



# AZERBAIJAN

2025 IFRC network mid-year report, January – June



27 October 2025

## IN SUPPORT OF THE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY OF AZERBAIJAN



**86**

National Society branches



**85**

National Society local units



**6,000**

National Society volunteers



**175**

National Society staff

## PEOPLE REACHED

Disasters and crises



**20,021**

Health and wellbeing



**3,580**

Migration and displacement



**400**

Values, power and inclusion



**6,327**

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan			
Overview		Funding Sources	
Funding	Not reported	IFRC Secretariat	Not reported
Expenditure	Not reported	Participating National Societies	Not reported
		HNS other funding sources	Not reported

IFRC network			
Country	Funding Requirement	1.1M	
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement	1M	
	Funding	1.9M	
	Expenditure	1.3M	
	Emergency Operations	Funding	Not reported
	Expenditure	Not reported	
Participating National Societies	Funding Requirement	90,000	
	Funding	Not reported	
	Expenditure	Not reported	
HNS other funding sources	Funding	Not reported	

Appeal number **MAAAZ003**

\*Information on data scope and limitations is available on the back page

# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



## Climate and environment

Number of people reached with activities addressing

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY

- implements environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction, clean-ups or reducing GHG emissions



## Disasters and crises

Number of people reached with



Disaster risk reduction

20,000



## Health and wellbeing

Number of people reached by the National Society with



Contextually appropriate health services

4,000



Training in first aid

48



Psychosocial and mental health services

68



141

Number of people donating blood



## Migration and displacement



Migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection

400



## Values, power and inclusion

Number of people



Reached by the National Society's educational programmes

6,000



Reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming

1,000

## ENABLING FUNCTIONS



National Society development

✓ National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies



Humanitarian diplomacy

✓ National Society has a domestic advocacy strategy developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies



Accountability and agility

✓ National Society is implementing a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy

## IFRC NETWORK BILATERAL-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

	Funding Reported	Climate and environment	Disasters and crises	Health and wellbeing	Migration and displacement	Values, power and inclusion	Enabling Functions
National Society							
Italian Red Cross			●				
Turkish Red Crescent Society				●		●	●

# Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

## Context

In the first half of 2025, Azerbaijan has faced a complex humanitarian scenery, shaped by emerging climate-related challenges and on-going recovery from recent geopolitical tensions.

Azerbaijan, the largest country in the southern Caucasus, lies between Europe and Asia, bordered by the Caspian Sea to the east and the Greater Caucasus mountains to the north. Its geography exposes it to natural hazards such as earthquakes and floods, with the Absheron and Aran regions most at risk due to dense populations and concentrated economic activity, while less urbanized areas remain less vulnerable.

Climate change is intensifying these risks, bringing more extreme and unpredictable weather. Rising temperatures and frequent heatwaves are posing growing health threats, with projections indicating that average summer temperatures could increase by nearly six degrees Celsius by 2090.

Amid these environmental pressures, Azerbaijan continues advancing recovery and resettlement following the 2020 conflict escalation. The government launched voluntary relocation efforts in 2022, enabling thousands of displaced people to return to Fuzuli, Lachin, Zabukh and other areas. Plans are underway to expand resettlement, marking steady progress toward rebuilding communities and strengthening national resilience.

## Key achievements

### Climate and environment

Between January and June 2025, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan advanced its climate agenda through nationwide environmental initiatives. It conducted beach and riverbank cleanups in Baku and Ganja, while tree-planting campaigns in six districts promoted environmental resilience. These actions aligned with the National Society's auxiliary role and reinforced its commitment to climate action and sustainable development.

### Disasters and crises

The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan strengthened disaster preparedness through community resilience activities, school and [community-based risk reduction](#) projects and forest fire awareness campaigns. It conducted mine risk education in conflict-affected areas and participated in civil defence simulations with government bodies. In response to the Iran-Israel conflict, the National Society initiated early preparedness measures, including [psychosocial support](#), [first aid](#) and food distribution in southern border regions. A Level 2 [Cash and Voucher Assistance](#) training equipped staff and leadership with advanced competencies.

