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*RCSK volunteers in promotion of
voluntary non-remunerated blood
donation.*

Photo: Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent



Overview

During the period from January to December 2014, the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan (RCSK) continued the implementation of its programmes in the following main directions: Disaster Management (DM), Health, Social Programmes, and Organizational Development (OD). Out of mentioned above areas, three ones were supported through the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) – DM, Health and OD. The RCSK's Social programmes are supported by donor National Societies (PNSs) on a bilateral basis.

The RCSK's programmes are aligned with the strategic aims of the Strategy 2020 – to save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disasters and crises; enable healthy and safe living; and promote social inclusion and culture of non-violence and peace.

Below is a progress of the National Society by the **programmes and partners for 2014**:

- The project on promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation started with support of the American International Health Alliance;
- Another project on the promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation in Osh also started with support of the Turkish Red Crescent;
- The project on HIV prevention among internal migrants and potential migrants started in Kyrgyzstan. The programme is supported by the Russian Federation Government. In addition to programme part, the Russian Government gifted mobile clinic to Kyrgyzstan Ministry of Health;
- DIPECHO VIII started with support of the European Commission, German RC through the IFRC Secretariat;
- The German Red Cross continued support of trans-border project on Disaster Management between Kyrgyzstan RC and Tajikistan RC. The new office for the Batken oblast RCSK representation was built within the project;

- The project on organizational development comprising financial management/procurement; M&E; HR; Communication was implemented with the support of the American RC;
- The project to develop RCSK Fundraising system and Volunteers management started with support of the American RC;
- The project to target vulnerable women started with the bilateral support of the Italian RC;
- The RCSK won and received grant from the Stop TB Partnership “Challenge Facility for Civil Society (CFCS)”. The project directed to empower ex-clients of the RCSK TB prevention programme to promote their rights and access to TB treatment as well as conduct advocacy on the national level;
- The new project to support elderly people was developed and supported by the Swiss RC;
- The Swiss RC also supported RCSK on the new DM project;
- The RCSK won and received a grant within USAID project “Stop TB”. The project is implemented by 5 different sub-recipients under supervision of Abt. associates. The RCSK is responsible to develop and provide TB services for migrants and ex-prisoners;
- The Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent was selected as one of 5 National Societies (the rest are Uruguay RC, Thailand RC, Kenya RC, Iran RC) to implement programme supported by ERASMUS plus (European Commission) to promote/encourage transnational cooperation activities and partnerships between RC/RC young volunteers from different regions of the world;
- The grant agreement between National Society and Japan Embassy in Kyrgyzstan was signed within Grassroots Human Security Project to provide 2 ambulance vehicles for two RCSK branches. Currently, the ambulance cars are expected;
- With financial support of the Saudi Red Crescent, the National Society initiated building of the clinic for MDR TB patients on the territory of the National TB Center in Bishkek.

In addition to the programme activities, the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent carried out the following **initiatives**:

- The National Society continued to provide hosting for the ERNA Secretariat;
- The RCSK started to operate as a fiduciary agent for the Secretariat of the Country Coordination Mechanism (on HIV and TB);
- Three Regional meetings on migration were conducted within the Central Asia project on migration (supported by the European Commission through the IFRC Secretariat);
- Regional meeting on DM within the DIPECHO VIII was conducted in Issyk-Kul in August 2014;
- Internal evaluation has been implementing within the regional migration programme;
- “Dress one million needy children” charity campaign conducted with the support of the Red Crescent of United Arab Emirates;
- Series of public activities dedicated to different events (World TB day, World RC Day and World AIDS Day, World Volunteer Day, etc.) was conducted jointly with national and international counterparts;
- The new TB programme on piloting of commodity voucher and cash transfer systems as motivation of TB patients started and currently implemented;
- RCSK staff member was selected as an expert for the CCM Oversight Committee;
- RCSK arranged and conducted 3 RCRC coordination meetings in Bishkek to gather counterparts of the Movement operating in Kyrgyzstan (International Federation, ICRC, American RC, German RC, Swiss RC, RC of Saudi Arabia).

Moreover, the representatives of the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent participated in **international events**:

- IV AIDS Conference for Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Moscow. May 2014;
- 21st European Youth Meeting and 9th European Conference. Italy. May-June 2014;
- Meeting of the Russian-speaking NSs. Turkmenistan. April 2014;
- Annual meeting of the NSs legal advisers. Geneva. May 2014;

- Workshop organized by the Chinese RC. April 2014;
- Meeting of leadership of Russian speaking National Societies, Tbilisi, October 2014;
- Fundraising Skillshare, international meeting for Russian-speaking National Societies, Budapest, November 2014;
- Central Asia Regional workshop on road safety. TRACECA. Almaty, November 2014.

In November 2014, the Leadership of the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent had official meeting with the Vice Prime-Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic to discuss cooperation between the Government and National Society. Moreover, several bilateral meetings were conducted with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Emergency Situation and Ministry of Social development on the level of the Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

Working in partnership

Traditionally, the partners of the National Society are categorized as Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement partners and non-Movement partners.

