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*The Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society
disseminates information materials
among potential migrants at the action
aimed at youth.*

*Photo: Uzbekistan Red Crescent,
Fergana*



Overview

In the year 2014, 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. In order to grow Red Cross Red Crescent services for vulnerable people, the IFRC Secretariat also supported the Uzbekistan Red Crescent's disaster risk reduction (DRR) activities.

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 National Society's migration project is part of the regional project on "Empowering Central Asian migrants and returnees to improve living and protect dignity" that reaches 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.

Over 2014, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society's four information and education centres for migrants in Tashkent, Fergana, Karshi and Termez continued providing serviced 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, 4,677 people were reached by the National Society in the centres or through community outreach activities. In order to support information dissemination, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent developed and printed information materials on prevention of sexually transmitted infections, intestinal infections and tuberculosis, risks of exploitation and trafficking in human beings and promotion materials with information about the Red Crescent Societies' services and 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.

In the second half of the year, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent became one of the implementing partners of the regional project entitled “Building Sustainable Community Resilience through Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction Systems in Central Asia” within the DIPECO-VIII programme. The project is managed, coordinated and supervised by the German Red Cross, supported by the IFRC Secretariat and the Austrian Red Cross and implemented by the Red Crescent Societies of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. The action aims at contributing to increased resilience of communities and capacities of institutions through comprehensive and sustainable disaster risk reduction (DRR) measures at different levels in Central Asia by enhancing the quality, sustainability and inter-connectedness of DRR activities over 18 months. By the end of the year, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent worked to establish eight Local Disaster Management Committees (LDMC) in target communities and schools in Namangan and Andijan province administrative centres.

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
Multilateral	
European Commission	Migration
German RC	Disaster management
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	117
Comments on progress towards outputs		
27 new staff and 90 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 2013 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	
In the second half of the year 2014, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent became one of the implementing partners of the regional project entitled “Building Sustainable Community Resilience through Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction Systems in Central Asia” within the DIPECO-VIII programme. Activities aimed at contingency planning will take place in 2015.	

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 2014 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	N/A

end of 2014	
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
In the second half of the year 2014, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent became one of the implementing partners of the regional project entitled “Building Sustainable Community Resilience through Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction Systems in Central Asia” within the DIPECO-VIII programme. Project practitioners received technical information, tools and mechanisms related to implementation of project activities in the field during the CBDRR training in Kyrgyzstan in August. DRT training and pre-positioning of emergency stock is planned for the year 2015.	

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	
In the second half of the year 2014, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent became one of the implementing partners of the regional 18-months project entitled “Building Sustainable Community Resilience through Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction Systems in Central Asia” within the DIPECO-VIII programme. The National Society started the establishment of eight Local Disaster Management Committees (LDMC). The project team selected 120 LDMC members from eight target communities, involved 40 schoolteachers and 120 school youth LDMC team members in eight schools in Namangan and Andijan province administrative centres and conducted preliminary interviews. Disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation information materials have been selected, updated and made ready for printing. Further training of LDMC, elaboration of DRR/DM plans are envisaged in 2015.	

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	
Regional level activities towards IDRL promotion are envisaged within DIPECHO-VIII in 2015.	

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)	8,037 (over 2 years)
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
The Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society's four information and education centres for migrants in Tashkent, Fergana, Karshi and Termez continued providing services to potential migrants, migrants' families and returnees. This was the second year of the migration project implementation. The services included legal consultancy, diseases prevention, addressing social issues, Russian language and computer literacy courses. In total, 4,677 people have been reached by the National Society in the centres or through community outreach activities.	

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 towards 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	
No funds have been received and no specific activities have been implemented towards this output.	

