



TURKMENISTAN

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IN SUPPORT OF THE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY OF TURKMENISTAN



5

National Society branches



39

National Society local units



3,180

National Society volunteers



137

National Society staff

PEOPLE REACHED

Climate and environment



10,318

Disasters and crises



10,318

Health and wellbeing



16,896

Migration and displacement



66

Values, power and inclusion



5,894

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

in Swiss francs (CHF)

Country	Funding Requirement	2.1M
IFRC Secretariat	Longer-term Funding Requirement	191,000
	Funding	Not reported
	Expenditure	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	Funding Requirement	1.9M
	Funding	746,000

Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan

Overview

Funding	Not reported
Expenditure	294,000

Funding Sources

IFRC Secretariat	50,000
Participating National Societies	Not reported
HNS other funding sources	746,000

Appeal number **MAATM002**

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

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Climate and environment	National Society is implementing environmental or climate campaigns focused on behaviour change, plastic reduction or clean-ups.	0
	National Society is implementing nature-based solutions (including those with a particular focus on the planting of trees and mangroves).	0
	National Society is supported in developing and implementing strategies and plans that address rising climate and environmental risks.	0
	Number of people reached with activities to address rising climate risks.	10,000
Disasters and crises	Number of people reached per year with support services, in-kind, cash and voucher assistance for emergency response and recovery.	44
	Number of people reached with disaster risk reduction.	10,000
	Number of people reached with livelihoods support	64
Health and wellbeing	Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate health services.	1,000
	Number of people reached by National Societies with contextually appropriate water, sanitation and hygiene services.	17,000
	Number of people reached with psychosocial and mental health services.	637
	Number of people trained by National Societies in first aid.	3,000
Migration and displacement	National Society has undertaken any advocacy, dialogues, educational or communication initiatives to change the legal, policy, or operational environment to better assist and protect people on the move.	Yes
	National Society has undertaken any data collection, research, analysis or other information management initiatives to better assist and protect people on the move.	Yes
	Number of Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) that provided assistance and/or protection to people on the move along land based migration routes.	0
	Number of migrants and displaced persons reached with services for assistance and protection.	66
Values, power and inclusion	National Society reports that they have integrated and institutionalised Community Engagement and Accountability in their policies, operations, and procedures (with clear benchmarks).	0
	Number of people reached by protection, gender and inclusion programming.	625
	Number of people reached by RCRC educational programmes.	6,000
	Number of people whose access to education is facilitated through RCRC programming.	194

ENABLING FUNCTIONS

Strategic and operational coordination	National Society increases the number of government led platforms in which they are actively participating to achieve humanitarian or development goals.	5
	Number of formal interagency/international coordination platforms the IFRC Network is part of.	3
National Society development	National Society covers health, accident and death compensation for all of their volunteers.	0
	National Society develops and/or implements a strategy for strengthening their auxiliary role	Yes
	National Society has created and implemented youth engagement strategies.	Yes
	National Society has One National Society Development country plan created.	Yes
Humanitarian diplomacy	National Society has domestic advocacy strategies developed aligning, at least in part, with global IFRC advocacy strategies	Yes
	National Society is participating in IFRC-led campaigns.	Yes
Accountability and agility	National Society has a functioning data management systems that inform decision making and support monitoring and reporting on the impact and evidence of the IFRC network's contributions.	Yes
	National Society has a Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) policy to enforce prevention and support survivors.	0
	National Society has a PSEA Action Plan to enforce prevention and support survivors (cumulative).	0
	National Society has implemented a digital transformation roadmap in line with the IFRC strategy.	Yes
	National Society has strengthened their integrity risk mechanisms.	Yes

OVERALL PROGRESS

Context

Turkmenistan gained independence in 1991, bordering Iran, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. It operates as a Presidential Republic with a total area of 491.2 square kilometers, making it the second-largest country in the region after Kazakhstan. The country, with about 6 million people, holds a sparse population, and the last published census was in 1995, kept confidential since then.

It is a secular state and was recognized as a permanently neutral state by the UN in 1995. Turkmenistan has diplomatic relations with 151 countries, guarantees religious freedom, and has a separate public education system.

Economically, Turkmenistan is an upper-middle-income country, heavily reliant on gas exports. It has rich natural gas and oil fields, being the world's tenth-largest cotton producer. However, challenges such as poverty persist, especially in rural areas, due to unequal income distribution and limited job opportunities. The economy, heavily dependent on gas exports, has been impacted by events including the conflict in Ukraine, leaving more people at risk of poverty.

