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### In Brief

Appeal No. 05AA068; Annual Report; Period covered: January - December 2005

Appeal target: CHF 1,177,010 (USD 973,365 or EUR 754,270); Appeal coverage: 117 % *(Please click here to go directly to the attached Financial Report).*

#### Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

Azerbaijan Annual Appeal 2005. For details please see the website at [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA068.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA068.pdf)

Azerbaijan Annual Appeal 2005 – Programme Update no.1. For details please see the website at [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA06801.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual05/05AA06801.pdf)

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## Key financial and operational issues

The focus of the programmes implemented by the Azerbaijan Red Crescent in 2005 was on meeting the urgent needs of the communities and developing capacities of the National Society in the core areas, namely:

- improving health conditions of vulnerable people (health and care programme);
- increasing public awareness on natural and man-made disasters and strengthening skills of the National Society to respond to disasters effectively (disaster management);
- decreasing violence and tolerance and promoting tolerance and respect all cultural diversity (humanitarian values programme) and;
- strengthening the organization to deliver better services to communities (organizational development)

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent estimates that throughout January-December 2005, it reached 114,474 people through its programmes.

All programmes were directly implemented by the Red Crescent through its network of branches and volunteers<sup>1</sup>. The Federation, through its delegations in Baku and Ankara, has been providing technical support and monitoring of the implementation to ensure the resources were deployed as planned.

Response to the appeal 2005 has been good. The Federation raised CHF 1,377,798 to help the Azerbaijan Red Crescent to achieve its objectives, which is 117 per cent of what was requested. The income includes CHF 512,982 (i.e.43.6 per cent of the appeal budget) that was carried over from 2004 to support the continuation of the projects in 2005. CHF 40,000 arrived in February 2005 from the Federation's Capacity Building Fund. The Norwegian Red Cross allocated further CHF 611,650 in May 2005. This has been the largest contribution this year. The Republic of Korea Red Cross pledged additional CHF 78,590. The Netherlands Red Cross allocated CHF 32,264. The Finnish Red Cross and Canadian Red Cross granted CHF 102,312 to cover the salary of Federation representative in Azerbaijan.

As a result of the revision, the appeal budget has been increased from CHF 1,032,138 to CHF 1,177,010. In comparison with appeal budget, the revised operational budget was decreased by 13 per cent. The reason for reducing slightly the operational budget was to make it more realistic and achievable in the light of the National Society's tight capacity to reach the set objectives by the end of year.

The total expenditure in 2005 was CHF 922,628, which is 67 per cent of the income and 78 per cent of the appeal budget. The Azerbaijan Red Crescent implemented its activities according to the plan, with 67 per cent of the income being spent by 31 December 2005; the remaining CHF 455,169 was agreed to be transferred to support the implementation of the programmes in 2006.

The table below shows the income and expenditure against the original appeal budget per each programme and project as of 31 December 2005.

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<sup>1</sup> The total number of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent volunteers is 15,899.

**Table 1. The appeal coverage, expenditure and remaining balance by the end of 2005**

Programmes/projects	Appeal budget (CHF)	Income (CHF)	Appeal coverage (%)	Revised operation appeal budget	Expenditure			Balance (CHF)
					CHF	% of the revised ops budget	% of income	
<b>Health and care programme</b>	<b>244,052</b>	<b>347,808</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>240,013</b>	<b>174,317</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>173,491</b>
Health promotion and education including volunteer blood donor recruitment (401)	104,733	217,207	207	131,884	79,585	76	37	137,622
HIV/AIDS (402)	139,319	130,601	94	108,129	94,732	68	73	35,869
<b>Disaster preparedness and response &amp; First Aids (160)</b>	<b>375,603</b>	<b>312,901</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>280,294</b>	<b>223,171</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>89,730</b>
<b>Humanitarian values Programme (301)</b>	<b>118,552</b>	<b>135,310</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>116,002</b>	<b>103,521</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>31,789</b>
<b>Organisational Development programme</b>	<b>329,713</b>	<b>474,550</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>360,932</b>	<b>314,422</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>160,128</b>
Programme planning and management skills development (013)	110,494	156,137	141	123,704	102,336	93	66	53,801
Branch development (008)	126,170	177,492	141	151,265	145,478	115	82	32,014
Youth development (022)	93,049	140,921	152	85,963	66,608	72	47	74,313
<b>Contribution and implementation</b>	<b>109,090</b>	<b>107,228</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>109,071</b>	<b>107,197</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,177,010</b>	<b>1,377,797</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1,106,312</b>	<b>922,628</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>455,169</b>

