

www.ifrc.org  
Saving lives,  
changing minds.

# Uzbekistan Mid-Year Report

 International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

**MAAUZ001**

**31 August 2012**

**This report covers the  
period 01/Jan/12 to  
30/Jun/12.**

*Participants of the national disaster  
response team training practise the use of  
a water cleaning unit /Uzbekistan RC*



## Overview

In the first six months of the year 2012, the IFRC supported the Uzbekistan Red Crescent to raise humanitarian standards by participating in the organizational capacity assessment and certification (OCAC) process. Besides, the National Society was assisted to strengthen the specific Red Cross Red Crescent contribution to development through community based health and first aid programme. To heighten Red Cross Red Crescent influence and support for our work IFRC worked on closer country integration in Uzbekistan by negotiating the renewal of the IFRC status agreement. IFRC also encouraged Red Crescent mobilization activities through technical support. Key achievements for six months include:

- the Red Crescent Society completed the self-assessment within the OCAC process;
- A dialogue between IFRC and the Uzbekistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs on status agreement in the county maintained; the decision is expected in September 2012.

The main factor affecting the implementation of the planned activities is lack of funds. Withdrawal of the number of traditional donors that used to channel their programme support multilaterally creates a vacuum and means the National Society has to reduce the scale of programming and look for funds from non-traditional donors and strengthen in-country fundraising.

Over the period IFRC encouraged and supported the Uzbekistan RC in seeking funding from the European Union by responding to the calls for proposals. Thus, the Uzbekistan RC was supported in developing a concept note aimed at promoting women's rights and their social and economic empowerment in the country. Unfortunately, this concept note was not pre-selected. Besides, the Uzbekistan RC is one of the implementing partners in the IFRC proposals aimed at services to migrants in four countries of the region. The proposals build on the Red Cross Red Crescent experience in the area of migration and the established Central Asia Regional Migration Network.

The Uzbekistan Red Crescent, alongside other four National Societies from central Asia, was also assisted in joining the application on strengthening the capacities of non-state actors. The Netherlands Red Cross is the applicant and IFRC is an associate partner that will contribute to “bridging” between operating National Societies and partner National Societies. The results of these applications will be announced later in the year.

Following the strategic direction to move the emphasis in the support of the national societies in the region on building their internal technical capacity the structure of the Federation Regional Representation in Almaty has gone through substantial restructuring. A number of regionally based technical support functions have been assigned to the Federation’s Zone office in Budapest and Federation Representation in Tajikistan. The process, whereby the International Federation status agreement in the country will be renewed, has started intensively by opening dialogue with the Uzbekistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is expected to have the first results by autumn 2012. This will enable the International Federation to ensure closer country integration and provide focused support to the Red Crescent Society in Uzbekistan.

## Working in partnership

The list below includes multilateral and bilateral partners of the Uzbekistan Red Crescent that support the National Society programming with funds.

Operational Partners	Agreement/ programme area
British RC	Disaster management (carried over from 2011)
Japanese RC	Health and care (CBHFA)
<b>Bilateral</b>	
ICRC	Disaster management capacity building, IHL, RFL

## Progress towards outputs

**Business line 1:** To raise humanitarian standards.

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

Measurement		
Indicators	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Number of new staff members and volunteers reached with sessions on fundamental principles and humanitarian values	50	See details below.

Comments on progress towards outputs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no funding received for the principles and values programme so no specific activities were implemented.</li> <li>The Uzbekistan Red Crescent reached new staff members and volunteers with sessions on fundamental principles within the framework of the ICRC-supported communication programme (IHL).</li> </ul>

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

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
NS annually updates the Databank profile including the FWRS (starting in 2012)	See details below.
NS participates in the Geneva led initiative on the Organisational Capacity Assessment and Certification (OCAC) process as a pilot NS in 2012-2013	See details below.