Access to education is compulsory up to nine years, with the government providing free primary and secondary education. Though progress has been made, challenges in education quality and availability remain, particularly in remote areas, hindering human development and socio-economic progress.

Key achievements

Climate and environment

By mid-2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan addressed climate change and enhanced community resilience through community-level information sessions. The National Society raised awareness on climate risks and provided practical strategies for adaptation, such as water conservation and sustainable agriculture. The National Society also focused on strengthening local disaster management capacities, engaging volunteers and local committees in disaster risk reduction efforts and climate resilience strategies. Educational materials were produced and disseminated, and training sessions on Sphere Standards were conducted for local officials and volunteers. Additionally, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan carried out research on climate challenges, particularly in relation to soil types, water availability and irrigation, with plans to improve water access and irrigation in vulnerable areas through the distribution of deep-water pumps in the second half of 2024.

Disasters and crises

During the reporting period, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan strengthened its disaster preparedness and enhanced local capacities. Key initiatives included joint disaster response exercises with various government agencies, focusing on improving emergency preparedness through simulation drills across several regions. These exercises engaged local authorities, civil defense and community members, ensuring a collaborative approach to disaster management. The National Society also advanced its readiness for cash and voucher assistance (CVA) in partnership with UNICEF, completing an internal evaluation for efficient disaster relief. Training efforts focused on fire safety and technical preparedness, equipping staff and volunteers for seasonal challenges. Additionally, direct relief was provided to families affected by natural disasters, and extensive community engagement was strengthened through numerous awareness-raising events on emergency preparedness.

Health and wellbeing

By mid-2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan enhanced tuberculosis (TB) treatment and prevention efforts, particularly for patients with drug-resistant TB, through comprehensive medical support, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services and adherence monitoring. The National Society also played a central role in international TB dialogues and regional health initiatives. Health education and public health awareness campaigns, focusing on topics such as healthy eating, hygiene, gender equality and Cancer Day, were carried out nationwide, engaging thousands of individuals. Additionally, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan provided critical humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations, including families and social institutions, while also running language and first aid programmes to strengthen community resilience.

Migration and displacement

By mid-2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan supported stateless individuals and vulnerable migrants. Key initiatives included the implementation of the 'Providing Legal Assistance to Individuals without Official Status and Stateless' project, which facilitated legal support and coordination across several regions, along with training sessions that improved understanding of roles related to statelessness. The National Society also collaborated with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and hosted a significant training conference to strengthen support systems for migrants and stateless individuals. Additionally, the ongoing project focused on empowering women in migration contexts, supported by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), while work on a gender policy to enhance support systems for vulnerable migrants progressed. The National Society also joined the Central Asia Migration Group, reinforcing its commitment to regional cooperation on migration and displacement challenges.

Values, power and inclusion

During the reporting period, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan entered its final phase of the 'Development of Volunteering in Turkmenistan' project, mobilizing a large network of volunteers who played a crucial role in supporting vulnerable populations through various social services, including education and health initiatives. The National Society also advanced gender equality through research on labour migration and the development of policies to combat negative perceptions of female migrants. Continued efforts to address gender-based violence saw the acceptance of a shelter proposal for domestic violence victims, supported by the Canadian embassy. Additionally, the National Society focused on strengthening its community engagement and accountability (CEA) initiatives, with the aim of embedding CEA principles in national legislation and policies, in collaboration with UNICEF and BHA/USAID. These efforts are part of a broader commitment to empowering vulnerable communities and addressing critical social issues, including gender-based violence, statelessness, TB prevention and migrant support.

Enabling local actors

By mid-2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan strengthened its organizational capacity and expanded its community engagement efforts. The National Society successfully created new job opportunities, established strong internal communication through regular council meetings, and participated in key training programmes to enhance staff skills and strengthen collaboration with government agencies and international partners. It also joined the European and Central Asia Youth Network to support the development of volunteering. Key partnerships were further solidified, including a MoU with UNFPA to support families affected by violence and a focus on improving access to social services. The National Society also made progress in [humanitarian diplomacy](#), with consultations on the National Adaptation Plan for Climate Change Action and enhanced public awareness through media coverage and advocacy efforts. Additionally, significant steps were taken in the [digital transformation](#) of the National Society, with the implementation of an e-learning platform to support staff and volunteers.

