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**This report
covers the period
from 1 January 2013
to 31 December 2013.**



*An outreach worker of the National Society
refers a client to tuberculosis testing
Photo: Turkmenistan RC*

Overview

Throughout the year 2013, the Turkmenistan Red Crescent Society focused on programmes combatting HIV and tuberculosis (TB) and equipping rural communities with the essential knowledge and skills to prevent communicable diseases and practise healthy behaviours, aimed *to strengthen the specific Red Cross / Red Crescent contribution to development* of Strategy 2020 of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

The key achievements during 2013 include the following.

- The Turkmenistan Red Crescent Society reached almost 21,000 people with information on how to decrease the risks of HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and drug abuse through peer education sessions, community mobilization and advocacy.
- The Red Crescent provided direct support to 591 vulnerable people with TB to help them complete the treatment and reached about 32,000 people with valid information about TB and the harm of stigma associated with the disease.
- The Red Crescent equipped more than 31,500 people living in rural communities with the essential knowledge and skills on prevention of communicable diseases, reproductive health and first aid.

In the last quarter of 2013, the Turkmenistan Red Crescent Society took part in preparing an application for the DIPECHO-8 competition. The work on the disaster risk reduction proposal was implemented in close cooperation with the German Red Cross, the Central Asian National Societies and the IFRC's Almaty and Europe Zone Offices. The Red Cross and Red Crescent partners hired a consultant to develop the application and in December 2013 a meeting was convened to discuss the programming details and the budget with the leadership and the disaster management focal points of the National Societies from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

The application was filed in January 2014 with the results of the competition to be expected in May 2014.

Working in partnership

The list below includes those multilateral and bilateral partners of the Turkmenistan Red Crescent that were supporting the Society's programming with financial and other forms of support.

Operational Partners	Agreement/ programme area
Multilateral	
British RC	health and care: TB, HIV, community based health and first aid (CBHFA)
Population Services International (PSI)	health and care: HIV and TB
Bilateral	
American RC	"Prepare Ashgabat" (earthquake preparedness)
British RC	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): organizational development and HR management
Danish RC	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): youth project
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	TB prevention (through UNDP)
ICRC	communications, restoring family links
IOM	Project Agreement: prevention of human trafficking, DIPECHO-VII

Progress towards outcomes

Business line 1: To raise humanitarian standards.

Output: 1.2.1 Turkmenistan RC promotes the fundamental principles and humanitarian values of the Movement.

Progress: Over the year 36 new staff and 1,055 volunteers were reached with sessions on the fundamental principles and humanitarian values.

Comments on progress towards outcomes
Information about the fundamental principles and humanitarian values was provided by the Turkmenistan RC to new staff and volunteers as part of the work briefing or relevant training within the specific programme.

Output: 1.4.1 Framework and principles for building strong national societies are promoted to ensure RC uptake and active participation

Measurement		
Indicators	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
NS annually updates the Databank profile including the FWRS (starting in 2012)	Updated on an annual basis	The profile was updated.
NS participates in the Geneva led initiative on the Organisational Capacity Assessment Certification (OCAC) process as a pilot NS in 2011-2012	Continue the OCAC exercise	N/A

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The Turkmenistan National Society updated the FDRS profile with data for the year 2012.

Business Line 2: To grow Red Cross Red Crescent services for vulnerable people.

Output: 2.1.1 Turkmenistan RC has increased institutional capacity to support community disaster risk reduction, preparedness and response.

Measurement		
Indicators	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Trained and equipped DR teams in regional branches by the end of 2013	Not applicable	N/A
Prepositioned emergency stocks in regional branches for 1,000 people in total by the end of 2014		N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes		
There was no funding for the disaster management programme so there were no specific activities implemented toward this output with IFRC support.		

Output: 2.3.1 Turkmenistan RC provides regular update for the disaster management database

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
The database is updated annually	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
There was no funding for the disaster management programme so there were no specific activities implemented toward this output with IFRC support.	

Output: 2.6.1 Disaster preparedness and response capacities of target communities in the most disaster-prone areas have strengthened through Red Crescent Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) activities related to climate change.