In the block of RCRC partners, the partnership process is a dynamic and constantly changing process. Thus, the several-year long support of the British RC, Netherlands RC, Norwegian RC and Swedish RC was discontinued, although in the past they were considered as “traditional” donors of the National Society.

From another side, the RCSK was able to develop partnership with new donors and supporters like Italian RC, RC of Saudi Arabia, Swiss RC, Chinese RC, There is also a block of partners that are currently continuing support of the National Society – American RC, German RC, Spanish RC, Turkish RC, and of course International Federation and ICRC.

Movement partners of the National Society

Operational Partners	Agreement
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	Signed
International Committee of Red Cross	Signed
American Red Cross	Signed
German Red Cross	Signed bilateral agreement. Also operates through the Federation.
Finnish Red Cross	Via integration agreement with the IFRC.
Italian Red Cross	Signed bilateral agreement
Saudi Red Crescent	Signed bilateral agreement
Spanish Red Cross	Bilateral agreement
Swiss Red Cross	Signed bilateral agreement
Turkish Red Crescent	Bilateral cooperation

Non-Movement Partners

Operational Partners	Agreement
Ministry of Health	Signed
Ministry of Emergency Situations	Signed
Ministry of Education, Science and Culture	To be negotiated
Ministry of Youth, Labour and Migration	Signed
Ministry of Justice	RCSK Statute Registered in MoJ.
International Business Council	Signed

Moreover, the RCSK was able to receive support from the Governments of Russian Federation, Japan and the United States of America.

During 2014, the National Society was considered as one of the candidates for the position of principal recipient (PR) of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) in Kyrgyzstan. Within the year, the national selection of the PR was conducted twice – in May and December. However, the Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM) with the GFATM Secretariat decided to remain model with one PR instead of two-channel model as it was promoted in 2012-2013. Therefore, the Ministry of Health was chosen

as the most appropriate organization for one-channel model of Principal Recipient. The transition and handover process from current PR (UNDP) to the newly-selected (MoH) was included in the new country concept paper for 2015-2017. Regardless of that, the capacity building remains the top priority for the National Society. At the same time, the RCSK was selected as a fiduciary agent for the CCM Secretariat of the country to provide its legal basis and financial transactions.

Progress towards outcomes

Business line 1: TO RAISE HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS

Programme component: Promotion of humanitarian principles and values

Outcome: Fundamental principles and humanitarian values of the Movement are promoted.

Achievements:

The National Society continued its work on the promotion of fundamental principles and humanitarian values of the Movement. During 2014, the following major events with focus on public awareness about RC/RC and its activities were carried out by the RCSK: World TB Day, World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day (World RC/RC Day), World AIDS Day, Promotion campaign on voluntary, non-remunerated blood donation,

World TB Day

Jointly with counterparts operating in TB field, the National Society conducted informational educational campaigns dedicated to the World TB Day in March 2014. It was conducted in all regions of the country under the logo "STOP TB".

The RCSK was working in association with partners: the National TB Centre, Republic Health Promotion Centre, local TB facilities, USAID, TB CARE I, Project HOPE, USAID Dialogue on HIV and TB Project, TB REACH, AIDS Foundation East-West, Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, Medicines sans Frontiers, ICRC, WHO, etc.

The plan of joint activities was traditional and comprised the following: banners on central streets; information leaflets in public transport; short video and audio clips broadcasted on public TV and radio; informational-educational campaigns with the participation of population (like dance activities in Bishkek; dissemination of leaflets in public places; broadcasting of a video clip on TB in the main supermarkets; broadcasting of video clips on TB in public transport (buses and trolleybuses); competition among schoolchildren for the best picture and poster on the TB problem; and interviews of TB experts on TV and radio).

World RCRC Day

The National Society conducted several public events dedicated to the World RCRC Day. There were activities conducted on the level of the RCSK HQ and its branches.

Dancing flash-mob was arranged by volunteers in Bishkek to attract public attention to the Movement. Informational leaflets were distributed among the population. Several speeches by RCSK representatives were done on local and national radio and television. Dissemination of relevant information about RCRC Movement was made through the mass media among the population. A reception with photo exhibition was organized to gather all counterparts of the National Society and have an opportunity to make presentation on RCSK activities and expand further cooperation.

Blood donor Day

In June, the National Society conducted event dedicated to the World blood donor Day. Jointly with Republican Blood Center, Club 25, CDC (Center for Disease Control) and AIHA (American International Health Alliance) several public activities were arranged to focus public attention to the problem and attract new volunteers and blood donors.

World AIDS Day

Jointly with national and international counterparts based in Kyrgyzstan, the Red Crescent arranged a series of public activities dedicated to the World AIDS Day. The activities conducted on the level of the RCSK HQ and its branches. Informational sessions for public, dance performance in shopping center, quizzes, were conducted within the event around the country. The dissemination of relevant information about relevant topics was made through the mass media among the population. More detailed information on the event is described in section on HIV programme.

International Volunteer Day

The International Volunteer Week was conducted in Kyrgyzstan on 1-5 December 2014. The main organizers were UN volunteers, RCSK and Education Academy "Kamkorduk". Information fair was organized during the day in Shopping Center "Bishkek Park", where representatives from 20 organizations participated. All visitors of the fair can get information about all programs and activities that is provided by the different organizations, what is the main role of volunteers and how to become a volunteer.