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 May 2014, on the eve of the World Red Cross Red Crescent Day, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society organised two big events in Tashkent city. The first was a scientific and practical conference on humanitarian activities and the Red Cross Red Crescent role. Senate deputies, top managers of ministries and agencies and mass media attended the conference. The second event was a press-conference for journalists. Within the migration programme the Uzbekistan Red Crescent organised nine information campaigns in educational institutions, in communities (mahallyas) and in local administrations that attracted youth, teachers, heads of neighbourhood committees, local administrations and other state and public entities. Almost 20,000 copies of information materials with addresses of the centres for migrants and brochures on legal, social and health issues were disseminated among potential migrants, authorities and other partners of the action. Besides, 41 articles were published in local newspapers and magazines, 28 radio programmes and 11 information shots were broadcasted by the republican and local radio stations and TV channels. 	

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 Secretariat`s 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 Secretariat`s 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 towards 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 Secretariat`s 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 Secretariat`s 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	See details below
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
<p>In 2014, the Uzbekistan Red Crescent attended the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The European Conference in Florence, Italy, in June; • Meeting of the Russian-speaking National Societies in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, in April; • Russian-Speaking Fundraising Skillshare meeting in November in Budapest, Hungary. 	

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

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Secretariat's 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 Secretariat provided technical support in planning, monitoring and reporting on the National Society programmes funded multilaterally.	

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

Measurement	
Indicators	Year to Date Actual
IFRC Secretariat's 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 Secretariat's Office in Almaty provides tailored support in finance management	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes	
Not relevant.	

Stakeholder participation and feedback

Acting as an 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 – 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.

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 facilitate cooperation in the area of migration, which is necessary for the success of community activities, good partner relations with the authorities and 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.

Beneficiaries and partners are also engaged in the monitoring and evaluation activities within the Uzbekistan Red Crescent projects. Thus, during the mid-term internal evaluation of the regional migration project, carried out between May and July 2014, the evaluation teams made of IFRC Secretariat and National Societies staff visited 16 project sites in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to collect field data through observation and individual and group interviews with the Red Crescent staff members, partners, volunteers and beneficiaries. The total number of respondents from partner organizations who took part in the evaluation exceeded 60 people, while the number of interviewed beneficiaries made 130 people.

In Uzbekistan, three out of four Red Crescent centres for migrants were included in the internal evaluation process – in Fergana, Karshi and Tashkent. Besides, the Uzbekistan National Society’s migration project coordinator supported the teams responsible for the evaluation of the centres for migrants in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. The results of the evaluation were presented at the regional technical migration meeting in Kyrgyzstan in August 2014.

In November 2014, the International Federation organized the second regional meeting with governmental authorities of four Central Asian countries in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan to strengthen cooperation in promoting well-managed migration flows. More than 50 representatives of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, government agencies from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and the Russian Federation, international organizations and embassies joined the meeting in the frames of the EU-supported project on “Empowering Central Asian migrants and returnees to improve living and protect dignity”. The Uzbekistan Red Crescent’s project coordinator and manager of Tashkent centre for migrants participated in the meeting.

Such meetings make a stable platform for experience exchange in the area of cooperation between the Red Crescent Societies and government bodies, care providers and other stakeholders and for development of a unified approach to tackling needs of labour migrants as one of vulnerable groups. Thus, the Red Crescent Societies and the International Federation continued highlighting needs of migrants, promoting respect for diversity, non-discrimination and access to services through discussions with representatives from ministries, local authorities, departments of migration, health and care, education and internal affairs, health facilities. Following the discussions the Red Cross and Red Crescent personnel elaborated further steps in work with respective governments. Health problems of labour migrants and exchange of experience in TB treatment and prevention were in the focus of discussions that ended up with a recommendation on further cooperation between the Red Cross and Red Crescent and state authorities in Central Asia and Russian Federation.

Besides, at the meeting the Uzbekistan Red Crescent Society signed the framework agreement on cooperation in the area of migration with the International Federation, the Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan Red Crescent Societies and the Russian Red Cross. The agreement that entered into

force in December 2014 strengthens the basis of the Central Asian Red Crescent Labour Migration Network and cooperation with the Russian Red Cross.

Financial situation

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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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