

## IN SUPPORT OF THE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY OF UZBEKISTAN



**15**

National Society  
branches



**212**

National Society  
local units



**45,220**

National Society  
volunteers



**650**

National Society  
staff

## PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and  
environment



**1,000**

Disasters  
and crises



**84,681**

Health and  
wellbeing



**946,813**

Values, power  
and inclusion



**105,053**

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

*in Swiss francs (CHF)*

Country	Funding Requirement	183,000
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement	183,000
	Funding	499,000
	Expenditure	310,000

### Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan

Overview

Funding	892,000
Expenditure	890,000

Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Participating National Societies	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	Not reported

Appeal number **MAAUZ002**

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	Implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves)?	Yes
	People reached with activities to address rising climate risks	1,000
Disasters and crises	People reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery	12,000
	People reached with disaster risk reduction	85,000
	People reached with livelihoods support	25,000
Health and wellbeing	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services	947,000
	People reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services	15,000
	People trained by National Societies in first aid	25,000
Values, power and inclusion	People reached by RCRC educational programmes	105,000

## ENABLING FUNCTIONS

National Society development	Strategy for strengthening the auxiliary role developed or implemented	Yes
	Youth engagement strategy developed or in place	Yes

## IFRC NETWORK SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

### IFRC Network Supported Activities

National Society	Bilateral Support							Multilateral Support Through IFRC
	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions	
German Red Cross			●					

# OVERALL PROGRESS

## Context

Uzbekistan is a [double-landlocked country](#) in Central Asia sharing borders with Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan. Its diverse terrain encompasses deserts, plains and mountains, with the Amu Darya and Syr Darya rivers supporting agriculture despite a predominantly continental climate marked by hot summers and cold winters.

With a population of [36 million](#) and over 50 per cent residing in urban areas, Uzbekistan faces challenges associated with rapid urbanization including infrastructure and planning. The country has a young demographic, with a median age of 27.8 years and a substantial portion below the age of 14. Ethnic Uzbeks [constitute the majority](#) followed by Russians, Tajiks, Kazakhs, Karakalpaks and Tatars. Regional insecurity stemming from Afghanistan remains a significant concern.

Uzbekistan boasts a [diversified economy](#) focusing on agriculture, industry, services and natural resources, especially cotton production. Despite gradual market-oriented reforms since the early 2000s, the state plays a substantial role in economic activities relying on remittances from labour migrants mainly working in Russia. The [Russia-Ukraine conflict's](#) ramifications are felt in Uzbekistan, with anticipated decline in exports to Russia and remittances, alongside increased prices for imported cereals such as wheat due to disrupted [shipments from Ukraine](#).

Persistent challenges in Uzbekistan include poverty, income inequality, limited access to [quality healthcare](#) and water, gender inequality, climate change impacts and [food insecurity](#).

## Key achievements

### Disasters and crises

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan carried out community awareness campaigns on disaster prevention, emergency preparedness and resilience building. It trained volunteers in disaster response and collaborated with government agencies to develop strategies for minimizing disaster impacts. The National Society strengthened community and child-centered emergency preparedness, incorporated climate change adaptation measures and improved cash-based interventions, providing multipurpose cash assistance to disaster-prone communities.

### Health and wellbeing

In 2023, the National Society conducted regular [first aid](#) training workshops targeting the public, teachers, students and healthcare professionals. The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan integrated first aid courses into schools and organized awareness events including simulations to emphasize the importance of lifesaving skills and encourage widespread adoption of first aid practices.

### Values, power and inclusion

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan focused on [engaging youth](#) in disaster risk management and health initiatives. Activities included seminars, discussions and celebrations such as the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, promoting inclusivity and youth-led disaster preparedness.

### Enabling local actors

In 2023, the National Society enhanced volunteer management through simulation exercises, training modules and outreach campaigns. Special attention was given to youth engagement, with tailored programmes addressing the unique needs of young volunteers, who represent a significant portion of Uzbekistan's population.

The National Society organized events to promote International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and raised awareness among communities, schools and armed forces. Key advocacy efforts included addressing water scarcity and collaborating with international partners. High-profile events and partnerships strengthened the National Society's visibility and [humanitarian diplomacy](#).

# IFRC NETWORK ACTION

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



### Disasters and crises

For real-time information on emergencies, see IFRC GO page [Uzbekistan](#).

#### Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan actively engaged in community awareness campaigns to educate the public about disaster prevention measures. This included disseminating information on natural hazards, providing guidance on emergency preparedness and promoting community resilience.