### Health and wellbeing

For the period from January to June 2025, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan expanded health outreach through awareness campaigns on nutrition, maternal health, hygiene and disease prevention across multiple districts. It supported migrant women and youth through targeted education and consultations and promoted voluntary blood donation through nationwide campaigns. [First aid](#) capacity was strengthened via mobile posts and training sessions, while [mental health and psychosocial support](#) activities focused on resilience, stigma reduction and coping strategies for vulnerable groups.

### Migration and displacement

During the first half of 2025, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan continued its Azerbaijani language courses for migrants, held annually since 2013 and celebrated its 12th graduation ceremony. Targeted humanitarian support was provided through food, clothing, medical aid and referrals, with additional assistance for rent, transport and health insurance guidance. Social inclusion was promoted through cultural excursions and events such as International

Children's Day. The Tracing Service and [Restoring Family Links](#) service advanced family reunification efforts in coordination with state institutions and participated in a regional conference in Tashkent.

### Values, power and inclusion

The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan strengthened [inclusive education](#) through Disaster Risk Reduction in Schools and road safety sessions, supported by emergency services and volunteers. Mine risk education and volunteer training expanded outreach, while Emergency Mobile Volunteer Teams were reinforced. Awareness activities marking the Society's 105th anniversary [engaged youth](#) through creative campaigns. Inclusion efforts included winter clothing distribution, citizen receptions and emergency aid after a house fire. The National Society finalized its [Cash and Voucher Assistance](#) report and rolled out its [Child Safeguarding Policy](#) to embed protection and accountability across programmes.

### Enabling local actors

During the first half of 2025, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan launched the development of its Strategic Plan 2026–2030 and strengthened internal coordination through departmental consultations. It developed standard operating procedures for [Cash and Voucher Assistance](#) and held a Level 2 [Cash and Voucher Assistance](#) training to equip staff and leadership with advanced competencies. It finalized a Standardized First Aid Training Package, improved logistics systems and enhanced Emergency Mobile Volunteer Teams with safety measures and operational support. The National Society also reinforced financial sustainability at branch level and advanced digital systems for planning, reporting and community feedback.

[Humanitarian diplomacy](#) and public engagement were elevated through strategic meetings, bilateral collaborations and participation in regional and international events. The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan marked its 105th anniversary with nationwide campaigns and hosted its XXVII General Assembly. It finalized its [Code of Conduct](#), rolled out its [Child Safeguarding Policy](#) and expanded visibility through social media and website publications. Institutional capacity was further strengthened through professional development, [digital transformation](#) and integration of human resource management systems.

## Q2. CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

*In this reporting period, no changes or amendments were made by the National Society*

## Q3. MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



#### Climate and environment

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

During the reporting period of January to June 2025, the The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan intensified its focus on climate change and [environmental sustainability](#) in alignment with its auxiliary mandate to public authorities. The National Society organized a series of environmental initiatives in honour of World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, including a beach cleanup campaign along the Caspian Sea coast in Shuvelan village, Baku. Volunteers from regional

centres and district branches mobilized to clean riverbanks and remove harmful waste in Ganja, with additional cleanup activities conducted in other parts of Baku and across the country. Regional centres in Baku, Ganja, Lankaran, Mingachevir and Sumgait led these actions in coordination with their local branches.

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society conducted tree-planting campaigns in Baku, Ganja, Gazakh, Barda, Tovuz and Tartar districts to reinforce environmental resilience and promote community engagement. These initiatives contributed to broader efforts to advance climate action and support sustainable development.

### **IFRC network joint support**

The IFRC provided the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan with support in organizing environmental cleanup and tree-planting campaigns as part of its climate change and environmental sustainability initiatives.



## **Disasters and crises**

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

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

During the first half of 2025, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan actively responded to emerging risks and strengthened its preparedness efforts through local and international partnerships. The National Society undertook focused actions to build community resilience, enhance volunteer capacity and improve coordination in [disaster risk reduction](#) and emergency response.

In March, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan organized a series of events in Lankaran under the theme 'Building Safe and Resilient Communities,' with a particular emphasis on preparedness for forest fires. Concurrently, the National Society engaged in discussions on a pilot project titled 'Community and School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction,' aimed at increasing community resilience and preparedness through education, knowledge and innovation in Khizi, Siyazan and Shabran districts. The project includes the establishment of [disaster risk reduction](#) groups trained in disaster risk reduction, climate change, village emergency planning, [first aid](#), family emergency planning and household safety. On March 13, a meeting was held to review the project implementation plan and confirm its launch in the second half of the year.