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
24,000 schoolchildren are reached with messages on safe behaviour annually	N/A
80 local disaster management committees (LDMCs) established in target communities over 4 years and have community level disaster preparedness (DP) / disaster risk reduction (DRR) plans	N/A
70,000 people reached with mitigation projects over 4 years	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RC implemented community preparedness projects in cooperation with American RC and IOM (DIPECHO-VII). In the last quarter of 2013, the Turkmenistan RC took part in preparing an application for the DIPECHO-8 competition. The work on the disaster risk reduction proposal was implemented in close cooperation between the German Red Cross, the Central Asian National Societies and the IFRC Almaty and Europe Zone offices. The Red Cross and Red Crescent partners hired a consultant to develop the application and in December 2013 a meeting was convened to discuss the programming details and the budget with the leadership and the disaster management focal points of the National Societies from Kazakhstan, 	

Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The application was filed in January 2014 with the results of the competition to be expected in May 2014.

Output: 2.7.1 Turkmenistan RC has promoted IDRL at the national level

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
A study of national legislation on compliance with IDRL guidelines has been conducted by end of 2013	N/A
Recommendations to the national legislation developed by end of 2014	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
There was no funding for the disaster management programme so there were no specific activities implemented toward this output with IFRC support.	

Business line 3: To strengthen the specific Red Cross Red Crescent contribution to development

Output: 3.1.1 Turkmenistan RC enhances the ability of communities to combat discrimination, intolerance and violence and to promote respect for diversity

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
The number of community members reached with messages on non-discrimination, tolerance and non-violence (500,000 people in 4 years)	See details below

Comments on progress towards outcomes
There were no specific activities implemented toward this output. Non-discrimination, tolerance and non-violence were promoted through the TB and HIV prevention programmes.

Output: 3.2.1 Turkmenistan RC has scaled up HIV programming by introducing additional services

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
Referral network is created by end of 2012	N/A
Outreach service is established by mid-2012	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HIV prevention programme was implemented in Ashgabat, Dashoguz, Mary, Turkmenabat and Turkmenbashi. The programme comprised information and education activities (sessions, training courses, public campaigns) on HIV for schoolchildren, students, troubled adolescents, military people, sex workers, drug users, men who have sex with men, taxi or truck drivers, police personnel and staff of different enterprises. The referral voucher system functioned in two cities – Ashgabat and Dashoguz – through an agreement 	

with the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry that instructed city clinics, AIDS centres and TB hospitals in both cities to provide free health services for the Red Crescent clients from risk groups¹. These services included diagnostics and treatment of TB and sexually transmitted diseases (STD) and HIV testing for the clients. They were also referred to the drop-in centre under the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry for psychological, legal assistance and low-threshold services. The National Society outreach workers referred clients by using vouchers. In total, 792 clients were reached over the period.

- The total number of people reached with information on HIV, STDs and drug abuse prevention for the year was 20,063. Of all people reached with education, 85 per cent were able to describe ways of HIV transmission, myths and misconceptions etc.

Output: 3.2.2 Control the spread of tuberculosis in Turkmenistan and reduce the incidence of tuberculosis

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
Advocacy action plan developed by August 2012	N/A
Unified referral system integrating closer HIV and TB services established over four years	See details below
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TB prevention programme was implemented in Ashgabat, Dashoguz, Mary, Tejen and Turkmenabat cities. The programme targeted the most vulnerable people with TB in the outpatient phase of treatment and their families. In total, 591 people with TB were supported in treatment adherence; treatment success rate among those clients reached 96.5 per cent. The healthy population was also reached in educational institutions and enterprises with information about symptoms, measures to prevent the disease, the availability of free treatment and the importance of treatment completion. Over the period, the National Society reached 17,968 people through education sessions and 13,979 through public campaigns. On average 89 percent of people covered by education activities knew the four main symptoms of TB. • A close integration between HIV and TB services was adopted by the National Society with the voucher referral system (see Output 3.2.1). Patients diagnosed with TB were referred to a TB dispensary and after in-patient treatment they were supported by the National Society through the ambulatory treatment and granted social support (food parcel). 	

Output: 3.3.1 Rural communities have essential knowledge and skills on prevention of communicable diseases and first aid and adopt a proper attitude to their own health

Measurement		
Indicators	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Comprehensive educational plan for CBHFA trainings and coordination of volunteers created by mid-2012	Plan developed	N/A
New volunteers recruited and given relevant training by end of 2012	65	157
Comments on progress towards outcomes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CBHFA programme was implemented in 11 districts (4 regions) of the country. The programme targeted rural population – children, adolescents, women and men of reproductive age – with information and education activities in the area of public health and reproductive health. • The number of people reached with health promotion messages and trained in first aid amounted to 31,549. Among people reached through education 89 per cent knew the basic symptoms of the most 		

¹ Within the USAID Dialogue on HIV and TB Project funded multilaterally by PSI between January and May 2013, the Turkmenistan Red Crescent targeted primarily drug users in Ashgabat and Dashoguz cities.

common diseases, 88 per cent practised personal and domestic hygiene, while 40 per cent was able to apply first aid skills correctly.

