Project Officer , Vision First Programme
- Augustina Vaib - Office Assistant
- Musah Wakilu - Project Driver, Vision First Programme

c. Management committee members

1. Regional Chairman - Mr. Wilberforce Shaibu Adam
2. Vice-Chairman – Mr. Suraj-Deen Alhassan
3. Hon. Treasurer – Alhaji A.M. Salifu
4. Hon. Legal Adviser – Mr. Dagiah Iddrisu
5. Hon. Public Relation Advisor – Mr. Zakaria Alhassan
6. Regional Youth Representative – Mr. Yussif Abdul-Rahaman
7. Member – Mr. Nantogmah Fuseini
8. Member – Mr. Labik Kombian
9. Member – Mr. Abu Alhassan

10. Member – Mr. Abu Fuseini
11. Member – Mr. Kwabena Anim
12. Department of Social Welfare Representative
13. Ghana Police Service Representative

MEMBERSHIP

Total membership and breakdown as

- a. Youth - 2,690
- b. Adults – 1,492
- c. Members in good standing - 349

ACTIVITIES:

Health

-Where the activities took place, responsible person, attendance, impacts, funding source etc

Report on Public Health Education on Yellow fever outbreak 2012

In the wake of the outbreak of yellow fever in some districts in the Northern region, three districts were selected for public health education on the yellow fever disease. The districts are Bole, Sawla/Tuna/Kalba. A total of 60 Red Cross volunteers each of the three districts with 20 volunteers including mothers club members were recruited and taken through one day training on yellow fever.

The topics treated during the training sessions included the signs and symptoms', causes, transmission, Prevention, vaccination, and vector control. The participants were also reminded of health education, social mobilization and counselling techniques in the event that some community members are resisting vaccination. They were also taken through a reporting format designed for the campaign.

After the training the volunteers were given IEC materials such as yellow fever posters and leaflets as well as T-shirts each for the campaign. The training was done by done in collaboration with the Ghana Health Service and funded by the Federation through the DREF.

Vision First Programme

Vision First Programme currently operates in seven districts in the region namely West Mamprusi, Gushegu/Karaga, West Gonja District, Tamale Metropolis, Yendi Municipal, Bole and Nanumba Districts.

Refresher Training

Volunteers from Bole and West Gonja districts underwent a refresher training workshop from 16th to 19th January 2012 at Damongo in the west Gonja district. The joint training was an opportunity for volunteers from the various districts to know each other and share ideas and experiences (challenges, successes and lessons learned and recommendations). A total of 43 volunteers attended the three days workshop; 23 volunteers came from 21 communities in west Gonja districts whilst 20 volunteers came from 20 communities in Bole districts. Fourteen (14) volunteers could not attend the said training for various reasons.

Facilitators of the three-day workshop were a Ophthalmic Nurse, Disease Control Officer, Swiss Red Cross training and development officer, the Regional Manager, Project Officer (VFP) and District Organizers.

Topics treated included volunteerism and community support, community mobilization for eye care services, effect of traditional medicine post operative care at the community after cataract surgery and how to take the visual acuity and the recording correctly. The volunteers were also taken through some of the public health diseases such as Tuberculosis (TB), Basic First Aid at the community level and Human Immune Deficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency (HIV/AIDS), Cerebrum Spinal Meningitis (CSM) and Malaria. They were taken through the mode of transmission, sign and symptoms' as well as prevention of these diseases rather than limiting them to only eye health.

Challenges of volunteers

Volunteers from various communities came out the following in the line of their duty:

- After identified a patients during health education they complained about financial how to get money for transport to the clinic and also how to get for cards.
- Some clients do not comply with the DO's and DON'T after surgery.
- Most patients don't go for review due to long distances to health facilities.
- Some communities members discourage some clients from going to hospital
- Interference of some community members in volunteers activities

Success stories

- Successfully surgeries over the years have made communities to repose confidence in volunteers.

- Ability to win suspected cataract patients to accept surgery from experts rather than going to locals.

Recommendations

- It is recommended that outreach programmes should be encouraged by ONs
- Volunteers with the appropriate qualifications should be supported to attend health schools.
- The programme should be supported to register with the Health Insurance Scheme as part of motivation
- ONs should always be sure of confirmation of patients with cataract at the community level rather disqualifying cataract patients during surgery days.

Monitoring

Monitoring is one of the tools used by the GRCS to assess the performance of its volunteers, Districts Organizers (DOs) and Focal Persons (FPs) in their programme areas; this apart from fulfilling the objective of assessing the impact of the activities of the volunteers to their communities, also goes a long way to inspire volunteers and as well whip up their interest in contributing to the VISION 2020 initiative.

The Regional Manager went on monitoring visits to West Gonja, Bole, and West Mamprusi districts to see the performance of volunteers in the field. In West Gonja district the manager met some volunteers in their respective communities and interacted with them on their activities as well as their challenges. A total of seven communities were visited. In Bole district six communities were visited. Community members were interviewed about the programme and activities of volunteers. The communities have expressed their gratitude to the Red Cross and continue to appreciate the benefits their members derived from the programme.

The Project Officer visited Nanumba North and South Districts and assessed the activities of District Organizer and eye care volunteers, as well as some health facilities to get first hand information on volunteer referrals. He also visited patients who had refused surgery due to fear and counseled them. A visit to some of the communities confirmed that some of the patients who went for surgery were doing well.

In West Mamprusi district a special programme was organized to raise funds for the programme in the form of extended surgical outreach in the district. He visited some patients

underwent successful surgery through the efforts of volunteers. These people are now engaged in various economic activities.

Challenges

- Delay in receiving funds for activities from headquarters
- Rain coat for DO.s, FP, and ON,s
- Calculators for DO,s

Action Against Childhood Blindness (AACHIB)

AACHIB is a special intervention designed by the Vision First Programme to provide sustainable access to eye care services for the preservation and restoration of the sight of children aged between 0 and 15 years through screening and medication. The programme will provide free quality medical, surgical and optical services (including provision of spectacles) to needy children under a camp setting.

In the Nanumba South district about 2000 school children from various schools were screened and treated for various forms of eye ailments including allergies, infections, injuries and refractive errors. The two-day programme which was funded by the Swiss Red took place in two sub districts.

School children were conveyed in rented buses from over 30 communities to the service provision camps for screening and treatment. Red Cross volunteers and trained school teachers undertook a preliminary screening exercise to select suspected eye conditions for further screening and treatment by Ophthalmic Nurses at the camp. Children who were identified with refractive conditions were assisted to acquire and use free medicated spectacles. All children identified with cataract were also assisted to undergo free surgery. The programme continues to create awareness on the existence and effects of childhood blindness in the region.

The Vision First Programme has had a great impact on the lives of beneficiaries, as they can now see as a result of the surgeries they have undergone. Generally the programme has brought a new lease of life to so many thousands of beneficiaries. The programme is funded by the Swiss Red Cross.

