



AZERBAIJAN

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IN SUPPORT OF THE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY OF AZERBAIJAN



National Society
branches

86



National Society
local units

86



National Society
volunteers

6,000



National Society
staff

175

PEOPLE REACHED

Disasters
and crises



2,058

Health and
wellbeing



1,457

Migration and
displacement



705

Values, power
and inclusion



2,506

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	2.1M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term	Funding requirement	1M
		Funding	1.9M
		Expenditure	181,000
	Emergency Operations	Funding requirement	Not reported
		Funding	Not reported
		Expenditure	45,000
Participating National Societies		Funding requirement	25,000
		Funding	Not reported
		Expenditure	Not reported
HNS other funding sources		Funding requirement	1.1M
		Funding	Not reported

Appeal number **MAAAZ001**

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

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Disasters and crises

Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction  **2,058**

Health and wellbeing

Number of people reached with contextually appropriate health services  **1,457**

Number of people trained in first aid  **617**

Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services  **156**

Number of people donating blood  **65**

Migration and displacement

Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection  **705**

Values, power and inclusion

Number of people reached by the National Society's educational programmes  **2,506**

Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming  **1,297**

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
Italian Red Cross			●			●	
Turkish Red Crescent				●		●	
Total	CHF 0						

Q1. OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Context

Located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, Azerbaijan has a population of approximately 10.2 million people and is characterized by a diverse ethnic composition and a largely urbanized population concentrated around Baku and the Absheron Peninsula. Demographic trends indicate increasing life expectancy and a steadily growing older population, while continued improvements in social protection and inclusive education have contributed to enhanced access to services for vulnerable groups.

Azerbaijan's economy remains heavily dependent on the hydrocarbon sector, which continues to play a dominant role in exports, public revenue and overall economic performance. At the same time, the government is pursuing economic diversification through investments in technology, agriculture, tourism, transport and other non-oil sectors to strengthen resilience and support sustainable growth.

The country continues to invest in social welfare and human development, including expanding social assistance programmes, strengthening digital systems for service delivery and improving access to education for children with disabilities and other vulnerable groups. Despite these advances, socio-economic challenges persist, particularly among low-income households, older people, rural communities and populations affected by past escalations. Continued efforts are therefore required to strengthen community resilience, social inclusion, disaster preparedness and access to essential services across the country.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society strengthened climate and environmental resilience through community-based climate action, environmental awareness initiatives, wildfire risk reduction measures and anticipatory preparedness for extreme heat. Key achievements included promoting environmental and disaster risk awareness, implementing tree-planting and environmental restoration activities, supporting communities to reduce wildfire risks through practical mitigation measures and preparing a nationwide heatwave awareness campaign aimed at protecting vulnerable populations and strengthening community preparedness for increasingly frequent climate-related hazards.

Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society enhanced disaster preparedness and community resilience through the implementation of the Community and School-based Disaster Risk Reduction Project, strengthening local capacities in disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, first aid, home safety and emergency preparedness. Community disaster risk reduction plans and small-scale resilience initiatives were developed and implemented, while emergency preparedness was further strengthened through volunteer training, mine risk awareness activities, emergency simulation exercises and the initiation of the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) process. The National Society also reinforced operational readiness through pre-positioned emergency supplies and provided humanitarian assistance to disaster-affected families.

Health and wellbeing

In the first half of 2026, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society strengthened emergency health preparedness, health promotion and access to essential health services through extensive first aid training, community health education, maternal and child health support and humanitarian assistance. The National Society enhanced the capacities of volunteers, healthcare professionals, students, migrants and communities through first aid, psychological first aid, Humanitarian Service Point and CBRN preparedness training, while health promotion activities addressed healthy lifestyles, disease prevention, healthy ageing, tuberculosis prevention, women's health, hygiene and community wellbeing. Support for vulnerable families was expanded through maternal and newborn health initiatives, hygiene assistance, access to healthcare services, support for children with disabilities and voluntary blood donation campaigns that promoted health, solidarity and community engagement.

Migration and displacement

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society strengthened support for migrants and people affected by displacement through humanitarian assistance, integration services, language education, psychosocial support and social inclusion activities. The long-running Azerbaijan language programme continued to support migrant integration, while vulnerable migrant families received food, clothing, financial assistance, healthcare referrals and other forms of support. Educational and cultural activities promoted inclusion and social participation and regular first aid and psychosocial support sessions strengthened wellbeing and resilience. The National Society also continued delivering Restoring Family Links services, supporting family reunification, tracing activities and assistance to people affected by migration, detention and the international armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

Values, power and inclusion

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued promoting humanitarian values, inclusion, youth leadership and volunteer engagement through the development of the Youth Red Network, humanitarian education initiatives, community outreach and regional cooperation. Expanded volunteer recruitment, leadership development, specialized training, internships and partnerships with educational institutions strengthened youth participation in humanitarian action. The National Society also promoted solidarity and volunteerism through public awareness campaigns, humanitarian events, mine risk education and community engagement activities. Inclusion efforts focused on supporting low-income families, pregnant women, mothers of newborns, children and persons with disabilities through humanitarian assistance, health education, psychosocial support, inclusive community activities and early childhood development programmes.