Output: 3.5.1 Strengthened regional and local branches of the National Society

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
The IFRC continues branch development in 2012-13	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
There was no funding for the organizational development programme so there were no specific activities implemented toward this output with IFRC support.	

Output: 3.5.2 Volunteer capacity improved through relevant training and participation in core activities

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
The IFRC continues supporting volunteer development by promoting the online Learning Platform and Knowledge Sharing networking	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no funding for the organizational development programme so there were no specific activities implemented toward this output with IFRC support. 	

Business Line 4: To heighten Red Cross Red Crescent influence and support for our work

Output: 4.2.1 Increased National Society's sustainability

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
The IFRC continues promoting and encouraging NS resource mobilization activities internally and externally through technical and intellectual support	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Output was moved to Output 4.5.1 according to the Consolidated Operational Plan 2013 for Turkmenistan. 	

Output: 4.2.2 Red Crescent Law has been adopted

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
RC law ratified by end of 2013	RC law ratified in December 2012.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
The NS worked to promote the implementation of the Red Crescent law adopted in the end of 2012.	

Output: 4.3.1 Closer country integration with Turkmenistan RC is ensured

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC status agreement signed with the government over 4 years	In progress.

Output: 4.5.1 A systematic approach is taken for representation and advocacy with NS key agreed partners

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
New partnerships are promoted and encouraged by IFRC Almaty Office over four years	N/A
One new partnership established by 2014	See details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no funding for the organizational development programme and no specific activities were implemented towards this output. • The National Society actively increased the number of members and provided paid “first aid” courses in order to raise funds internally. 	

Business Line 5: To deepen our tradition of togetherness through joint working and accountability

Output: 5.1.1 Promote National Society participation in regional and international dialogue and cooperation

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
NS attends regional and Russian speaking RC leadership fora, European conferences, general assemblies and international conferences	Four international events were attended, see details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<p>In 2013 the Turkmenistan Red Crescent attended the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Asia Leadership and Movement Coordination meeting in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan in April; • 17th ERNA² Meeting devoted to migrants with HIV and tuberculosis in Minsk, Belarus in September; • Annual meeting of the European Network on First Aid Education in September; • 19th IFRC General Assembly in Sydney, Australia, in November. 	

Output: 5.4.1. Accountability system has been developed in the NS

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Almaty Office continues support to raise accountability standards through modernization of internal processes, financial systems, planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER) structures over four years	N/A

² The European Red Cross Red Crescent Network on HIV, AIDS and Tuberculosis.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The NS carried out working meetings and sessions for staff and volunteers to promote the concept on accountability towards beneficiaries, adopted in 2012.

Output: 5.5.1 NS has effective and transparent human resources management systems

Measurement

Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Almaty Office provides tailored support in HR development	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
HR management development was supported on a bilateral basis, with the help of the British RC.	

Output: 5.5.2 Proper and effective financial management in the NS

Measurement

Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Almaty Office provides tailored support in finance management	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
There was no funding received for the organizational development programme and no specific activities were implemented towards this output.	

Stakeholder participation and feedback

The Turkmenistan Red Crescent Society is a member of the State Committee on HIV Prevention and has a role in monitoring and evaluation of the national programme on HIV control for the years 2012-2016. It has developed strong partnerships with UN agencies, AIDS Centres, schools and boarding schools, inspectorates of troublesome adolescents, workplaces, including state-owned and commercial enterprises. The National Society has a specific role assigned to it within the National Strategy on TB Prevention and Control 2008-2015 and is also a member of the Inter-Agency Committee on TB in Turkmenistan.

Monitoring visits to the health programme sites were carried out by the National Society jointly with beneficiaries, representatives of local authorities and volunteers. The National Society also used the management information system database with success stories as effective monitoring tools within the HIV prevention programme (USAID Dialogue on HIV and TB Project).

Financial situation

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<http://www.ifrc.org/Docs/LTPF%20Process/LTPF/2013/MAATM00113arf.pdf>

How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations](#) (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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