Within the year the Red Crescent recorded noticeable progress: 56,746 people were reached on reproductive health, family planning, nutrition, personal hygiene, infectious and preventable diseases, such as Tuberculosis, the importance of immunization and blood donation; 18,889 schoolchildren, students, sex workers, and patients of a skin-venereal hospital attended the Red Crescent training sessions on HIV/AIDS prevention; 27,742 booklets, pocket calendars, posters, folders, T-shirts, caps, ribbons and bags with messages on HIV/AIDS were produced and distributed; 2,075 schoolchildren and their teachers, National Society volunteers, internally displaced people were trained on basic life saving skills; 211 volunteers from Red Crescent primary organizations, regional centres, schoolchildren and students as well as general public were trained on humanitarian values; 12,882 people were reached through PCD programmes; 995 volunteers joined the Red Crescent.

However some of the activities were delayed owing to shortage in planning capacity or implemented in some other form, in particular six public awareness campaigns based on the findings of the vulnerability and capacity assessment in the most disaster prone areas were not implemented as it was decided to give the branch staff of the National Society more time to be prepared for implementation of the planned activities.

The Red Crescent continues to improve capacity on preparedness to respond timely and efficiently to disasters. National Society is going to finalise the disaster management plan, adapting it to Movement's best practices in this area. The Red Crescent local branches will work more directly with beneficiaries and effectively respond to their humanitarian problems as well as utilize PCD methodology to turn beneficiaries from passive recipients of assistance to active partners of the National Society. The work is also focused on improvement close relationships with local authorities, bringing vulnerable groups together with governmental, non-governmental organizations and other relevant partners. One of the main challenges of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent is to minimise its dependence on Federation funding and explore local funding sources. To achieve this objective the National Society, with the support of the country and regional delegations of the International Federation, will develop a roadmap leading to organisational and financial sustainability of the organisation. All these issues are of great importance and have yet to be addressed.

## Programme analysis

### Health and care

**Goal:** Health vulnerability of people of Azerbaijan has reduced.

**Objective:** The Azerbaijan Red Crescent is a key humanitarian actor contributing to improving the health of vulnerable people with a focus on preventive health.

#### Achievements, impact & constraints

##### Health promotion and education

Health promotion and education is among the core activities of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent and carried out through the network of health promoters. Since January 2005, 27,598 people attended individual or group sessions on reproductive health, family planning, nutrition, personal hygiene, infectious and preventable diseases, such as Tuberculosis, and the importance of immunization. These sessions have been organised by 66 Red Crescent health promoters from six regions. A total of 52 volunteers have improved the awareness of 18,214 people on the importance of non-remunerated volunteer blood donation. The Red Crescent was able to reach 7,598 more people than it had estimated to cover during the year with health promotion sessions and 10,934 people more on volunteer blood donor's recruitment. The promotional efforts of the Red Crescent resulted in recruitment of 369 blood donors.



**Marking World Blood Donor Day: At the end of the event, Red Crescent volunteers organized a performance and created a blood drop from a coloured cardboard**

The Red Crescent actively participated in global campaigns. Some 6,076 pupils, students, pregnant women, young girls, pedestrians, representatives from the governmental structures and non-governmental organizations in Baku and regions were reached with Red Crescent campaigns devoted to 24 March, World Tuberculosis Day, 7 April, the World Health Day, 31 May, World No Tobacco Day, 14 June, the World Blood Donor Day and 10 October, World Mental Health Day and 1 December, the World AIDS Day. More than 2,300 T-shirts and caps, guidelines for health promoters and manuals for communities, wall clocks and trinkets were produced and distributed during events.

