



TAJIKISTAN

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IN SUPPORT OF THE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY OF TAJIKISTAN



69

National Society branches



149

National Society staff



12,000

National Society volunteers

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Total		Funding requirements	3.2M
		Income	2.5M
IFRC	Longer-term	Funding requirements	1.7M
		Income	4.4M
Participating National Societies		Funding requirements	210,000
		Income	59,000
Host National Society other funding sources		Funding requirements	1.2M

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Appeal numbers **MAATJ003**

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate	People reached with activities to address rising climate risks	Applicable data not available
	People reached with shelter support	Applicable data not available
Disasters and crises	People reached with disaster risk reduction	Applicable data not available
	People trained in first aid	Applicable data not available
	People reached with psychosocial and mental health services	Applicable data not available
Health and wellbeing	People reached with immunization services	Applicable data not available
	People reached with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	Applicable data not available
	People reached with contextually appropriate health services	Applicable data not available
Migration and displacement	Advocacy, dialogues, educational or communication initiatives to change the legal, policy, or operational environment to better assist and protect people on the move?	 1
	Data collection, research, analysis or other information management initiatives to better assist and protect people on the move are available	Yes
Values, power and inclusion	People reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming	Applicable data not available

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Humanitarian diplomacy	Domestic advocacy strategies are developed, aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
Accountability and agility	National Society has demonstrated progress in digital transformation according to the digital maturity model outlined in the IFRC Digital Transformation Strategy	Yes

IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

National Society	Multilateral Support	Bilateral Support					
		Climate	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing
British Red Cross	●						
Canadian Red Cross Society	●						
Finnish Red Cross				●			●
German Red Cross		●				●	
Italian Red Cross	●		●	●	●		
Japanese Red Cross Society	●						
Norwegian Red Cross	●						
Qatar Red Crescent Society				●			
Red Crescent Society of the Unit..				●			
Red Cross Society of China		●				●	
Swedish Red Cross	●						
Swiss Red Cross					●		

■ Planned

■ Supported

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

In Tajikistan in 2023, several significant events have played a role in influencing the implementation of the Unified plan.

Tajikistan experienced continued economic challenges due to the Russian-Ukraine war. One third of the country's GDP is formed from remittances of Tajik labour migrants in Russia, and the country is dependent on imports of food products and energy resources from Russia.

Hundreds of thousands of Russians moved to Tajikistan to avoid military mobilization. Since most of these migrants are working online and do not compete for job opportunities with locals, it didn't have much impact on the employment rate in the country. However, prices for rent and food have gone up.

Protests have resurged in May 2022, which initially began in November 2021 in Gorno- Badakhshan Autonomous Region (GBAO) that makes up 40% of the country's territory. The 'anti-terror operation' led to the deaths of at least 40 persons since 16 May 2022 as reported by media and state institutions. Up to now, access to the region is limited.

The border dispute between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan remains unresolved, and negotiations are unstable. Territorial demarcation and delimitation have not been concluded, resulting in issues related to water resources and smuggling. These challenges often escalate into border tensions, occasionally resulting in armed conflicts, with the most recent occurrence taking place in September 2022. Hence, the border situation remains uncertain.

The country faced recurring natural disasters, namely a deadly earthquake in May reaching magnitude 6 and flash floods in August, which diverted resources and attention to emergency response and recovery efforts. These events challenged the implementation timeline of some unified plan projects.

A surge of measles and rubella cases is sweeping through Central Asian countries, including Tajikistan. Since the start of the year, measles cases have been documented in 17 countries within the WHO European Region, with Tajikistan reporting the highest number of cases.

In December 2016, at the initiative of Tajikistan, the United Nations General Assembly declared the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development" (2018–2028). In March 2023, the United Nations Conference on Water Resources was held in New York under the joint chairmanship of Tajikistan and the Netherlands. Current realities emphasize the urgent need for responsible resource management, as the world faces an impending shortage of freshwater.