To strengthen its disaster response capacity, the National Society conducted training programmes for volunteers. These programmes equipped participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively respond to emergencies. The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan collaborated closely with government agencies to develop and implement strategies for minimizing the impact of disasters.

Throughout 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan focused on strengthening community-based and child-centred emergency preparedness and response. Additionally, the integration of programming that is sensitive to climate change adaptation was accomplished. The National Society also enhanced children-centred community-based disaster risk reduction interventions and school safety measures. This led to heightened preparedness among children and their communities in the face of potential disasters, thereby minimizing their impact. Programming has been integrated with a focus on climate change adaptation.

The National Society involved 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. Awareness-building related to climate change adaptation was incorporated. The preparedness for cash-based interventions of the National Society was strengthened. Through the programme, the National Society successfully provided multipurpose cash and voucher assistance (CVA) to selected communities that are particularly prone to disasters.



Volunteers and staff of the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan educate people on the importance of personal hygiene, distribute medical masks and information materials in crowded places. (Photo: Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan)

## IFRC network joint support

The IFRC's overarching regional objective for Central Asia is to continue its commitment to being the primary responder in a crisis or disaster, while improving response mechanisms. Uzbekistan is part of the regional programme for strengthening local and national capacities for emergency preparedness and response and building community resilience in high earthquake risk and natural hazards prone countries, supported by the USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance. The National Society reinforced 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 Asia programme.

The **German Red Cross** has cultivated longstanding collaborations with all five National Societies across Central Asia through a regional office situated in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, and a country office in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. These collaborations have facilitated the successful execution of numerous cross-border initiatives related to community-based disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and development projects. Since 2013, the German Red Cross has also undertaken a comprehensive cross-border programme focused on the development of social structures engaging Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.



## Health and wellbeing

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### Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan organized regular first aid training workshops for both the public and specific groups such as teachers, students and healthcare professionals. These workshops focused on imparting lifesaving 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 worked to integrate first aid courses into educational institutions. This was to ensure that a broad segment of the population was equipped with essential first aid knowledge.

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



## Migration and displacement

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



## Values, power and inclusion

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The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan supported 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.

During the year, a total of 820 events took place at the regional and city levels, engaging a total of 42,800 participants. The events included seminars, roundtable discussions, meetings with local authorities, journalists, partner organizations, youth engagement and commemorations of the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day on 8 May.

# ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



## Strategic and operational coordination

### Membership coordination

IFRC membership coordination involves working with National Societies to assess the humanitarian context, agree on common priorities and jointly develop common strategies. This includes addressing issues such as obtaining greater humanitarian acceptance and access, mobilizing funding and other resources, clarifying consistent public messaging, and monitoring progress. It also entails ensuring that strategies and programmes in support of people in need incorporate clarity of humanitarian action while linking with development assistance and contribute to reinforcing National Societies in their respective countries, including through their auxiliary role.

The IFRC provides technical support to the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan in health, water, sanitation and hygiene ([WASH](#)), risk communications and community engagement and accountability ([CEA](#)) to affected populations, disaster preparedness and response, finance and planning monitoring evaluation and reporting (PMER). The IFRC supports the National Society in accountability as a cross-cutting theme.

The **German Red Cross** continues its long-term cooperation with the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan in areas of disasters and crises, climate change adaptation and development of social structures.

### Movement coordination

The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan ensures regular exchanges with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross and participating National Societies, for the alignment of support and action between Movement partners. In times of emergencies, closer coordination is organized. This is carried out in line with the Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation ([SMCC](#)) principles, and the newly adopted [Seville Agreement 2.0](#).

The **ICRC** supports the National Societies in Central Asia in restoring family links ([RFL](#)), International Humanitarian Law ([IHL](#)), mental health and psychosocial support ([MHPSS](#)), and emergency preparedness response programming. The ICRC, through its Tashkent delegation, helps national authorities in their work on IHL and dissemination of other humanitarian norms and their integration into the national legislation, academic curricula and the practices of military and security forces.

### External coordination

The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan is the only non-governmental organization in the State System of Prevention and Action in Case of Emergencies, which leads and coordinates national and local authorities alongside all other organizations in disaster response within Uzbekistan. It has an ongoing partnership with the Ministry of Health, providing social care to vulnerable households, including people living with disabilities, older people and families living below the poverty line.

For COVID-19, the National Society coordinated with the Ministry of Health, World Health Organization (WHO) and the Risk Communication and Community Engagement sub-group to strengthen the response. It supported the WHO in translating COVID-19 information, education, training and other materials into the Uzbek and Karakalpak languages. The National Society has delivered several thousand units of information materials and conducted workshop sessions related to self-protection against COVID-19 and the proper use of personal protective equipment.