The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan conducted two rounds of 'Disaster Risk Reduction in Schools' training sessions and followed these by in-person sessions reaching students in six schools. Road Safety Awareness sessions were held in Gazakh, Tovuz, Gadabay and Tartar, engaging students, teachers and parents through interactive sessions facilitated by trained volunteers and State Traffic Police officers.

The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan continued its long-standing efforts to protect populations in western regions and former conflict zones from the risks of mines and explosive remnants of war. It carried out awareness activities in Tovuz, Gadabay, Dashkasan, Tartar, Goranboy, Aghdam, Fuzuli, Jabrayil, Barda, Sabirabad and the cities of Ganja and Baku. The National Society used various formats, including door-to-door outreach, school sessions and forum theatre activities, to enhance awareness and caution levels among adults and children. Special training sessions were also organized to increase the preparedness and capacity of volunteers in mine risk education.

In May, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan participated in a civil defence simulation organized by the Sumgayit City Water Canal Department. In June, it took part in a large-scale civil defence exercise organized by the Ministry of Emergency Situations Sumgayit Regional Centre in Absheron district. The simulation focused on managing civil defence forces during the aftermath of large-scale emergencies and included representatives from government bodies, local executive authorities and emergency response teams. The National Society supported key tasks such as alert systems, reconnaissance, data analysis and coordination of search and rescue operations, demonstrating its growing role in strengthening community preparedness and multi-agency coordination.

Following the escalation of the international armed conflict between Iran and Israel on June 13, 2025, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan initiated early preparedness measures in anticipation of a potential humanitarian impact. The National Society focused on key preparedness areas, including the provision of [mental health and psychosocial support](#) for people arriving from southern border regions such as Lankaran, Astara and Bilasuvar; the delivery of first aid services to people on the move; the distribution of food and water to meet immediate basic needs; and ongoing

needs assessments to monitor the evolving situation and identify additional support requirements. Coordination with relevant government bodies in border regions was also initiated to align efforts.

Additionally, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan organized a comprehensive four-day Level 2 Cash and Voucher Assistance training for key personnel, including leadership, technical staff and branch chairpersons, equipping them with advanced competencies in planning and implementation.

### IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan in the implementation of Cash and Voucher Assistance. Additionally, the IFRC provided technical assistance to the National Society during the escalation of the conflict between Iran and Israel in June 2025.

The **Italian Red Cross** provided support to the National Society in its project 'Community and School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction'.

Under wider Movement support, **the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)** supported the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan in conducting comprehensive mine awareness campaigns.



*The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan distributing essential humanitarian aid to a family affected by a house fire in April 2025 (Photo: Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan)*



## Health and wellbeing

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan advanced its health and care agenda through community awareness campaigns, volunteer and staff training and enhanced coordination with partners. The National Society conducted sessions on healthy nutrition and maternal and child health in Baku, Absheron and Garadagh. In April it conducted an awareness event at Baku State Vocational Education Centre No. 7. The National Society implemented the 'Love Box' project in Lankaran, Guba and Sumgayit to support pregnant women through educational sessions and symbolic gift packages. In May, a health event supported migrant women and children with education and consultations. In Tartar, Aghdam, Saatli, Lankaran, Ismayilli and Barda, the National Society promoted hygiene and disease prevention among vulnerable communities. Reproductive health seminars in February and May in Garadagh and Narimanov districts educated youth in family health and hygiene, complemented by a human rights and early marriage awareness event in March in Sumgayit. Additional campaigns addressed water, sanitation and hygiene, infectious disease prevention and healthy lifestyles. Additionally, a tuberculosis awareness campaign in April titled 'Yes. We Can End TB!' engaged people with disabilities and included participation in meetings organized by the Azerbaijan Anti-Tuberculosis NGO Coalition.