Enabling local actors

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued strengthening its organizational development, humanitarian diplomacy, accountability and operational effectiveness. Key achievements included further development of the Youth Red Network, investment in staff and volunteer capacities, participation in regional learning and cooperation initiatives and active engagement in national disaster management and civil protection processes. The National Society strengthened its humanitarian diplomacy through engagement with Movement partners, public authorities, diplomatic missions and international organizations, while expanding public outreach through digital communications and awareness campaigns. At the same time, organizational systems were enhanced through digital transformation, strengthened human resource and financial management systems, improved volunteer management, stronger logistics and inventory control and further institutionalization of planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting processes to support evidence-based decision-making and organizational accountability.

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 first half of 2026, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society strengthened climate and environmental resilience through environmental awareness activities, tree-planting initiatives, community-based wildfire risk reduction measures and preparations for a nationwide heatwave awareness campaign. These efforts focused on increasing public awareness and strengthening community preparedness for climate-related risks and environmental hazards.

To mark World Civil Defence Day, the Gadabay Branch, in cooperation with the Gadabay Central District Hospital, the State Fire Protection Service of the Ministry of Emergency Situations and the Gadabay District Police Department, organized an awareness event on 'Managing Environmental Risks for a Resilient and Sustainable Future.' The event promoted understanding of environmental and climate-related risks, disaster preparedness and the importance of coordinated action among local institutions and communities to strengthen resilience to emergencies.

To celebrate World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, the Goranboy-Naftalan and Barda Branches organized a tree-planting campaign involving staff and volunteers. The initiative promoted environmental protection, climate and environmental sustainability and community participation in local climate action through practical environmental activities.

Under the Community and School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction Project, community-based wildfire risk reduction activities were implemented in Fuzuli. Grass trimmers were distributed to active community members and local municipalities to support the clearance of dry vegetation and reduce wildfire risks during the summer season. Community awareness was further strengthened through the installation of information boards carrying fire prevention messages in public locations. In addition, community-led environmental mitigation activities were undertaken to remove accumulated waste, including plastic materials and rehabilitate affected land. To promote responsible waste management and environmental protection, additional awareness boards highlighting the environmental impact of household waste were installed across project communities. Together, these activities contributed to environmental restoration, disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation efforts at the community level.

In June 2026, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society also prepared for the implementation of a nationwide heatwave awareness campaign in response to rising temperatures and increasing health risks associated with extreme heat. Preparatory activities included coordination with partners and local authorities, identification of priority locations and vulnerable groups, development of awareness materials and public health messages and mobilization of staff and volunteers. The campaign was designed to reach communities in both urban and rural areas to promote practical measures for preventing heat-related illnesses and protecting vulnerable populations during periods of extreme heat.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC and the Italian Red Cross provided technical support and global heatwave awareness materials for the nationwide heatwave awareness campaign planned for implementation in July 2026. This support contributed to strengthening community preparedness and climate resilience efforts led by the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society. The heatwave awareness campaign was designed and developed using IFRC global heat awareness messages.



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the first half of 2026, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued implementing the 'Community and School-based Disaster Risk Reduction Project' in six communities of the Fuzuli district. The project focused on strengthening community resilience through disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, [first aid](#) and community-based preparedness activities. Throughout the reporting period, a series of training sessions on disaster risk reduction, enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment ([eVCA](#)), climate change adaptation and mitigation, first aid, home safety and family disaster planning were conducted for community group members, branch representatives, volunteers and project staff. Participants identified local hazards including strong winds, floods, soil erosion, drought and water shortages, and developed practical measures to reduce disaster risks and strengthen preparedness.

Following the eVCA process, draft Community Disaster Risk Reduction Plans were developed and communities prepared small-scale project proposals addressing local resilience needs. As a result, environmental mitigation activities were implemented in Ahmadalilar and Gazakhlar communities, including waste removal and land clean-up to reduce local risks and improve environmental conditions. Public information boards promoting environmental awareness and responsible waste management were installed, while additional awareness boards focused on fire prevention were placed in Alkhanli and Shukurbeyli to encourage safer behaviours and reduce the risk of human-caused fires.