Visit of Esther Oster

The Head of Division, America/Africa at the Development Cooperation visited region in April 2012 to see the progress of the Vision First Programme (VFP) in the region. Among the places

he visited was Laribanga. She also paid a visited to the Regional NADMO Coordinator and discussed issues on Disaster Risk Reduction. She was accompanied by the Swiss Red Cross Country Representative, Mr. Seth Addae-Kyereme.

b. Disaster (type of disaster, location, period of occurrences, number of people affected, action by Government, Red Cross and other stakeholders, person responsible, number of staff and volunteers involve, current situation)

c. DVLA- no. trained, amount realized, impacts and challenges etc

Month	No. trained	Amount realised
January	23	138.00
February	12	72.00
March	150	900.00
April	114	684.00
May	104	624.00
TOTAL	403	2,418.00

The DVLA programme has exposed a lot of Many drivers have acquired basic first aid skills which will enable them intervene in life threatening situations. There has been tremendous support and cooperation from our partners- the DVLA and the National Road Safety Commission the region.

However, there has been a decline in performance as shown on the table above. The reason is as result of the withdrawal of the issuance of Licence B which was the most demanded category and therefore attracted drivers from the southern sector.

Red Cross meetings (name type of meetings, attendance, importance decision taken and total cost incurred and the funding source)

The Regional Committee held one scheduled meetings and two emergency meetings. Issues discussed included the renovation of the office accommodation, Fire Service and Police reports,

Fundraising, Innovative Membership Drive, etc. Some of the decisions also included the revamping of inactive districts as well as the mothers clubs, working on a fundraising plan.

Other meetings

- Regional Road Safety Committee

Youth activities (type of activities, location, number of youth involve)

The youth rendered first aid services during the Milo games in Walewale. Similar services were rendered during soccer tournaments, second cycle schools inter-houses competitions, interschool games as well as social occasions and route matches upon invitations by organizers.

Tari no. 1 Clinic

On 30th April 2012 some Barclays Bank Ghana officials and a contractor from Accra revealed the continuous deterioration of the clinic. As a matter of urgency headquarters should be talking to officials of Barclays Bank, particularly the Managing Director on this project, as suggested by a Bank official, to bring this clinic to reality and rekindle the hopes of the people of Tari no.1. They have waited too long.

Renovation of Office accommodation

It will be recalled that on 24th June 2010 the offices of the Northern Regional Secretariat of the Ghana Red Cross Society was gutted by fire barely a day after the office was handed over to the substantive Regional Manager, Mr. S. S. Mahama. The incident has since been investigated by the Police and the Fire Service and the reports submitted to the National Headquarters, Ghana Red Cross Society, Accra.

However, in the wake of the fire outbreak an NGO, Northern Network for Development based in Tamale released one of their offices for use by the Regional Manager at Gumani, suburb of Tamale, whilst the Office Assistant used the remaining room at the Secretariat. In spite of the said incident the Regional Secretariat was still being administered effectively under the circumstances.

The Regional Committee took the initiative to contact the Regional Coordinating Council for a permanent office accommodation, but eventually no office accommodation was available for consideration at the time, hence the decision to renovate the gutted Secretariat.

The renovation works commenced in November 2011 with the removal of debris and electrical rewiring and replacement of fittings, painting of the interior and exterior, refurbishing of desks and chairs, replacement of ceiling fans as well as the laying of a new linoleum. The Secretariat has since been in full operation.

Recommendations

- A corps of volunteers and members in the districts should be trained in Disaster Needs Assessment.
- More First Aid Instructors should be trained, whilst the existing ones be given refresher training
- There is the need to reestablish/reinforce existing partnerships with UNICEF and Barclays Bank.
- The Tari no.1 clinic should be looked at again and given the needed attention to uplift it from its present abysmal state, as well as the completion of the Nurses accommodation.

The Northern region will not renege on its efforts to use its comparative advantage to keep the Society in the region in fulfillment of its humanitarian imperative.

3.5 VOLTA REGION

INTRODUCTION:

The period under review was seen to be consolidating the achievements made in the preceding years in strengthening the structures as well as improving on the quality and effectiveness of the society's programmes and services in the region.

STAFF POSITION OF THE REGION

PAID STAFF

The society is manned by two paid staff and four volunteer staff in the region.

Mr. Larry Yeboah – Regional Manager

Miss Margaret Akorta – Office Assistant

VOLUNTEER STAFF

Mr. Gershon Dzokoto - Regional Youth Organiser

Miss Elesi-Dei Tutu - Regional Mothers Club Facilitator

Mr. Franklin Daklu- Lawson - ERT Coordinator

Mr. Micheal Sittie - 1st Aid Training Coordinator

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Regional Management Committee is in place and functioning as expected

Below are the names of the committee members

Mr. Matthew Atinyo - Regional Chairman

Mr. Hans Gbena - Vice Chairman

Miss Gertrude Kukah - Hon. Treasurer

Mr. Gregory Amenuvegbe - Hon. Health Advisor

Mr. Samuel Kodjo Acquency - Hon. PR Advisor

Mr. Wilhelm Gaitu - Council Member

Mrs. Bertha Afenya - Council Member

Mr. SNK Kove - Council Member

Mr. SS Seneagya - Council Member

REGIONAL STRUCTURE:

The Red Cross is operational in eight (8) political districts in the region.

Below are the names of Districts/Municipalities.

Ho Municipality

Jasikan district

Ketu South District

Hohoe Municipality
Nkwanta South District
Kadjebi District
Kpando District

Dormant districts in the process of being reactivated:

An acting District Organisers have been appointed to the under mentioned districts to help activate their activities and identify other volunteer staff who will help in that direction.

Ketu North District
Krachi West District
Akatsi District

Districts where Red Cross Society is being formed:

One hundred and fifty volunteers from 30 communities in Adaklu District were trained in community entry, volunteerism etc to assist the society mobilize volunteers for the formation of Chapters.

Some volunteers were also identified in Biakoye and Nkwanta North Districts to help in the mobilization of volunteers.

The Red Cross Society in the region has a total membership 3019 out of which 485 are in good standing.

1. MEMBERSHIP

	Total Membership	Members in Good Standing	Old Members	New Members
Youth	2389	482	245	237
Adults	771	144	102	42
Total	3160	626	347	279

ACTIVITIES:

HEALTH

POLIO IMMUNISATIONS

The Regional Manager and the Regional Youth Organiser collaborated with GHS in the National polio immunizations exercise in March 2012. During the period, the Regional Manager served as a Regional Supervisor while the Regional Youth Organiser served as a District Supervisor. The Red Cross supported the exercise with 2 staff, 50 volunteers, 1 vehicle and 2 motorbikes.

FIRST AID SERVICES AT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS

Thirty Red Cross volunteers drawn from Ho municipality were at the parade ground on the 6th of March at Ho to render basic first aid to parade casualties.

The volunteers worked in collaboration with the National Ambulance Service and the medical unit of the 66 Artillery Regiment in Ho.

Red Cross volunteers were also present at other public functions during the period.

MOTHERS CLUB MEETING

One Regional Mother's Club facilitator and a District Mother's Club facilitator from each region took part in a three day workshop in Sunyani from 13th – 14th December 2012.

