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Volunteers of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent participated at the 15th World Youth Forum organized in Casablanca city of the Moroccan Kingdom Photo: AzRC



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Overview

All programmes and activities of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society (AzRC) are aligned with and contribute to the IFRC's Strategy 2020 aiming to improve the lives and to alleviate the sufferings of the most vulnerable people.

In view of the achievements of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent on the road of structural and professional development, the IFRC Secretariat and the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society have agreed that the local office of the IFRC Secretariat is closed with effect from 1 January 2014. From that day, the overall coordination of the humanitarian assistance and the capacity-building support to the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society is done under the supervision of the Head of Country Cluster of the Europe Zone Office of the IFRC Secretariat in accordance with the approved plans and budgets.

During the reporting period two projects were supported by donors via the IFRC Secretariat, and several projects were implemented bilaterally. The IFRC funding was allocated for two components, namely non-remunerated blood donor recruitment and tuberculosis prevention and treatment. The other two components were implemented either in integration with similar AzRC projects or on a small scale from the AzRC's own funds.

In the **Health and Care Programme** the Azeri National Society reached people through training sessions, promotion of healthy life style and awareness raising, harm reduction, blood donors' recruitment campaigns, and visits to people living with Multi Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR TB).

It should be underlined that the funding for tuberculosis prevention and treatment and the non-remunerated blood donor recruitment (Club-25 Initiative) components was allocated from October-November 2012. The implementation of the tuberculosis component has been continued financially till the end of October 2014, without a break. The financial implementation of the non-remunerated blood donor recruitment component (Club-25 Initiative) was finalized at the end of January 2013.

From February 2013, the AzRC carried out activities from its own funds. Later on, the activities were resumed for the next period from September 2013 till the end of the year, and in 2014 financial support was given for the period March-December 2014.

The non-remunerated blood donor recruitment component is carried out to promote voluntary blood donation initiatives, attract blood donors and support the increase of blood component reserves within the country. The existing funding allowed, both due to donor support and the AzRC's own funds, to carry out a couple of trainings among the newly selected volunteers, update the knowledge of the already involved local branch staff and volunteers in Baku and regions, organize blood donor recruitment campaigns devoted to the 95th anniversary of the establishment of the National Society, the World Haemophilia and Talassemia Days and World Blood Donor Day and distribute some promotion materials. "Clubs 25" were established in two front-line regions (with 6 members in each club). Volunteers and members from the AzRC's local branches and members of previously and the newly established "Clubs 25" actively supported the organization of the mentioned events, carried out sessions on healthy lifestyle and promoted the idea of becoming blood donors, distributed brochures among staff and volunteers, the general public, and local communities. The National Society is a member of the Blood Working Group along with other government and non-government partners. The AzRC was among those organizations, which participated at the International Blood Donors Conference in Morocco.

The funding for tuberculosis prevention and treatment allocated since October-November 2012 by the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation¹ for a 2 year period has allowed continuing activities in 2014. The project is aimed to improve adherence to treatment regimens by most vulnerable continuation-phase MDR-TB patients, provide home-based, direct observation of treatment (DOTS+) and to underpin this with psychological, social and educational support for patients and their families². The implementation of the project went according to the adopted work plan and budget with relevant updates based on the evolving situation. The National Society trained nurses who carried out home visits and direct observation of MDR-TB treatment (DOTS+) with second level drugs, accompanied patients to dispensaries for monthly check-ups to see their progress and agree on further steps in the project implementation process. The patients and their family members were also provided with physiological consultations. By its own initiative and within the local branches' own funds, the AzRC provided patients with food parcels on a quarterly basis. The AzRC marked 24 March, World TB Day, by making presentation on TB related activities.