Key achievements

The **Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan** is one of 24 National Societies implementing the [Pilot Programmatic Partnership \(PPP\)](#) funded by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO). The programme encompasses five essential pillars: disaster risk management, epidemic and pandemic preparedness, humanitarian assistance and protection for people on the move, cash and voucher assistance (CVA), and risk communication, community engagement, and accountability (CEA). The ECHO PPP is implemented in consortium with the German Red Cross, serving as the leading National Society for the European Union, the Finnish Red Cross, the Italian Red Cross, and the IFRC Central Asia Country Cluster Support Team. The ECHO PPP aims to accelerate local preparedness actions for emergencies and health crises, putting communities and local organizations at the forefront. There have been advances in forming local disaster management committees (LDMCs), providing training on community-based disaster risk reduction (CBDRR) and community-based health and first aid, and building capacity to provide CVA in emergency responses.

The Secretary General of the IFRC conducted an official visit to Tajikistan, where he engaged with high-ranking government officials and partners. His visit received extensive media coverage, thereby enhancing the visibility of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and the broader IFRC network. This visit also contributed to advancing humanitarian diplomacy, ensuring greater recognition and awareness of the vital work of the Red Cross Red Crescent in the country.

The Action Plan for Humanitarian Diplomacy has been meticulously drafted and subsequently approved by the senior management of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan. The next crucial steps involve the nationwide implementation

of this plan. Diplomatic channels will be used to advocate for policy changes and legal frameworks that facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid and services.

The USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) project, which focuses on disaster hazard prevention and preparedness in Central Asian countries, is set to conclude in August 2023. Thanks to the successful implementation of its activities, it has received approval for funding for the next 18-month phase. Sustainable, long-term funding, such as that provided by initiatives like ECHO PPP or USAID BHA, stands as an indispensable pillar upon which the resilience and effectiveness of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan firmly rest. This sustained financial support not only ensures the continuity of critical humanitarian operations but also empowers the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan to strategically plan, concentrate its efforts on impactful activities, and profoundly influence positive change within the country.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Under the umbrella of Climate and Environmental Crises, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has embarked on a multifaceted journey, actively engaged in a range of critical endeavors.

- **Supporting Disaster Risk Reduction:** Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has taken proactive steps to mitigate the impact of disasters by supporting Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) initiatives. These efforts involve both local and national strategies that aim to minimize the vulnerabilities of communities to various hazards. This includes measures like reinforcing infrastructure, promoting early warning systems, and raising awareness about disaster preparedness.
- **Preparedness and Adaptation Planning:** Recognizing the importance of readiness and adaptability in the face of climate-related challenges, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has been diligently involved in preparedness and adaptation planning. These plans encompass a spectrum of actions aimed at enhancing resilience, from creating emergency response protocols to developing strategies that anticipate and address the consequences of environmental shifts.
- **Scaling Up Action on Resilience Building:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has placed a strong emphasis on resilience building within communities. By promoting education, training, and resource allocation, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan empowers individuals and groups to withstand and recover from climate-related shocks. The organization actively engages in capacity-building initiatives to ensure that communities are better equipped to navigate environmental crises.
- **Implementing and Scaling Up Anticipatory Action:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has adopted an anticipatory approach to disaster management, taking measures before a crisis strikes. This forward-looking strategy involves closely monitoring climate and environmental indicators and initiating timely responses to reduce risks. The organization's ability to swiftly activate relief measures has been pivotal in safeguarding vulnerable populations.
- **Nature-Based Solutions:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan integrates nature-based solutions into its DRR initiatives, harnessing the power of ecosystems to reduce disaster risks.
- **Forecast-Based Financing:** Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has pioneered early action protocols under the forecast-based financing (FbF) approach, specifically for flood and mudflow hazards. This approach enables pre-emptive response actions based on weather forecasts.
- **Under the IFRC DREF Anticipatory Pillar, two Early Action Protocols (EAP) have been provided for the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan:** [Heatwave EAP2021TJ01](#) for the amount of 249,971 CHF, with validity for the next five years that was approved on 3 November 2021; and [Cold wave EAP2022TJ02](#) for the amount of 274,969 CHF, with

validity for the next five years that was approved on 24 November 2022. Despite the nation enduring sweltering temperatures, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan made a strategic decision to keep the EAP inactive. This choice aligns with the United Nations' forecast that anticipates even hotter summers over the next five years. Consequently, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has opted to preserve these funds for future needs.