The aim of the workshop was to strategies on Mother's Club activities in the regions and the way forward.

They discussed series of issues and agreed to meet in the Volta region for another meeting in August 2013.

COLLABORATIVE MEETINGS WITH NATIOAL ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION

The Regional Manager attended three collaborative meetings of the NRSC during the period under review.

Red Cross staff and volunteers were part of one week Easter Road Safety education to drivers organized by the Regional Road Safety Committee in the region.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RELIEF

During the period under review, the region recorded two main disasters one at Kpassah in Nkwanta North District and the other at Hohoe in Hohoe municipality. The disasters have resulted in the displacement of many citizens and death of two people.

KPASSA CONFLICT

On 1st June there was a conflict between the Konkombas and Nawuris in the Nkwanta North district over ownership of Kpassah land. Twenty nine (29) families from the two communities were affected resulting in the displacement of 268 people.

A report was forwarded to headquarters to that effect but no relief supply was received from headquarters to support them.

HOHOE CONFLICT

In Hohoe municipality, a tribal conflict ensued between the people of Gbi Traditional Area and the Moslem community on 10th June 2012 over the burial of the chief Imam on Hohoe whose body was exhumed the day after he was buried. This resulted into the moslem youth burning down two vehicles belonging to the Paramount Chief of Hohoe traditional area, vandalization of the palace and taking away vital regalia of the paramount chief from the palace.

The Gbi Youth in response also burnt down all stores belonging to moslem in Hohoe town.

Tension rose resulting into clashes between the two tribes. Two people lost their life and three were injured.

As a result of the situation, public schools were closed and about 6313 moslems mainly women, children and the elderly were registered as Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in Jasikan district by the combined team of Red Cross and NADMO officials.

Reports were submitted to headquarters for their action but no report was taken on them.

MASS CASUALTY SIMULATION EXERCISE

Thirty five Red Cross volunteers were among other agencies invited to take part in a Mass Casualty Simulation Exercise organised by the Volta Regional Hospital; Ho on 28th March 2012 to test the preparedness of all agencies in an emergency.

Others that were also invited included the Military, Police, Ambulance Service, Fire Service and staff of the Volta Regional Hospital.

The exercise was an emergency preparedness activity to test the preparedness of all the participation agencies involved.

DVLA TRAINING

The programme is helping the society to have access to drivers to train in basic first aid.

Apart from the awareness creation and of visibility, the region is raising funds to meet our administrative expenditure.

About eight hundred drivers have been trained during the period.

TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

The Regional Manager attended a workshop on Contingency Preparedness and Risk Assessment organized by the International Federation of Red Cross IFRC in Dakar- Senegal from 30th January – 3rd February, 2012.

It was the initiative of the Federation to equip National Society staff in the sub region in Contingency Planning and Risk Assessment skills.

The Regional Manager represented Ghana Red Cross at the Ghana Government Pandemic Response Table Top Exercise organized by USA Command and NADMO and funded by USAID from 6th to 10th February 2012 at Elmina.

The exercise was aimed at introducing participants to the management of complex emergencies.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

REACTIVATION OF YOUTH LINKS

The Regional office undertook a vigorous reactivation of youth links in the Ho Municipality. At the end of the period under review, youth links in Ho Nurses Training College, Mawuko Girls SHS, Mawuli SHS, OLA Girls SHS and Kabore School Complex were revamped resulting into each of them drawing up their programme of activities and organizing various activities thereby increasing youth membership.

HANDING OVER CEREMONY- HO NURSES TRAINING COLLEGE

Members of the Ho Nurses Training College Chapter of the Red Cross have organized a durbar on 19th May 2012 to climax their activities for the 2011/2012 school year and to hand over the administration of the chapter to the newly elected officers.

The newly elected officers are as follows:

Painttsil Charles Ebo	-	President
Dzanka Dickson	-	Vice President
Benifram Elizabeth	-	Secretary
Agyare RachelEwurama	-	Financial Secretary
Husah Kwasi	-	Organiser
Agboka Princella	-	Asst. Organiser
Tanyeva Emilia	-	Treasurer

Delivering the keynote address for the occasion, the Regional Chairman of the Red Cross Mr. Mathew Atinyo congratulated the outgoing executives for their hard work and dedication to duty and admonished them to carry along their humanitarian services to the communities they will posted to because those are the areas their services will be needed most.

He also congratulated the new executives and encouraged them to mobilize new members and improve their humanitarian activities.

The chairman of the occasion Dr. George Acquaye, the Medical Director of the Volta Regional hospital congratulated them for taking part in the Mass Casualty Management Demonstration organized by the Volta Regional hospital. He also promised them training in the management of mass casualties.

Fifty-two (52) members of the chapter who have undergone Basic First Aid Training were awarded with their certificates

YOUTH CAMP

Twenty Seven (27) youth members attended the youth camp hosted by the Greater Accra Region from 26th August – 1st September, 2012.

FIRST AID TRAINING

Fifty two (52) members of Ho Nurses Training College Red Cross were trained in basic first aid during the period under review.

Fifty five members from Anfoega SHS were also trained in first

MAY DAY ACTIVITIES

BLOOD DONATION

A part of our activities during the May Day a blood donation campaign was organized and an amount of 40 pints was collected for the Volta Regional hospital.

The Regional Manager also joined the Vice President as a team for Ewe Adult Education programme hosted by GBC in Accra.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

During the period under review, an amount of GHC332.00 was raised through membership dues while GHC 2400.00 was raised through DVLA training. Efforts are being made to improve on our resource mobilization.

CHALLENGES

Volta Region is the longest region in Ghana sharing boundaries with Gt. Accra, Eastern, Brong Ahafo and Northern regions with its challenges of bad road network, and various types of disasters and conflicts. The region is without a vehicle to manage these challenges.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSION

- Efforts should be made to provide vehicle to the region to assist in the rejuvenation of district committees, Mothers clubs, Youth Links and chapters
- The region has two building plots which could be used to build a hostel or Youth training centre. Efforts should be made to identify an investor to assist in that direction.

3.6 UPPER EAST REGION

INTRODUCTION

The report covers Administrative and Organizational development, communication and networking; Resource development; Disaster issues, Constraints and the way forward.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

See detailed income and expenditure and bank statement attached from Jan-Dec 2012 and appendixes added.

STATUS OF PERSONNEL AT POST- See table below

A Regional Manager

Office Assistant

RM	OA	RYO	REC	DEC	RFAC	DO	DYO	ADYO	DMFC	CO	RMCF	PO
1	1	1	12	12	1	8	8	8	8	1	1	1

RM	-	Regional Manager
OA	-	Office Assistant
RYO	-	Regional Youth Organizer
REC	-	Regional Executive Committee
DEC	-	District Executive Committee
RFAC	-	Regional First Aid Coordinator
DO	-	District Organizer
DYO	-	District Youth Organizer
ADYO	-	Assistant District Youth Organizer

Four (4) new districts have been formed hence four (4) additional Dos.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

Two offices and one store room: This was acquired by the region through networking and appeals made to the Upper East Regional Coordinating Council.

