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*In the first half of the year the National
Society organized training on first aid for
83 staff and volunteers .
Photo: Uzbekistan Red Crescent*



Overview

In the year 2012, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) supported the Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society 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 and Red Crescent contribution to development through community based health and first aid programme. In order to heighten Red Cross / Red Crescent influence and support for our work, the IFRC worked on closer country integration in Uzbekistan by negotiating the renewal of the IFRC status agreement. The IFRC also encouraged Red Crescent resource mobilization activities through technical support. Key achievements for the year 2012 include a completed self-assessment within the OCAC process and a dialogue between IFRC and the Uzbekistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the status agreement.

The main factor affecting the implementation of the planned activities was the shortage of funds. The withdrawal of several traditional donors that used to channel their programme support multilaterally has created a financial vacuum so the National Society had to reduce the scale of programming and is looking for funds from non-traditional donors and is also strengthening its in-country fundraising.

In the reporting period the IFRC encouraged and supported the Uzbekistan RC in seeking funding from the European Union by responding to 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. The Uzbekistan National Society, alongside with other four National Societies from Central Asia, was also assisted in joining the application on strengthening the capacities of non-state actors. Unfortunately, the concept note was not pre-selected and the application was not supported. However, the Uzbekistan RC is one of the implementing partners in the successful IFRC proposal aimed at providing services to migrants in four countries of the region.

The proposal was built on Red Cross / Red Crescent experience in the area of migration including the established Central Asia Regional Migration Network. The project will be implemented starting from 2013 for three years.

Following the strategic direction to move the emphasis on the support of the national societies in the region to build their internal technical capacity, the structure of the Federation Regional Representation in Almaty underwent a substantial restructuring. A number of regionally based technical support functions were assigned to the IFRC Zone office in Budapest and the IFRC Representation in Tajikistan. The process, whereby the International Federation's status agreement in the country will be renewed, started with an intensive dialogue with the Uzbekistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 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)
Bilateral	
ICRC	Disaster management capacity building, international humanitarian law (IHL), restoring family links (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"> No funding was received for the Principles and Values programme so no specific activities were implemented. 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). 		

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"> The National Society's OCAC self assessment process was facilitated by IFRC. The self-assessment took place in April 2012, and facilitators from Europe Zone Office were conducting it. Based on the completed 	

self-assessment report, the Europe Zone Office further engaged with the leadership of the Uzbek Red Crescent on the follow-up mechanism and a plan of action to address the identified shortcomings. The plan of action will support the planning of National Society capacity building work and strategic thinking.

- The Red Crescent Society was encouraged to overcome the digital divide based on the positive experience of the Turkmenistan RC that was supported in successfully completing the Bridging the Digital Divide (BDD) 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 for IT development.
- The Uzbekistan RC's Databank profile was updated during 2012, by adding the number of volunteers in the NS.

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

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

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
National disaster preparedness (DP) / disaster risk reduction (DRR) plans revised by end of 2013	In progress
National contingency plan revised by end of 2014	N/A
30% of branches elaborated contingency plans by end of 2014, 50% of branches – by end of 2015	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
During the first half of the year the National Society partly revised the national DP/DRR 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 was postponed until 2013.	

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	In progress
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
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 2012.	

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	In progress.
Prepositioned emergency stocks in regional branches for 2,000 people in total by end of 2014	In progress. See details below
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 the branches of Andijan, Fergana and Namangan. In total, 32 staff and volunteers from the three target branches attended the training to gain new knowledge, or refresh their existing knowledge, on disaster management. 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.

- The programme also contributed to the DRT training held in Tashkent in August by covering the expenses of the participants from Andijan and Fergana branches.
- No equipment was procured for DR teams with support from IFRC because of shortage of funds. The Uzbekistan RC managed to procure 44 sets of uniforms and footwear for selected branch level DR teams with support from ICRC. In addition, these teams were provided with 4 electric power generators to be used in case of a disaster. The National Society partially replenished its emergency stocks with mattresses, bed linen and tents in the second half of the year with support from ICRC.

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	Done.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
The Uzbekistan RC filled a database with information about 50 national DRT members. The National Society also collected information on all regular DR team members. The database of emergency stocks prepositioned in various locations was 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	
In the second half of the year the Uzbekistan RC worked with schools in selected geographic locations using some modest funds carried over from 2011. Thus, in November 2012, the National Society organized disaster preparedness trainings in two schools in Tashkent city reaching 29 teachers and other school staff members. The schools were also supplied with fire extinguishers, megaphones and high visibility waistcoats for members of the disaster management initiative groups to be formed from schoolchildren.	

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	In progress
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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	See details below.
Unified referral system integrating HIV and TB services established over four years	See details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No funds have been received and no specific activities have been implemented toward this output. However, the National Society disseminated information among the population on tuberculosis symptoms, ways of transmission of the disease, prevention measures, and the NS also promoted early referrals. 	