This event helped RCSK to start promotion of website www.volunteer.kg, so that first comments and first potential volunteers were received. An RCSK conference was conducted, where the key staff from the regional offices participated. The main problems in regional offices concerning to volunteer movement and ways to increase the number of volunteers were discussed during the event.

Jointly with other organizations, the information sessions were conducted and with the help of the RCSK volunteers. They organized master class on Latin American dances for promoting youth movement and celebration of International Volunteer Day. The event was conducted in American University in Central Asia (AUCA).

Also, the volunteers were visited in their schools and universities. It was useful to encourage the RCSK active volunteers and express gratitude to them, and on the other hand it helped to raise the awareness among the administration of schools/universities and group mates, and help to recruit more new volunteers. Appreciation letters and flash cards were prepared as incentives for most pro-active volunteers.

In the framework of the International Volunteer Week 2014, the festive evening was arranged on the same day. Five most pro-active volunteers were invited from each organization and they were rewarded by appreciation letters issued by UNV. The main idea was to express gratitude to the volunteers for their important work during the year and to give an opportunity for them to exchange experience with volunteers from other organizations. Within the festive the concert part was also arranged.

National Blood Donor Day

In September 2014, the National Society took part in a series of activities dedicated to the National Blood Donor Day. Jointly with the Republican Blood Centre (RBC), Club 25, CDC (Centre for Disease Control) and AIHA (American International Health Alliance) several public activities were arranged to focus public attention to the problem and attract new volunteers and blood donors. Moreover, scientific conference was conducted by the RBC.

Business line 2: TO GROW RED CROSS RED CRESCENT SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Programme Component: Disaster Management

Outcome 1: The capacity of local communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from, disasters is improved;

Outcome 2: The capacity of schoolchildren to prepare for and respond to disasters is improved;

Outcome 3: The NS's response capacity has been improved;

Outcome 4: The capacity of the National Society to support the recovery process in communities has been improved.

Achievements:

During the reporting period, the RCSK DM Department implemented activities supported by the Finnish Red Cross (via IFRC), German Red Cross (bilateral) and two projects supported by the ICRC - Emergency Preparedness and Response and Restoring Family Links programs. Moreover, the DIPECHO VIII started to be implemented in all five National Societies of Central Asia with the support of European Commission. In addition, the new DM project started to be developed in the second half of the year with the support of Swiss Red Cross.

In general, the RCSK DM programme aimed at achieving the main goal to "Reduce the number of deaths and injuries related to disasters in the Kyrgyz Republic". The DM programmes have contributed to the accomplishment of overall goal of DM Department through contributing to completion of following programmes outcomes:

- The capacity of local communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from, disasters is improved;
- The capacity of schoolchildren to prepare for and respond to disasters is improved;

- The NS's response capacity has been improved.

People reached during the reporting period

Direct beneficiaries						Indirect beneficiaries		Total	
Male		Female		Total					
Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual
5,000	5,499	5,000	5,817	10,000	11,316	15,000	16,070	25,000	27,386

During the realization of the programme, the RCSK focused on people who are most vulnerable to disasters due to their social status, age, gender and health conditions. Thus, the beneficiaries are multi-children families, lonely elderly people, schoolchildren and people with disabilities. The National Society applied a participatory approach to the programme, making beneficiaries as project partners by involving community members at each project phase.

The Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent established and trained Local Disaster Management Committees (LDMC) consisting of 10 members from communities as well as school teachers (usually 2 teachers per school) in 24 communities all over the country (4 communities per 1 region). Such number of members per LDMC and school teachers has been established based on the team composition needed in time of emergency and sufficient number of teachers needed to spread knowledge and skills among their colleagues and schoolchildren.

The training for local disaster management committees and school teachers includes first aid, safe behaviour rules in time of a disaster, disaster risk mapping, development of community disaster response plans and simulation exercises.

In June 2014, the training for National Disaster Response Team was conducted in Issyk-Kul region. The 40 new members from 7 RCSK branches took part in the event. During 4 days they had been trained by DM Department team and made a simulation exercise. Each participant was representing different district of the region. Almost every large district representative was attending this training.

Thus, Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent Society not only extended its number of NDRT Members up to 120 persons, but also improved their skills.

The program supported by the German Red Cross is working on the territory of Batken region. Three-year program also provides RCSK capacity building activities by strengthening RCSK Batken Regional representation. Thus, planned construction of the new 2 floored office completed in October 2014. This program also provided DM Stock replenishment by non-food items in case of emergency. During six months, the Batken representation staff was fully equipped and trained to FA and VCA trainings.

In April 2014, the GIZ equipped the National Disaster Response Team members with outfit in case of response operations. The list included the number of items such as sleeping bags, tents, rain coats, radio sets etc.

In December 2014, the RCSK HQ held several meetings on elaborating of the RCSK 2016-2020 Strategy in cooperation with IFRC, GRC and Governmental partners. This document also plays significant role in disaster reduction processes. It could be used as General guideline in DRR program for all partners, staff members and volunteers.