- **Promoting Coherence and Integrated Risk Management:** Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan advocates for coherence and integrated risk management in its climate and environmental efforts. This approach involves harmonizing various stakeholders' actions and strategies to create a unified response to crises. By fostering collaboration among relevant actors, Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan maximizes the impact of its interventions.
- **Supporting Climate-Smart Disaster Law and Planning:** Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan places a strong emphasis on climate-smart disaster law and planning. This involves aligning legal frameworks with climate considerations and developing comprehensive disaster response plans that account for changing environmental dynamics. These efforts ensure that responses are agile and adaptive to evolving circumstances.
- **Reducing Health-Related Climate Impacts:** Acknowledging the intersection of climate change and health, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is actively involved in initiatives that aim to reduce health-related climate impacts. This includes providing support for healthcare infrastructure, access to clean water, and sanitation facilities to mitigate health risks exacerbated by environmental crises.



Disasters and crises

In alignment with its strategic priority of addressing disasters and crises, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has undertaken a comprehensive array of initiatives to enhance disaster risk reduction (DRR), preparedness, and response coordination. These multifaceted efforts encompass a wide spectrum of activities and actions aimed at fortifying the resilience of communities and ensuring an effective response to crises. There are a number of projects implemented under this strategic priority: USAID BHA Central Asian programme; Disaster Risk Management in Central Asia project funded through German Red Cross; ECHO PPP; two DREF on Border Conflict and Earthquake; and Emergency Preparedness and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) that is funded by ICRC.

In the USAID BHA Central Asian programme on the prevention of natural hazards, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has been diligently reinforcing both local and national capacities for emergency preparedness and response in the country throughout the period of 2021–2023. The funding for this program is provided by USAID's BHA, and the IFRC and UNICEF are the contract holders responsible for its implementation. Under the auspices of the IFRC-funded programme, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has successfully achieved the following:

- **Disaster Preparedness and Response (DPR):** 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 children-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 preparedness (CP) interventions of the National Societies has been enhanced. Moreover, the program has successfully provided multipurpose CVA to selected communities that are particularly prone to disasters. The ECHO PPP has helped the National Society to increase its capacity in CVA, supporting the creation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), participating in the inter-agency cash working group, and implementing SOPs to provide cash assistance to Afghan refugees.

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. The German Red Cross has cultivated longstanding collaborations with all five National Societies across the region. These collaborations have facilitated the

successful implementation of numerous cross-border initiatives related to CBDRR, CCA, and development, involving all five National Societies. Currently, the German Red Cross implements the Disaster Risk Management in Central Asia project in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

The ECHO PPP includes the pillar of disaster management. Through the project there has been training on CBDRR and enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (e-VCA). Local disaster management committees (LDMC) were formed and supported through a climate-smart e-VCA process to identify disaster risk reduction opportunities, including nature-based solutions.

Efforts have also been made to enhance the legal framework for smoother engagement in disaster management and response. At the national level, significant steps have been taken in this regard. For instance, from May 23–25, 2023, Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan and the Committee of Emergency Situations (CoES) participated in the 'Regional Workshop on Strengthening Engagement with Disaster Risk Management Systems,' facilitated by the ECHO PPP. This workshop, attended by National Societies and governments from Central Asia and Asia Pacific, enabled the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan to outline its auxiliary role, legal foundation, and plans for strengthening institutions at local and national levels. It also highlighted the technical assistance provided to CoES for drafting the Law on International Emergency Assistance (IDRL by-laws), with further steps outlined under ECHO PPP Phase 2. This work will be continued in 2023, focusing on disaster preparedness and enhancing effective risk management policies at the national level.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's engagement with policy frameworks extends beyond the national level to encompass the Central Asian regional context. National Societies from Central Asian countries, in collaboration with IFRC, convened a meeting with the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR) in Almaty on 19 June 19 2023. The main focus of this meeting was to foster a partnership and discuss the potential outcomes of the upcoming IDRL regional consultation and research. These collective endeavors exemplify the National Society's dedication, alongside its partners, to enhance both the operational and legal dimensions of disaster management and response within the Central Asian region. This effort not only broadens but also fortifies the scope of their work, contributing to regional and global initiatives.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has successfully obtained approval for two IFRC DREF allocations valid for the current year. The first IFRC DREF allocation [MDRTJ032](#), allocated for the response to the Border Conflict that erupted in September 2022 between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, provided vital assistance to 414 affected families, with particular focus on those who had lost their food stocks and seeds for sowing. Priority was given to families that had tragically lost their homes in the conflict. The DREF's operational timeline spanned from October through the end of January, ensuring timely support to the affected populations.