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society also strengthened community preparedness through a Training of Trainers programme on School-Based Disaster Risk Reduction, equipping community volunteers and facilitators with knowledge on school safety, disaster preparedness and awareness-raising techniques. To support local disaster risk reduction efforts, equipment was provided to participating municipalities to help reduce vegetation growth and mitigate wildfire risks. Community facilitators subsequently conducted first aid awareness sessions for community members, municipal workers and children, further strengthening local preparedness and emergency response capacities. In parallel, the National Society developed and distributed disaster preparedness and risk reduction awareness materials covering floods, flash floods, climate change, home safety and preparedness actions before, during and after disasters.

The Emergency Mobile Volunteer Team (EMVT) continued strengthening local emergency preparedness through practical first aid training and participation in emergency simulation exercises. First aid sessions for youth volunteers covered emergency care, bleeding control, fractures, burns and other common emergencies. EMVT volunteers also participated in simulation exercises organized with public authorities and private-sector partners, including fire, earthquake, industrial accident and gas infrastructure emergency scenarios, helping to strengthen operational coordination, emergency response skills and inter-agency cooperation.

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued delivering mine risk awareness activities in communities, schools and educational institutions through a network of trained volunteers. Awareness sessions promoted safe behaviour and increased understanding of the risks posed by mines and explosive remnants of war among children, teachers, students and community members. Interactive discussions and practical examples were used to reinforce key safety messages and reduce the likelihood of accidents in affected areas. Coordination with national authorities and humanitarian partners further supported planning for future mine risk education activities, particularly in communities affected by return movements.

The National Society also initiated the Preparedness for Effective Response ([PER](#)) process to strengthen organizational preparedness and emergency response capacities. Through orientation and self-assessment workshops involving headquarters, regional centres and branch representatives, organizational preparedness was assessed across key functional areas. The process identified priority actions to strengthen preparedness, logistics, resource mobilization, finance and response systems and informed the development of a multi-year PER Action Plan aligned with the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society's Strategic Plan. The National Society further contributed to national and regional dialogue on disaster management and civil protection through participation in preparedness and disaster risk reduction forums.

In addition, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society provided humanitarian assistance to disaster-affected families in several regions of the country, helping meet immediate needs following disaster events.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society through technical guidance, coordination and financial assistance to strengthen disaster preparedness and response. The IFRC provided technical support for the launch of the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) process and coordinated the imminent Disaster Response Emergency Fund (DREF) operation for population movement to strengthen emergency preparedness capacities. The details of the DREF operation is mentioned under the relevant section 'Migration and displacement'.

The Italian Red Cross supported the implementation of the Community and School-based Disaster Risk Reduction Project in Fuzuli district, while the IFRC also participated in a coordination meeting on mine risk education with national authorities to support communities returning to liberated areas.



The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society distributed baby diapers to low-income families, pregnant women and mothers of newborn children across the country. The distributions were carried out through regional centres, district branches, maternity hospitals, and healthcare facilities, complemented by the 'Love Box' initiative, which provided health education and practical support for expectant and new mothers. (Photo: Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society)



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Between January and June 2026, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society implemented a wide range of community-based health and wellbeing activities aimed at strengthening emergency health preparedness, promoting healthy lifestyles and disease prevention, supporting maternal and child health and improving access to essential health services. Working in partnership with the IFRC and national stakeholders, the National Society delivered training, awareness sessions and humanitarian assistance to strengthen the capacities of volunteers, healthcare professionals and communities.

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society strengthened first aid and emergency health preparedness through a series of training and awareness activities targeting volunteers, staff, healthcare professionals, students, migrants and community members. Refresher training sessions for volunteers from the Karabakh Economic Region focused on first aid, psychosocial support, casualty transportation, triage and simulation exercises. Additional first aid and Psychological First Aid (PFA) training sessions were organized for branch representatives, staff and volunteers, combining theoretical

knowledge with practical, scenario-based exercises. Through its [Community-Based Health](#) Programme, the National Society also delivered a Basic Life Support seminar for paediatricians attending continuing professional development courses, helping to strengthen emergency care knowledge within the national healthcare system.

Preparedness for complex emergencies was further enhanced through Humanitarian Service Point ([HSP](#)) and Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) training. Staff and volunteers from regional branches strengthened their capacities in HSP operations, volunteer safety, use of personal protective equipment, decontamination procedures, risk communication, first aid, PFA and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support ([MHPSS](#)), improving their readiness to provide integrated assistance during emergencies.