In 2014, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent launched a new project called Road Safety. The proposed project aims at promoting road safety, the prevention of injuries and deaths from road crashes in Azerbaijan through targeted education on road safety and teaching relevant first aid skills to schoolchildren, their parents and teachers, students at higher-level educational institutions as well as the general population. The National Society established cooperation with domestic and foreign partner organizations like the local NGO "Hayat International", various ministries, the National NGO Forum, the Public Health Reform Centre, WHO, IOM, Integration of the Azerbaijani Youth to Europe/AGAT and TRACECA with further focus on financial and technical support.

Due to the absence of IFRC-driven financial support, the other two components, namely Community-Based First Aid and Harm Reduction, were carried out from the National Society's own funds, via ICRC and Austrian Red Cross projects and with the active participation of volunteers.

¹ The Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, a tax-exempt private foundation established by the company in 1968, awards cash grants for philanthropic initiatives aligned with the company's corporate responsibility priorities.

²The project was started in close collaboration with the ICRC and the Ministry of Justice and later the AzRC started to work with the civilian population and focused on assisting TB dispensary staff to identify and register TB patients.

Working in partnership

Operational Partners	Agreement
Ministry of Emergency of Azerbaijan	Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2007
Ministry of Health of Azerbaijan	Memorandum of Understanding re-signed in 2011
Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan	Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2014
Research Institute on Haemophilia and Thalassemia	Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2003 (prolonged in 2007)
IFRC Secretariat and Azerbaijan Red Crescent	Coordination and Cooperation Agreement signed in 2012
IFRC and ICRC	Movement Cooperation Agreement signed in December 2011
IFRC/ Eli Lilly and Company Foundation	Cooperation was established since 2011 and continues
IFRC/Italian Red Cross – HR	Cooperation established from last year 2010 and finalized at the end of 2012
IFRC/DFID/UKAID/British Red Cross	Cooperation established in 2011 and finalized in 2013
Turkish Red Crescent Society-bilaterally	Memorandum of Understanding re-signed in 2012
Austrian Red Cross- bilaterally	Cooperation established at end of 2011 and Cooperation Agreement signed in 2012 and continues
German Red Cross	Cooperation established since 2009 and continues
Iranian Red Crescent	Cooperation established since 2004 and still continues
German Embassy	Cooperation established since 2013 and still continues
TAG International	Cooperation started from last year 2010 and finalized
Magen David Adom in Israel FA - (bilaterally)	Cooperation established since 2007 and continues
GFATM/CCM group	There is a long-term cooperation. NS is the member of CCM on TB issues
ANAMA	Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2010
State Migration Service	Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2013
National NGO Forum	Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2013
IOM	Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2012
WHO	Cooperation established and continues
UNDP	Cooperation established and continues
USAID	Cooperation established and continues
OXFAM	Cooperation established and continues

Progress towards outcomes

Business line 1: To raise humanitarian standards

Outcome: The AzRC promotes the Movement's fundamental principles and humanitarian values with active involvement of targeted community groups ready to support National Society initiatives and change behaviour for their own sake.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

These activities were implemented based on the support of other partners to the project on dissemination of the Fundamental Principles and International Humanitarian Law, partly as a result of close integration between other programme area like youth and volunteers, and from the AzRC's own funds and volunteers initiative. During the reporting period more people were reached with various events in terms of the AzRC

staff and volunteers and also among the general public. The increase in the number of the population was due to the opportunity to organize more awareness raising campaigns and training sessions on fundamental principles and humanitarian values. The International Federation has been providing informational support to the Azerbaijan Red Crescent, providing data on the movement history, recent updates in the system, adopted documents, sharing experience from the work of other National Societies.

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

Outcome: The capacity of the AzRC local branches staff and volunteers as well as community members has been developed and knowledge has been increased towards better preparedness to disasters and emergencies and reducing vulnerability.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

Since 2012, with financial support from Austrian Red Cross, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent has been implementing the project "Building Safe and Resilient Communities" with the aim to develop the necessary skills and increase awareness to further reduce the vulnerability of communities. As a result of the project, the targeted AzRC communities are gradually increasing their abilities to prepare for, mitigate and respond to natural disasters, emergency situations or day-to-day challenges usually affecting the most vulnerable population. Training sessions on disaster preparedness, simulation exercises, First Aid (FA) skills, and PR events were organized and carried out. While demonstrating the well-functioning Participatory Community Development approach used by the National Society, the communities actively participated at the events (tree planting, knowledge sharing with community members, digging water canals) by helping in the organization and implementation process. The support is going to be continued for next year period.

