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*The most vulnerable families affected by
migration received humanitarian
assistance from the Uzbekistan Red
Crescent Society.*
Photo: Uzbekistan Red Crescent, Fergana



Overview

In the year 2013, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) supported the Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society to strengthen the specific Red Cross and Red Crescent contribution to development through a migration project. Uzbekistan is primarily affected by migration as a country of origin, and its labour migrants frequently face vulnerabilities in the destination countries such as discrimination against them as ethnic and religious minorities, the issue of language difficulties and the risk of abuse and exploitation. The project is part of the regional migration project reaching out to migrants, potential migrants and their families through information and education centres within the framework of the Central Asian Red Crescent Labour Migration Network. The official launch of the regional project named “Empowering Central Asian Migrants and Returnees to Improve their Living and Protect their Dignity” took place in Astana, Kazakhstan, in May 2013. Cooperation with the Russian Red Cross, national priorities and ways to strengthen capacities of the regional labour migration network were discussed during the technical meeting that followed the launching event.

In December 2013, the IFRC’s Almaty office organised a regional event aimed at improving the cross-border cooperation on migration issues in the framework of the EU-supported project. The conference took place in Astana, Kazakhstan, and included two meetings for government officials and for the National Societies’ leaders and migration focal points. About 40 representatives of the Central Asian National Societies, government agencies from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, international organizations, foreign embassies and the Russian Red Cross attended the meetings. The Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society was represented by the Executive Director and the Migration Coordinator. The National Society of Uzbekistan, being a country of origin for migrants, contributed to constructive discussions with the government of Kazakhstan, a country of transit and destination, on improving the living of migrants and protecting their rights and dignity.

Over the year, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society established four information and education centres for migrants in Tashkent, Fergana, Karshi and Termez. The staff of the centres, supported

by recruited volunteers, provided services to potential migrants as well as to the migrants' families and returnees. The services included the dissemination of information about the rights and duties in the transit or destination countries, disease prevention, addressing social issues, and Russian language and computer literacy courses. In total, 3,360 people have been reached by the National Society at the centres for migrants or through community outreach activities. In order to support information dissemination, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent developed and printed information materials on TB prevention and promotion materials with information about the Red Crescent Societies' services and the addresses of the centres. The disease prevention and social protection activities for beneficiaries have been implemented by the Red Crescent with substantial support from local authorities and community leaders, which is an evidence of the National Society playing an effective auxiliary role in the humanitarian sphere and using a participatory approach.

The IFRC continued exploring opportunities for fundraising also beyond the migration programming, chiefly using European Union channels, and in the last quarter of 2013 took an active part in preparing a proposal for the DIPECHO-8 funding stream. The work on the disaster risk reduction proposal was implemented in close cooperation with the German Red Cross and the Central Asian National Red Crescent Societies. The Red Cross / Red Crescent partners commissioned a consultant to develop the proposal, and in December 2013 the partners convened a meeting to discuss the programming details, including the budget, with the leaderships and disaster management focal points of the respective National Societies from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Close links were also maintained with the ECHO regional office based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The application was filed in January 2014, and the results of the application are expected later, in May 2014.

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
European Commission	migration
Bilateral	
ICRC	international humanitarian law (IHL), restoring family links (RFL)

Progress towards outcomes

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	124
Comments on progress towards outputs		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27 new staff and 97 new volunteers have been reached with sessions on fundamental principles and humanitarian values. 		

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)	Updated / Done
NS participates in the Geneva led initiative on the Organisational Capacity Assessment and Certification (OCAC) process as a pilot NS in 2012-2013	OCAC self assessment completed in 2012
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
The Uzbekistan RC updated the FDRS profile with data for the year 2012 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 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	N/A
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	
There was no funding for disaster management activities received in 2013 and no activities were implemented.	

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	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
There was no funding received for this output in 2013 and no activities were implemented.	

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	N/A
Prepositioned emergency stocks in regional branches for 2,000 people in total by end of 2014	N/A

Comments on progress towards outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no funding for disaster management activities received in 2013 and no activities were implemented. In the last quarter of 2013, the Uzbekistan 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: 2.3.1 Uzbekistan RC provides regular update to 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 RC DRR activities related to climate change

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
25,000 schoolchildren are reached with messages on safe behaviour annually	N/A
80 LDMC established in target communities over 4 years and have community's DP/DR plans	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no funding for disaster management activities received in 2013, and no activities were implemented. In the last quarter of 2013, the Uzbekistan RC took part in preparing an application for the DIPECHO-8 competition in close cooperation with the German Red Cross, the Central Asian National Societies and the IFRC. The application was filed in January 2014 with the results of the competition to be expected in May 2014. 	

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	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was no funding for disaster management activities received in 2013, and no activities were implemented. 	