The National Society also expanded first aid awareness among young people through partnerships with educational institutions. Training and awareness sessions were organized in schools, lyceums and universities, covering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), bleeding control, fractures, burns, poisoning, airway obstruction, heat-related illnesses, casualty transportation and other essential lifesaving skills. Community first aid preparedness was further strengthened through practical training for volunteers, community group members, municipal workers, children and migrants. In June, the National Society launched the first session of its Youth Summer School, combining introductory sessions on the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement with comprehensive first aid training and practical exercises designed to build confidence in responding to emergencies before professional services arrive.

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued implementing community-based health promotion activities to encourage healthy lifestyles, prevent communicable and non-communicable diseases, and increase public awareness of priority health issues. Activities included awareness sessions on healthy nutrition, community health, disease prevention, [healthy ageing](#), hygiene promotion, HIV prevention and substance abuse prevention. Volunteers were trained on personal hygiene promotion to support expanded outreach in schools and communities. The National Society also contributed to national tuberculosis prevention efforts through participation in World Tuberculosis Day activities and public health discussions during the World Urban Forum, helping to strengthen awareness, early detection efforts and multisectoral cooperation. In addition, awareness sessions on women's health promoted healthy lifestyles and encouraged the early detection and prevention of non-communicable diseases, including breast cancer.

During the reporting period, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued supporting maternal and child health through hygiene assistance, health promotion and improved access to healthcare for vulnerable groups. Hygiene assistance was distributed to low-income families, pregnant women and mothers of newborn children through a network of regional centres, branches, maternity hospitals and healthcare facilities. The assistance helped address essential hygiene needs, reduce financial pressures on vulnerable households and strengthen cooperation with local health institutions.

The National Society also continued implementing the 'Love Box' initiative, which promotes maternal and newborn health while providing practical and psychosocial support to expectant and new mothers. Events organized in partnership with healthcare institutions brought together mothers and healthcare professionals to discuss maternal and child health issues while providing essential baby care items and practical health information.

Access to healthcare for vulnerable children and families was further strengthened through partnerships with healthcare institutions and private-sector organizations. Medicine donations supported low-income households and individuals with health needs, while cooperation with healthcare providers facilitated access to surgical services for children from socially vulnerable families. Community health activities for children with disabilities and their families provided health consultations, health screenings, mental health assessments, health advice and humanitarian assistance, contributing to improved wellbeing and access to support services.

Partnerships remained central to the implementation of health and wellbeing activities. The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society worked closely with TABIB, Azerbaijan Medical University, the Azerbaijan State Institute for Doctors' Advanced Training, the Public Health and Reforms Centre of the Ministry of Health, healthcare facilities, private-sector partners and organizations supporting persons with disabilities. These collaborations strengthened the National Society's ability to deliver health promotion, emergency preparedness, maternal and child health services and humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations across the country.

The National Society also promoted voluntary blood donation and humanitarian values through participation in a national blood donation campaign organized in cooperation with public institutions and partner organizations. The initiative contributed to national blood reserves, supported people requiring blood transfusions and reinforced social solidarity and community engagement.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society in strengthening health and wellbeing programming through technical and financial assistance. This included support for Humanitarian Service Point (HSP) and CBRN preparedness training sessions, strengthening the capacities of staff and volunteers to provide integrated assistance during emergencies.

Through its partnership with Procter & Gamble (P&G), the IFRC also supported the distribution of hygiene assistance to low-income families, pregnant women and mothers of newborn children, helping address essential hygiene needs and improve maternal and child wellbeing.

In addition, the IFRC worked with the National Society and national partners to enhance community health preparedness, volunteer capacity development and access to health services for vulnerable populations.



Migration and displacement

In 2026, one IFRC Disaster Response Emergency Funds ([IFRC-DREF](#)) was approved for population movement in Azerbaijan.

Name of Operation	Azerbaijan Population Movement
MDR-Code	MDRAZ005
Duration	45 days (8 March 2026 to 30 April 2026)
Funding Allocation	CHF 90,800

Under the IFRC Imminent DREF Population Movement Operation with the budget of CHF 90,800, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society strengthened preparedness for potential cross-border population movements through the procurement and pre-positioning of humanitarian relief items and operational equipment. Supplies included hygiene kits, first aid materials, personal protective equipment, psychosocial support kits, equipment for Humanitarian Service Points ([HSPs](#)) and temporary sheltering, communication equipment, volunteer gear and information materials. These resources were pre-positioned and remain available for rapid deployment in the event of population movements or other emergencies

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued providing humanitarian assistance, integration support and educational services for migrants in Baku. The Azerbaijan language course for migrants remained one of the National Society’s long-standing integration initiatives and completed its thirteenth academic year in 2026. Offered free of charge, the programme covers a ten-month academic period and provides participants with learning materials and certificates upon successful completion. The new academic year commenced with both in-person and online participation, ensuring accessibility for migrants with work and family commitments. A graduation ceremony was organized for course participants, during which certificates and food packages were distributed.