Health promotion and education work will continue in 2006 by training of health promotion teams with two members in each of three regions on preventive health. Another ten volunteer groups will be recruited and trained in four regions on blood donor recruitment. Trained volunteers in their turn will conduct sessions, seminars and/or round-table discussions on health education and volunteer non-remunerated blood donation. National Society has set the target to educate 30,638 people, recruit and refer to state blood banks 500 non-remunerated volunteer blood donors.

##### HIV/AIDS prevention

To reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and discrimination of people living with it, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent has been working to undermine one of the factors – lack of awareness. According to official statistics there are 867 HIV-infected people in Azerbaijan. The risk of infection is exacerbated by poverty combined with poor public awareness, traditional low usage of condoms, inadequate health and care, and population movement. During the reported period, 18,889 schoolchildren, students, sex workers, and patients of a skin-

venereal hospital passed through seminars on HIV/AIDS organized by 594 Red Crescent peer educators with the aim of reducing the risk of the spread of HIV/AIDS among young people. The questions addressed during the training were: how the human immune system works, what effects HIV causes, how the disease is transmitted and how it can be prevented. Discrimination of people living with HIV/AIDS was also discussed, challenging the youngsters' misconceptions.

The project also supported the production of 27,742 booklets, pocket calendars, posters, folders, T-shirts, caps, ribbons and bags with messages on the disease. The items were distributed during peer-to-peer education sessions and to pedestrians during public campaigns. The campaigns regularly held to attract public attention towards the growing problem of HIV/AIDS included marches on the streets of the main cities with a slogan '*youth against HIV/AIDS*', distribution of hundreds of condoms, organizing performances and drawing competitions for schoolchildren.

This time the Red Crescent marked 1 December, World AIDS Day, by organizing debates held among 50 students from educational institutions of Baku city, the chairman of Social Union on Struggle with AIDS and a person living with HIV/AIDS. During the debates the Red Crescent staff and volunteers explained to the participants that according to the Movement's Fundamental Principles people should be humane towards all categories of the society. Along with that the other events carried out in Baku and five regional centres of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent included seminars on HIV/AIDS held among pupils of secondary schools, drawing competitions, quizzes, solemn event organized in the State Song Theatre named after Rashid Behbudov with demonstration of the Red Crescent's video-clip "Protect yourself. STOP AIDS!", performances of the Red Crescent volunteers and pantomime performance of actors from State Pantomime Theatre, presentation of gifts to the winners of drawing competition and concert with performances of famous Azerbaijan singers, who raised their voices against AIDS claiming "We say No to AIDS!". It is estimated that due to these events the total number of people informed on HIV/AIDS prevention is more than 4,000.

In 2006 with the support of the country and regional delegations of the International Federation, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent will strengthen the cooperation, already started in 2005, with the organisations of people living with HIV/AIDS, just to mention few: "IMDAD" local non-governmental organization, HIV/AIDS Centre, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The International Federation will facilitate joint work plans to contribute to this process.

## Disaster Management



**Providing relief assistance to population of Gamarvan village of Gabala district of Azerbaijan affected by floods in spring of 2005**

**Goal:** The vulnerability of the population of Azerbaijan to disasters has reduced.

**Objective:** The Azerbaijan Red Crescent has strengthened its capacity to prepare for, mitigate and respond to disasters.

### Achievements, impact & constraints

The project is designed to help the Azerbaijan Red Crescent strengthen disaster preparedness and response capacities of the National Society, raise public awareness of the risks and threats associated with the most common hazards. During the year, the Red Cross trained 308 members of National Society's mobile volunteer teams<sup>2</sup> from seven regions, its key staff and

<sup>2</sup> The Red Crescent has seven mobile volunteer teams of 12 to 17 members in each region. During emergencies mobile volunteer teams carry out assessments and respond to disasters. They are skilled in setting up tents, evacuating people from buildings, distributing relief items and providing first aid to an affected population. During non-emergency times,

volunteers in the regional centres on Movement's standards in disaster response, raising community disaster awareness techniques and assessing the needs in emergency situation.