IFRC NETWORK ACTION

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Climate and environment

Progress by the National Society against objectives

By mid-2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan addressed climate change and improved community resilience. A core part of these efforts was the organization of community-level information sessions aimed at enabling local populations to effectively absorb, adapt and transform in response to climate change impacts. These sessions were conducted in multiple regions, focusing on raising awareness of climate risks, such as droughts, water scarcity and flooding, and providing practical strategies for climate adaptation, such as water

conservation techniques and sustainable agriculture practices.

Additionally, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan worked to enhance community capacity to address the evolving impacts of climate change. Through local disaster management committees (LDMCs) and volunteer networks, the National Society empowered communities to take ownership of climate adaptation programmes. As part of this initiative, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan conducted mapping exercises in five pilot regions and settlements, where it updated databases of local disaster management capacities. This process involved engaging local volunteers and committee members, who were trained in disaster risk reduction and climate resilience strategies.

To further strengthen preparedness, the Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan was involved in the development and dissemination of educational materials. Printed, video and audio resources were produced and distributed to target communities, aimed at enhancing knowledge on disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation and Sphere Standards. The Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan conducted training sessions on Sphere Standards across the pilot regions, training local government officials, community leaders and volunteers on humanitarian response standards.

The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan is also conducting additional research with local communities and the government to understand the specific climate challenges they face. The research, which includes studies on soil types, water availability and suitable water pumps, has been a critical part of the National Society's efforts to adapt to climate change. As a result of this research, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan plans to purchase and distribute deep-water pumps to five settlements in the second half of 2024 to improve water access and irrigation systems in climate-vulnerable areas.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan in participating in the 'Strengthening Local and National Capacities for Emergency Preparedness and Response in High Earthquake Risk and Natural Hazards Prone Countries of Central Asia' project, which is scheduled to run from January to December 2024. The IFRC has played a key role in providing technical support and resources for this initiative. In particular, the IFRC supported the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan with the purchase of deep-water pumps. The IFRC also contributed to capacity-building activities.



The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan trains teachers, youth and vulnerable individuals in first aid, safety rules and personal assistance. (Photo: National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan)



Disasters and crises

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

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan focused on enhancing disaster preparedness and strengthening local capacities. This was done through several initiatives outlined in its development strategy for 2021-2025 and the annual plan for 2024, including joint disaster response exercises with civil defence, fire safety and road safety departments. These exercises, organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior and local authorities, aimed to improve emergency preparedness. Simulation exercises were conducted across various regions, including Lebap, Balkan, Dashoguz and Ahal velayats, with over 1,500 participants, including government officials, civil defence and community members. The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan also conducted 18 educational events in Ahal velayat (442 participants), 9 events in Balkan velayat (265 participants), 13 events in Dashoguz velayat (536 participants), 4 events in Mary velayat (181 participants) and one training in the Lebap velayat's Danevsky district on flood-related operations (250 participants). These efforts aimed to ensure the community is well-prepared for emergencies.

A key initiative for the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan during this period was the assessment and preparation for implementing cash and voucher assistance (CVA) in partnership with UNICEF. This internal evaluation of the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan's readiness for CVA implementation was completed in February 2024. This collaborative effort will allow the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan to deliver efficient and timely assistance to disaster-affected populations. The Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan also strengthened its internal capacity with two fire safety and technical safety training sessions for staff and volunteers, focusing on the spring-summer season.

Additionally, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan provided direct assistance to 42 families (107 individuals) who had been impacted by various natural hazards. These families received essential relief items such as blankets, hygiene kits and essential household items, totalling CHF 8,137. The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan also continued efforts in community engagement by conducting 420 awareness-raising events and trainings on emergency preparedness, which reached 11,916 individuals.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided essential technical support to the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan in disaster preparedness, response capacity and community engagement. Through its partnership with the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan, the IFRC helped conduct several training and assessment workshops focused on strengthening the capacity of the National Society staff and volunteers to deliver effective humanitarian assistance during emergencies. The IFRC also played a critical role in the preparation of the Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan's CVA plan, offering technical guidance and expertise to ensure the implementation of a streamlined and effective assistance mechanism.

In addition, the IFRC facilitated collaboration between the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan and international partners such as the UNICEF to enhance the implementation of emergency preparedness and disaster risk reduction activities. Experts from UNICEF, supported by the IFRC, led a series of training sessions across Turkmenistan, reaching local authorities and educators with knowledge on emergency preparedness and climate risk reduction.