REGIONAL SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Disaster Prevention Workshop

The region in collaboration with NADMO attended three (3) workshops on Disaster Prevention and Management during the year.

The International Committee of the Red Cross in Collaboration with the Red Cross in the region organized a sensitization workshop on the IHL. Participants from the Security Services including the Bawku Naba and other Paramount Chiefs attended the workshop.

Anti-bush fire campaigns and messages were organized in the communities.

The mothers Club members in Chuchuliga supported in creating fire belts around the society's agro-forestry project in Chuchuliga.

Monitoring during Elections

Ten First Aiders assisted the Security Agencies to monitor the 2012 elections. The Regional Commander of police supported the Red Cross with twenty gallons diesel for the operation. Red Cross Volunteers distributed ice water to over two-hundred people during the election monitoring.

Visit of Conflict Areas

The Regional Manager accompanied the Security Agencies and the Regional Minister to visit two conflict prone areas.

- i. Shea-Tindongo in the Talensi Nabdam Area and
- ii. Yikene in the Bolga Municipal.

The crisis was on land.

DISASTER RELIEF

The Kasena Nankana District was seriously hit by rainstorm during the year.

Our Red Cross Volunteers in the Company of the District Organizer visited the site. The scale of the disaster was so huge that no relief items could be given. Displaced people were however advised to relocate to friends and other family members whose houses were not destroyed during the disaster.

HEALTH AND CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

Capacity Building

Training of Community Based Health Volunteers

Five (500) hundred volunteers were trained on CSM and Cholera prevention in the whole region to sensitize community members on the two major diseases, CSM and cholera. Volunteers reached over thirteen thousand (13,000) community members on the above.

This was done in close collaboration with the Ghana Health Service. Funding was provided by the Swiss Red Cross and the International Federation of the Red Cross.

Advocacy

The Ghana Health Service, district, municipal assemblies and ten district directors of health services were identified and lobbied to include our mothers in the program.

Hand Washing with Soap and Water

Hand washing was highlighted during the year by our mothers and community volunteers. In some communities, our volunteers organized and mounted hand washing equipments and carried out sensitization exercises on the importance of hand washing with soap and water.

Two monitoring visits were made to Sumbrungu to observe how the hand washing campaign was going on. The monitoring team was happy with the results. More efforts will be made in 2013 to get the message on hand washing across.

Food Security- Toende

The Regions through network got an NGO to assist in patching the Toende dam which was broken down in 2010. The Bawku District Assembly has to support to rehabilitate the canals and the irrigation valves to enable community members continue with their dry season gardening.

The Toende dam was constructed in 1993 with support from the Swiss Red Cross. The Regional Manager visited the area five times.

Organizational Development

The Region has a twelve member executive committee who meet to take decisions on critical issues facing the society. During the 2012 year meetings however were irregular. Out of six (6) scheduled meetings the region had only four meetings. Due to financial constraints it was not possible to organize all six meetings. Efforts are however being made to ensure that the extra two meeting will be held in the latter part of the first quarter. Other sub committees, health and information had standing meetings during the period.

Our youth members attended an International Youth Camp in Accra and won a prize with the support of Ghana Health Service; UNICEF we managed to train 1200 mother on new born care. Steps are under way to fully engage the Red Cross mothers the new born care initiative.

Youth Development

The Youth sector however needs to be reactivated. Lack of resources to organize youth camps and carry out youth activities has impacted negatively on youth activities. More links will be opened in 2013.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Fundraising- Commercial First Aid

During the year efforts were made to train bank staff and galamsey operators. Letters and direct consultations were made to no avail. The Ghana Commercial Bank in Bolga has however assured the Red Cross that their staff will be available for training in the third week of March, 2013.

Innovative Membership Drive

In 2012 the Region together with the District in Bolgatanga and set themselves a target of at least registering one thousand new each as their contribution to the innovative membership drive effort. However it is sad to note most of the districts could not even get 5% of new members register as new members. Bawku, Builsa, Bolga. Talensi Nabdam did quite well however for the year under review, the following registration dues were collected from New Members: amount collected..... amount transferred to DVLA.

Membership of Mothers Club

There was a significant increase in the membership of the club members. Few old members however renewed their membership. The rest are yet to pay their bills.

The table below depicts the distribution of our mothers club in the region. A lot however do not pay dues. The reasons are that some of the mothers expect to see benefits from the society by way of loans. There is also no money for volunteers to follow up on dues collection.

Builsa	10	120
Bawku East	5	200
Bawku West	45	900
Kasena Nankana	15	120
Kasena Nankana West	10	350
Bongo	5	120
Garu Tempene	6	181
Talensi Nabdam	4	125
	3	230

The above links are yet to be reactivated due to movement and logistical posters

District	Total Membership of Youth
Bolgatanga	620
Builsa	320
Bawku East	150

Bawku West	250
Kasena Nankana	420
Kasena Nankana West	360
Bongo	410
Garu Tempane	120
Talensi Nabdam	150

Mothers Club Distribution

District	Total Membership of the Mothers Club
Bolgatanga	2000
Builsa	420
Bawku	500
Bawku East	1000
Bawku West	320
Kasena Nankana	530
Kasena Nankana West	120
Bongo	500
Garu Tempane	250
Talensi Nabdam	600

The region's number one problem is lack of transport for regular monitoring of planned programs and membership drive.

Resource constraints make effective supervision and implementation of planned programs difficult. The volunteers we have are jobless and need financial support and motivation to survive and offer dedicated service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

District organizers, mother's club facilitators and volunteers should be trained on resource mobilization and support to carry out membership drive in the community level. The region would need support from Headquarters to implement this recommendation. The region should be supported with a vehicle to enable the Manager to monitor projects as well as oversee membership drive activities.

CONCLUSION

Despite the challenges, the society is still surviving through its networking with strategic partners in the region. We are exploiting other innovative ways of income generation. We are stepping up collaboration with Ghana Health Service and Water Resource Commission as well as the District Assemblies to access support.

The Bawku West District Assembly has awarded the rehabilitation of the Toende dam which was broken by the 2010 floods to a contractor. Work however has not yet started. We will be grateful if Headquarters through the Swiss Red Cross can support the region raise funds.

NEW DISTRICTS

Three new districts have been added to the former existing ones. Upper East Region has 12 districts. The newly created districts are:

1. Fumbisi in Builsa District
2. Nangodi in Talensi Nabdam
3. Pusiga in Bawku East District

Region needs the support of Headquarters to appoint new staff to these areas. The region is networking with the former Municipal executives to get office allocation.

ASSETS MANAGEMENT

- 1) Safe Storage of Relief Items: The region has been asked to reduce the cost of storage by converting one of its rooms into a store for relief items.
- 2) The region intends to purchase land through its innovative membership and fund raising methods to build its own Guest House. Permission will be sought from Headquarters to use part of the materials in stores to roof the guest house which will also serve as a training centre for the mothers.