Along with National Strategy, RCSK identifies National Contingency plan which is also significant. It contains operational procedures and also occurring as basic handbook during the emergencies

During the reporting period, the RCSK held several activities in partnership with local authorities NGO's and other international partners. One of them was simulation exercises in Beshkent village of Batken oblast which was held in cooperation with MES KR, DRCU, GRC and ACTED. The number of people participated in the event was about 500 peoples including local population, volunteers, representatives from local governmental organizations and etc. During the drill, special scenario was elaborated (high magnitude earthquake) and each organization participated had to held appropriate objectives (MES personnel was engaged in to evacuation of injured, RC staff provided first aid and etc.). The National Society was appraised as well-prepared and operatively-functioning organization.

Business line 3: TO STRENGTHEN THE SPECIFIC RED CROSS RED CRESCENT CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT

Programme Component: Health and Care, HIV/AIDS

Outcome 1: *A comprehensive HIV prevention programme is developed and implemented at the country level.*

Achievements

In 2014, the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent started the project “Improvement of the Systems of HIV/AIDS Prevention, STIs and Viral Hepatitis among the Population Most Vulnerable to Those Infections, including Migrants” started in Kyrgyzstan with the support of the Russian Federation’s Government through the Russian Public Organization “AIDS INFOSHARE”, the International Federation and partially UNAIDS. The Kyrgyzstan Ministry of Health is a principal national counterpart within the activity.

The programme is implemented in 4 sites: Chui, Batken, Jalal-Abad and Naryn oblasts through the network of the RCSK regional branches. It includes two main components: outreach work for all target groups, which comprises issues on HIV/AIDS and TB Prevention, and providing medical services in Mobile clinic in the remote areas and small villages in Chui oblast. There are also consultations of the population by hotline on Health issues (HIV/AIDS Prevention, TB Prevention). The hotline is working in each centre within the project.

By means of 60 outreach workers the informational sessions were provided for the population on the issues of prevention of HIV, STI, TB and informed the population about the services provided by the mobile clinic. The outreach workers are the most active members of those communities where the sessions are conducted. The breakdown of the outreach workers by project sites is as follows.

- Chui oblast – 21 outreach workers;
- Naryn – 13 outreach workers;
- Batken – 13 outreach workers;
- Jalal-Abad – 13 outreach workers.

Each outreach worker has two assistant volunteers (community members) helping them to provide door-to-door visits among the target population. In total, there are 120 volunteers involved in the programme.

During the reporting period, the following numbers of beneficiaries have been covered.

Project site	Direct beneficiaries	Indirect beneficiaries	Total:
Chui	2,150	1,080	3,230
Batken	1,114	700	1,814
Jalal-Abad	17,914	1,200	19,114
Naryn	1,020	4,200	5,220
Total:	22,198	7,180	29,378

Outcome 2: *Range of treatment, care and support services provided to people living with HIV (PLHIV) is expanded.*

Achievements

The Kyrgyzstan RC continued its work with people living with HIV (PLHIV), their families and friends, providing them with services on HIV prevention and treatment through Information and Consultation Centre (ICC) located in Kara-Balta as well as through the NS volunteers working in Naryn. The services to PLHIV comprised legal, psychological and social support. In general, 34 PLHIV and their family members were supported by the RCSK for the reported period.

Besides that, the RCSK supported 12 PLHIV by purchasing school stationery for their children. The assistance also included distribution of the winter clothes for children as well as candies gifts for the New Year.

In October, the National Society jointly with the Public Foundation “Prosvet” organized medical consultation and testing on HIV, STIs, Tuberculosis, Viral Hepatitis B and C through the Mobile Clinic for 36 PLHIV and their family members in Kara-Balta. As a result of diagnostic, 1 positive case of Hepatitis B, 3 positive cases of Syphilis and 11 positive cases of Hepatitis C were revealed. All positive results were reported to the local Family Medicine Centre as well as to the Public Foundation “Prosvet”, which provides psychological, social and medical support of PLHIV.

Outcome 3: *Comprehensive advocacy policy focused at stigma reduction is developed and implemented.*

Achievements

The RCSK continued its work on reduction of stigma and discrimination towards people living with HIV.

The National Society participated in regular round tables with the national and international counterparts – Ministry of Health, Republican AIDS Center, UNAIDS, UNFPA, AFEW, PSI, GFATM, and local NGOs.

Also, the National Red Crescent Society participated in the planning meetings dedicated to the World AIDS Day together with other organizations working on HIV/AIDS area. According to that, the National Society conducted several activities throughout the country.

Bishkek During two weeks, audio clips on HIV were rotated on “Europe Plus” and “Kyrgyzstan Obondoru” radio stations in Russian and Kyrgyz languages. On December 1, the RSCSK supported on-air programme on “Europe Plus” radio station, where the specialist from the AIDS Center could answer the questions from the population.

The RSCSK volunteers prepared more than 1,500 red ribbons, which were disseminated among the visitors of the shopping centers. Also, the informational sessions on HIV and leaflets were distributed. Moreover, dance performance and quizzes were organized there.