Blood donation remained a key priority, with campaigns at the Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University, MUSİAD and in Baku, Sumgayit and Barda promoting voluntary donation and health awareness. In June, an information exchange meeting in Barda marked World Blood Donor Day. The National Society conducted Training-of-Trainers and Basic First Aid sessions in Naftalan to strengthen [first aid](#) and emergency response skills and established mobile first aid posts in seven regions to deliver first aid services and awareness sessions.

The National Society carried out [mental health and psychosocial support \(MHPSS\)](#) activities to strengthen emotional well-being and resilience. A session for paediatricians was held in January focusing on children's mental health and early intervention, while a session was held for health interns addressed resilience and stigma reduction, in April. In May, a psychosocial support seminar for migrant people focused on coping strategies and stress management.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** supported the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan in the implementation of its activities focused on health and wellbeing

The **Turkish Red Crescent** supported the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan in organizing its blood donation campaign and childcare pack projects.

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**The ICRC** supported the National Society in the establishment of mobile first aid posts and volunteer health training.



## **Migration and displacement**

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

During the first half of 2025, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan made significant strides in supporting migrants, refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs). Building on its long-standing commitment to language integration, the National Society continued its Azerbaijani language courses for migrants, which have been held annually since 2013. Regular meetings with course participants were conducted to assess their social and material needs, resulting in targeted support initiatives. In June, the 12th graduation ceremony was held, with certificates awarded to participants.

Humanitarian assistance was extended through the distribution of food parcels and non-food items during Ramadan and Novruz, while meat was distributed during Eid al-Adha. The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan also provided information and referrals to newly registered migrants, along with clothing, food, medical aid and enrolments in language courses. For migrants requiring medical support, guidance on Mandatory Health Insurance was provided and medication was secured through private donations. Additional support included rent assistance, clothing, financial aid and transportation support.

To promote social inclusion, ecological excursions to museums, festivals and historical sites were organized for migrants. In June, International Children's Day was celebrated with migrant children and their parents.

The Tracing Service and [Restoring Family Links](#) service of the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan continued to alleviate the suffering of families separated from loved ones. It cooperated and coordinated with state institutions, including the Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Security Service, State Archives Department, General Prosecutor's Office and Military Commissariat, to advance its tracing efforts. The National Society distributed inquiry forms to regional branches and maintained regular communication with branch leaders. It also participated in the international conference of Tracing Service Heads of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of CIS countries, held in Tashkent in June.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** supported the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan in strengthening regional cooperation and technical capacity related to migration and tracing services. Through its coordination role, the IFRC facilitated participation of the National Society in the international conference of Tracing Service Heads of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of CIS countries, held in Tashkent in June.

The ICRC supported the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan in enhancing its operational capacity following the conclusion of the ICRC mission in the country. It also provided support to the National Society in delivering [Restoring Family Links](#) service to separated families.



## Values, power and inclusion

### Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the first half of 2025, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan advanced implementation of its [Education in Emergencies](#) Strategy to ensure safe, inclusive and quality learning before, during and after crises. The National Society carried out Disaster Risk Reduction in Schools sessions in schools across three districts after volunteer refresher training. The sessions combined theoretical and practical learning, including fire safety exercises by the Ministry of Emergency Situations. Road safety sessions were implemented with the State Traffic Police and volunteers in four districts, integrating awareness on pedestrian safety, [first aid](#) and creative competitions. The National Society also expanded mine and unexploded ordnance risk education for schoolchildren, while training new volunteers to strengthen outreach.

The National Society reinforced Emergency Mobile Volunteer Teams in seven districts, trained volunteers in Tartar and conducted dissemination of the Fundamental Principles, humanitarian mandate and emblem use. Awareness activities marking the 105th anniversary of the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan engaged schoolchildren through drawing contests, tournaments, social campaigns and tree planting. An educational Open Day was held to introduce students to the Movement's history and humanitarian work. On International Children's Day, branches promoted children's rights and inclusion through games and contests. The National Society continued its internship programme, hosting university students for humanitarian field experience.

The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan supported inclusion by distributing winter clothing to schoolchildren from vulnerable families in Baku and Lankaran. Weekly citizen receptions continued to identify vulnerable individuals and address requests for assistance. The National Society finalized and published its report on Cash and Voucher Assistance implemented from October to December 2024, documenting processes, post-distribution findings and lessons for future interventions. In April, after a house fire in Sheki, the National Society provided emergency household items, hygiene supplies and clothing.