3.7 UPPER WEST REGION

INTRODUCTION

The year 2012 has begun as a challenging one. However, the region's performance so far can be described as modest. The absence of an official vehicle to move around for work, including monitoring and supervision, as well as some administrative challenges, has been a major hindrance to smooth work in the region.

As a result of the Administrative challenges, Sub-Committees were not formed and regular Executive Committee meetings were not held. Basically, office administrative work, DVLA training, First Aid training and Services, some youth activities, as well as Primary Eye Care (PEC) and General Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (HPDP) volunteer activities took place in the Region.

The Optical Centre has operated optimally as well. And so were the guest houses. However, toward the end of Year 2012, that is, around October 2012, The newly created Nandom District Assembly expressed interest in Zenuo Guest House, the property of Ghana Red Cross at Nandom for their office use. We started a process of negotiations which is not yet concluded.

STAFF OF THE REGION (Name and designations)

Paid Staff

Joseph Bog-Yena	Regional Manager
Timothy D. Kayelle	Project Officer
Mariam Balegha	Administrative Assistant

Volunteer Staff and their Positions

Francisca Naawerebagr	Regional Mothers Club Facilitator
Bismarck Erubong	Ag. Regional Youth Organiser
Danso George	Ag. Regional First Aid Instructor
Paul Hemet Sornye	Municipal Organiser- Wa
Yendau Eugene	Ag. District Organiser - Nadowli
Moses Bakagr	Ag. District Organiser - Jirapa
Edward Baagah	District Organiser - Lawra
Mohammed Lulua	Ag. District Organiser - Sissala
Magdalene Maayang	Mothers Club Facilitator - Wa
Margaret Galyoun	Mothers Club Facilitator - Nadowli
Mercy Diedong	Mothers Club Facilitator - Jirapa
Elizabeth Gbeney	Mothers Club Facilitator - Lawra
Rabiatu Mohammed	Mothers Club Facilitator – Sissalla

Executive Committee

A 15 member Regional Executive Committee is in place. However, as a result of certain administrative challenges as indicated in the introduction, meetings were not regular as they ought to be.

REGIONAL STRUCTURES

In the region, the Regional Executive Committee has been the highest management body after the Regional General Assembly which is held every two years. It functions as the BOARD at the regional level and is supported by Subcommittees such as; Management Subcommittee, Finance Subcommittee, Resource Mobilization Subcommittee, Disaster Subcommittee, Health Subcommittee, Youth Subcommittee as well as Women and Children Subcommittee.

These subcommittees meet much regularly to plan activities for implementation for the various wings of the society and report as such to the Executive Committee quarterly except in emergency situations where meetings are much regularly than quarterly. However, the situation was not as expected.

MEMBERSHIP

a. Total Membership and breakdown as

OPERATIONAL DIST. BY NAME	NO. OF CHAPTERS IN THE DIST.	TOTAL NO. OF RED CROSS MEMBERS (Ordinary Members + Youth + Mothers Clubs +School Links + etc)
Wa Municipal	6	350
Nadowli	2	55
Jirapa	4	100
Lawra	7	250
Sissala	3	120
Total	22	820

b. Youth

Name of Operational District	Number of School Links	Total Membership of School Links
Wa	5	250
Nadowli	1	30
Jirapa	2	45
Lawra	5	190
Sissala	2	65
Total	15	580

c. Mothers Clubs

Name of Operational District	No. of MC Groups	Total Membership of the Mothers Club
Wa Municipal	16 (8)	521
Nadowli	20 (10)	411
Jirapa	26 (8)	420
Lawra	68(28)	1,360
Sisaala	13 (7)	271
Total:	143 (61), i.e. 61active groups	2,983

ACTIVITIES

Health and Care in the Community

- (i) Between February and April 2012, 60 community Red Cross volunteers were trained to undertake a campaign programme on Yellow Fever. This was a HQ sponsored programme.
- (ii) PEC/ VFP (Primary Eye Care/ Vision First Programme)
The PEC/VFP is ongoing. The number of trained volunteers so far is 504
For the period under review, three (3) Volunteer Refresher Trainings took place for the following districts; Wa Municipal, Sissala, and Jirapa. 111 Volunteers benefited from these refresher trainings.
- (iii) Red Cross Optical Centre; The Region has an Optical Centre which is operating optimally to provide optical services affordably to the people of the region and beyond. Indeed it is a component of the vision first programme in the region.

Guest Houses:

- i. Zenuo Guest House which is at Nandom is functioning optimally except that business is seasonal. We have a challenge of attracting professionally dedicated staff to work their considering the low remuneration that we pay the staff. As indicated earlier, Nandom District Assembly is interested in the place and we are still having discussions on that.
- ii. Wonuo Guest House would need some serious rehabilitation, especially the summer hats.

DVLA Training

The Wa DVLA centre is the only place the GRCS trains drivers in the Region. In all 981 drivers were trained and certificated.

A total of Five Thousand, eight hundred and eighty six (GH¢5,886.00) Ghana Cedis was realized. Out of the total amount raised, GH¢2,506.40 was transferred to the GRCS national Head Office as dividends. An amount of GH¢ 386.60 each, was paid to the regional Road Safety Commission and the regional DVLA respectively as dividends accruing from the training. In all, GH¢2,608.00 accrued to the regional accounts. Of that amount, GH¢1,481.00 was used for payment for DVLA facilitation allowances and other expenses. Hence, GH¢1,127.00 was generated to support other regional secretariat activities.

Youth Activities

Youth Games programme from the 8th to 9th June 2012 at Kperise Junior High School.

First Aid Training for Lawra Senior high school. 36 students benefited, from 30th to 31st March 2012.

First Aid Training for 60 UDS students, 19th to 23rd March 2012.

Challenges

- i. Mobility continues to be to major challenge for the region. This has limited the movement of the Regional Manager and therefore the region is not able to organize and implement some programmes.
- ii. Fund raising is also another challenge as the populace in the region sees Red Cross to be a charitable organization and sees no reason why it should be supported since it has been perceived to be a rich organization. The case has been compounded with the numerous community and faith based organizations competing for the very few generous people and corporate bodies in the region.
- iii. The unavailability of some basic First Aid equipment for training and service delivery such as dummies, stretches etc, is not good for efficiency in the region.

Summary of financial report

Income

First Aid Training (DVLA)	GH¢5,904.00
Annual Dues	GH¢120.00
First Aid Training	GH¢150.00
Guest Houses	GH¢1,800.00
Others (Rentals)	GH¢360.00
Total	<u>GH¢8,334.00</u>

Expenditure

Dividend to HQ	GH¢2,506.40
Dividend to NRSC&DVLA	GH¢ 784.80
Equipment repairs	GH¢ 176.00
T&T for Staff	GH¢ 450.00
Courier services	GH¢ 90.00
DSA for DVLA Facilitators	GH¢1450.00
Tonner& stationery	GH¢386.00
Photocopying	GH¢45.00
Total	<u>GH¢5, 888.20</u>
 <i>B/d</i>	 <u>GH¢2,445.80</u>

8 Recommendations and conclusions

Head office should assist regions with some of the basic resources needed to effectively work e.g. Vehicles, Cameras, etc

3.8 BRONG AHAFO REGION

INTRODUCTION

The year 2012 was not different from the few immediate past ones. With all the numerous challenges notwithstanding, the Region manage to stretch its head above the waters and manage to undertake a few activities in consonance with the National Societies Strategic Plan – 2011 to 2015.