The Red Crescent updated the warehouse procedures. Newly developed forms for stock cards, a warehouse requisition note, monthly and consolidated warehousing stock reports were introduced to Red Crescent warehouse managers and regional coordinators. The computerisation of Red Crescent stock management system is ongoing.

The Red Crescent procured hygienic kits and kitchen sets for 1,050 families from a local company. A total of 98 families (506 members) from six villages of three districts, whose houses were destroyed by fire or floods received blankets, sleeping bags, mattresses, beddings, clothes, rubber boots, shoes, towels, hygiene and kitchen sets, portable gas-stoves, electric ovens, electric kettles, spades and rakes available from the stock.

A VHF basis radio station was installed in Baku regional centre and VHF mobile radio stations were installed in four Red Crescent vehicles bringing the total number of Red Crescent vehicles equipped with VHF to 22. The National Society installed three VHF Motorola GR-500 Repeaters in Baku and Sabirabad TV towers and a governmental building in Lankaran. The Repeaters cover an area of 50-75 km.

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent updated its telecommunications procedures and trained 315 staff members and volunteers from the Red Crescent secretariat in six regional centres and Nakhchivan Autonomous Republican Committee on how to use the radio equipment.

In tandem, 2,075 schoolchildren and their teachers, National Society volunteers, internally displaced people (IDPs) living in the southern camps and employees of local non-governmental organizations were trained in basic life saving skills.

The Red Crescent has developed its roles and responsibilities in emergency situations with the assistance of the Federation delegation and submitted for consideration to UNDP, which is assisting the Government of Azerbaijan in developing the National Emergency Preparedness and Management Strategy.

On 10 September 2005, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent society marked the World First Aid Day with an event in the detention centre for juveniles in Khatai district of Baku city. Representatives from the Federation, the ICRC and "EI" Programme Development Centre participated in it. The event ran under the slogan "First Aid with vulnerable people" among 80 prisoners and employees of the detention centre. During the event Red Crescent volunteers, with support from the First aid coordinator, demonstrated first aid skills. The participants also received brochures on first aid and health promotion and food parcels. On the same day the southern camps and 12 communities of five districts covered by branch development project along with demonstration of first aid skills, organised drawing and first aid competitions conducted by 405 branch and community volunteers and pupils of drama circles.

In 2006 the Red Crescent plans to address the issue of developing a disaster management plan via a participatory approach with involvement of all levels of the National Society - the secretariat and the branches. National Society will also work on developing standard emergency operational procedures and improving logistical capacity. Training workshops on needs assessment, tracing, psychological support, camp management, disaster preparedness and response, the Principle and Rules for Red Cross and the Code of conduct for the Movement for Red Crescent staff and mobile volunteer teams will be carried out as well. The community-based activities on disaster risk reduction and First Aid will be continued in eight communities and expanded to four other communities in disaster prone areas.

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the teams participate in different public campaigns run by the National Society to raise awareness of the risks and threats associated with the most common disasters.

## Humanitarian values

**Goal:** Respect for human beings has increased.

**Objective:** The Azerbaijan Red Crescent has strengthened its capacity to advocate for the respect for human dignity and promote a culture of non-stigmatization and tolerance towards marginalised communities, including people living with HIV/AIDS, elderly people, orphans and disabled children.

### Achievements, impact & constraints

#### Challenging violence and discrimination

The Azerbaijan Red Crescent launched ten training sessions for its volunteers on challenging violence and discrimination in all its forms and promoting tolerance and respect for cultural diversity among other people in their communities. Some 211 volunteers from Red Crescent primary organizations, regional centres, schoolchildren and students as well as general public were trained on humanitarian values and participated in round table discussions. The sessions on humanitarian values helped participants realise how harmful stigma can be by putting themselves in the shoes of stigmatized people – handicapped, people with tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS.