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

Outcome: The AzRC has increased the awareness of the population through health promotion activities and health services, developed youth and volunteers management system at regional centres and branch level, improved the efficiency and quality of a voluntary service to socially vulnerable people by better responding to local needs as well as establishing a strong financial-technical base through the explored diverse financial sources.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

During the reporting period the HIV/AIDS, MDR TB, Community Based Health and blood donor recruitment activities were carried out on a limited scale from the National Society's own resources and by the initiative of local branches due to the absence of donor support. In October 2012 via IFRC Geneva Office/Health Department and with the support of the Swiss Foundation, the sum of CHF 5,705 was allocated to implement the "Club 25" project, which was successfully done in 2014.

Under the Non-Remunerated Blood Donor Recruitment component, the AzRC organized workshop sessions for 18 staff and volunteers of newly selected local branches in the regions and attracted non-remunerated blood donors. "Clubs 25" were established in the front-line regions of Ter-Ter and Barda (with 6 members in each club) in order to increase the number of volunteering non-remunerated blood donors in the Republic and promote a healthy lifestyle. Volunteers from the AzRC's eight local branches and members of previously and newly established "Club 25" in their turn covered 16,230 teachers, students, schoolchildren and community members with awareness sessions. The AzRC organized meetings of 66 members of existing and newly established "Clubs 25" in Baku, Sumgayit, Sabirabad, Ismayilli, Lankaran, Mingachevir and Qusar with government structures, different local and international institutions to discuss the current situation and challenges. The AzRC organized blood donor recruitment campaigns: in Baku at the Azerbaijan State Pedagogical and the Azerbaijan Universities, in Sumgayit at the Central Clinic, in Lankaran and Jalilabad at the central colleges with participation of 950 pedagogical staff and students and staff of Azerbaijan Chemical Factory out of whom 500 became blood donors.

The implementation of the MDR TB project went according to the previously adopted and later updated

working plan and budget. The activities were carried out first in following districts of Baku City: Binagadi, Yasamal, Nizami and Nasimi (instead of Khazar).³ In January 2014 the work was done by three Red Crescent nurses, while in February one more nurse from another Baku City district, Sabunchi joined the group. In May one new nurse was attracted from Sumgayit City. The number of patients varied as follows. At the end of 2013, 13 patients left out of the anticipated 20: in Binagadi-five, in Yasamal-four, in Nasimi-four. Five patients out of the total number died; one patient from Binagadi district refused treatment (drugs of the 2d level have a side effect) and the other one changed the place of residence from a city to a region and was given in-patient treatment. Three patients who were in Nizami district decided to take drugs themselves because of the fact that their transport expenses were covered and they did not want to lose incentives. In January 2014 a total of three new patients were taken to Binagadi and Yasamal districts. In March and April TB dispensaries applied to the AzRC to take TB patients from targeted districts who are either in a poor health condition, or released ex-prisoners or diagnosed with HIV/TB. Thus the number of patients gradually increased from 13 to 25. The AzRC nurses paid six-day-per-week-visits to patients and accompanied them to the policlinics for monthly check up. Along with treatment control they measured the patients' temperature, blood pressure, revealed and collected complaints and further shared those with the doctors. Nurses supported patients to have consultations with other doctors and in receiving disability pension via the Industrial Injury Assessment Board (IIAB). The AzRC's psychologist provided support to patients and their family members to positively accept treatment. During the reporting period the psychologist had 205 visits to MDR TB patients and their family members. The AzRC Health and Care Department team, the nurses and the psychologist had frequent meetings among themselves too, and they discussed difficulties they faced and shared their achievements. As an own initiative from the AzRC local district committees' own funds, patients and their family members were provided food parcels six times. NS jointly with media partner who has its own well-known webpage *Nazar Media* carried out interviews with MDR TB patients, NS staff and nurses. It helps to disseminate information about ways of spreading TB and used as a method of struggling with stigma and discrimination towards TB patients in general.