Humanitarian assistance to migrants continued throughout the reporting period. Food parcels, clothing, sacrificial meat and financial assistance were provided during religious and public holidays, including Ramadan, Novruz and Eid al-Adha, helping vulnerable families meet their basic needs and improve their well-being. Individual assistance requests were also assessed and addressed according to identified needs, including the provision of humanitarian aid, referrals to medical services, support with documentation and access to medicines.

The National Society further promoted social inclusion and integration through educational, cultural and recreational activities. Migrants participated in visits to museums, historical sites, natural areas and different regions of Azerbaijan, helping to strengthen social interaction and increase knowledge of the country’s history, geography and environment. Educational activities also included interactive geography sessions focused on Azerbaijan’s geography and ecology. Dedicated activities for children supported their participation and wellbeing through holiday celebrations, educational events and recreational programmes that encouraged learning and social engagement.

Regular first aid and psychosocial support sessions were organized throughout the reporting period, contributing to increased awareness of health, wellbeing, coping skills and available psychosocial support services among migrant communities.

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society also continued providing Restoring Family Links (RFL) services to help restore family contact and support individuals searching for missing relatives. Activities included the processing of tracing requests related to the Second World War, migration, missing persons, family reunification, detention cases and archival document searches. Legal information and guidance were provided to applicants, while coordination with relevant national authorities and partner organizations supported case processing and follow-up. In addition, people affected by the international armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine received tracing support, referrals and information services.

A representative of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society participated in a regional training programme covering family reunification, tracing, Red Cross Messages, child protection, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), trafficking in persons, digitalization of RFL services, case management and Movement coordination. Lessons learned from the training are being applied to further strengthen RFL procedures, digital case management, child protection measures and the integration of psychosocial support into RFL services.

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.

The **Turkish Red Crescent** supported capacity strengthening through a Restoring Family Links (RFL) training programme.

The **ICRC** supported the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan in strengthening RFL services by continued coordination on family contact procedures, online family contacts, information-sharing mechanisms and support to families of detained persons.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued strengthening youth leadership, volunteer engagement and humanitarian values through the development of the Youth Red Network, volunteer capacity-building initiatives, partnerships with educational institutions and regional cooperation mechanisms. Building on discussions held within the Turkic Red Network in late 2025, the National Society accelerated the establishment of a structured Youth Red Network under the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society Youth Committee. The Network introduced functional areas covering volunteer management, education, communications, university relations, events, project development and international cooperation, while the Youth Policy adopted in December 2025 provided a strategic framework for volunteer management, leadership development, youth participation and long-term organizational sustainability.

A nationwide recruitment campaign generated strong interest in humanitarian volunteering and supported the continued expansion of the Youth Red Network. Cooperation with university volunteer clubs, regular coordination meetings and engagement with participating National Societies through the Turkic Red Network further strengthened youth participation, volunteer leadership and regional exchange. The first official meeting of the Youth Red Network introduced its objectives, structure and priorities, while Youth Day roundtable discussions provided opportunities for volunteers to discuss plans and deepen their engagement in humanitarian activities.

Volunteer development remained a priority throughout the reporting period. Professional development sessions for university interns focused on employability skills, including CV preparation, interview techniques, communication, teamwork and professional ethics. Additional internship programmes combined orientation on the humanitarian activities of the National Society with practical volunteer assignments and community initiatives. Newly recruited volunteers participated in induction sessions covering the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the mandate of

the National Society, volunteer principles and ongoing programmes, facilitating their integration into the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society activities.

The National Society also strengthened volunteer capacities through specialized training opportunities. Youth Red Network members contributed to the development of hygiene-promotion materials and participated in training on hygiene and personal cleanliness based on WHO recommendations. Capacity-building efforts were further enhanced through comprehensive first aid training, enabling volunteers to strengthen both theoretical knowledge and practical emergency response skills.

Youth volunteers actively contributed to humanitarian activities and regional cooperation. An online webinar organized within the framework of the Turkic Red Network enabled National Societies to exchange experiences on first aid, mine risk education and youth engagement while discussing lessons learned and future cooperation. Additional coordination meetings with branch volunteers focused on emergency response mechanisms, disaster risk reduction, mine risk awareness, resource management and operational coordination, strengthening communication between headquarters and branches and supporting volunteer preparedness and response capacities.