## National Society development

### Progress by the National Society in volunteer and youth engagement

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan focused on enhancing its volunteer movement and youth engagement. With over 45,000 active volunteers, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan recognizes the critical importance of effective volunteer management and training. The National Society implemented various activities such as simulation

exercises, first aid competitions and disaster preparedness and response training. Additionally, the National Society organized information campaigns and events promoting the value of volunteering.

Given that 65 per cent of Uzbekistan's population is under 30, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan strategically invested in youth engagement, anticipating that this demographic will shape the country's workforce in the coming decades. In 2023, the National Society launched awareness campaigns and outreach programmes to attract more young volunteers. Special attention was given to designing tailored educational initiatives to address the unique needs and aspirations of this group, ensuring their preparedness for diverse humanitarian tasks.

Streamlined communication and coordination strategies were implemented to optimize the contributions of active volunteers. Training modules were specifically developed to enhance the effectiveness of existing volunteers, ensuring their alignment with the National Society's broader humanitarian goals.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** provided targeted financial and technical assistance to the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan through the [IFRC Capacity-Building Fund](#) to develop its volunteer base. The IFRC provided guidance and resources for outreach and training programmes to help cultivate a strong and diversified volunteer movement.



## **Humanitarian diplomacy**

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### **Progress by the National Society against objectives**

In 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan conducted 14 events including seminars, roundtable discussions and meetings with stakeholders such as local authorities, journalists, partner organizations and youth, engaging 310 participants at the national level. A key highlight was the national celebration of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Day on 8 May, which brought together 180 participants to promote unity and awareness about the Movement's [fundamental principles](#) and history.

Expanding its reach, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan organized 480 events across Uzbekistan, involving an impressive 19,600 participants. These activities included similar stakeholder engagements and regional May 8 celebrations.

Key initiatives in the promotion of [IHL](#) included educational campaigns that targeted communities, schools and armed forces. Workshops, seminars and partnerships with educational institutions were central to these efforts, embedding IHL principles into academic curricula and raising awareness among youth and educators.

The Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan also actively engaged in regional advocacy efforts, supporting policy proposals on water scarcity in collaboration with the Red Crescent Societies of Tajikistan and Turkmenistan in preparation for the United Nations Water Conference in March 2023. Additionally, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan contributed to joint advocacy sharing policy asks with international organizations such as WHO, UNICEF and USAID.

In May 2023, a high-profile celebration in Samarkand showcased the National Society's history and activities, featuring stage performances and engaging government and non-government representatives. This event was part of the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan's broader strategy to enhance its visibility and strengthen partnerships with stakeholders.

In July 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan joined a workshop in Almaty where all five Central Asian National Societies exchanged lessons on preparedness and community engagement in disaster-prone areas. On 13 October 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan, in partnership with UNICEF and Uzbekistan's Ministry of Emergency Situations, marked International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction with events to raise awareness and promote resilience.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** coordinated regional advocacy efforts, ensuring Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan's active participation in policy dialogue and workshops. Support from the IFRC enabled the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan to advocate for water scarcity policies alongside its regional counterparts, contributing to the broader Central Asian humanitarian agenda. The IFRC also facilitated Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan's participation in the workshop in Almaty in July.

Additionally, the IFRC's collaboration with agencies such as UNICEF supported advocacy campaigns including the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction.



## Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

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### Progress by the National Society against objectives

In August 2023, the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan staff participated in a lessons-learned workshop organized by USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance. This workshop focused on strategies to improve accountability within the framework of humanitarian projects. Discussions centered on integrating advanced accountability mechanisms and enhancing transparency in programme execution. These learnings are being evaluated for incorporation into the National Society's future projects to improve its responsiveness and trustworthiness.

The workshop also served as a platform for the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan staff to share insights, reflect on operational challenges and identify actionable strategies to strengthen organizational agility. This aligns with the National Society's ongoing efforts to adapt to evolving humanitarian needs and maintain high standards in programme delivery.

### IFRC network joint support

**The IFRC** enabled the participation of the Red Crescent Society of Uzbekistan in the USAID-organized workshop through coordination and logistical facilitation. Additionally, the IFRC Central Asia delegation continues to promote a culture of accountability across the region by encouraging knowledge sharing among the five National Societies.



## 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

- **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 Uzbekistan 2023 Financial Report](#)
- [IFRC network country plans](#)
- [Subscribe for updates](#)
- [Live Disaster Response Emergency Fund \(DREF\) data](#)
- Operational information: [IFRC GO platform](#)
- National Society data: [IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System](#)
- [Evaluations database](#)

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