The Community-based First Aid (FA) project component was carried out from the National Society's own funds, via projects financed by ICRC and Austrian Red Cross and with the active participation of volunteers. The AzRC organized training sessions for 30 staff members at its Headquarters and 16 FA youth instructors from the front-line zone. Youth instructors in their turn held sessions among 4,259 communities on teaching FA and life-saving techniques. Within the project realized with financial support of Austrian RC two Community based Disaster Risk Reduction groups with 70 members, participated at the FA and life-saving techniques demonstrations. Similar sessions were organized jointly with Hayat International, a local NGO, for 27 migrant families (women and teenagers), for community members in Ter-Ter and Agdam districts, 90 pedagogical staff and students at Baku city Sabunchi district. Also the Azeri National Society organized simulation event on disaster risks reduction at urban level where more than 70 trained volunteers and community members could demonstrate their skills. A couple of times the National Society was able to organize First Aid paying courses for 14 workers of the hotel business, such as for example the Kempinski Hotel, and lifesavers. FA awareness sessions were organized for 147 schoolchildren and students from various colleges and universities. The AzRC celebrated 13th September, World FA Day with support and in close cooperation with its partners in Baku and Sumgayit cities and four regions among 595 community members, migrants' families, the AzRC staff and volunteers as well as staff of mentioned organizations.

Due to the absence of financial support, the Harm Reduction component was carried out from the National Society's own funds as part of the Healthy Lifestyle promotion, and prevention sessions were held by 54 volunteers in Baku and three regions. The total coverage of people is 2,430.

The AzRC local branches in Baku and Sumgayit cities and regions joined Ministry of Health, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Azerbaijan Republic Center on Struggling with AIDS in organizing events under the slogan "Europe week" and devoted to 1 December, World AIDS Day. Events included promotion seminars, meetings with more than 900 pedagogical staff and students, demonstration video films, distribution IAE materials and carrying out test checking on existence HIV.

As for the financial and institutional sustainability of the focused components, the AzRC follows the efficiency of provided activities through surveys among staff and beneficiaries, defining the needs of the targeted groups and local communities, analysing reports, collecting feedback from partners. This brings ideas whether there is a necessity to enhance the provided activities, change the methodology of the provided support and increase the capacity of staff and volunteers. The AzRC improved its cooperation with the

³ From each district one nurse was taken who should cover five patients and pay visits six times a week for control of daily drug taking and follow patients for monthly check up at the dispensaries.

government, local and regional authorities, other stakeholders and beneficiaries, and will continue to cooperate with them.

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

Outcome 1: The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society provides local communities and targeted groups with the necessary support and training to have relevant skills to cope with health and emergency situations as well as day-to-day problems

Outcome 2: The National Society regularly raises the detected problems/issues of concerns of beneficiaries with the decision-makers.

Outcome 3: The AzRC works on increasing local resource mobilisation, establishing partnership with new donors and diversification of the funding base.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The International Federation was supporting the National Society in its efforts to expand its opportunities to receive relevant knowledge, establish new partnerships, diversify funds and submit relevant projects/programmes to the interested parties:

- The Azerbaijan Red Crescent was supported in the development of new projects in order to deliver the activities envisaged in its LTPF for the period of 2012-2015.
- Intensive discussions between IFRC and Elli Lilly Company on MDR TB programme have resulted with continuation of project implementation for another two-year period with the same scale of support to patients as it was last year.