Another DREF [MDRTJ035](#) was approved to respond to the earthquake that occurred in March 2023, assisting 318 households grappling with the aftermath of the earthquake, many of whose homes were either significantly or partially damaged. The provision of cash grants to these households aims to alleviate their immediate needs and help them cope with the consequences of the seismic event, fostering a more resilient and stable recovery process.

The Emergency Preparedness and IHL promotion project, funded by the ICRC, aims to bolster the disaster preparedness and response capabilities within Tajikistan while concurrently promoting the principles of IHL. This multifaceted project encompasses a range of activities geared towards enhancing the country's resilience in the face of emergencies and disasters. Simultaneously, the project places a strong emphasis on raising awareness and fostering an understanding of IHL principles among relevant stakeholders, including government authorities, armed forces, and civil society actors. By synergizing emergency preparedness efforts with IHL promotion, this project not only enhances Tajikistan's ability to respond effectively to crises but also reinforces a culture of respect for humanitarian norms and values, thereby contributing to the protection of human dignity and the alleviation of suffering in times of adversity.

Below is an overview of the key activities and accomplishments within this strategic priority that is funded through a number of programmes and projects within the Movement:

- Annual Refresher Trainings: The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan conducts regular annual refresher trainings for its National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) and Local Disaster Management Committee (LDMC) members. These sessions help maintain a high level of readiness among response teams.

- **Guideline Development:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has developed comprehensive guidelines that cover preparedness, community and school-level simulation exercises, and monitoring and evaluation. These guidelines serve as essential resources for ensuring effective disaster response and preparedness.
- **Training Modules:** The organization has designed training modules covering a broad spectrum of topics, including DRR, early warning, CCA, needs assessment, shelter, CVA, and many others. These modules incorporate innovative approaches to enhance learning.
- **Cash in Emergencies:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has developed guidance on the use of cash in emergency situations. This innovative approach facilitates swift and effective assistance delivery to affected communities.
- **LDMC Transformation:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has undertaken the transformation of LDMCs into the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan Primary Organizations, bolstering their capacity to respond effectively to disasters.
- **Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (e-VCA):** The organization conducts e-VCA to assess vulnerabilities and capacities at the community level, facilitating targeted interventions.
- **Training Health and Education Workers:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan staff and volunteers play a crucial role in training health and education workers on various aspects of DRR, including assistance to vulnerable families, financial support mechanisms, CCA, forecast-based action, shelter, and CVA.
- **Strengthening Technical Capacity:** The technical and instructional capacity of emergency response centers and national partners, such as the CoES and the Agency of the Healthcare System (AoH), is actively enhanced through capacity-building initiatives.
- **Active Participation in Working Groups:** Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan actively participates in National Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction (NP for DRR), REACT, and other thematic and technical working group events. This engagement fosters collaboration and coordination among stakeholders.
- **Emergency Operation Centers:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has established Emergency Operation Centers to facilitate rapid and efficient response to disasters and crises.
- **Risk Assessment and DRR Plans:** The organization conducts comprehensive risk assessments and collaboratively develops community-level Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) plans.
- **Early Warning Systems:** Community-level early warning systems are established to provide timely alerts and enhance preparedness.
- **Simulation Exercises:** Joint simulation exercises at the community level are conducted to ensure effective disaster response coordination.
- **Emergency Stocks:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan replenishes existing emergency stocks and constructs new warehouses to store essential relief items.
- **Strategy and Contingency Plan:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's DRR Strategy and Contingency Plan are continually developed and revised in coordination with in-country partners to ensure alignment with evolving needs.
- **Awareness Campaigns:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan conducts awareness-raising campaigns on preparedness and DRR within communities, empowering individuals to take proactive measures.
- **Integration of Lessons Learned:** The organization integrates lessons learned from CVA initiatives into the revision of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's National Contingency Plan, adopting new approaches to enhance preparedness and response.