During the period between 2-5 December 2014, medical consultations and testing for HIV, tuberculosis, hepatitis B, C and syphilis were provided for the inhabitants of three outskirts of Bishkek – “Altyn Kazyk”, “Ak-Jar”, “Adilet”. The inhabitants of these districts are the internal migrants from the different regions of Kyrgyzstan. They do not have access to free medical services because of the lack of medical facilities in their areas. Totally, 278 people received medical consultations and 147 people took tests for infections during the campaign. Out of them, 3 positive tests of syphilis, 2 positive tests of Hepatitis B and 1 positive test of Hepatitis C were revealed.

Chui oblast Besides the conducting of informational sessions and distribution of the red ribbons to the population, the concert by students of the Medical college and the Vocational School was arranged by the RSCSK. Also, a flash-mob was organized in the memory of those who died from HIV/AIDS, where the volunteers and students launched in the sky the burning lanterns.

Naryn oblast Outreach workers and volunteers of the RSCSK Naryn branch organized a charity concert devoted to the World AIDS Day. They raised funds from the concert which were officially given to the Oblast AIDS Center. Representatives of local authority were invited to the event. One of them provided prizes for those participants of the concert who gave the best answers during the quiz-contest. Also, the lottery was arranged during the concert. Afterwards, the Oblast AIDS Center, gave Appreciation Letter to the Naryn branch of the RSCSK.

In addition, on 1 December in all villages of the Naryn oblast and in Naryn city the flash-mobs were conducted. Afterwards, the volunteers explained HIV ways of transmission and disseminated red ribbons to the citizens.

Jalal-Abad oblast Informational sessions were conducted in the schools. The seminars on “HIV prevention measures” conducted for the staff and teachers of the Jalal-Abad State University. Drawing competition on HIV/AIDS topic was arranged among the schoolchildren. Flash-mob “Red ribbon” was also conducted.

Batken oblast Batken branch of the RSCSK organized cross country among the pupils of the Batken school named after J. Bokonbaev. About 65 participants participated in the cross. Before the cross country the Red Crescent volunteers provided the participants with the information about HIV ways of transmission to the participants. The best runners were given the prizes such as DVD-players, teapot and chess sets.

Although the HIV programme is not supported in Osh and Issyk-Kul regions, they organized activities devoted to the World AIDS Day.

Osh Osh branch of the RSCSK together with other organizations including Oblast AIDS Center participated in the campaign called as “AIDS Caravan”. The goal of this campaign was to conduct informational sessions on HIV/AIDS among inhabitants of Aravan village, Nookat city, Uzgen village and Osh city. The specialists of the AIDS Center answered the questions about the HIV. The RSCSK provided transportation for this caravan and printed informational materials.

Issyk-Kul The RSCSK volunteers conducted informational sessions in the schools. On 1 December 2014, jointly with the Reproductive Health Alliance and Oblast AIDS Center informational session was conducted in the premise of the American Corner, where all interested visitors could receive the information on HIV.

Outcome 4: Capacity of the NS to deliver and sustain programmes in the sphere of HIV is strengthened.

Achievements

The gifted by the Russian Federation Government mobile clinic (on the basis of track KAMAZ) started to operate in September 2014. The medical specialists and technical staff were selected to work within the clinic. Prior to the operating of the clinic, two trainings were conducted: the first training was conducted only for the medical staff and the second for the entire staff of the clinic including two drivers. The training on “HIV testing and pre- and post-testing consulting” was held by trainers from the Republican AIDS Center. The selected medical staff was trained on taking HIV-tests, keeping sanitary-epidemiologic mode and utilization of the used syringes and test-systems. The second training was focused on the use of not only the medical equipment but also the electric devices in the clinic. The trainers were the representatives of the GCMed Company which is the manufacturer of the mobile clinics on the basis of the KAMAZ platforms in Russian Federation.

During the period from 9 September to 31 December 2014, 2,349 patients were covered by the medical services, out of them 2,077 were females and 272 males. The laboratory served 1,503 patients. Thus, the mobile clinic covered by its services 3,852 patients in 10 villages of the Sokuluk district area, 9 villages of Jayil district area, Kara-Balta city, 10 villages of Kemin district area, 11 villages of Chui district area, new suburban areas of Bishkek, “Kolomto” Shelter for homeless people of Pervomayskiy district area of Bishkek city.

During the period, 3 HIV-positive tests, 28 positive tests of syphilis, 1 positive test of TB, 33 positive tests of hepatitis C and 5 positive tests of hepatitis B were revealed. All of them were directed to the local Centers of the family medicine, Groups of family doctors, and village medical points.

At the end of November 2014, the Director of Osh representation of the RCSK was invited to the press-conference in Moscow. The event was dedicated to the World AIDS Day. Within the conference, the Russian Government gifted the second mobile complex to the Kyrgyzstan delegation headed by Kyrgyzstan Ambassador in Moscow.

Programme Component: Health and Care, Tuberculosis

Within the reported period, the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent continued TB prevention programme. The main goal is to contribute to the national efforts to control the spread of tuberculosis in Kyrgyzstan and reduce the incidence of tuberculosis in the country by mobilizing communities for TB prevention.