Throughout the reporting period, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society promoted humanitarian values, volunteerism and community participation through awareness-raising activities, educational outreach, public events and community-based initiatives. Educational visits to National Society facilities introduced schoolchildren and university students to the humanitarian mission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, disaster response, health programmes, social assistance activities, mine risk awareness, first aid and volunteer opportunities. Several visits also enabled students to observe humanitarian assistance activities directly through participation in home visits and community outreach activities. Awareness sessions organized with schools and universities further promoted humanitarian values, volunteer engagement and cooperation with educational institutions.

Community participation was strengthened through humanitarian campaigns involving teachers, students, parents and volunteers. Humanitarian donation initiatives promoted solidarity, social responsibility and volunteerism while mobilizing relief assistance for vulnerable families. Regional cooperation also contributed to the promotion of humanitarian values through humanitarian campaigns and activities organized within the Turkic Red Network, including food distributions, volunteering activities and humanitarian outreach that strengthened cooperation, mutual support and the exchange of experience among National Societies.

The National Society continued promoting humanitarian values through public events and institutional partnerships. Activities marking World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day highlighted the humanitarian mission and Fundamental Principles of the Movement, recognized the contributions of staff and volunteers and reinforced partnership and cooperation in addressing humanitarian needs. Participation in a voluntary blood donation campaign further demonstrated solidarity and humanitarian commitment. In addition, cooperation with the National Museum of History of Azerbaijan advanced preparations for a dedicated Red Crescent Corner to preserve and promote the institutional history and humanitarian contribution of the National Society.

Mine risk awareness and humanitarian education remained important components of community outreach, promoting safe behaviour and strengthening community resilience through awareness activities targeting both children and adults.

During January–July 2026, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society also continued promoting inclusion by implementing activities addressing the needs of vulnerable groups, including low-income families, pregnant women, mothers of newborns, children and persons with disabilities. The National Society distributed baby-care assistance through its network of regional centres, branches, maternity hospitals and healthcare institutions, helping meet essential needs and reducing the burden on vulnerable households.

The 'Love Box' initiative continued to combine material assistance with health education and psychosocial support for expectant and new mothers. Events organized in cooperation with healthcare institutions brought together mothers, healthcare professionals and partner organizations, providing practical health information, professional guidance and essential baby-care items while strengthening cooperation between humanitarian and public health actors.

The National Society also supported the inclusion and wellbeing of children and persons with disabilities through educational, recreational and community-based activities. Events organized to mark International Children's Day promoted social participation, wellbeing, children's rights, healthy lifestyles and community inclusion for children with disabilities and their families. Additional community health activities provided health consultations, health screenings,

health advice, psychosocial support and humanitarian assistance to children with disabilities and their caregivers, improving access to basic services and strengthening family wellbeing.

Further efforts to support inclusion focused on education and early childhood development. Through the 'Let's Learn Through Play' project, implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, the National Society supported young children from low-income families through play-based learning activities that promoted early childhood development, school readiness and equal access to educational opportunities for children who might otherwise be excluded from preschool education.

IFRC network joint support

The **IFRC** supported the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society in implementing humanitarian activities for vulnerable populations through collaborative partnerships. Through its partnership with Procter & Gamble (P&G), the IFRC also supported the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society in providing baby-care assistance to low-income families, pregnant women, and mothers of newborn children.

The **Turkish Red Crescent** strengthened bilateral cooperation with the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society through joint humanitarian initiatives. The National Society also contributed to the promotion of humanitarian values through joint humanitarian campaigns with the Turkish Red Crescent.

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**. 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 [Seville Agreement 2.0](#).

External coordination

During the reporting period, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued to strengthen strategic and operational coordination with public authorities, international organizations, regional partners and private sector stakeholders. Internal coordination mechanisms at headquarters, regional and governance levels were used to review operational achievements, assess preparedness capacities and identify priorities for 2026. Coordination meetings involving regional coordinators, branch staff, volunteers and governance members focused on humanitarian activities, emergency preparedness, volunteer development, branch capacity, contingency planning and organizational priorities. These discussions resulted in agreed actions to strengthen programme implementation, branch coordination, emergency response capacity and volunteer readiness across the National Society.

Cooperation with international organizations and government institutions remained active throughout the reporting period. Participation in inter-agency coordination meetings supported information sharing, contingency planning and preparedness for potential humanitarian emergencies. The National Society also worked closely with the Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action (ANAMA), the Ministry of Emergency Situations and the State Committee for Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons to strengthen cooperation on disaster risk reduction, mine risk education, community awareness and emergency preparedness. These coordination efforts helped clarify roles and responsibilities, establish implementation mechanisms, identify priority locations for activities, promote a common understanding of humanitarian priorities and strengthen preparedness for potential emergencies.