Health and wellbeing

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has set forth a multifaceted agenda designed to enhance healthcare accessibility and build capacity within the organization and communities. These efforts encompass an array of initiatives, including:

- **Expansion of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's Healthcare Sector:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is dedicated to expanding its healthcare sector's activities to ensure that the population gains broader access to both medical and social services. This vital step towards improved public health represents a fundamental pillar of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's mission.
- **Capacity Building:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan recognizes the importance of capacity building within its healthcare sector. This entails providing comprehensive training programs for headquarters and regional staff, as well as dedicated volunteers. By enhancing the skills and knowledge base of its workforce, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan aims to bolster its ability to respond effectively to health-related challenges.
- **Community Empowerment:** Empowering communities to respond promptly and proactively to health-related issues is central to the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's objectives. The organization is committed to strengthening community resilience by fostering a deeper understanding of health problems and equipping individuals with the tools to prevent and address them.

To support the actions in this strategic priority, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan collaborates with a range of dedicated partners:

- In 2023, the IFRC/USAID project has allocated 400,000 CHF towards these initiatives. Three hundred volunteers in 30 districts are involved in vaccination promotion activities, 16,391 information sessions were conducted, and 214,211 people were reached in 2023. In addition, the visit by the Manager for Thematic Portfolio and the COVID-19 Operations Manager for the Europe region, was held aimed to provide assistance in strategizing the transition of COVID-related activities and conducting a comprehensive review of projects and activities slated for 2023 and beyond.
- The Finnish Red Cross, operating within the framework of the ECHO PPP and through bilateral agreements, has earmarked 89,000 CHF for this component. IFRC extends support for the implementation of community-based surveillance activities. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan supported the national campaign on routine immunization (measles and rubella) promotion, in which 1,566 children were referred to vaccination points in three districts of the country. With the support of participating National Societies and the IFRC, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan carried out eCBHFA training in Khujand, epidemic control for volunteers (ECV) training in Dushanbe, immunization training, WASH in Emergencies training, and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and migration training.
- In addition, IFRC carried out activities to build capacity of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan. The Regional MHPSS delegate visited Tajikistan to outline the future steps for enhancing the National Society's MHPSS capabilities, with a specific focus on Psychological First Aid (PFA) and MHPSS programming. The goal is to institutionalize this capacity within the structures and strategies of the national society, ensuring its long-term sustainability. As part of this initiative, four HQ and branch staff members underwent training to become trainers in Psychological First Aid during the Regional Training of Trainers (ToT) on PFA held in Almaty from May 15 to May 19, 2023. Additionally, three HQ and branch staff members received training on Public Health in Emergencies during the Regional training on PHIE in Almaty from May 22 to May 26, 2023.
- The Italian Red Cross has been actively supporting community-based health, focusing on critical areas like HIV prevention, testing, and harm reduction, particularly among youth and in addressing drug abuse challenges.
- A project proposal on WASH has been developed by the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan with IFRC technical assistance, presented and submitted to the Japanese Red Cross. Funding for a one-year project was approved by the Japanese Red Cross in June 2023.
- External partners also play a pivotal role in advancing these healthcare efforts:
- UNICEF supports health initiatives with specific emphasis on schools with 100,000 CHF in funding.
- USAID's Elimination of Tuberculosis in Central Asia (ETICA) program contributes 277,000 CHF to further bolster the fight against tuberculosis.
- FHI360, with a funding commitment of 40,000 CHF, supports a range of health activities.
- The King Salman Foundation stands as a significant external contributor, providing a generous allocation of 812,000 CHF to bolster health programs targeting socially vulnerable groups.