The programme is implemented across three priority spheres:

- Developing of treatment adherence among clients of the programme;
- Improvement of treatment outcomes of the programme clients;
- Advocacy and health promotion activities.

There are following projects implemented by the National Society in TB area:

- TB project supported by the Finnish RC through the International Federation. The goal of the initiative is to optimize the incentive system to make it more objective and transparent with less involvement of administrative and logistic procedures carried out by the National Society (selection of suppliers, procurement of incentive packages, their storing and delivering to the beneficiaries of the programme, etc.);
- TB project supported by the Spanish RC bilaterally. “Classic” TB prevention activity implemented in Issyk-Kul;
- TB project supported by STOP TB Partnership. One-year activity directed to enable ex-TB clients with leadership and advocacy skills to empower them to work on national level (participate in development and promotion of national TB strategies);
- TB project started to be implemented in August. It is supported by the USAID through Abt. Associates. The National Society is one of 5 sub-recipients to provide TB services for migrants and ex-prisoners.

Totally, 303 clients with TB 1st and 2nd categories and 48 with MDR TB were covered by the National Society for 2014.

Outcome 1: The quality of care and support provided to targeted clients with TB and their families has increased.

In the framework of the programme, the National Society started to realize a pilot project on the provision of cash transfer/commodity voucher system as an incentive to TB clients, who are under the patronage of the

programme. The goal of the initiative is to optimize incentive system to make it more objective and transparent with less involvement of administrative and logistician procedures carried out by the National Society (selection of suppliers, procurement of incentive packages, their storing and delivering to the beneficiaries of the programme, etc.). Prior to that, the specific survey of motivation system was conducted by independent consultant. As a result of the survey, it was decided to start both motivation approaches - cash transfer and commodity voucher systems. The results of innovation will be estimated by the end of the year.

During the reporting period, 303 TB clients of the 1st and 2nd categories in the continuation phase of treatment under the direct observation of treatment (DOTS) program in the TB dispensaries were regularly visited by eight RCSK nurses and received cash transfers through debit cards of the "Bank Asia" as an incentive for continues treatment of TB on a monthly basis.

Another group of beneficiaries consisted of 48 MDR-TB clients monthly provided vouchers with the list of the products (food and hygienic). The relevant Agreement was signed by RCSK and "Narodnyi" supermarket. Special commodity vouchers were developed and issued with the serial number in two copies with the stamp of RCSK and "Narodnyi" (in order to avoid fake vouchers) and with the detailed instructions how to use vouchers (on the back side). The vouchers are given to MDR TB client who regularly receives treatment according to the prescribed course. One copy of the voucher TB client leaves in the supermarket (cashier) and another copy provide to the visiting nurse with the bill. Within the 10 days including weekends, TB-clients should use voucher in "Narodnyi" supermarket, to select goods from the list in voucher.

Starting from April 2014, every NS nurse visited five Multi-Drug Resistant (MDR) TB clients, and three of them were under the direct observation of treatment (DOT). In total, 48 MDR TB clients were under the NS patronage. The work of nurses was supported by the 16 ex-TB volunteers, who helped to provide psychosocial support to TB clients and their families. In addition to home visits, TB clients were supported through peer groups, also facilitated by ex-TB volunteers and nurses, and total coverage comprised 170 people. Due to these efforts, 85,4% of TB clients have completed their treatment.

Outcome 2: *Awareness of the general population on the TB-related issues has increased.*

During the reporting period, the staff and volunteers working on the programme continued informational activities among the population to raise awareness about tuberculosis and reduce stigma and discrimination towards TB patients. Thus, due to the informational work through sessions and mass media, about 100,000 of general population were covered for the reported period.

In March 2014, the RCSK's informational activities were mostly aimed to raise awareness among the population, and reduce stigma and discrimination towards TB patients. The RCSK and its partners realized public activities dedicated to the 24th of March- World TB Day with the logo "Stop TB together".

The activities were held jointly with the counterparts – Ministry of Health, National TB Center, City TB Center, Republic Health Promotion Center, WHO, USAID- Health quality, KNCV, Project HOPE, Medicines Sans Frontiers, International Committee of Red Cross, etc.

The plan of joint activities comprised the following: developed and deployed banners on central streets; developed and handed out information leaflets in public transport; short video and audio clips broadcasted on public TV and radio; informational-educational campaigns with the participation of population (such as sport activities among migrants communities; mass cross with participation of medical workers and students of medical universities in Bishkek; dissemination of leaflets in public places; broadcasting of a video clip on TB in the main supermarkets; broadcasting of video clips on TB in public transport (buses and trolleybuses); competition among schoolchildren for the best picture and poster on the TB problem; comedy club in schools of outskirts in Bishkek, debates among students of higher school grades; interviews of TB experts on TV and radio).