Regional cooperation continued through participation in activities under the Turkic Red Network, including humanitarian initiatives during Ramadan and joint activities involving organizations from Azerbaijan, Türkiye, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. These initiatives promoted regional cooperation, volunteer engagement, mutual support and the exchange of humanitarian experience while aiding vulnerable communities.

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society also continued strengthening its institutional preparedness and operational readiness through organizational development initiatives, preparedness assessments and emergency response planning. Priority actions were identified to enhance staff and volunteer management, preparedness and response systems, logistics and supply chain management, resource mobilization, finance and administration and overall organizational capacity. Operational preparedness was further reinforced through the procurement and pre-positioning of emergency relief items and operational equipment, including family hygiene kits, first aid kits, personal protective equipment, psychosocial support kits, emergency shelter and camp support items, communication equipment, volunteer equipment and information materials to support rapid humanitarian response when needed.

Collaboration with the private sector remained an important component of humanitarian assistance and resource mobilization efforts. Partnerships with companies, financial institutions and community organizations supported the distribution of food parcels, household items, medicines and other forms of assistance to vulnerable households, older people and low-income families in different regions of the country. These partnerships contributed to meeting immediate humanitarian needs while strengthening cooperation between the National Society and private sector stakeholders.

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society also maintained efforts to mobilize local resources through its online fundraising platform and donation boxes placed in supermarkets and public spaces. Funds raised through these channels supported small-scale humanitarian assistance initiatives and reflected the continued commitment of private donors and community supporters to the humanitarian mission of the National Society.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In 2026, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued advancing its institutional development by strengthening internal systems, volunteer engagement, staff capacities and operational coordination. A key focus was the further development of the Youth Red Network, which strengthened youth engagement and volunteer management through the establishment of its organizational structure, adoption of the Youth Policy, expansion of partnerships with universities, recruitment of new volunteers and investment in leadership and capacity development. Building on regional cooperation under the Turkic Red Network, these efforts enhanced the National Society's ability to engage young people in humanitarian action and support its long-term organizational development.

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society also invested in staff capacity development and regional cooperation through participation in the Experience Sharing and Capacity Building Programme under the Turkic Red Network. The programme facilitated peer learning and the exchange of operational experience in corporate communications, event management, migration services and Restoring Family Links (RFL). The programme concluded with discussions on continued cooperation and future joint activities within the Turkic Red Network.

The National Society further reinforced its role within Azerbaijan's disaster management system through participation in a seminar organized under the European Union's Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Natural and Man-made Disasters in the Eastern Partnership Countries (PPRD East4) programme. Bringing together national institutions and

international experts, the seminar focused on civil protection, disaster risk management, preparedness, emergency response, early warning systems, international assistance procedures, digital information management and inter-agency coordination. The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society contributed its experience in [community-based disaster risk reduction](#) and emergency preparedness, reaffirming its role as a trusted partner in national disaster preparedness and resilience efforts through continued cooperation with public authorities and international partners.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the Red Crescent Society of Azerbaijan in advancing its institutional development through tailored technical assistance and targeted knowledge transfer.

The **Turkish Red Crescent** hosted the Experience Sharing and Capacity Building Programme under the Turkic Red Network in which Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society participated, facilitating peer learning. Participants observed field practices, public health activities, and operational approaches of the Turkish Red Crescent, while visits to the Turkish Red Crescent Archive and Museum and Anitkabir provided opportunities to exchange perspectives on humanitarian history and institutional development. The programme concluded with discussions on continued cooperation and future joint activities within the Turkic Red Network, further strengthening collaboration between the two National Societies.



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued to strengthen its [humanitarian diplomacy](#) and communications through engagement with Movement partners, government institutions, diplomatic missions, international organizations, civil society and the wider public.

Cooperation with Movement partners remained a key component of the National Society's humanitarian diplomacy efforts. Under the coordination of the Turkic Red Network Secretariat, Secretaries General of member National Societies met to discuss priority areas of cooperation and opportunities to strengthen coordination, effectiveness and sustainability through joint humanitarian initiatives grounded in shared humanitarian values. Participation in the Solferino 2026 Strategic Leadership Dialogue provided opportunities to exchange experiences and good practices on humanitarian diplomacy, disaster preparedness, climate change, migration, health, digital transformation, volunteer engagement and youth leadership, contributing to institutional learning and future strategic planning.

Regional cooperation and technical exchange were further strengthened through the Turkic Red Network. An online webinar organized with member National Societies provided a platform to exchange experiences and lessons learned in [first aid](#), mine risk education and [youth engagement](#), while identifying future priorities and strengthening cooperation through the sharing of operational knowledge and expertise.

