

MAATM001

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**This report
covers the period
from 1 January 2014
to 31 December 2014.**

Participants of the training on prevention of tuberculosis, public awareness and media coverage for service providers in Mary town fill in pre-tests.

Photo: Turkmenistan RC



Overview

During the reporting period, the Turkmenistan Red Crescent became one of the implementing partners of the regional project entitled “Building Sustainable Community Resilience through Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction Systems in Central Asia” that helps *to grow Red Cross Red Crescent services for vulnerable people*¹. The project is managed, coordinated and supervised by the German Red Cross, supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and the Austrian Red Cross and implemented by the Red Crescent Societies of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan over 18 months.

Throughout the year 2014, 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*².

The key achievements during 2014 include the following.

- The Turkmenistan Red Crescent Society started establishing local disaster management committees (LDCMs) and interviewed 150 LDMC members from target communities, 50 teachers and 100 young people in schools.
- The 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 527 vulnerable people with TB to help them complete the treatment and reached more than 34,000 people with valid information about TB and the harm of stigma associated with the disease.

¹ Business Line Two of IFRC Strategy 2020.

² Business Line Three of IFRC Strategy 2020.

- The Red Crescent equipped more than 35,000 people living in rural communities with the essential knowledge and skills on prevention of communicable diseases, reproductive health and first aid.

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)
German RC	Disaster management (DIPECHO-VIII)
Population Services International (PSI)	Health and care (USAID Dialogue on HIV and TB Project)
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 (RFL)
IOM	Project Agreement: prevention of human trafficking

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.

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 2013 by providing their financial statement, annual report, and data on the key proxy indicators.

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	See details below.
Prepositioned emergency stocks in regional branches for 1,000 people in total by the end of 2014		See details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes		
In the second half of the year, 2014 the Turkmenistan Red Crescent became one of the implementing partners of the regional project entitled "Building Sustainable Community Resilience through Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction Systems in Central Asia" within the DIPECO-VIII programme. Project practitioners received technical information, tools and mechanisms related to implementation of project activities in the field during the CBDRR training in Kyrgyzstan in August. DRT training and equipment and pre-positioning of emergency stock is planned for the year 2015.		

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	
Not relevant.	

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	See details below.
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	See details below.
70,000 people reached with mitigation projects over 4 years	See details below,
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RC implemented the community preparedness project in cooperation with the American RC. In the second half of the year 2014, the Turkmenistan Red Crescent became one of the implementing partners of the regional 18-months project entitled "Building Sustainable Community Resilience through Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction Systems in Central Asia" within the DIPECO-VIII programme. The 	

National Society started establishment of 10 LDMCs. The project team selected and interviewed 150 LDMC members from four target communities together with 50 schoolteachers and 100 school youth as LDMC team members at 10 schools in Ahal and Balkan cities. Disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation information materials have been selected, updated and made ready for printing. Further training of LDMC, elaboration of DRR/DM plans and non-structural mitigation projects in schools are envisaged in 2015.

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	
Regional and country level activities towards IDRL promotion are envisaged within DIPECHO-VIII project in 2015.	

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 towards 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 total number of people reached with information on HIV, STDs and drug abuse prevention for the year 	

was 20,956. Of all people reached with education, 85 per cent were able to describe ways of HIV transmission, myths and misconceptions etc.

- The Turkmenistan RC used the referral system developed in the previous years to refer clients for diagnostics and treatment of TB and sexually transmitted diseases, HIV testing, psychological, legal assistance and low-threshold services.
- Following the discussion with the donor in the end of the year the Turkmenistan Red Crescent decided to integrate HIV prevention activities in its community-based health and first aid project. There will be no separate HIV project in 2015.

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	See details below
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, 527 people with TB were supported in treatment adherence; treatment success rate among those clients reached 95.8 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 22,091 people through education sessions and 11,884 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 referral system (see Output 3.2.1). • Within the USAID Dialogue on HIV and TB Project the Turkmenistan RC reached 306 people with knowledge about TB and HIV/TB co-infection, infection prevention and control, stigma reduction and how to correctly highlight TB issues in mass media through trainings in Turkmenabat, Mary, Dashoguz and Anau. The participants of the trainings included medical staff, journalists, representatives of the education system, public organizations and police, local authorities and communal services. In addition, the project arranged four round table meetings that focused on the role of partnership in TB prevention for 104 health workers and representatives of partner organizations. 	

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 35,096. Among people reached through education 89 per cent knew the basic symptoms of the most 		

common diseases, 90 per cent practised personal and domestic hygiene, while 38 per cent was able to apply first aid skills correctly.

- With support from an expert the Turkmenistan Red Crescent developed a water, sanitation and hygiene intervention that will be part of the CBHFA project in 2015.

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 towards this output with IFRC Secretariat 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 towards this output with IFRC Secretariat 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	
Not relevant.	

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 was ratified in December 2012.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
Not relevant.	

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.
The status agreement with Turkmenistan is finalised. There was an agreement reached by both sides to sign it at the level of the IFRC Secretary General and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan. The dates of the visit of the IFRC Secretary General to Ashgabat for that matter are yet to be set.	

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 Secretariat's 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 2014 the Turkmenistan Red Crescent attended the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The European Conference in Florence, Italy, in June; Meeting of the Russian-speaking National Societies in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, in April; Meeting of the Russian-speaking National Societies in Tbilisi, Georgia, in September Russian-Speaking Fundraising Skillshare meeting in November in Budapest, Hungary. 	

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

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Secretariat's 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

Comments on progress towards outcomes

IFRC Secretariat provided technical support in planning, monitoring and reporting on the National Society programmes funded multilaterally.

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

Measurement

Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Secretariat's Almaty Office provides tailored support in HR development	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.

Output: 5.5.2 Proper and effective financial management in the NS

Measurement

Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Secretariat's 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 programme sites are carried out by the National Society jointly with beneficiaries, representatives of local authorities and volunteers.

Financial situation

Click here to go directly to the financial report.

<https://fednet.ifrc.org/Docs/LTPF%20Process/Development%20Operational%20Plans/2014/SP570TM14arf.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 (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian 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.

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



Save lives,
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**
and a culture of
non-violence and peace.

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