The Red Crescent Society organized a two day picnic in Lankaran for 45 secretariat staff and volunteers from Baku and three regional centres. During the picnic, volunteers received information about tolerance, discrimination and stigma, organized presentations and performances on discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS, TB and drug addicts, expressing ideas on how to change behaviour towards a stigmatized person. A person living with HIV, who attended the Red Crescent picnic, talked openly about his life to warn young people against using drugs and having unsafe sex that put them at risk of infection.



**A picnic for 45 Red Crescent volunteers and a person living with HIV/AIDS held in August 2005 in Lankaran district. Volunteers are preparing presentations of their understanding of the HIV/AIDS problem**

The Red Crescent held a drawing competition under the slogan “We live under the same sun” and an essay contest on the topic, “Humanity is...” among 270 schoolchildren in Baku, Sumgayit and Ganja. Pictures of 96 pupils were exhibited in the Red Crescent Secretariat. The 30 winners of the competition were presented with gifts during the event devoted to 1 December, World AIDS Day.

The Red Crescent produced 18,209 posters, booklets, bags, wall watches, T-shirts, pens, pencils, postcards, envelopes and some souvenirs with the Red Crescent logo and messages such as ‘Let’s respect human dignity’, ‘Discrimination is unacceptable’, and ‘Let’s stop discrimination’.

In 2006, Red Crescent staff from local committees and regional centres will be trained in humanitarian values. Another picnic with Red Crescent volunteers and people living with HIV/AIDS will be organised

to dissipate the myths about HIV/AIDS transmission and help volunteers overcome the fear of socializing with PLWHA. Promotion of humanitarian values through the Red Crescent web-page and local mass media will be continued. Organised seminars, debates and round table discussions with participation of schoolchildren and students will help to increase knowledge of youngsters as well as define their vision on humanitarian values.

#### Improving the image of the Red Crescent

The Red Crescent has been regularly disseminating information on its work through local newspapers and television, as well as internally through Federation communication channels, such as its web site. Since January 2005, 79 news articles as well as volunteer profiles were published in eight local newspapers, web-

pages of the Federation and Library of life. Also, the *Lider* TV channel broadcast 20 TV programmes entitled “In light of the Red Crescent.” Two video clips “Protect yourself from AIDS” and “Give blood and save life” were shown on the monitor of *Imedia Advertising Company* in one of the central streets of Baku during one month (100 times per day) free of charge. The Red Crescent produced a 20-minute documentary about its activities and 13-minute film on, *What does it mean to be a Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteer?*

## Organisational Development

**Goal:** The Azerbaijan Red Crescent positions itself as an effective partner to support communities in confronting day-to-day challenges.

**Objective:** The Azerbaijan Red Crescent is a well-functioning National Society providing better services with greater impact and relevance to the country’s vulnerable people.

### Achievements, impact & constraints

#### Programme planning and management skills development

A total of 25 staff members of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Secretariat in Baku were trained in Project Planning Process (PPP), the Federation’s main planning tool. The training was facilitated by the organizational development manager from the Federation regional delegation in Ankara. The Red Crescent conducted two workshops for 32 chairpersons of local Red Crescent committees and staff members from Ganja and Lankaran regional centres on the Azerbaijan Red Crescent statutes. The training sessions contribute to increasing the understanding of Red Crescent staff on the statutes, different mandates of the governance and management functions, work with the local branches and members.



**Training on Project Planning Process (PPP) held by Organization Development Manager of Regional Delegation of the International Federation among 25 staff members of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Secretariat in Baku**

The Red Crescent also produced 200 issues: 150 copies in Azeri and another 50 in English, of its Strategic Plan for 2005-2007, which defines the prioritised areas in line with the Federation’s strategy 2010<sup>3</sup>.

In addition, 67 staff members from two regional centres and five local committees were trained on how to write a good project proposal.

In 2006 it is planned to conduct training workshops on project planning process (PPP) for staff members from regional centres and branches; develop programme monitoring and evaluation mechanisms with regular implementation; organise CAS learning workshop for Red Crescent staff and start CAS process to enable the National Society to manage its cooperation and develop a sustainability roadmap for the following four years.