Additionally, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan rolled out its [Child Safeguarding Policy](#), developed in 2024. The policy ensures protection of children from violence, exploitation and neglect, embedding accountability and preventive action across all programmes.

### IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan in the completion of materials and modules on road safety. It also provided technical guidance to the National Society in the development of the [Child Safeguarding Policy](#).

The **Turkish Red Crescent** provided support to the National Society in the distribution of winter clothes to vulnerable children.

## ENABLING LOCAL ACTORS



## Strategic and operational coordination

### IFRC 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 Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan has long-term partnerships with several participating National Societies, including the **Italian Red Cross** and **Turkish Red Crescent Society**. Currently only the Turkish Red Crescent Society in-country presence.

### **Movement coordination**

The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan 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** in Azerbaijan continues the provision of humanitarian protection to the people affected by the conflict. The ICRC also has a continuing dialogue with relevant authorities to promote international humanitarian law and extend support in line with its mandate. Additionally, it contributes to the National Society development by supporting Emergency Volunteer teams in seven priority branches of the National Society, alongside the Mine Risk Awareness programme and [first aid](#) programme. In 2025, the ICRC concluded its mission in Azerbaijan.

### **External coordination**

Public authorities and various departments in Azerbaijan are primary partners for the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan, with the National Society working closely with agencies and ministries involved in disaster response. The Ministry of Emergency Situations, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, State Migration Service, National Agency for Mine Action and State Committee for Affairs of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons all maintain memoranda of understanding and agreements with the National Society, focusing on humanitarian assistance, disaster preparedness, health and migration-related issues. The National Society's strong collaboration with these bodies is reinforced by its legal framework, clarifying roles and responsibilities in emergencies. The EU is an essential partner IFRC in Azerbaijan. Through a three-year partnership with the EU Delegation, the IFRC works to strengthen the capacities of the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan and other civil society organizations, aiming to address humanitarian needs in a sustainable manner. The UN has been present in Azerbaijan for over 30 years. The UN and the Government of Azerbaijan signed the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework for 2021 to 2025, identifying priority areas such as inclusive growth, strengthening institutions, protecting the environment and achieving gender equality. The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan works with various UN agencies, particularly in disaster response and health initiatives, including a tripartite cooperation agreement with the WHO and the IFRC. The IFRC continues to strengthen partnerships and support capacity building, ensuring the Society's accountability to donors and communities. The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan also collaborates with the IOM, with an agreement signed in 2012, focusing on [disaster risk reduction](#) and humanitarian assistance, while discussions for further cooperation are ongoing. Additionally, a tripartite agreement with the State Committee for Affairs of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons was signed in July 2023, aiming to provide joint support in the Karabakh region.



## **National Society development**

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

During the reporting period, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan focused on advancing its institutional development by strengthening internal systems, volunteer engagement and operational coordination. The National Society finalized its Activity Plan for July–December 2025, outlining sector-specific actions and priorities. In early June, it launched the development process for its Strategic Plan 2026–2030, initiating internal consultations to define long-term goals and align its vision with emerging humanitarian needs and national development strategies.

Organizational strategy development was complemented by coordinated efforts at the departmental level. In April, a roundtable discussion was held at headquarters with heads of departments involved in disaster response. The meeting aimed to improve internal coordination and information flow during emergencies by establishing a common

data consolidation and reporting mechanism, enhancing timely decision-making and supporting coherent response planning. The National Society also developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) to clarify roles across leadership, headquarters and branches. Additionally, it adapted and translated the IFRC CVA Guidelines into Azerbaijani, improving accessibility for local staff and volunteers.

To build its capacity, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan participated in professional development training. It also finalized a Standardized First Aid Training Package to ensure consistency and quality across all future training and to serve as a core resource for volunteer education nationwide.

The National Society also made efforts towards the sustainability of its Emergency Mobile Volunteer Teams (EMVT). It strengthened volunteer safety, identity and operational capacity. This included accident insurance coverage and the issuance of membership ID cards. Support was also extended to local branches to enhance financial self-reliance, including contributions to the Vocational Training Centre in Barda and coverage of monthly operational expenses for branches in Tartar, Aghdam, Barda, Fuzuli, Jabrayil, Tovuz and Gazakh.

