



UZBEKISTAN

IFRC network mid-year report, January – June 2023

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IN SUPPORT OF THE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY OF UZBEKISTAN



210

National Society branches



595

National Society staff



42,000

National Society volunteers



PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and environment



1,000

Disasters and crises



83,000

Health and wellbeing



946,000

Values, power and inclusion



103,000

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Total		Funding requirements	183,000
IFRC	Longer-term	Funding requirements	183,000
		Income	461,000
Participating National Societies		Income	95,000
Host National Society other funding sources		Income	260,000

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Appeal numbers **MAAUZ002**

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate	People reached with activities to address rising climate risks	1,000
	National Society is implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves)	Yes
Disasters and crises	People reached with disaster risk reduction	83,000
	People reached with livelihoods support	15,000
	People reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery	6,000
Health and wellbeing	People reached with contextually appropriate health services	946,000
	People trained in first aid	20,000
	People reached with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	14,000
Values, power and inclusion	People reached by National Society educational programmes	103,000

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

	Bilateral Support			
National Society	Migration and displacement	Enabling Functions	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing
German Red Cross			●	
No bilateral PNS support in Plan ..		●	●	●

■ Supported

OVERALL PROGRESS

The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan remains dedicated to its mission of serving the community and ensuring the well-being of citizens. With a primary focus on disaster prevention, first aid education and promotion of International Humanitarian Law, the National Society continues its vital work to enhance preparedness and response capabilities across the country.

IFRC NETWORK

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

See under Disasters and crises for integration of climate change adaptation into disaster risk reduction.



Disasters and crises

Disaster prevention initiatives:

- The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan actively engages in community awareness campaigns to educate the public about disaster prevention measures. This includes disseminating information on natural hazards, providing guidance on emergency preparedness, and promoting community resilience.
- To strengthen its disaster response capacity, the National Society conducts training programmes for volunteers. These programmes equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively respond to emergencies, including those caused by natural hazards.
- Building strong partnerships with local authorities is a key aspect of disaster prevention. The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan collaborates closely with government agencies to develop and implement strategies for minimizing the impact of disasters.

The National Society has been diligently reinforcing both local and national capacities for emergency preparedness and response in the country throughout the period of 2021–2023 within the framework of the IFRC Central Asian programme. The funding for this programme is provided by USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and UNICEF are the contract holders responsible for its implementation. Under the auspices of the IFRC-funded programme, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan has successfully achieved the following:

- Disaster preparedness and response: Strengthening community-based and child-centered emergency preparedness and response. Additionally, the integration of programming that is sensitive to climate change adaptation (CCA) has been accomplished.
- Disaster risk reduction: Enhancing child-centered community-based disaster risk reduction (CBDRR) interventions and school safety measures. This has led to heightened preparedness among children and their communities in the face of potential disasters, thereby minimizing their impact. Similar to the above, programming has been integrated with a focus on CCA.

- Youth engagement: Involving young volunteers, as well as adolescent girls and boys, in disaster-prone areas to partake in community disaster preparedness efforts and comprehensive school safety initiatives. The awareness-building component related to CCA has also been incorporated.
- Shock responsive social protection: The preparedness for cash-based interventions (Cash preparedness) of the National Society has been enhanced. Moreover, the programme has successfully provided multipurpose cash and voucher assistance to selected communities that are particularly prone to disasters.

The German Red Cross maintains a presence in Central Asia through two distinct offices: a regional office situated in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, and a country office located in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Through its proactive engagement and regional cooperation, the German Red Cross continues to play a pivotal role in enhancing disaster resilience, fostering sustainable development, and promoting collaboration among the Central Asian nations. The German Red Cross has cultivated longstanding collaborations with all five National Societies across the region. These collaborations have facilitated the successful execution of numerous cross-border initiatives related to CBDRR, CCA and development projects, thereby involving all five National Societies in these endeavors.

Commencing from 2013, the German Red Cross has undertaken a comprehensive cross-border programme focused on the development of social structures. This ongoing programme engages three bordering countries: Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. The primary emphasis of this programme revolves around disaster risk management in the Central Asian context. Notably, the German Red Cross currently supports, as lead EU National Society, the implementation of the IFRC-DG ECHO [Pilot Programmatic Partnership \(PPP\)](#). The PPP encompasses a specific pillar dedicated to disaster risk management initiatives in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.



Health and wellbeing

The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan organizes regular first aid training workshops for both the general public and specific groups such as teachers, students and healthcare professionals. These workshops focus on imparting life-saving skills and creating a cadre of individuals proficient in providing immediate assistance.

Recognizing the importance of first aid education from a young age, the National Society works to integrate first aid courses into educational institutions. This proactive approach ensures that a broad segment of the population is equipped with essential first aid knowledge.

The National Society conducts public awareness events to highlight the significance of first aid in saving lives. These events often include practical demonstrations, simulations, and the distribution of informational materials to encourage broader adoption of first aid practices.