Health and wellbeing

Progress by the National Society against objectives

In the first half of 2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan focused on improving public health through disease prevention, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and community health education. A primary focus was on tuberculosis (TB) treatment and prevention. The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan, in collaboration with the Global Fund, provided critical support to 637 patients with drug-resistant TB, offering MHPSS assistance, ensuring treatment adherence and conducting

3,930 patient consultations. Additionally, 75 educational events were organized for patients and their families, alongside the distribution of incentive food packages. The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan also introduced video surveillance as part of its TB treatment programme and received new equipment and a vehicle through support from Global Fund and UNDP.

The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan has been actively involved in international dialogues on TB. In June 2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan participated in a high-level regional meeting in Tashkent, organized by the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the Stop TB Partnership. The meeting brought together stakeholders from 13 countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia to discuss challenges related to drug-resistant TB (DR-TB). The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan presented its ongoing efforts in combating TB and contributed to discussions on the need for further fundraising and political commitment.

In terms of health education and public health awareness, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan organized multiple campaigns across the country, including initiatives focused on healthy eating, cleanliness and hygiene, gender equality and Cancer Day. These initiatives were part of Turkmenistan's broader State Programme for Health, which the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan helped implement. As a result, more than 13,743 individuals participated in various events, including first aid training and health awareness campaigns. The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan conducted 153 paid first aid training sessions, reaching 2,884 people and 97 free courses, reaching 2,061 participants. These events were spread across Turkmenistan's five provinces and Ashgabat city.

The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan also provided humanitarian assistance to 4,074 individuals and 21 social care institutions. The total value of the humanitarian assistance provided was CHF 1,25,922. This assistance included both material aid and emotional support services. The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan also ran language clubs for children from low-income families and provided free first aid training to citizens, helping to further increase community resilience.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided crucial technical support to the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan in various aspects of health and wellbeing initiatives, including support for the CVA preparedness and assessment, as well as technical guidance for TB treatment programmes. Additionally, IFRC facilitated the National Society's participation in international dialogues on TB, including the WHO regional meeting in Tashkent.



Migration and displacement

Progress by the National Society against objectives

By mid-2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan continued its work to support stateless individuals and vulnerable migrants across the country. The project 'Providing Legal Assistance to Individuals without Official Status and Stateless' was implemented in the Balkans, Dashoguz, Lebap, Mary and Ashgabat regions. A key activity in April 2024 was a training conference held in Konya-Urgench, Dashoguz region, with 20 participants, including representatives from the Dashoguz Migration Service, passport department, municipality and frontier service. This event facilitated better coordination and understanding of roles related to identification, legal support and coordination for stateless persons and those with unidentified citizenship.

In total, 85 stateless individuals from across Turkmenistan applied for legal status under this project, with 37 stateless individuals and 48 people with unidentified citizenship successfully identified. The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan worked closely with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), with representatives visiting in January and May 2024 to review and evaluate the project's progress. In May 2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan also hosted a three-day training conference with 45 participants from the State Migration Service, the Ombudsman's Office and the State Frontier Service. This training provided valuable insights into strengthening the support system for migrants and stateless individuals.

Additionally, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan continued its ongoing project 'Protecting Vulnerable Migrants with Special Emphasis on Women's Empowerment,' supported by the International Organization for Migration

(IOM). This project focuses on empowering women in the context of migration in Central Asia. The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan is also in the process of developing and implementing a gender policy to strengthen support systems for vulnerable migrants, with the project running from June to October 2024, supported by a budget of CHF 4,310. As part of this project, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan is conducting research on gender policy, complaint systems, protocols and safety measures for applicants.

In early 2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan became a member of the Council of the Migration Group among National Societies of Central Asia, which was established at the end of 2023. The National Society's participation in the first council meeting highlighted its commitment to collaborative efforts in the region for addressing migration and displacement issues.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan with training and technical assistance. In collaboration with the UNHCR, the IFRC facilitated the organization of the three-day training conference in May 2024 for the National Society staff and key migration stakeholders.

The ICRC supports the National Society in restoring family links (RFL) services.