The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan strengthened its logistics systems by developing a comprehensive logistics policy to improve supply chain efficiency and effectiveness. Supporting procedures were nearly finalized to ensure clear and consistent operations at both headquarters and branch levels.

### **IFRC network joint support**

**The IFRC** supported the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan in advancing its institutional development through tailored technical assistance, targeted knowledge transfer and the recruitment of essential human resources.

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**The ICRC** supported the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan in strengthening its volunteer engagement and first aid programming. The ICRC also supported the sustainability of Emergency Mobile Volunteer Teams by providing accident insurance and membership ID cards. Furthermore, the ICRC contributed to the financial self-reliance of local branches.



## **Humanitarian diplomacy**

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

During the first half of 2025, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan strengthened its humanitarian diplomacy and communications efforts to enhance institutional visibility, foster trust with key partners and promote the Fundamental Principles, particularly neutrality and impartiality.

In February, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan convened a meeting at its headquarters to discuss strategic collaboration, future joint projects and responses to emerging humanitarian challenges. The National Society reviewed traditional areas of cooperation and adopted a forward-looking approach to enhancing bilateral coordination. It hosted a visit at its Baku Regional Centre, where representatives discussed humanitarian activities, the role of regional centres and ongoing efforts to strengthen volunteerism. The visit included a field trip to a children's shelter, followed by exchanges on future plans and an interactive session with volunteers.

In March, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan marked its 105th anniversary with a series of humanitarian diplomacy, advocacy and public engagement activities across the country. The National Society organized community campaigns, educational events in schools, blood donation drives and environmental initiatives. Schoolchildren participated in drawing competitions, football tournaments were held in Gazakh and a flash mob was staged in Baku. The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan also held its XXVII General Assembly, presenting institutional and financial reports and conducting governance elections.

In April, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan participated in the Red Network meeting in Istanbul, joining National Societies from member states of the Organization of Turkic States. Discussions focused on expanding cooperation in blood services and volunteering, identifying areas for presidential-level engagement and considering high-level intergovernmental dialogue during upcoming summits.

In May, the National Society held a bilateral meeting to reinforce institutional relations and highlight ongoing collaboration in operational areas. The National Society explored opportunities for deepening cooperation and supporting the Movement's shared humanitarian mandate.

The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan organized a roundtable discussion to commemorate World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, in June. The event reviewed the Movement's legacy, humanitarian contributions and future strategic priorities. It also participated in the international event '60th Anniversary of the Fundamental Principles: New Challenges for Humanitarian Action' held in Solferino, Italy. The National Society emphasized the protection of the Red Cross and Red Crescent emblems under International Humanitarian Law and highlighted their symbolic and legal value in the global humanitarian architecture.

Throughout the reporting period, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan achieved growth across its social media platforms. The National Society increased reach and engagement on Facebook and Instagram and published articles on its official website to enhance visibility and public awareness.

### **IFRC network joint support**

The IFRC supported the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan in humanitarian diplomacy and advocacy actions.



## **Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)**

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

For the reporting period from January to June 2025, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan reinforced organizational integrity by finalizing its Code of Conduct, outlining ethical standards for staff, volunteers and interns. The code promotes a respectful and safe working environment, supports risk management and aligns with the National Society's humanitarian mission. It enhanced its logistical capacity through an inventory review at the central warehouse. The National Society developed and implemented new reporting templates to improve efficiency, traceability and reporting accuracy. In parallel, the National Society maintained its logistics policy and progressed toward finalizing detailed logistics procedures.

The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan strengthened its approach to Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) by piloting a Central Feedback Mechanism in Ismayilli, Baku and Sumgayit. To institutionalize the approach, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan produced and translated a full suite of CEA resources, including a guide, feedback kit and standard operating procedures for managing community feedback.

The National Society optimized its human resource management processes by integrating the 1C software system. The system supports payroll automation, employee record-keeping and real-time updates on personnel actions, reducing manual tasks and improving data accuracy.

The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan integrated planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting into its organizational structure. In June 2025, it participated in a global online meeting, reinforcing alignment with Federation-wide standards. A unified planning session was held in July 2025 for thematic staff to strengthen coordination, refine programmatic priorities and ensure coherence across sectoral plans.

