



HEALTH SECTOR NEEDS ASSESSMENT

As a result of civil wars in the Mano River Union countries, Guinea hosted nearly 1 million refugees from Sierra Leone and Liberia for over ten years. It continues to cope with Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), following rebel attacks from 2000-2001, as well as with additional refugees and returns from the 2002 conflict in Côte d'Ivoire. These events have impacted negatively on already overburdened social services and infrastructure. Overall levels of vulnerability, malnutrition, morbidity and mortality are on the rise and Guinea's social indicators are similar to those of countries emerging from a prolonged war.



HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE: The health situation is characterized by limited access to basic social services. Patients are often forced to walk tens of miles before they receive the necessary care. Most health facilities are not able to accommodate the needs of the increased population. Lack of hospital ambulances make the transportation of sick and injured people difficult, particularly with regards to the considerable increase in malaria cases around refugee camps.

HIV/AIDS: Over the past year, there has been an estimated increase of more than 20% of AIDS patients admitted to hospitals, making HIV/AIDS the principal cause of hospital mortality after malaria, acute respiratory infections and anaemia. Orphans and other children affected by, or living with, HIV/AIDS are particularly vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. Guinea Forestière has the third highest HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in the country after Conakry and Fria.

HEALTH SECTOR PRIORITIES FOR 2006

- Improve access to health, nutrition, and reproductive health services by ensuring the availability of medicines, testing equipment, anti-retroviral treatment, essential medicines and supplies through capacity building of personnel
- Strengthen prevention programmes, such as vaccination, promote behavioural changes in order to reduce hazardous habits and improve access to essential medicines for the treatment of endemic diseases such as HIV/AIDS and malaria

WHO Proposed Projects in the CAP 2006	Funds Requested *	Implementing Partners
Reinforcement of the capacities of health infra-structures for the benefit of refugees and host communities GUI-06/H05	519,340	MoH, UNICEF, HCR
Support for the prevention and the care of STIs and HIV/AIDS patients in refugee camps and neighbouring host communities GUI-06/H06	524,700	MoH, UNAIDS, MSF
Provide mental health care in refugee camps and host communities GUI-06/H07	171,100	MoH, UN agencies, NGOs
Support to the coordination of health activities and information networking in the Guinea Forestière region - N'Zérékoré GUI-06/H04	256,500	MoH, NGOs, local communities

* Amounts given in US dollars.

Total Funds Requested: USD 1,471,640

2005 Donors: No voluntary contributions were received for Guinea in 2005