Values, power and inclusion

Progress by the National Society against objectives

The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan promoted values of inclusion, empowerment and community engagement and accountability (CEA) in the first half of 2024. A key project, 'Development of Volunteering in Turkmenistan,' entered its final phase. By mid-2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan had mobilized 3,120 volunteers, who played an essential role in providing support and social services to vulnerable populations, including disabled individuals, elderly people and children from large families. These volunteers engaged in various activities, such as providing language courses, cleaning for elderly individuals and offering art therapy for orphans. The volunteers participated in 467 information sessions across 17 youth centres, focusing on emergency preparedness, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and climate change, reaching a total of 8,728 young people.

In addition, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan staff, with support from IOM, conducted research and surveys on gender policy, focusing on the negative perceptions and stereotypes of female labour migrants. They also worked on mechanisms to address these issues. The National Society continued to address gender-based violence through its 'Prevention of Domestic Violence and Inadequate Behaviours' project, with the Canadian embassy's support for a shelter for domestic violence victims. The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan's proposal for a shelter and legal services was accepted by the donor, and the project is pending funding of CHF 26,939.

Through the 'Family Support Centers' project on domestic violence, supported by UNFPA, the National Society recruited 19 staff, including a project coordinator, a social specialist and a psychologist, who will manage hotlines across five branches and the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan headquarters.

In collaboration with the UNICEF and BHA/USAID, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan is also strengthening CEA within its emergency preparedness and response programmes. The National Society is working to institutionalize CEA in national legislation and policies related to emergency response and preparedness. The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan's ongoing programmes include various projects with significant impacts, such as those on gender-based violence, support for stateless persons, TB prevention and empowerment of vulnerable migrants, especially women.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC is providing support to the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan in integrating CEA across its activities, including within pilot communities and secondary schools. Additionally, IFRC's backing of gender policy development through partnerships with IOM and its contribution to training in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) have been crucial in advancing the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan's work in values and inclusion.

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 Kyrgyzstan** provides peer-to-peer support to the Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan in volunteer development, youth management and home care. The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan also held meetings during the reporting period to initiate the signing of Memorandums of Understanding and planning with the **Turkish Red Crescent** and the **Qatar Red Crescent**.

Movement coordination

The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan ensures regular exchanges with the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) 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** collaborates with the National Society to promote International Humanitarian Law ([IHL](#)) through educational programmes and workshops targeting military personnel, government officials, legal professionals and the public. Its goal is to increase understanding and adherence to IHL principles, such as the protection of non-combatants and prisoners of war, and the prohibition of indiscriminate attacks. The initiative also includes creating accessible IHL materials, launching public awareness campaigns, providing legal support for conflict victims and advocating for the integration of IHL into national and international laws. It also supports the National Society in [RFL](#) services for migrants and displaced population.

External coordination

During the reporting period, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan actively engaged with various authorities to strengthen its [auxiliary role](#) and strengthen both national and international collaboration. The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan is a key member of the State Interagency Commission for Emergencies and Disasters, contributing to efforts aimed at informing and preparing the population for potential emergencies and disasters, thus enhancing community resilience.

The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan also participates in the Interdepartmental Commission for Ensuring the Fulfillment of Turkmenistan's International Commitments in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, reinforcing its dedication to upholding international standards.

The National Society is also involved in several interdepartmental coordinating committees for key health programmes, including malaria prevention, HIV/AIDS and STD prevention, the National TB Control Strategy, safe handling of medical waste and safe motherhood, demonstrating its active role in health initiatives.

Additionally, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan is engaged with the Turkmenistan Commission for the Prevention of Human Trafficking, contributing to efforts in combating human trafficking. The National Society

also participates in the Interagency Commission on Environmental Protection, emphasizing its commitment to environmental issues and the integration of humanitarian efforts with broader ecological concerns.

The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan collaborates with various UN agencies on diverse initiatives aimed at addressing critical societal needs and strengthening community resilience. The National Society works closely with UNDP and UNICEF, focusing on disaster mitigation, preparedness and climate adaptation while also enhancing volunteer capabilities to manage natural disasters effectively. Additionally, the National Society partners with different UN bodies on specialized projects: managing the distribution cycle of social assistance for TB patients with support from the GLOBAL FUND, providing legal aid to stateless individuals in collaboration with UNHCR, conducting community-based disaster risk reduction measures in Central Asia under the IFRC and implementing measures to enhance education, healthcare, sanitation and emergency readiness in vulnerable areas of the Aral Sea region through UNICEF programmes.