Additionally, the National Society advanced its digital fundraising system, streamlining online fundraising processes and improving donor engagement. It developed and localized a digital feedback tool using EspoCRM software, fully translated into Azerbaijani while retaining English functionality. The tool enables safe storage and efficient tracking of community feedback cases and was piloted in two regions during November and December 2024. The National Society also developed a user manual and delivered capacity-building sessions focused on digital literacy, accountability and technical application of the platform.

### **IFRC network joint support**

The IFRC supported the institutionalization of the planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting system within the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan by maintaining regular coordination with the focal point, providing guidance and technical assistance and offering financial and technical support to strengthen capacity.

## **Q4. AFFECTED PERSONS (PEOPLE REACHED)**

*See cover pages*

## **Q5. PARTICIPATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR AFFECTED PEOPLE – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

*See Strategic Priority on 'Values, power and inclusion' under Q3: MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION*

## **Q6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

*This information is not available in Mid-Year Reports*

## **Q7. EXIT STRATEGY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

*See Strategic Priorities or Enabling Local Actors, where relevant under Q3: MEASURING RESULTS OF THE IFRC NETWORK ACTION*

## **Q8. LESSONS LEARNED**

While implementing the Unified Plan, in the first half of 2025, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan learned that there was a need to empower local branches for faster, more autonomous responses. The National Society recognized the importance of preparing for partner transitions, as seen during the ICRC's withdrawal, which underscored the value of phased handovers and early capacity building. Coordination with public authorities, revealed the necessity of sustained engagement to ensure project continuity. Internally, collaboration and communication have been identified as areas for further strengthening to reinforce coordinated planning, increase efficiency, and ensure consistency across branches and departments. These lessons will guide future programming and further organization development.

## SUCCESS STORIES



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### Mine Risk Education Protects Thousands in Conflict-Affected Areas

For years, communities in the former conflict zones of Azerbaijan lived with the daily fear of landmines and explosive remnants of war. The Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan stepped in to turn fear into awareness. Since 2005, its teams have travelled from village to village, holding mine risk education sessions that teach families, farmers and children how to recognize and avoid dangerous remnants of war. During the reporting period, volunteers held over ten thousand sessions, reaching thousands of people across Tovuz, Gadabay, Dashkasan, Tartar, Goranboy, Aghdam, Fuzuli, Jabrayil, Barda and Sabirabad, as well as in Ganja, Baku and temporary settlements for internally displaced persons. In former conflict zones, fewer accidents are now being reported and families are able to rebuild their lives with greater confidence and safety thanks to the knowledge gained through these sessions.



## 2

### Supporting Vulnerable Children Through Winter Clothing

In the cold winter months, warmth can mean the difference between comfort and hardship. Between January and March 2025, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan launched a heartfelt initiative to ensure that children from vulnerable families could face winter with dignity. After assessing the needs of orphanages and boarding schools in Bilgah, Shuvelan, Mardakan, the Nizami District in Baku and Lankaran, volunteers of the National Society identified hundreds of children without proper winter clothing. The National Society distributed warm coats, sweaters and boots, donated by the Turkish Red Crescent Society, to children in orphanages, a boarding school and the Paediatric Oncology Centre. The joy on the children's faces as they received their new clothes was a testament to the warmth and care shared through this simple but meaningful act of kindness.

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## Bringing First Aid Closer to Communities through Mobile Posts

Across the former line of contact, many communities are far from hospitals or health centres. To bridge this gap, the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan brought first aid directly to the people. Through its Emergency Mobile Volunteer Teams, the National Society set up mobile First Aid Posts in busy public spaces across seven districts, including Tartar, Aghdam, Fuzuli, Jabrayil, Gazakh, Tovuz and Barda. Locals gathered to learn how to respond to emergencies, treat minor injuries and even save lives. For many, it was their first encounter with first aid training. These mobile posts not only built essential life-saving knowledge among communities but also strengthened the confidence and preparedness of volunteers who continue to serve on the front lines of community health.