Migration and displacement

The strategic priority of migration is being addressed primarily through the IFRC's Population Influx emergency appeal project and via the ECHO PPP. Within this framework, a cash assistance component has been deployed to offer support to Afghan refugees within the country. Simultaneously, efforts are being directed towards enhancing the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's capacity to respond effectively to potential population influxes from Afghanistan. Furthermore, the Italian Red Cross has conducted training sessions on migration for the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan staff, contributing to their preparedness in handling migration-related challenges and scenarios. These collaborative initiatives aim to mitigate the impact of migration on vulnerable populations and enhance the readiness of the National Society in addressing such situations.

In addition, ICRC has been extending its support to the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan through a series of Restoring Family Links (RFL) programs. These initiatives are designed to facilitate the reconnection of separated family members who have been affected by various humanitarian crises, including armed conflicts, displacement, or natural disasters. Through its dedicated RFL programs, ICRC plays a pivotal role in helping individuals and families reestablish contact and communication, alleviating the anguish of separation during difficult times.



Values, power and inclusion

During this reporting period, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has been working on strengthening community engagement and accountability:

- **Operational Implementation of CEA Actions:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has seamlessly integrated Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) actions into its operations and programs. Notably, the organization has established an ad hoc hotline system that comes into play during distribution activities. This initiative serves to foster real-time communication and feedback mechanisms with the communities being served.
- **Institutionalization of CEA:** Recognizing the vital importance of CEA, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is actively engaged in efforts to institutionalize this framework within its operational structure. This endeavor receives support from activities conducted under the ECHO PPP, further reinforcing the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's commitment to community engagement and accountability.
- **Integration of CEA Modules into Training:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has taken a holistic approach to promote CEA awareness and practices. CEA modules have been seamlessly integrated into various thematic training programs. This strategic move not only enhances the National Society's understanding of CEA principles but also facilitates its practical application in diverse contexts.
- **Capacity Building and International Engagement:** The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's dedicated CEA officer and focal point have proactively engaged in capacity-building initiatives. She has participated in CEA-focused international training programs, gaining valuable experience and honing her skills. This commitment to ongoing learning ensures that the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan remains at the forefront of CEA best practices and standards.

The Emirates Red Crescent has been playing a vital role in supporting orphans in Tajikistan through its partnership with the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan. This collaborative effort aims to improve the lives of vulnerable children who have lost their parents (fathers) or caregivers (male ones), ensuring they receive the care and assistance they need for a brighter future.

Movement partners

PNS	Climate	Disasters	Health	Migration	PVI	FE: Coord-n, NSD, HD, Account-ty
Emirates Red Crescent					• Support to orphans	
Finnish Red Cross			• 3-year ECHO PPP (2022-2025)		• 3-year ECHO PPP (2022-2025)	
German Red Cross	• 3-year ECHO PPP (2022-2025)	• 3-year ECHO PPP (2022-2025) • Disaster Risk Management in Central Asia (2023 – 2025)				
Italian Red Cross Red Crescent Society of China			• Community-based health, with a focus on HIV prevention, testing and harm reduction • Youth and drug abuse programmes	• 3-year ECHO PPP (2022-2025)		• Branch development through youth engagement • Youth and volunteer management
IFRC	• EAP Heatwave • EAP Cold wave	Disaster risk reduction project • 3-year ECHO PPP (2022-2025) • DREF on Border Conflict • DREF EQ • BHA USAID Central Asia project	• 3-year ECHO PPP (2022-2025)	• EA Population Influx in Tajikistan		• UNICEF/IFRC Seed Funds, CVA, HD, CEA, DL
ICRC		• Emergency Preparedness and IHL	• First Aid, MHPSS	• RFL		

ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



Strategic and operational coordination

On 12 January 2010, the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan” was passed under No. 592, which concluded the legal base for the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan activities across the country, providing certain privileges and opportunities for the organization to be active as an auxiliary to the public authorities.

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has a Memorandum of Understanding and cooperates closely with the national CoES in disaster response and other calamities. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has long-standing strong connections with the Ministry of Education (MoE), Ministry of Health (MoH), and other key national state agencies. It has partnership agreements with humanitarian organizations operational in the country, such as UNICEF, WFP, IOM, Mercy Corp, OSCE and some others.