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Uzbekistan RC has not yet updated its Databank profile but plans to do so later in the year.</li> <li>The National Society received support in the self-assessment within the OCAC process. The self-assessment took place in April and was facilitated by the Europe Zone. Based on the completed self-assessment report the regional representation further engaged with the leadership on the follow-up mechanism and a plan of action to address the identified shortcomings. The plan of action is expected to be completed by July 2012 and will support planning the National Society capacity building work and strategic thinking.</li> <li>The Red Crescent was encouraged to overcome the digital divide based on the positive experience of the Turkmenistan RC that was supported in successfully completing the digital divide (DD) project in 2011. The political will of the Uzbekistan RC's leadership is there. The National Society was included in the list of societies expecting funding from the Saudi Arabian Red Crescent following their commitment to support the DD projects in selected countries. There is a plan that a technical expert from the Europe Zone office will assess the technical needs of the National Society. Meanwhile, the Uzbekistan RC was encouraged to make preliminary arrangements for proposal writing and to explore IT and related questions faced by the National Society.</li> </ul>

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

**Output:** 2.1.1 Uzbekistan RC has updated national DP/DR and contingency plans.

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
National DP/DR revised by end of 2013	See details below
National contingency plan revised by end of 2014	See details below
30% of branches elaborated contingency plans by end of 2014, 50% of branches – by end of 2015	See details below

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the first half of the year the National Society partly revised the national DP/DR plan. Namely, the section on key risks and disasters specific for Uzbekistan was updated. Further work on the national and branch plans revision and development is postponed for the next year because of lack of funds.</li> </ul>

**Output:** 2.1.2 Uzbekistan RC has established a psychosocial support service to victims of disasters in accordance with Federation standards

Measurement
-------------

Indicators	Year to Date Actual
By end of 2015 PSS service is established and functional	See details below

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Because of lack of funds there were no specific activities carried out toward this output within the IFRC-funded programme. However, the National Society included elements of psychosocial support to people affected by disasters in the training for the national disaster response team held in June. With support from ICRC the Uzbekistan RC plans to arrange specific three-days training on psychosocial support for staff from the headquarters and selected branches in November 2012.</li> </ul>

**Output:** 2.2.1 Uzbekistan RC has increased institutional capacity to support community disaster risk reduction, preparedness and response

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
Trained and equipped DR teams in regional branches by end of 2014	See details below
Prepositioned emergency stocks in regional branches for 2,000 people in total by end of 2014	See details below

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Uzbekistan RC held training for the national disaster response team in June. The training was held in cooperation with ICRC that supports the disaster management capacity building of the National Society in Andijan, Fergana and Namangan branches. In total, 32 staff and volunteers from different branches attended the training to gain new or refresh disaster management knowledge. The training included theoretical sessions on disaster management cycle, DRT deployment, code of conduct, humanitarian aid, camp management, water and sanitation and new SPHERE standards. Practical exercises on setting a camp and use of a water cleaning unit were also arranged. Following the training selected volunteers were included in the list of regular national DRT members. The trained participants are also encouraged to share their knowledge with branch colleagues through refresher trainings to improve branch preparedness and contribute to sustainability.</li> <li>No equipment was procured for DR teams with support from IFRC because of lack of funds. The Uzbekistan RC managed to procure 44 sets of uniforms and footwear for selected branch DR teams with support from ICRC. In addition, these teams were supplied with 4 electric power generators to be used in case of a disaster. The National Society plans to replenish its emergency stocks with mattresses, bed linen and tents in the second half of the year with support from ICRC.</li> </ul>

**Output:** 2.3.1 Uzbekistan RC provides regular update to the disaster management database

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
The database is updated annually	See details below.

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

- The Uzbekistan RC filled a database with information about 50 national DRT members. Currently, the National Society collects information on all regular DR team members. Besides, in March the National Society updated the database of emergency stocks prepositioned in various locations; this database is updated quarterly.

**Output:** 2.6.1 Disaster preparedness and response capacities of target communities in the most disaster-prone areas have strengthened through RC DRR activities related to climate change

**Measurement**

Indicators	Year to Date Actual
25,000 schoolchildren are reached with messages on safe behaviour annually	See details below
80 LDMC established in target communities over 4 years and have community's DP'/DR plans	

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

- Because of lack of funds activities in communities have not been implemented. However, in the second half of the year the Uzbekistan RC will work with schoolchildren in selected geographic locations using the minimal funds carried over from 2011.