Migration and displacement

The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan supports people in need through its main programmes on disaster risk management and health and wellbeing. Hence support to vulnerable migrants and their families is embedded into the other sections of this report.



Values, power and inclusion

The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan supports people with specific needs through its main programmes on disaster risk management and health and wellbeing. This includes child-centered community-based disaster risk reduction, involving young volunteers and adolescent girls and boys to partake in community disaster preparedness efforts, and integrating first aid courses into educational institutions.

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan keeps its cooperation with the IFRC, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and German Red Cross.



National Society development

The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan recognizes the transformative potential of youth engagement and volunteer development in Uzbekistan, a country where individuals under 30 constitute 65% of the population. Anticipating the demographic shift over the next two decades, where today's children and young people will emerge as the largest workforce in Uzbekistan's history, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan is strategically focused on cultivating a robust volunteer movement.

At the onset of the year, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan secured a grant of 50,000 CHF from the IFRC Capacity-Building Fund (CBF), earmarked for the next eight months. This funding injection aligns with the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan's commitment to youth development and volunteerism, seeking to equip the burgeoning demographic with the necessary skills and knowledge for effective humanitarian engagement. With 40,000 active volunteers currently under its wing, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan recognizes the critical need for proper management and training. This strategic investment ensures that the youth, constituting a significant portion of the volunteer force, are equipped to proficiently execute the tasks entrusted to them.

1. Volunteer Movement Development:

- » The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan is actively engaged in the expansion and diversification of its volunteer base, capitalizing on the energy and enthusiasm of the youth.
- » Various initiatives, including awareness campaigns and outreach programs, have been launched to attract a wider spectrum of youth to volunteerism.

2. Training and Education:

- » The allocated funds are channeled into the development of comprehensive training programs. These initiatives aim to enhance the skills and knowledge of volunteers, ensuring their preparedness for diverse humanitarian tasks.
- » Special emphasis is placed on tailoring educational approaches to the unique needs and aspirations of the youth demographic.

3. Management of Active Volunteers:

- » Acknowledging the significance of effective volunteer management, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan is implementing measures to streamline communication, coordination, and supervision of the existing 40,000 volunteers.
- » Appropriate training modules are being designed to address the specific needs of active volunteers, optimizing their contribution to the National Society's humanitarian endeavors.



Humanitarian diplomacy

The communications project conducted a series of events and activities aimed at fostering communication and engagement within Uzbekistan. The initiative included various activities such as seminars, roundtable discussions, meetings with local authorities, journalists, partner organizations, and youth gatherings. The project also commemorated the events of 8th May at both the national and regional levels.

National-level activities:

Fourteen events were organized, covering a spectrum of activities, including seminars, roundtable discussions, and meetings with local authorities, journalists, partner organizations, and youth. These events were instrumental in bringing together a diverse range of participants. A total of 310 individuals actively participated in the national-level events. The engagement of various stakeholders contributed to the success and impact of the project. The project marked the occasion of 8th May on a national scale, with 180 participants joining in the celebration. This event served as a platform for fostering unity and commemorating a significant moment.

Countrywide activities:

Extending the initiative throughout Uzbekistan, a total of 480 events were organized. These events encompassed seminars, roundtable discussions, meetings with local authorities, journalists, partner organizations, youth gatherings. The 8th May celebrations were held at both the regional and city levels. The diverse array of events ensured widespread engagement and community involvement.

Key Initiatives in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) promotion:

- Educational campaigns – The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan conducts comprehensive educational campaigns to disseminate knowledge about IHL among diverse segments of society. Workshops, seminars, and training sessions are organized to reach out to communities, educational institutions, and armed forces, fostering a culture of respect for humanitarian principles.
- Partnerships with educational Institutions – The National Society has established partnerships with educational institutions and contributes to the inclusion of IHL in academic curricula.

By engaging with students and educators, the National Society ensures that the younger generation is well-versed in the principles of IHL, fostering a culture of respect for Humanitarian Values.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

No activities reported during this reporting period.



The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

is the world's largest humanitarian network, with 191 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and around 15 million volunteers. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

DATA SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

- **Timeframe and alignment:** The reporting timeframe for this overview is covering the period from 1 January to 30 June 2023. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies. Mid-year reporting data may have been based on estimations, with plans to submit more robust numbers at the annual reporting stage.
- **Missing data and breakdowns:** National Societies have diverse data collection systems and processes that may not align with the standardized indicators. Data may not be available for some indicators, for some National Societies. This may lead to inconsistencies across different reporting tools as well as potential under or over-estimation of the efforts led by all.
- **Reporting bias:** The data informing this Federation-wide overview is self-reported by each National Society (or its designated support entity) and which is the owner and gatekeeper, and responsible for accuracy and updating. IFRC tries to triangulate the data provided by the National Societies with previous data and other data in the public domain.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [IFRC Global Plan and Country Plans](#)
- [Subscribe for updates](#)
- [Donor response](#) on IFRC website
- [Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\)](#) data
- Operational information: [IFRC GO platform](#)
- National Society data: [IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System](#)

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