# ANNEX 1. IFRC APPLICATION OF THE 8+3 REPORTING TEMPLATE

The IFRC network structures its result-based management along five Strategic priorities and four Enabling functions, developed based on the IFRC network's [Strategy 2030](#):

IFRC network Strategic Priorities	IFRC network Enabling Functions
SP 1 - Climate and environment	EF 1- Strategic and operational coordination
SP 2 - Disasters and crises	EF 2 - National Society development
SP 3 - Health and wellbeing	EF 3 - Humanitarian diplomacy
SP 4 - Migration and displacement	EF 4 - Accountability and agility
SP 5 - Values, power and inclusion	

The Federation-wide results matrix provides a standard way for the IFRC network to measure its progress towards Strategy 2030 implementation and supports consistent quality of the IFRC network planning, monitoring and reporting. To further advance coherence in monitoring across the IFRC network, a [Federation-wide Indicator Bank](#) has been developed and integrated into the Federation-wide monitoring systems for emergencies and longer-term work, structured along the Federation-wide results matrix as well. Signatory of the Grand Bargain Agreement, the IFRC has committed to its monitoring and reporting standards through integration of the [8+3 reporting template](#) contents into its results-based management approach. The following mapping demonstrate the way in which this report aligns with 8+3 reporting:

8+3 template	IFRC network Mid-Year Report (with variance in structure in red)
<b>Core Questions</b>	
1. Overall Performance	Overall Performance
2. Changes and Amendments	Changes and amendments
3. Measuring Results	Measuring Results
4. Affected Persons	Cover pages with indicators values
5. Participation & AAP	Under Q3 Strategic Priority 5: Values, power and inclusion – Community Engagement and Accountability
6. Risk management	Risk management
7. Exit Strategy and Sustainability	Under Q3 sub-sections by Strategic Priority/Enabling Function where relevant
8. Lessons Learned	Lessons learned
<b>Additional Questions</b>	
1. Value for Money/ Cost Effectiveness	Not included in mid-year reports
2. Visibility	Not included in mid-year reports
3. Coordination	Under Q3 Enabling Function 1: Strategic and operational coordination
4. Implementing Partners	Cross-cutting, with a focus on support to localization through the Q3 Enabling Functions 1 to 4
5. Activities or Steps Towards implementation	Cross-cutting in Q3 Strategic Priorities and Enabling Functions
6. Environment	Under Q3 Strategic Priority 1: Climate and environment



## **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 2025. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies.
- **Financial overview:** This overview consolidates data reported by the National Society and its IFRC network partners, as well as data extracted from IFRC's financial systems. All reported figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities. The financial data with a grey background is solely reported by the National Society, including the funding sources. Financial reporting is often times estimated depending on availability of financial figures, closing of financial periods and may be incomplete. 'Not reported' could sometimes mean 'not applicable'. Also note that funding requirements are already reflected in the published 2025 IFRC network country plan. The total funding requirements show what the IFRC network has sought to raise for the given year through different channels: funding through the IFRC, through participating National Societies as bilateral support and through the host National Society from non-IFRC network sources. All figures should include the administrative and operational costs of the different entities.
  - » Host National Society funding requirements not coming from IFRC network sources can comprise a variety of sources, as demonstrated when reporting on income in the IFRC Federation-wide Databank and Reporting System
  - » Participating National Society funding requirements for bilateral support are those validated by respective headquarters, and often represent mainly secured funding
  - » IFRC funding requirements comprise both what is sourced from the IFRC core budget and what is sought through emergency and thematic funding. This includes participating National Societies' multilateral support through IFRC, and all other IFRC sources of funding
- **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) 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.
- **Definitions:**
  - » **Local units:** ALL subdivisions of a National Society that coordinate and deliver services to people. These include ALL levels (provincial, state, city, district branches, sections or chapters, headquarters, and regional and intermediate offices, as well as community-based units)
  - » **Branches:** A Branch has its roles, responsibilities and relationship with the National Headquarters defined through the National Society's Statutes, including the level of autonomy given, especially in the area of its legal status, mobilising local resources and building local partnerships, and the decisions it makes. It has a local-level decision-making mechanism through its Branch members, board and volunteers, equally defined through the National Society's Statutes

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [AZ\\_Azerbaijan MYR Financials.pdf](#)
- [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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