Also, in the first half of the year 2014, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent organized several events dedicated to local and international holidays⁴ in order to further promote RCRC Movement principles, attract the public and young generations' attention to the raised problems by explaining the purpose of each event, establish mutual understanding and close relationships between various community representations within the country and once more to engage in Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement initiatives.

The AzRC leadership signed another Memoranda of Understanding with the Ministry of Education. At the same time, it should be underlined that the AzRC has established good relationships with governmental structures, and, based on the AzRC Law and decrees of the President of the Azerbaijan Republic, each government structure provides possible support and create conditions on central and regional level for the AzRC regional centres and local committees to implement their activities and humanitarian mission.

Business line 5: To deepen our tradition of togetherness through joint working and accountability /Coordination and Cooperation

Outcome 1: The AzRC cooperates with Movement partners and a wide range of central and local governmental, non-governmental, national as well as international organizations and applies policies adopted by the International Federation.

Outcome2: The AzRC maintains links with networks or membership organizations working in the field of harm reduction, HIV and AIDS and tuberculosis including the European Red Cross Red Crescent Network on HIV and AIDS and TB (ERNA), the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the Global Alliance on HIV and TB.

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society keeps close relationships with all partners, with which it has Memorandums of Understanding or Cooperation Agreements in place for organizing various events.

In December 2014 a Cooperation Agreement was signed between the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society and the Ministry of Education. The purpose of the Cooperation Agreement is to create an opportunity to organize

⁴ The Day of establishment of the AzRC (10 March), World TB Day (24 March), World Health Day (14 April), Red Cross / Red Crescent Day (8 May), International Children's Day (1 June), World Blood Donor Day (14 June), World FA Day (8 September), World AIDS Day (1 December) and International Volunteers Day (5 December)

various education and promotion sessions at the educational institutions in Baku and Sumgayit cities and regions.

During 2014 the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society organized several meeting with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners. The main purpose of the meetings was to discuss joint activities and future plans in accordance with a Cooperation Agreement signed between the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva city, Switzerland.

The AzRC participated in the meetings of the National Centre to Fight AIDS as well as the Public Health Reform Centre and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) Country Coordinating Mechanisms or CCM groups.

As the GFATM CCM TB related group member, the AzRC participates at the regularly organized meetings and became one of the recipients of further TB related project for 2016-2018.

The AzRC had meeting at the Embassy of Germany in Azerbaijan with the purpose to inform the embassy about activities so far carried out and planned and implemented by the National Society with a finance support of the German Red Cross Society and other Movement partners as well as discuss future perspectives within established cooperation.

One of the active young blood donor volunteers' of the AzRC jointly with the chairman of "Blood Donors Association" participated at the 15th World Youth Forum organized in Casablanca city of the Moroccan Kingdom. The International Blood Donors Societies Federation provided an organizational support to the Forum. The main purpose of the Forum was to strengthen relations between regular young blood donors in the world, to support to experience sharing.

The AzRC representative participated at the annual meeting organized by FAEEN and the Red Cross Society of France for First Aid specialists and heads of health departments of European National Societies in Paris. The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen programs of National Societies through a network. During the meeting activity of the network, regular sharing of skills and knowledge, commitments, assisting National Societies to each other through the network, an impact of other networks to strengthening of First Aid education in the National Societies was discussed.

Stakeholder participation and feedback

The AzRC plays an auxiliary role in helping to improve the situation with blood, blood components and blood donation services in the capital city of Baku and the regions, enhance the availability of life saving skills among the population for routine problems and road accidents, support the quick recovery of MDR TB patients so that they might continue a healthy life-style and comparatively decrease the threat of TB. The National Society's activities are also focused on promoting a healthy life style with the aim to reduce harm of drug, alcohol or cigarettes abuse, stigma/discrimination towards marginalized groups and support them in their integration into the society. The AzRC carries out its activities in close cooperation with Movement partners (IFRC, ICRC, and Partner National Societies) both at national and international level, UN agencies, a wide range of central and local governmental institutions, various national and international organizations and agencies. During the reporting period, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent continued the regular meetings with its partners to discuss activities that are being implemented as well as new initiatives and areas of possible cooperation. The community members were active participants of the AzRC events.

Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key risks	Priority High Medium Low	Recommended Action
Socio-economic and political instability within the country as well as increased vulnerability and worsened welfare of the population due to renewal of conflict situation within and outside of the country, front-line zones	M	The AzRC should follow the existing situation, strengthen its material technical base, replenish stocks as well as work in close cooperation with its partners within and outside of the Movement at national and regional level

(inflow of migrants, IDPs, refugees)		
The government might reduce its support to the National Society initiatives	L	The AzRC should continue efforts and negotiations towards presenting its initiatives and further perspectives as well as necessity/actuality of taken actions towards reducing problems within the country
Problems in cooperating with governmental and non-governmental structures on local/branch level	L	The relationships with governmental and non-governmental structures need to be strengthened
Insufficient implementation of activities due to significant decrease or absence of donor support	M	The AzRC should increase its efforts towards revealing local sources of funding along with maintaining relationships with outside partners
Large-scale natural and technological disasters occurring in the country are the serious challenge to be able to provide necessary support to affected families	M	The AzRC should expand population awareness activities to increase their knowledge and skills to better prepare and cope with disasters. AzRC should promote disaster risk reduction and preventive activities as well.
Insufficient interest and/or commitment of local communities and volunteers towards AzRC initiatives and their work with marginalized groups	M	It is important to build up enhanced relationships with volunteers and local vulnerable communities
The risk of volunteer and staff fatigue, as well as high turnover due to limited resources to follow-up and stimulate those who get involved in the work of the NS jeopardised the continuity of its efforts	M	It is important to encourage local branches to be better engaged with the local communities and actively involved in resource mobilisation initiatives by establishing and strengthening partnership with local authorities, corporate sectors and stakeholders.
Communities are relatively reluctant to change the status from an aid recipient to an active partner of the NS and participate in its initiatives	M	It is important to explain that the provided support is tentative and sooner or later they need to take own actions towards their welfare. Also the NS should better and more clearly advertise its initiatives and their importance towards the communities.

Positive factors

- Strong working relationships with the government authorities and non-governmental institutions.
- Along with existing support through the International Federation, the National Society increases its bilateral cooperation with donors within and outside the Movement, which allows for a continuing implementation of the planned activities.
- The AzRC follows its recently developed Strategic Plan for the period 2011-2015, which is mainly focused on the improvement of resource mobilization / financial-technical base and fundraising initiatives.
- The AzRC has a strong legal base (the Red Crescent Law, and Statutes, which meet minimum requirements, and a number of decrees that have been taken by the Government of Azerbaijan towards the creation of relevant conditions for implementation activities at local level, MoUs and bilateral agreements with partners inside and outside the Movement).
- The AzRC possesses qualified and well trained staff and volunteers as well as local representations.

- There is a commitment from the targeted groups and beneficiaries to participate in the organized events by making their own inputs and providing support and openly discussing the problems and sharing opinions.

Lessons learned and looking ahead

The analysis of the achievements during the reporting period demonstrates that the Azerbaijan Red Crescent was able to ensure sustainability of the activities and projects, which were either supported via the International Federation or bilaterally, or funded from the resources of the National Society. At the same time, the development programmes require special attention from a resource mobilization point of view in order to obtain funding and to meet funding targets. During meetings with government structures, they highly appreciated NS initiatives towards the vulnerable groups and expressed willingness to have long-term cooperation. Due to limited local media capacities at the regional level, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent mainly uses its own information / communication capacity (website, Red Crescent magazine, web links to Facebook, YouTube, twitter, newspapers and relations with the media in Baku and Sumgayit cities) to highlight the events that are carried out.

Financial situation

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<https://fednet.ifrc.org/Docs/LTPF%20Process/Development%20Operational%20Plans/2014/SP569AZ14arf.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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