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 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"> The funds channeled multilaterally for the CBHFA programme were minimal, and only some selected activities planned for the year 2012 were covered. In the first half of the year the National Society arranged a first aid training event for 83 staff and volunteers from different branches in cooperation with the disaster management programme. In the second half of the year the Red Crescent organized two training courses for first aid instructors in Tashkent city. Both two training courses were organized in November and reached 51 National Society staff members and volunteers from Bukhara, Kashkadarya, Khorezm, Navoi, Surkhandarya, Samarkand, Syrdarya and Tashkent regions and Karakalpakstan. The training was provided by two trainers from the Red Crescent's headquarters who supplied the participants with the necessary tools to train community members on first aid and render first aid in cases of injuries. With its own means the National Society carried work in communities through workshops. The participants received knowledge on infectious diseases prevention and first aid. 	

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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no funding channelled multilaterally for this output so no specific activities were implemented. • However, the Uzbekistan RC implemented 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 workshops promoting blood donation and involved the participants of the workshops 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 Red Crescent 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 (Red Cross / Red Crescent Day campaign)	See details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No funding was received and no specific activities were implemented toward this output. • From its own resources, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent developed a media plan for 2012 to inform the population about the National Society's programs through printed media and information agencies. Similar plans were produced at the branch regional level. The Red Crescent activities were highlighted on central and local television, on the radio and through articles in newspapers and magazines. A press conference was arranged to mark the World Red Cross / Red Crescent Day. That conference was also highlighted in the 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 on-going internal development of the governance and management structures of the Uzbek RC with the aim of reaching high level governance and management systems by 2013	In progress. See details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IFRC Office in Almaty continued to support the Uzbekistan Red Crescent's Executive Director on organizational development and capacity building issues. • More than 80 percent of the National Society's district branches were registered with the Uzbek Justice Departments; executive directors of these branches were also 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
The IFRC Office in Almaty continues support to volunteer centres and clubs by promoting Online Learning Platform and Knowledge Sharing networking	See details below
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
National Society leadership was briefed about the online Learning Platform and Knowledge Sharing network initiative.	

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 Office in Almaty 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"> 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 former application was unsuccessful but the latter raised some funds for the CBHFA component of the health and care programme in Uzbekistan. Throughout the year 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. 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. This proposal was not accepted either. However, the Uzbekistan RC is one of the implementing partners in the project aimed at services to migrants in four countries of the region to be carried out in 2013 and beyond. The proposal builds on the Red Cross Red Crescent experience in the area of migration and the established Central Asia Regional Migration Network. 	

Output: 4.2.2 Red Crescent Law has been adopted

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
RC law is adopted by end of 2014	In progress. See details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
The National Society had developed the draft law and advocated at the Government for its early adoption.	

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 IFRC Office in Almaty was 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 Office of the President of Uzbekistan. The general position is that an IFRC presence would be welcome but the Office of the President of Uzbekistan is analysing similar status agreements with the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan before the decision is taken regarding the IFRC.

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 the IFRC Office in Almaty over four years	In progress. See details below.
2 new partnerships established by 2014	In progress. See details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
IFRC and Uzbekistan Red Crescent representatives met with JICA and Coca-Cola Company in Uzbekistan to explore opportunities for partnership.	

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, General Assemblies and international conferences	See details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<p>In 2012 the Uzbekistan Red Crescent attended the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Meeting in Minsk (Belarus) in September; • 16th ERNA¹ General Meeting around the subject «Volunteering: HIV and TB» in Tbilisi (Georgia) in September. 	

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

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Office in Almaty continues support to raise accountability standards through modernization of internal processes, financial systems and planning and reporting (PMER) systems over four years	See details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
In view of recent staff changes in the IFRC Office in Almaty, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent was encouraged to show a higher level of independence and self-initiation in terms of financial and narrative reporting on programmes.	

¹ The **European Red Cross Red Crescent Network** on HIV, **AIDS** and Tuberculosis.

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

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Office in Almaty provides tailored support in HR development	See details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
No activities have been implemented toward this output in the reporting period.	

Output: 5.5.2 Proper and effective financial management in the NS

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Office in Almaty provides tailored support in finance management	See details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
National Society finance staff was regularly consulted on programme financial reporting.	

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 respective Ministries of Health, 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. In 2012 the National Society also extended its cooperation agreements with the youth movement "Kamolot" and the Women's Committee, with the "Makhallya" Fund and the "Nurony" Veterans' Fund. 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 the promotion of non-remunerated blood donations.

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

Financial situation

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[http://www.ifrc.org/docs/LTPF Process/LTPF/2012/SP570UZLTPF_12arf.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/docs/LTPF%20Process/LTPF/2012/SP570UZLTPF_12arf.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.

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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.

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