**Output:** 2.7.1 Uzbekistan RC has promoted IDRL at the national level

**Measurement**

Indicators	Year to Date Actual
Recommendations to the national legislation developed by end of 2014	See details below.

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

- A study needs to be conducted on the national legislation and then the National Society will be able to provide their recommendations. Because of lack of funds the study could not be implemented so far, therefore no activities were carried towards this output.

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

**Output:** 3.1.1 Uzbekistan RC promotes non-discrimination, tolerant attitude and social inclusion

**Measurement**

Indicators	Year to Date Actual
Number of community members reached with messages on non-discrimination, non-violence, social inclusion and tolerance (10,000 over 4 years)	See details below.

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

- No funds have been received for the principles and values programme and no specific activities have been implemented toward this output.
- For information on resource mobilization initiatives please see Output 4.2.1

**Output:** 3.2.1 Control the spread of tuberculosis in Uzbekistan and reduce the incidence of tuberculosis

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
Number of RC TB clients with 1 and 2 categories, MDR TB increased by 40% by the end of 2014 (nation-wide)	See details below.
Advocacy action plan developed by August 2012	
Unified referral system integrating HIV and TB services established over four years	

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No funds have been received and no specific activities were implemented toward this output.</li> <li>However, the National Society disseminated information among the population on Tuberculosis symptoms, ways of transmission, prevention measures and promoted early referrals. Thus, regional branches held 323 workshops on TB for 2,860 volunteers who further disseminated the information in communities.</li> </ul>

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

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
Comprehensive educational plan for CBHFA trainings and coordination of volunteers created by mid 2012.	See details below.
2,000 volunteers recruited and trained by end of 2012	See details below.
Reproductive health component is incorporated in the CBHFA programme by mid 2013	See details below.

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The funds channeled multilaterally for the CBHFA programme were minimal and only selected activities planned for this year can be covered. Over the period the National Society arranged national first aid training for 83 staff and volunteers from different branches in cooperation with the disaster management programme.</li> <li>With its own means the National Society carried work in communities through 106 workshops targeting 2,569 people. The participants received knowledge on infectious diseases prevention and first aid.</li> </ul>

**Output:** 3.3.2 The number of voluntary non-remunerated donations of blood is increased

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
A RC centre for the promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation is established by end of 2012	See details below.

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

- There was no funding channelled multilaterally for this output and no specific activities were implemented.
- However, the Uzbekistan RC implements the project promoting non-remunerated blood donation supported in the country by UNDP and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Besides, in cooperation with the Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusions and the Ministry of Higher and Professional Education the National Society carried out 347 workshops promoting blood donation. The participants of the workshops – 3,916 people – were involved in blood donation.

**Output: 3.5.1 Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society improves its image and profile****Measurement**

Indicators	Year to Date Actual
Number of publications about RC role and activities in mass media at national and local level (at least 10 each year)	See details below.
Number of public campaigns conducted by NS annually (RCRC Day campaign)	See details below.

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

- There was no funding received and no specific activities were implemented toward this output.
- With its own means the Uzbekistan Red Crescent developed a media plan for 2012 to inform the population about the National Society programming through printed media and information agencies. Similar plans were produced at the branch regional level. Over the period the Red Crescent activities were 65 times highlighted on central and local television, 45 times on the radio and more than 200 articles appeared in newspapers and magazines. A press conference was arranged to mark the World Red Cross Red Crescent Day. The conference was also highlighted in printed media and on television. Besides, the Uzbekistan RC announced a contest for the best coverage of the National Society in mass media.

**Output: 3.5.2 NS has effective governance and management structures****Measurement**

Indicators	Year to Date Actual
RR continues supporting ongoing internal development of the governance and management structures of the URC with the aim of reaching high level governance and management systems by 2013	See details below

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

- The regional representation continued coaching the Uzbekistan Red Crescent's Executive Director, including on organizational development and capacity building issues. IFRC plans to support her participation in the Leadership Development Course this year.
- More than 80 percent of the National Society district branches have been registered with the justice departments; executive directors of these branches have also been appointed. The executive body in the headquarters was fully staffed.