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 people over 4 years)	3,360
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society established four information and education centres for migrants in Tashkent (covering Tashkent region), Fergana (covering Fergana, Andijan and Namangan regions), Karshi (Kashkadarya region) and Termez (Surkhandarya region). The centres have been furnished, equipped and staffed. The staff of the centres, supported by recruited volunteers, provided services to potential migrants, the migrants' families and returnees. The services included the dissemination of information about the rights and duties in the transit or destination countries, disease prevention, social insurance issues, Russian language and computer literacy courses. In total, 3,360 people have been reached by the National Society at the centres or through community outreach activities. The project's 97 volunteers received relevant up-to-date information on legal, social and health issues from relevant staff to support their work with the migrants in the communities. 	

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)	N/A
Advocacy action plan developed by August 2012	N/A
Unified referral system integrating HIV and TB services established over four years	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
No funds have been received and no specific activities have been implemented toward this output.	

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.	N/A
2,000 volunteers recruited and trained by end of 2012	N/A
Reproductive health component is incorporated in the CBHFA programme by mid 2013	N/A
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. In June 2013 the training for trainers on first aid was held by the Japanese Red Cross for 22 staff of the Uzbekistan Red Crescent. The purpose of the workshop was to further develop first aid programming in regional branches and also to prepare staff for paid first-aid courses that the National Society is expected 	

to provide to different organizations based on the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers.

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 the end of 2012.	See details below.
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
There was no funding channelled multilaterally for this output so no specific activities were implemented.	

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. However, in April 2013, the Red Crescent Society organized a scientific and practical conference around the topic "The Role of the National Society in Building a Civil Society in Uzbekistan". The participants of the conference included 50 people: parliamentary senators and MPs, the Deputy Prime Minister and representatives of the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, the Ministry of Emergency Situations, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tashkent City Administration, non-governmental organizations, the ICRC Regional Delegation, representatives of higher education institutions and the mass media. The conference stressed the role and importance of the National Society in building the civil society in Uzbekistan and raised the questions of development and further improvement of the National Society. Besides, in the period of July-September 2013, the National Society arranged a series of round table meetings that brought together the staff of the regional branches, executives of the district branches, local authorities and partner organizations. The meetings marked the 150th anniversary of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and were held with a support from ICRC. The agenda touched on the history and the components of the Movement, the legal status of the National Society and ICRC and the Uzbekistan Red Crescent programming. Such meetings were arranged in Tashkent City, Bukhara, Namangan, Samarkand and Surkhandarya regions. In May and November 2013 the National Society arranged two press conferences for the mass media to talk about the Red Crescent activities. In July 2013 the Red Crescent Society conducted, together with ICRC, a training for 40 journalists and heads of mass media structures that explained to the participants the Red Cross Red Crescent mission, principles and programming. 	

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	N/A

Comments on progress towards outcomes

Not relevant.

Output: 3.6.1 Strengthened volunteers` centres and clubs**Measurement****Indicators****Year to Date Actual**

The IFRC Office in Almaty continues the support to volunteers` centres and clubs by promoting the online Learning Platform and Knowledge Sharing network.

N/A

Comments on progress towards outcomes

Not relevant.

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

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 is adopted by end of 2014

N/A

Comments on progress towards outcomes

No funding was received and no specific activities were implemented toward this output.

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

N/A

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The Government of Uzbekistan has offered to register the IFRC representation in the country under the Ministry of Justice as a non-governmental organisation. However, this is not acceptable for the IFRC, and negotiations with the Government continue.

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	N/A
Two new partnerships established by 2014	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
Not applicable.	

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	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<p>In 2013, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent attended the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration meeting for all National Societies of the former USSR organised by the Russian RC, ICRC and IFRC in Moscow in June 2013; • 19th IFRC General Assembly in Sydney, Australia, in November 2013. 	

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

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Office in Almaty continues the support to raise accountability standards through modernization of internal processes, financial systems and planning and reporting (PMER) systems over four years.	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
IFRC Almaty office provided technical support in planning, monitoring and reporting on the National Society programme funded multilaterally.	

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	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
Not relevant.	

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	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
The Finance and Administrative officer of the IFRC Almaty office provided regular coaching to the migration project coordinator of the Uzbekistan RC on how to prepare financial reports and check programme balances.	

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. Besides the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Uzbekistan as the main government body that regulates labour migration in the country, an Agency for Foreign Migration operates within the structure of the Cabinet of Ministers. The Uzbekistan Red Crescent has been negotiating joint activities with the Agency. Besides that, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society has agreements with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, the "Makhallya" Fund, the "Kamolot" Youth Movement, the Committee of Women of Uzbekistan and the public organization "Istikbolli Avlod."

Over the year the Uzbekistan Red Crescent actively promoted the objectives and services of the migration programme vis-à-vis the government, local authorities and non-governmental organisations to establish rapport and facilitate cooperation in the area of migration, which is necessary for the success of community activities, good partner relations with the authorities and future lobbying.

Beneficiary community members participate in the implementation of the National Society programme as volunteers. The Uzbekistan Red Crescent involved people with migrant experience to share their experience and concerns with intending migrants and alarm of the related risks.

Financial situation

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<http://www.ifrc.org/Docs/LTPF%20Process/LTPF/2013/MAAUZ00113arf.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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