Outcome 3: *System of NS-based care and support provision to TB-clients and their families is sustained*

During the reporting period, the programme continued mobilization of activities in 6 communities, having enrolled groups of TB promoters (20 people) focusing their work on prevention, early detection, adherence and completion of treatment. Previously-trained 60 volunteers from the communities helped to implement the programme in the field. The promoters and volunteers working to build and enable relevant environment among population, decreasing stigma by informational initiatives, advocacy, social mobilization, directed on overcoming fear, disinformation, and increasing awareness about tuberculosis and improving access of the migrants to the diagnostic and treatment. Door-to-door visits with distribution of informational-educational materials were part of the activities. In general, about 28,800 people were covered by door-to-door visits.

The project is positively accepted by TB clients and their families, as well as well-supported by national state counterparts and NGOs, because it has positive impact to the National programme in fighting with tuberculosis.

Constraints and Challenges:

The constraints and challenges within the activity implementation are the following:

- There are difficulties in the outreach work with people who do not have a permanent residence. Frequently, the RCSK visiting nurses need long time to “chase down” such TB clients;
- Labour migrants getting infected with TB and coming back to Kyrgyzstan for the treatment may not complete the treatment and move back to Russia or Kazakhstan when they start feeling better. It is difficult to achieve adherence to treatment in such cases;
- Providing services to internal migrants is cumbersome. As a result of their low socio-economic status, the majority of internal migrants live in poor sanitary-hygienic conditions which are the hotbed for tuberculosis. Visiting nurses need to come more often in order to check how the migrants follow the sanitary-hygienic procedures after their first time visit of explanatory work on TB.

Programme Component: Migration

Objective 1: *To build up the skills of migrants and potential migrants to better manage their life and to protect themselves from exclusion, exploitation and trafficking.*

The migration project is implemented in four sites: Bishkek, Osh, Talas and Karakol cities. Within the activity, the beneficiaries receive psychosocial support, legal consultations from lawyers, computer skills in trainings, information about communicable diseases through the relevant centers as well as via outreach work and hotline call service.

RSCK services and coverage

RCSK services	Number of beneficiaries	
<i>Trainings on health issues</i>	2,273	
	<i>Male</i> 1,016	<i>Female</i> 1,257
<i>Legal consultations</i>	800	
	<i>Male</i> 348	<i>Female</i> 452
<i>Psychosocial support</i>	414	
	<i>Male</i> 62	<i>Female</i> 352
<i>Computer courses</i>	701	
	<i>Male</i> 188	<i>Female</i> 513
<i>Russian language courses (Osh)</i>	222	
	<i>Male</i> 51	<i>Female</i> 171
<i>Outreach work</i>	3,828	
	<i>Male</i> 1,259	<i>Female</i> 2,569
Total	8,238	
	Male 2,924	Female 5,314

Objective 2: *To promote a well-managed labour migration and facilitate sustained re-integration of returnees through strengthening the Central Asia Red Crescent Labour Migration Network and community development initiatives at origin.*

Well-managed labour migration can be possible only in close cooperation between the countries of origin, transit and destination. The programme has regional nature including National Societies of the countries of origin (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) and countries of destination (Kazakhstan, Russia). Periodically, regional meetings to discuss cooperation are conducted within the programme. Thus, three regional meetings were conducted in Bishkek and Issyk-Kul. The participants were coordinators from

National Societies of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, representatives of International Federation from Budapest, Almaty and Dushanbe, representative of European Commission, local authorities, ICRC, Russian Red Cross. The main topic was cooperation within the Central Asian network on migration and humanitarian diplomacy issues. As a result of the meeting in November 2014, an Agreement on cooperation was developed and signed by the CANSs, Russian Red Cross and Federation.

Moreover, in May 2014 the internal evaluation of the project started in four countries of Central Asia – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. The evaluation is realised by the evaluation team consisted of project staff from 4 National Societies and Federation. The aim of this evaluation is to improve the quality of services provided, assist to the organizational education and to support of reporting and transparency. The official report of the evaluation was released and may be shared.

Objective 3: *To improve access to health and social services and prevent disease transmission in migrants and their families, with a particular focus on women, by community outreach, health promotion and advocacy*

Within the component, 4 trainer-consultants continued to provide informational sessions on Health care among communities in Bishkek, Osh, Talas and Kara-Kol cities where migrants mostly live. In total, 2,273 people reached in communities. Out of them, 1,257 people were women and 1,016 were men. More than 60 volunteers out of the returnees, potential migrants and family members helped to provide informational work in the communities.

Business Line 5: TO DEEPEN OUR TRADITION OF TOGETHERNESS THROUGH JOINT WORKING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Programme outcomes:

- Management and governance effectively support the delivery of the National Society programming.
- Increased capacity for programme development and management.
- Volunteer capacity improved through relevant training and participation in core activities.

Achievements:

Presidium (Governing Board)

During 2014, four quarterly regular meetings of the RCSK Governing Board were conducted based upon the funding support of the Organisational Development programme. The following topics have been discussed:

- Quarterly management reports on the ongoing activities of the National Society;
- RCSK Branches' plans for 2015;
- Sustainability and resource mobilization of the National Society.

Participation in the regional meetings of Russian-speaking National Societies

During the year, the RCSK Chairman and Director General participated in two meetings of Russian-speaking National Societies: in Turkmenistan in April 2014, and Georgia in October 2014. Cooperation of the Movement counterparts was discussed during the both events.