**Output:** 3.6.1 Strengthened volunteer's centres and clubs

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
RR continues support to volunteer centres and clubs by promoting Online Learning Platform and Knowledge Sharing networking	See details below

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Society leadership was briefed about the online Learning Platform and Knowledge Sharing network initiative. As a result, the National Society considers issuing an internal memorandum for staff and volunteers to offer recognised opportunities to develop themselves through the Learning Platform.</li> <li>There were no funds channelled multilaterally for the youth component this year. However, in September 2012 the Uzbekistan RC plans to arrange a youth camp in Namangan region for 50 young staff members and volunteers that will help define the perspective of work with youth and volunteers.</li> </ul>

**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
RR continues promoting and encouraging NS resource mobilization activities internally and externally through technical and intellectual support	See details below.

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Uzbekistan RC raises funds primarily through membership fees and voluntary contributions from the corporate sector, different organizations and individuals. In the first quarter of 2012 the National Society raised 57 percent of the funds raised in 2011. If this tendency persists, by the end of 2012 the National Society will raise almost three times more than last year. The received funds partly cover the activities of the National Society aimed at accomplishing its mission. However, the National Society requires support from partners in order to carry out its work more effectively, especially in the area of community disaster preparedness, strengthening the visiting nurses service, support to medical-social centres, expanding emergency stocks and strengthening the organizational capacity.</li> <li>In the beginning of the year IFRC developed regional and country focused project proposals for the Norwegian and Japanese Red Cross Societies that included various programme areas. The latter raised some funds for the CBHFA component of the health and care programme in Uzbekistan. The result of the Norwegian RC application is supposed to be announced later this year.</li> <li>Over the period the regional representation encouraged and supported the Uzbekistan RC in seeking funding from the European Union (EuropeAid) by responding to their calls for proposals. Thus, the Uzbekistan RC was supported in developing a concept note aimed at promoting women's rights and their social and economic empowerment in the country. Unfortunately, this concept note was not pre-selected. Besides, the Uzbekistan RC is one of the implementing partners in the project proposal aimed at services to migrants in four countries of the region. The proposal builds on the Red Cross Red Crescent experience in the area of migration and the established Central Asia Regional Migration Network; IFRC is the main applicant and PSI is among the partners of the project. In addition, the Uzbekistan RC is part of the project proposal focusing on migration health. This project includes four countries of the region and is supposed to be implemented in partnership with Project HOPE, with IFRC being the main applicant. The results of these two calls for proposals should be announced in August 2012.</li> </ul>

- The Uzbekistan RC, alongside other four National Societies from Central Asia, was supported to become part of the application in response to the European Commission's call for proposals on Strengthening the Capacities of Non-State Actors. The specific objective of the proposed action is "To strengthen capacities of the RCRC Network in Central Asia in promoting the improvement of national and regional legal frameworks and advancing a multi-stakeholder dialogue for provision of quality social services to vulnerable groups through conducting effective advocacy, awareness raising and resource mobilisation." The Netherlands RC is the applicant and IFRC is an associate partner that will contribute to "bridging" between operating National Societies and partner National Societies; providing technical expertise (trainings on humanitarian diplomacy, resource mobilisation, volunteer management) and assisting the network members in connecting to local and national government networks (lobbying for relevant legislation, promoting auxiliary role, advocating for human rights of the most vulnerable groups). The results of the application are expected in autumn 2012.

**Output: 4.2.2 Red Crescent Law has been adopted**

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
RC law is adopted by end of 2014	See details below

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

- The National Society has the draft law developed and in the first half of the year worked to lobby the adoption of the law in front of the government. Further support is required to get concrete results.