The absence of an official vehicle to move around either inhibited or made the organization of activities very burdensome.

The most debilitating challenge was that of Fund Raising. The only source of raising funds for the Regional Branch is the DVLA First Aid Training for drivers; two-thirds of the realized funds went to the National Headquarters while just one-third was left for the partners. (The Red Cross Regional Secretariat, the DVLA and the National Road Safety Commission). This led to worsening the Regions financial stand which was already very poor.

The numbers of drivers who visit the First Aid Post at the DVLA is on the lower side as compared to other Regions like Ashanti, Central, Western and Greater Accra, income accrued from this Programme could not even meet the core Administrative cost of the Regional Secretariat.

Since January to June 2013, only seventy (70) drivers visited the First Aid Post: January-22, February-20, March- 5, April-6, May-5 and June-6.

The collection of membership dues from the Municipalities and Districts branches has almost run into a halt as no membership dues has been received from any Municipality/District apart from Kintampo Municipal who paid the dues of Eighty-Seven (87) youth members and about Forty-Two (42) youth from Sunyani during the period under review.

This has left the Regional Secretariat gasping for breath to survive. It is my hope that things would change in the nearest future, otherwise, the Organization in the Region will find it very difficult to meet its core Administrative cost.

STAFF OF THE REGION (Name and Designations)

a. Paid Staff

Solomon Gbolo Gayoni	Regional Manager
Olivia Kwarteng Opuni	Administrative Assistant

Faustina Baah Administrative Assistant who was moved to augment the staff strength of the Optical Centre towards the middle of 2012.

c. Management Committee Members

Dr. Jacob Abebrese - Regional Chairman
 Mr. Kwesi Botwe - Vice Regional Chairman
 Mad. Mary Alhassan - Regional Mothers Club Facilitator
 Mr. Solomon Gbolo Gayoni - Regional Manager (Secretary)

REGIONAL STRUCTURES

As the National Society, the structures in the Region are:

- Youth Links
- Chapters and
- Mothers Clubs

4. MEMBERSHIP

a. Total Membership and breakdown are:

Name of Operational District	No. of Chapters in the District	Total No. of Red Cross Members (Ordinary Members + Youth + Mothers Clubs +School Links + etc)
Sunyani East	4	250
Sunyani West	1	45
Techiman	9	1,250
Wenchi	12	800
Kintampo	15	1,740
Berekum	10	480
Dormaa West	1	30
Asunafo South	7	496
Asunafo North	8	450
Tano South	3	180
Tano North	2	126
Asutifi North	1	85
Jaman South	2	68
Jaman North	2	118
Tain	4	300
Nkoranza South	3	200
Atebubu-Amanten	4	504
Pru	1	142

Total:	89	7,624
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b. Youth

Name of Operational District	Number of School Links	Total Membership of School Links
Sunyani East	5	300
Sunyani West	1	40
Techiman	22	750
Wenchi	12	460
Kintampo	12	872
Berekum	4	280
Dormaa West	3	150
Asunafo South	5	380
Asunafo North	8	312
Tano South	1	25
Tano North	1	60
Asutifi North	2	68
Jaman South	3	45
Total	79	3,821

c. Mothers Clubs

Name of Operational District	Total Membership of the Mothers Club
Sunyani East	32
Sunyani West	25
Techiman	96
Wenchi	35
Kintampo	150
Berekum	40
Dormaa West	12
Asunafo South	35
Asunafo North	20
Tano South	-
Tano North	16
Asutifi North	15
Jaman South	22
Jaman North	33
Tain	10
Nkoranza South	26
Atebubu-Amanten	89
Pru	10

Total:	657
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ACTIVITIES

a. Health and Care in the Community

(i) As part of activities marking the 55th Independence Day Celebrations of the Republic of Ghana, Volunteers in all Red Cross operational Municipalities and Districts took part in the Independence Parades. The Volunteers also mounted First Aid Posts and rendered First Aid Services during the Celebrations.

(ii) Volunteers of the Techiman Branch of the GRCS in conjunction with the Holy Family Hospital (HFH) in Techiman and Adepa FM, a local Radio Station as part of their Annual Blood Donation Campaign donated 72 pints of blood for the HFH to be used to save the lives of vulnerable people.

(iii) The Brong Ahafo Region marked its World Red Cross Day on the 30th and 31st of May 2011. A First Aid lecture was organized for the students and taxi drivers of the Catholic University at Fiapre in Sunyani. Thirty-three (33) taxi drivers and a large number of the student population benefited from the lecture. The objective of the lecture was to equip the beneficiaries with some basic skills in First Aid to be able to save the lives of victims of motor traffic crashes along their route.

(iv) On the 31st of May 2012, a one day free Eye Screening and Blood Pressure (BP) Screening was organized for the people of Odumase in the Sunyani West District. The service was used to honour Nana Kwame Korang VII; the Paramount Chief of Awua-Odumase Traditional Area who has being a dedicated Patron of the Regional Red Cross for a very long time. In all, One Hundred and Fifty-Six (156) Members of the Community were screened. Twenty-Five (25) spectacles were donated to Twenty-Five (25) needy persons who could not afford the prices of spectacles to correct their refractive errors. The service took place at the premises of District Health Directorate. Those who registered high BPs were referred to the Sunyani Regional Hospital for further cross examination.

(v) The Hand Washing Programme at public gatherings gained recognition in the Berekum and Techiman Municipalities. The effort of the Red Cross has so much been appreciated that no big funerals are held in the Berekum Municipality without the presence of the Red Cross hand washing team. The Health Authorities and the Municipal Assembly has praised the Red Cross for that initiative particularly at this time of epidemic outbreaks as well as the raging Hepatitis disease.

b.

i. The refugee camp in Fetentaa still registered new refugees in 2012. This is because people who sense insecurity moved into the country, while others in the camp

are leaving for their respective villages in their home country. At the time of generating this report, the total number of refugees at the camp stood at 1,247.

ii. From the 17th to the 18th of May 2012, the Regional Manager facilitated two days Refresher Training Programme for a 15 member Neighborhood Watch Team (NEWAT) organized by the security department of the UNHCR. The area of facilitation was First Aid. The Regional Red Cross Branch also continued to render psychosocial support services to the refugees in the camp.

iii. The Brong Ahafo Region benefited from the Yellow Fever Campaign that was undertaken early in 2012. Forty (40) Volunteers were mobilized and trained on the epidemiology of the disease in the Techiman Municipality and Pru District. The Volunteers undertook a vigorous house-to-house education on the disease. Other public places such as Schools, Lorry Terminals, Religious Houses, and other Social Gatherings were visited by the Volunteers. By the close of the campaign, a total of **51,833** people were reached with health messages related to the disease.

iv. The Brong Ahafo Region undertook the universal distribution of LLITNs in the month of May 2012, 20 Red Cross Volunteers in the Techiman Municipality took part in the hang-up exercise.

v. Ghana Red Cross Optical Centre continued to serve the optical needs of the Brong Ahafo Region and its environs. The Centre got accredited as a NHIS facility and started serving clients with Health Insurance membership cards as at 2nd April 2012. This has led to a sharp shoot up of patients visiting the Centre. This necessitated the relocation of Faustina Baah one of the Regional Office Assistants at the Regional Secretariat to the Centre.