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society also expanded engagement with external stakeholders and promoted humanitarian priorities through national and international platforms. As a member of the National Tuberculosis Coalition, the National Society participated in the 13th World Urban Forum in Baku, using the platform to strengthen partnerships and promote dialogue on public health, social inclusion and tuberculosis prevention. Engagement with diplomatic missions also continued, including discussions with the Embassy of the Republic of Chile in Azerbaijan on opportunities for humanitarian cooperation, knowledge exchange in Restoring Family Links ([RFL](#)), institutional collaboration, and mutual support for humanitarian activities in line with the [Fundamental Principles](#) of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Efforts to preserve and promote the institutional history of the National Society also continued. Preparatory work began with the National Museum of History of Azerbaijan to establish a dedicated Red Crescent Corner that will showcase archival documents, photographs, publications and historical artefacts highlighting the humanitarian legacy and contribution of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society.

The National Society further strengthened its public communications through its website and social media platforms, promoting humanitarian action, emergency response activities, volunteer engagement, health campaigns and disaster preparedness initiatives. Regular publication of digital content and sustained online engagement helped

increase the visibility of the National Society's humanitarian work, strengthen public awareness and support outreach to communities across the country.

IFRC network joint support

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

Coordination with the **Italian Red Cross** continued through regular meetings focused on project implementation, operational planning and future priorities.

The President of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society also met with the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (**ICRC**) to review ongoing cooperation, particularly in the area of Restoring Family Links (**RFL**), and to reaffirm the importance of continued partnership in addressing humanitarian needs and supporting vulnerable communities affected by conflicts and crises.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

During the reporting period, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued strengthening its organizational systems, governance processes and operational capacities to improve accountability, transparency, efficiency and evidence-based decision-making. As part of its digital transformation efforts, the National Society continued utilizing the government-operated Labour and Employment Subsystem for the electronic management of employment relationships, contracts, personnel records, salaries, leave balances, social insurance, disability status and other human resource information. The system enhanced the efficiency, accuracy, transparency and accessibility of human resource management processes while supporting informed organizational decision-making.

The National Society also continued using the SINAM Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to strengthen financial management and accountability. The system supports accounting, budgeting, payroll, fixed asset management, project administration, financial monitoring and reporting through a centralized platform. Its continued application strengthened internal financial controls, improved transparency and donor accountability, facilitated compliance with national accounting requirements and supported timely financial reporting for both institutional and programme management purposes.

Volunteer management systems were further strengthened through the continued expansion of the Youth Red Network. While Emergency Mobile Volunteer Team volunteers remained focused on emergency preparedness and response activities, the Youth Red Network provided a broader framework for engaging volunteers in humanitarian programmes, capacity-building initiatives, community outreach and cooperation with educational institutions, contributing to long-term volunteer development across the National Society.

Operational support functions were also reinforced through an inventory review of the central warehouse and the introduction of standardized reporting templates, improving inventory management, traceability, stock control and reporting accuracy. In addition, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society continued strengthening its planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (**PMER**) function by integrating PMER into its organizational structure to enhance data collection, programme monitoring, performance tracking, evidence-based planning and reporting across all stages of programme implementation. During the reporting period, the National Society published its 2025 Annual Report and organized a Unified Planning session for thematic departments and technical staff, strengthening internal coordination, reviewing organizational priorities and supporting the development of coherent sectoral plans and results-based management for the upcoming operational cycle.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC continued supporting the institutionalization of the planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting (PMER) system within the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society through regular coordination with the PMER focal point, the provision of technical guidance and capacity-strengthening support, and assistance in defining, designing and achieving PMER milestones. The IFRC also provided financial and technical support for PMER development, including support for the publication of the National Society's 2025 Annual Report and ongoing efforts to strengthen monitoring, evaluation, reporting and organizational learning capacities.

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

- Implementation during the reporting period reinforced the importance of maintaining flexibility in programme planning, particularly in areas affected by the ongoing resettlement process
- Adapting implementation of locations and schedules in close coordination with local authorities and communities helped ensure that activities were delivered where conditions and community readiness were allowed, while minimizing disruptions to planned results
- The reporting period also highlighted the value of investing in local capacity through volunteers, branch networks and community-based approaches
- Strengthening community ownership, preparedness and volunteer leadership improved the quality and sustainability of programme implementation and will continue to be prioritized in future interventions
- Experience from preparedness initiatives, including the Preparedness for Effective Response (PER) process, highlighted the importance of strong organizational preparedness
- Future programming will continue to strengthen cross-sectoral planning, coordination and preparedness to improve the effectiveness of humanitarian action

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 demonstrates 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)
Core Questions	
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
Additional Questions	
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



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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 2026. 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 2026 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](#) (Note: For emergency operation, see [MDRAZ005](#).)
- [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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