Tajikistan actively participates as a member of the Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT), where CoES holds the position of Chairman. Within the REACT framework, Tajikistan collaborates closely with esteemed partners, including the UN Resident Coordinator, IFRC, ICRC, UNICEF, WFP, and USAID. This collaborative effort involves robust coordination and cooperation among these entities, contributing to effective emergency response and assessment in Tajikistan, ensuring a coordinated and swift approach to address critical situations.

The ECHO PPP has contributed to improved IFRC membership coordination. The project is implemented with the support of the German Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, Italian Red Cross and IFRC. The consortium allows for greater coordination of activities and technical support, and alignment of additional bilateral support with the strategic priorities. xx



National Society development

In support of its ongoing efforts to enhance fundraising capabilities and streamline the digitalization of membership fees, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan received a grant of 50,000 CHF from IFRC Capacity Building Fund (CBF). This funding infusion is earmarked for the first half of 2023, spanning six months. The allocation is instrumental in empowering the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan to bolster its fundraising initiatives, ensuring sustained financial

resources for its humanitarian mission. Moreover, the digitalization of membership fees signifies a significant step forward in modernizing the organization's operations and facilitating more efficient engagement with its members. This financial support underscores the commitment to advancing the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's mission and expanding its reach to those in need within Tajikistan.



Humanitarian diplomacy

The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan is actively engaged in broadening humanitarian diplomacy through ongoing dialogues with a range of internal stakeholders. These crucial partners include the IFRC, ICRC, other participating National Societies, as well as government entities and various collaborating organizations. In this endeavor, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan strives to enhance its capacity for humanitarian diplomacy by continually refining and innovating both existing and novel tools. These tools serve to fortify the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's ability to engage effectively in diplomatic efforts that aim to advance its humanitarian mission, thereby ensuring its commitment to alleviating human suffering and promoting peace and dignity.

In the first half of 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan placed significant emphasis on its Humanitarian Diplomacy (HD) efforts, focusing on several key areas:

- The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, in collaboration with the IFRC, undertook the development of a comprehensive Humanitarian Diplomacy Strategic Action Plan for the year 2023. This plan was meticulously crafted following internal consultations and received formal approval. It includes a supplementary section featuring annual indicators that align with the HD activities specified in the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's Development Strategy for the period 2021–2025.
- The government of Tajikistan, in conjunction with the Netherlands, organized the United Nations Water Conference in New York in March 2023. Given the shared concern surrounding water-related issues in Central Asia, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan engaged in consultations with four other National Societies in the region. This collaborative effort resulted in the creation of a key message document, which was subsequently endorsed by the Red Crescent Societies of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Before the conference, these key messages were communicated to the respective governments, contributing to policy influence. Notably, two of the three policy proposals put forth by the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan were integrated into two of the four primary areas of focus outlined by the UN Secretary-General during the conference's opening statement.
- May 2023 saw the visit of the IFRC Secretary General to Tajikistan. During this visit, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan organized high-level meetings with significant officials, including the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Chairman of the Committee of Emergency Situations. A significant aspect of the discussions revolved around climate change and its impact on water management, which has evolved into a pressing humanitarian concern. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan reaffirmed its commitment to supporting vulnerable populations affected by issues such as water scarcity and floods. These concerns were shared with the IFRC Secretary General during a joint field visit to the city of Dushanbe, further solidifying the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan's dedication to addressing these critical challenges.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

In the realm of enhancing accountability and agility, the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan has made significant strides by undertaking various activities:

- A training session focused on Project Management, Evaluation, and Reporting (PMER) was conducted in Romit in April 2023. This training drew the participation of a diverse group of 20 individuals. Among them, 19 were dedicated representatives from the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan, comprising 14 male and 5 female participants. Additionally, a male representative from the German Red Cross joined this cohort. Within the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan representation, 6 individuals hailed from the headquarters, while the remaining 13 represented various branches of the organization. The overarching aim of this training initiative was to provide the attendees with comprehensive insights into the fundamental principles and core concepts underpinning ECHO PPP and the critical aspects of PMER.



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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.

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