Within the reviewed period, the Optometrist/Centre Manager resigned her position. The then Ag. Secretary General and the Manager, Finance and Administration from Head Office visited the Optical Centre in Sunyani to supervise her handing over to Mr. Isaac Donkor who took an acting capacity as the Centre Manager.

A new Optometrist was temporally contracted for the Centre while efforts were being made to get a substantive Optometrist appointed.

CBHF and other Related Projects

i. Forty (40) students from St. Joseph College of Education in Bechem in the Tano South District were trained in Standard First Aid. All of them passed the post training exam and were awarded First Aid Certificates.

ii. Sunyani in the Brong Ahafo Region became an icon and hosted many National Programmes since the beginning of the year, Red Cross Volunteers from Sunyani mounted and rendered First Aid services on the grounds of the various programmes.

iii. The year 2012 attracted many Institutions and Bodies into the Region who partnered the Red Cross especially in the area of First Aid. The Regional Manager and Regional First Aid Instructor were also invited to give First Aid lectures on various First Aid topics related to the jobs of the host Organizations.

c. DVLA Training

The Sunyani and Techiman DVLA Centres were the only places the GRCS trained drivers within the review period, only 200 drivers were trained and certificated. This yielded One Thousand Two Hundred Ghana Cedis (GH¢1,200.00) with Five Hundred and Twenty Ghana Cedis (GH¢520.00) as dividend paid to National Head Office.

The lack of a trained First Aid Instructor in Goaso hampered the start of training in the Centre opened around the middle of 2012.

e. Red Cross Meetings

Management Committee	1
Regional Committee	1
AGM	0

f. Other Meetings

Regional Planning Committee meetings at the RCC	4
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g. Youth Activities

During the Brong Ahafo Regional Inter Senior High Schools sports festival held in Dormaa, the sole First Aiders were the Sunyani Senior High School Link. Their effort was highly recommended by the Regional Directorate of the Ghana Education Service. Many of the schools promised to form Red Cross Links in their schools.

Challenges

The lack of an Official Vehicle in the Region continued to be a major challenge for the Region. This has limited the movement of the Regional Manager and therefore debilitating the organization and the implementation of activities.

Fund raising was also another challenge as the general populace has become worn-out of giving donations. The case has been compounded with the numerous Community and Faith Based Organizations competing for the very few generous people and Corporate Bodies in the Region.

During the reviewed period, most of the office equipment were obsolete; the only computer in the Secretariat had broken down and staff had to rely on neighbor offices to do any work. This hindered progress of work.

The unavailability of some basic equipment such as stretchers to attend public functions and to work at disaster scenes cast a slur on the image and efficiency of the Organization in the Region and Country as a whole.

The Way Forward

- ✓ Earlier this year- 2013 the Region received First Aid equipment which will go a long way to enhance the rendering of First Aid Services in the Region.
- ✓ The Region also received a Computer and other Office Equipment which has enhanced office work.

The Region has also been selected to implement the CBHFA project and this comes with a package such as a Project Vehicle which will enhance mobility in the region.

3.9 EASTERN REGION

INTRODUCTION

The Region continued to fulfill its mandate with regards to the implementation of its social obligations in Health Education in Communities, Disaster management, youth formation and resources development despite its major challenge in mobility. As a result in the area of fund raising and membership drive, we were unable to achieve our target for the year.

Our main set back as a Region was that we have operated without any official vehicle since February 2010.

Fortunately, the First Aid Training of Drivers at the DVLA premises went on smoothly, despite some initial teething problems. Some of their Officials at the 3 DVLA Centers at Nkawkaw were not cooperative when the Training started. At the moment we can say the Training at the 3 Centers ;Akim Oda, Nkawkaw and Koforidua went on well.

Our main Challenge is the threats by the private owners of the Koforidua and Nkawkaw Centers to take back the halls we have hired as our Training Centers. Negotiations are still going on for an extension of time. For the mean time we are looking for other alternatives to get new accommodation in or around the DVLA offices. In view of this, patronages for the training at the centers went down during the first half of the year. All the same we can boldly say the First Aid training in the Region has been concretized and it is the only sustainable source of income for the Region

ADMINISTRATION:

OPERATIVE DISTRICTS: 14 -OUT OF 21

PAID STAFF: 2

VOLUNTEER STAFF: REGION-4

- 1.REGIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZER.
2. REGIONAL MOTHERS' CLUB FACILITATOR,
- 3.EMEGENCY RESPONSE TEAM CO-ORD
- 4.REGIONALRESOURCE/1ST AID INSTRUCTOR

MUNICIPAL/DISTRICTS STAFF

MOs/ DOs-14, DYOs=14, DMCF= 14, D-ERT COORD=

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5	Rev. George Amoah	Legal Advisor	Court Register	
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11	Annor Dompere	--do-	Media/Radio Presenter EMAK 99.7 FM	
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HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Activities of our MCs were not very effectively handled as a result of our inability to visit the Districts regularly as expected. During the year, the 3 in 1 Project continue in Suhum District and the New Juaben. Unfortunately, 12 out of the 38 registered MCs officially renewed registration with some few individuals renewing their Memberships for the years.

However, the Health education Programme i.e. breast feeding, nutrition, HIV and AIDS, malaria, sanitation were carried out in the 2 Districts. The Mothers' Clubs activities were visible at Funerals with members attending funerals promoting hand washing.

Our challenge during the period was that we could not do regular monitoring from the Region. Apart from the Regional vehicle that was out of road, all the motor bikes in the districts are broken down except that Suhum District. That motor bike on road is the one sent in for the 3 in 1 Project 2 years ago. We are sure of revamping the sleeping MCs when we get a vehicle and motor bikes for the DOs, we can go on regular monitoring.

RCER & GHS COLLABORATION

NID PROGRAMME 2012

The Region's collaboration with the GHS –ER was very cordial during the year under review. Despite the inability to visit the MCs regularly the Mothers helped in the social mobilization for the Polio immunization, during the NID in March and April 2011. The MCs Voluntarily assisted

the GHS personnel in their respective districts to mobilize mothers and care-takers to immunize their children between the ages of 0-5 years.

26 Red Cross Volunteers including 11 MC members were recruited and took part in the NID in the 1st and 2nd round in the NID.

The Regional Manager, K. Darko-Asumadu was also recruited as one of the Regional Supervisor and was assigned to the Akyemansa District during the period.