In the area of resource mobilization, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan is actively seeking support, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises involved in social initiatives. The National Society acknowledges the importance of both domestic and international support as part of its strategic planning process. To strengthen its resource mobilization strategies, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan is working to garner full support from the IFRC, recognizing the importance of joint coordination efforts for the sustainable success of these initiatives.



National Society development

Progress by the National Society against objectives

By mid-2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan successfully established 170 job positions, employing a total of 137 individuals across its offices. The National Society also held two planned Central Council meetings, six meetings with regional branch councils and four meetings with local branches. These gatherings were integral in strengthening communication and coordination within the National Society.

Throughout the first half of 2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan project staff participated in various events and training sessions aimed at improving their skills, which also facilitated closer collaboration with government agencies, international partners and non-governmental organizations. Additionally, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan joined the European and Central Asia Youth Network (ECAYN) to further promote volunteering within the National Society.

On 26-27 March 2024, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan held emergency preparedness and response training for 80 new volunteers in Ashgabat. As part of the 'Development of Volunteering in Turkmenistan' project, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan volunteers conducted 467 lessons and activities as peer educators for children.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC supported the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan's efforts in the development of volunteering initiatives and the implementation of various projects aimed at strengthening the National Society's overall effectiveness.

The **Spanish Red Cross** supports the National Society in the project 'Development of volunteering in Turkmenistan.'



Humanitarian diplomacy

Progress by the National Society against objectives

Within the framework of humanitarian diplomacy, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan began consultations with the Government of Turkmenistan and UNDP to contribute to the preparation of the National Adaptation Plan for Climate Change Action.

Throughout the reporting period, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan's activities were widely covered, appearing in over 187 instances across various media outlets. This included 44 mentions in newspapers and magazines, 96 on media websites, 34 on television and 13 on radio.

The National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan also carried out 34 raids to monitor the implementation of Turkmenistan's 'Law on the Use and Protection of the Symbols of the Red Crescent and the Red Cross.' No violations of the law were identified during these monitoring activities.

An important milestone was the signing of a MoU between the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan and UNFPA, which was also approved by the government. This partnership is focused on strengthening collaboration in providing social services and support to families affected by violence. The joint work will improve access to social services, including a hotline, psychological counseling and social support within an interdepartmental coordination framework, with a particular focus on addressing gender-based violence.

Additionally, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan planned and executed training programmes on IHL in higher educational institutions across Turkmenistan. A significant event on IHL, attended by 1,200 people, was organized in collaboration with the Institute of International Relations under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan, with related advertisements placed in newspapers and magazines.

Throughout the reporting period, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan organized multiple events on the fundamental principles of international humanitarian law (IHL) and restoring family links (RFL), reaching over 5,694 people across all regions of the country.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided support to the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan in its humanitarian diplomacy efforts by facilitating consultations with the government and UNDP for the integration of the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan into the National Adaptation Plan on Climate Change Action. The IFRC also supported NRCST in its media coverage and advocacy efforts, helping to raise awareness of its work across a wide range of platforms. Additionally, the IFRC contributed to the partnership between the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan and UNFPA.

The ICRC supported the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan in conducting training programmes on IHL and RFL.



Accountability and agility (cross-cutting)

Progress by the National Society against objectives

As part of its commitment to enhancing accountability and agility, the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan made progress during the reporting period in its digital transformation efforts. The implementation of the Moodle system, an e-learning platform, marks a key achievement in the first phase of the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan's digital transformation project. This platform provides an information-resource center for the National Society staff and volunteers, strengthening their capacity to deliver effective services and engage with the communities they serve. The integration of this digital tool has improved the accessibility of educational resources and training materials, allowing staff and volunteers to continuously enhance their skills and contribute to more efficient operations.

The National Society utilized the IFRC Capacity Building Fund (CBF) to install the Moodle programme. More than 50 modules were downloaded in the database for the use by the staff and volunteers of the National Society.

IFRC network joint support

The IFRC provided essential support to the National Red Crescent Society of Turkmenistan's digital transformation initiatives through the implementation of the Moodle programme. The IFRC supported the National Society by providing the CBF to implement the digital transformation initiative.

The IFRC's eLearning platform was also launched, where both staff and volunteers are utilizing it for their learning and development.



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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 2024. However, due to the diversity of the IFRC and differences in fiscal years, this coverage may not fully align for some National Societies. Mid-year reporting data may have been based on estimations, with plans to submit more robust numbers at the annual reporting stage.
- **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 light 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".
- **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.
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