**Output: 4.3.1 Closer country integration with Uzbekistan RC is ensured**

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC status in the country renewed by end of 2012	See details below

**Comments on progress towards outcomes**

- The Regional Representation has systematically engaged in a dialogue with the Uzbekistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the renewal of the IFRC status agreement. The extensive communication maintained with the ministry's protocol and legal departments aimed at negotiating the status agreement, promoting the Red Cross Red Crescent programmes in the country and the auxiliary role of the National Society. The issue was also discussed in the President's office. The general position is that IFRC presence is welcomed but President's office is willing to analyze status agreements with the Russian Federation and with Kazakhstan before the decision is taken. Positive decision is expected in September 2012. The Uzbekistan RC is ready to host country representative even before the status agreement is formalized.

**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 RR over four years	See details below
2 new partnerships established by 2014	See details below

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The IFRC and the Uzbekistan Red Crescent representatives met JICA and Coca-Cola Company in Uzbekistan to explore opportunities for partnership.</li> </ul>

**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 Leadership, Russian-speaking fora, European Conferences, GAs and IC	See details below.

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None of the listed events has taken place in the first half of the year.</li> </ul>

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

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
The system is in place by 2014	See details below
RR continues support to raise accountability standards through modernization of internal processes, financial systems and PMER over four years	See details below

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In view of recent staff changes in the Regional Representation the Uzbekistan Red Crescent was encouraged to show a higher level of self-determination in terms of financial and narrative reporting on programmes. Raising accountability standards through the modernization of internal processes, financial systems, and PMER capacities will be one of the key tasks for the upcoming period.</li> <li>The following target (indicator) for this objective, "The system is in place by 2014," was found immeasurable and will be excluded from the LTPF.</li> </ul>

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

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
RR provides tailored support in HR development	See details below

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No activities have been implemented toward this output in the reporting period.</li> </ul>

**Output:** 5.5.2 Proper and effective financial management in the NS

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
RR provides tailored support in finance management	See details below.

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific activities have been implemented toward this output. The National Society finance staff was regularly consulted on programme financial reporting.</li> </ul>

## Stakeholder participation and feedback

Acting as auxiliary to the public authorities the Uzbekistan Red Crescent carries out its work in cooperation with the government bodies. The National Society has cooperation agreements for the years 2011-2015 signed with the ministries of health and labour and social protection. The role and obligations of the Uzbekistan Red Crescent in disaster management is defined by the regulation on improving the government system of disaster prevention and response adopted in 2011. This year the National Society also extended its cooperation agreements with the youth movement “Kamolot” and the Women’s Committee. Similar agreements with “Makhallya” Fund and “Nurony” Veterans’ Fund will also be extended this year. A separate provision regulates Uzbekistan’s cooperation with the Ministry of Higher and Professional Education and the Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusions on expansion of the Red Crescent membership in higher education institutions and promotion of non-remunerated blood donations.

Beneficiary community members participated in the implementation of the National Society programmes as volunteers.

## Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key Risks or Positive Factors	Priority High Medium Low	Recommended Action
Reorganization processes in the Regional Representation mean new systems of programme management support are being established. This affects proper supervision of the programmes.	H	It is expected that the source of technical support to health project will be clarified in August 2012. New arrangements should be in place in September.

Lack of support from the Parliament to adopt the Red Crescent law	<b>H</b>	The National Society will apply to the Cabinet for support in lobby of the Red Crescent law but the National Society requires support from IFRC and ICRC.
---	----------	---

## Financial situation

**Click here to go directly to the financial report.**

[http://www.ifrc.org/docs/LTPF Process/LTPF/2012/SP570UZLTPF\\_12myrf.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/docs/LTPF%20Process/LTPF/2012/SP570UZLTPF_12myrf.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 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.

[www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)  
Saving lives, changing minds.



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 nonviolence and peace.

Find out more on [www.ifrc.org](http://www.ifrc.org)

## Contact information

For further information specifically related to this report, please contact:

- **In the Uzbekistan National Society**
  - Elvira Amiralieva, Executive Director; email: [rcsuz@inbox.uz](mailto:rcsuz@inbox.uz); phone: +99871 150 71 07; fax: +99871 256 18 01.
- **In the Europe Zone office**
  - Evgeni Parfenov, Head of Operations; email: [evgeni.parfenov@ifrc.org](mailto:evgeni.parfenov@ifrc.org); phone: +36 1 8884 502; fax: +36 1 336 15 16.