In November 2014, the International Federation with partial support of ICRC organized Fundraising Skillshare workshop for Russian-speaking National Societies in Budapest. There were about 35 participants from 13 National Societies: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. The Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent was represented in the meeting by Deputy Director General and Director of Issyk-Kul branch.

The meeting was intended to provide an opportunity to learn and share, consolidate what exists, as well as pass through key fundamentals, principles, concepts and approaches in fundraising as a starting point in the journey of building strong fundraising professional skills and expertise, in order to increase levels and sustainability of income within National Societies to help vulnerable people.

The following topics were enlightened during the event: importance of fundraising and philanthropy; key elements of fundraising; community fundraising and events; case studies from around the world; fundraising online; fundraising from Corporate Sector; individual giving; membership scheme; role of the Management and the Board in promoting fundraising.

In the framework of the meeting, the RCSK participants received information on issues mentioned above. They also had an opportunity to learn experience of other National Societies and counterparts in fundraising and resource mobilization.

At the end of the meeting, there was a suggestion to create and develop network on fundraising and resource mobilization for Russian-speaking National Societies. The Kyrgyzstan RC expressed its intention to take active part in the network.

Organizational Development and Capacity Building

In the first half of 2014, the American RC supported the RCSK with OD project to continue development of M&E and Financial Management along with Human Resources Development and improvement of Communication/Public Relation activities. The project was designed to enhance RCSK capacities and improve relations with its main stakeholders to provide quality services to the vulnerable population. The National Society appointed and selected relevant focal points in all four areas for improvement. The existing RCSK documentations and procedures underwent revisions to adjust to the current context and needs. Moreover, the National Society conducted trainings, seminars according to plans of prioritized areas for staff at HQ and Regional Directors of the branches.

Since July 2014, the American Red Cross (ARC) supports the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent in developing of two additional key areas – volunteer management and resource mobilization. Both of the mentioned directions are crucial for the National Society, because the majority of whole RCSK humanitarian activities are being implemented by volunteers and there is a significant demand of the organization to develop its capacities to search and mobilize resources on international and domestic level to ensure its humanitarian mission in the country.

Coordination meetings

The National Society organised a regular RC/RC Coordination meetings. The participants of the meeting were representatives of the Kyrgyzstan RC, IFRC, ICRC, American RC, German RC, Swiss RC and Saudi RC. There was an exchange of information between the participating organizations about the results of their activities in 2014 and their plans for 2015.

Constraints & Challenges

There is a deficiency of funds and counterparts that may support capacity building of the National Society. The area is specific and should reflect humanitarian nature of the Movement and National Society. Questions of sustainability and resource mobilization are the top priorities for the National Society. The matter of sustainable support on the programme should be resolved to ensure stable implementation of the activities directed at the growth and development of the organization.

Stakeholder participation and feedback

The Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan uses a participatory approach during its work. Regardless of the specifics of the programmes, the National Society tries to involve the representatives of the target communities by making them volunteers. Thus, the participatory approach, as well as the peer-to-peer approach, is widely applied within the RCSK activities. Community volunteers are trained and motivated to assist the National Society in its humanitarian activities on the grass-roots level.

Other principal stakeholders are the local authorities. In most cases, they recognize the efforts and activities of the RCSK since those efforts contribute to their work in the social and health areas.

The national and international organizations are also very important partners of the National Society, because only their joint efforts can efficiently help resolve problems such as tuberculosis, HIV, irregular migration, etc. There are also suggestions of the stakeholders for the RCSK to take responsibility and relevant activities in the following directions: assistance to people with disabilities, immunization of the children in rural communities, support for children with oncologic diseases.

Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key Risks or Positive Factors	Priority	Recommended Action
	High Medium Low	
Positive The National Society demonstrates high dynamics in its continuing of the “traditional” and developing new partnership and activities.	H	The RSCK should further develop its capacity building to find more opportunities for resource mobilization.
Risks. Professional staff turnover.	H	The National Society has to ensure the professional development and motivation of its staff and active volunteers.

Lessons learned and looking ahead

The Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent has intention to continue implementation of current humanitarian activities and develop new initiatives in its four key areas – Health, DM, Social activities and OD.

With high competition in the humanitarian sphere and with scarce funds as a consequence of the global economic recession in the past years, the National Society is required by the environment to build its capacities to be more flexible, dynamic and resilient in order to ensure the implementation of its humanitarian mission. The issues of resource mobilization (RM) and fundraising are crucial for the organization. Therefore, the RSCSK has identified the capacity building on RM and fundraising as top priorities for the following period of its development.

As a result of the mentioned above technical work and participation in fundraising workshop, the National Society identified the following sources for its current and potential humanitarian activities:

- Membership fees;
- Government support;
- Programme fundraising (developing project proposals to international foundations);
- Income-generating activities;
- Public fundraising activities;
- Work with corporate sector (business) and private donations.

The diversification principle is planned to be developed and further used in Resource mobilization by the Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent.

Financial situation

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<https://fednet.ifrc.org/Docs/LTPF%20Process/Development%20Operational%20Plans/2014/SP570KG14arf.pdf>

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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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