BLOOD DONATION

The Region donated 162 units of blood through Youth Links in SHS. The RYO Mr. E. Djan Yeboah who is a leading donor in the Region, himself led to organize the Schools for the donation. The leading SHS for the year was Koforidua Technical Institute, that donated 90 Units of blood out of the total of 162.

DISASTER PREPARADNESS AND RELIEF

THE SWISS RED CROSS INTERVENTION-2012

The Swiss RC supported the ER Branch with funds to construct 20 Units, 2 Bedroom Houses for 20 families who were severely hit by Flooding in August 2011 at Asunafo in the Atiwa District.

The construction that started in April 2012 was completed and commissioned in November 2012, thus the houses were constructed within 8 months

At the Commissioning of the Project of 29th Nov. 2012 were, the President, Prof. K. Mante Bosompem, His Excellency, the High Commissioner of Switzerland, the E/Regional Chairperson, Mrs. B. Boham-Addey, the SG Mr. Kofi Addo and Mr. Addae Kyeremi, the Swiss Rc Country Representative. The E/Regional Manager, Mr. Darko-Asumadu and Alhaji Abdulai Adams supervised the construction together with Mr. Daniel Konadu a Volunteer. The Rural Housing Regional Director, Mr, J, Hammond and Mr. Dan Ampomah were the Technical men on the ground.

The 20 beneficiary Families offered free labour for the construction. The detail report has since been submitted to the HQ.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Society believes that like all other organizations and institutions, the Youth stands as the corner stone, with this in mind, the 5 year Strategic Plan has as many as 6 major activities put in place to ensure that the goals set by the Society is achieved.

The Region for that matter targeted the under listed activities that were under taken to achieve the goals

- *Membership drive, development and database of youth members and Links*
- *First Aid Training and services.*
- *Youth Rallies , camps and Leadership skills Training*
- *World Red Cross day celebration*
- *Spots, Games and Cultural Activities*
- *Sponsored Walk and Blood donation*
- *Capacity Building*

Membership drive, development and database of Links/Membership.

The Region has established a database to regularly update our membership since 2011. The current Membership shows stands at 2,046 as against 4,533 in 2010. The database of in-school and out-of-Youth Volunteers has helped us. The region currently has 68 active Links which with 48 sleeping ones. The reason is that the Region for the past 3 years lacks vehicle for visiting and monitoring activities in the Schools.

First Aid training and services have been the our major activities that cuts across all the Links. The Volunteers in Schools are trained in First Aid. They use their skills to render First Aid services at school sports festivals and public gatherings at events like the Independence, Republic Day etc.

World Red Cross Day:

The other major activity that took place the during the period was the usual celebration of World Red Cross Day 8th May 2012. In New Juaben, a joint clean up exercise was organized to mark the day. In all 300 youth, 21 MC members supported by 5 Zoom Lion workers took part in the 2 hours clean up exercise at Koforidua to mark the day. Similar clean up exercises were organized in our School Links to mark the day.

The various Communities, School Authorities and the Zoom Lion company that supported us with sanitation tools appreciated and commended the Linksfor their good work.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME TO TOGO

Unfortunately, our Annual International Exchange Programme and Rally that normally come during the Red Cross month in May each year could not come because of the uncertainty of the Regional Manager (Nana Darko-Asumadu) for being at post by May.2012.

He was to be replaced as soon as a new Manager is appointed to take his place, so he could not plan for the trip.

NGO COLLABORATION

The RCER continued their Partnership with World Education/Ghana in 2012. A WATSAN Project similar to the 3 in 1 Project took place at Oyoko in the New Juaben Municipality. The Project was aimed at combating the annual cholera outbreak in that community. Six students were trained as Peer Educators in the three JHS had a total population of 460 students who were reached with correct messages on water and sanitation issues. The 6 Peer Educators in each of the 3JHS (Presby. Catholic & Methodist) Project held 10 weekly peer education sessions in 10 out of the 14 weeks spent in the School Term.

The topics they treated included the causes, prevention and management of Cholera and diarrhea. The students also learnt about the preparation of ORS; when and how to administer it.

A Quiz competition was held among the 3 JHS at the Oyoko Ebenezer Methodist Chapel on 21st March 2012. The Presbyterian JHS won the competition 96 marks. The Methodist JHS was second with 88 marks and they were followed closely by the Roman Catholic JHS with 86 marks. Football, shield and certificates of participation were presented to the Schools. The Presby. JHSPatron, whose school won the first position, Mr. Foster Appeah, was also presented with 2012 Desk Diaries for his support. The World Education donated the prizes

CLEAN UP EXERCISE:

Monthly (6 times) general Clean up exercises within the Oyoko Township was organized by the 3JHS. Over 500 students, teachers, members of the MC members and good number of community members including the Assemblymen took part in the monthly clean up exercises. During the Clean up exercise, Workers from the Zoom Lion Company supported us personally and with their sanitation tools, i.e. rakes, shovels, head pans and wheel barrows. The normal 2-hour clean ups were well patronized by students, Teachers and the community at large.

The 3 in 1 Project by the Suhum MC also went on successfully throughout the year. Hand washing with soap and water took place at funerals, churches, public gatherings and Schools.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Annual Programme prepared and circulated to the District/Municipal Organizers.

- Construction of 20 Unit 2-Bed room houses for 20 Families of flood victims at Asunafo on-going.
- DVLA Project on going in 3 Centers (AkimOda, Nkawkaw and Koforidua).
- Peer Education on Water and Sanitation went on successfully in 3JHS-Oyoko in the N. Juaben. The total number of Students in the 3JHS -469 benefited from the Peer Education sessions.
- The 16 Mother's Club members at Oyoko held house-to-house water and sanitation campaign. (MC members visited 40 houses x 8 weeks in the period (320houses) with an average of 10 persons per house). The total persons reached were about 3,200, mostly women.
- Over 2000 people were also reached with hand washing with soap at funerals at Suhum and Oyoko
- 98 Casualties were attended to at the First Aid Post at the Jackson Park Independent Day Cerebration on 6th March 2012.
- A Quiz Competition on Water and Sanitation
- Good collaboration with GHS, NGO-World education/Ghana and PPAG, Koforidua during the period.
- 162 Units of Blood was donated to hospitals in the Region.

CHALLENGES:

- One Small Regional Office accommodation.
- The Region has no vehicle at the moment. The Nissan Petrol is still at the garage. The Region was unable to raise the estimated GHC4,500 to repair it.
- Report/feed backs from District Organizers were not forth coming.
- Difficulty in monitoring/visits to the Districts.
- Poor income generating
- In active RMCF as a result of the death of the husband.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is the dire need for a vehicle for the Region to enhance implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Greater effort should be put in to increase income of the region alongside the DVLA Project.

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The Region was also privileged to host Ms. Dorcas Adwoa Aidoo, a Programme Officer from the World Education/Ghana for her direct supervision of the WATSAN Project at Oyoko. We also commend the Adontenhene of Oyoko, Nana Kodua Kesse and his Elders for warmly implementing the WATSAN PROJECT.