#### Branch development

The target Azerbaijan Red Crescent branches continue to work in a participatory community development (PCD) approach. This supports an understanding of the local needs well, designing relevant programmes to support communities in finding solutions to their day-to-day social and health problems and mobilising maximum local resources to strengthen the sustainability of their activities. The branch development project started in June 2003 and was originally focused on four branches. This year the focus was on Sabirabad, Mingachevir, Sumgayit, Ismayilli and Zaqatala branches, which demonstrated in practice their commitment

<sup>3</sup> Strategy 2010 is the document that guides the Federation's actions from 2000 to 2010.

and dedication for process change through PCD method. However, improvement is needed to ensure better and more effective implementation of all stages of the project cycle, especially at the community level. In 2006 the Federation delegations in Baku and Ankara will provide technical assistance and twinning of staff from the National Societies already experienced in PCD to help achieve the objective.

Since January 2005, 1,415 pupils of the secondary schools, community members as well as Red Crescent volunteers received knowledge on the International Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement, its history, mandate and Fundamental Principles. Some 49 Red Crescent health promoters held group or individual sessions among 13,660 people on family planning, reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, the importance of immunisation, breast cancer and public and personal hygiene. A further 34 Red Crescent first aid instructors trained another 1,840 people in the targeted communities in first aid skills. During the reporting period, the Red Crescent initiated training in *raising community disaster awareness, project planning, management and fundraising* for the branch staff and community members. Previously trained employees and volunteers of Mingachevir and Sabirabad regional centres in their turn conducted training sessions for 224 Red Crescent volunteers and community members.

Youth coordinators of Mingachevir, Ismayilli and Sabirabad local Red Crescent committees trained other 36 community members in Umid, Karhana, Kur and Narimanabad on project planning. Following one of the seminars, the Ismayilli branch developed two projects proposing to organise a summer camp for volunteers and establish a health centre for women. The projects were submitted for funding to the Peace Corps Partnership programme and have received CHF 43,575 and CHF 21,165, respectively. Twenty seven people in Narimanabad were also trained to help them improve their leadership skills.

Twenty staff and volunteers of Sumgayit, Ismayilli, Mingachevir and Zaqatala local committees participated in two-day training on social care organized by the Red Crescent. During the training, participants were informed on “social support to children with limited opportunities and orphans”, situation with this category of children in Azerbaijan and abroad. Training also gave them the opportunity to understand disability as a method to change stereotypes (defect, inferiority: social, psychological and physical) and form positive attitude towards children with limited opportunities and orphans. Another important part of the training was the method of creating a favorable atmosphere within children groups, establishing groups of mutual support, integration of a family as a whole and its participation in adaptation of children with limited opportunities and orphans. Red Crescent volunteers mentioned work of Norwegian volunteers in Azerbaijan whom they cooperated with as a good example of social care activities.

In Sumgayit, Sabirabad and Ismayilli Red Crescent volunteers have visited 51 disabled children and 82 elderly people. During these visits, volunteers helped lone elderly people with cleaning their houses, doing shopping, cutting firewood and cooking. They also helped children do their homework, distributed necessary school equipment and teaching materials to entertain them. Volunteers from the Ismayilli branch took two physically disabled children to the “Healthy Child World” centre that provides psychosocial rehabilitation to such children. On the International Disabler’s Day, Sumgayit branch volunteers distributed gifts to 30 disabled children. Volunteers from Sabirabad branch presented bedding sets and household goods to 131 elderly from three communities.

A number of out-of-school activities have been organized to improve psychosocial condition of children in the targeted communities: 1,779 children have been attending a folklore circle, regularly playing football, volleyball, basketball and chess, being involved in a drawing group as well as drama circle. A number of training sessions and sports tournaments were organized among children in the targeted communities. A total of 42 pupils of drama circles in the southern camps and five communities in Sabirabad region participated in puppet making training. After the training, pupils held puppet shows, which delivered an important message on health related issues such as personal hygiene and prevention of infectious diseases, among other children in the communities. Some 145 children from the southern camps and six communities of Sabirabad, Ismayilli and Sumgayit districts participated in drawing competitions and football, volleyball and checkers tournaments. In the frame of the cooperation established with International Relief and Development (IRD), which applied to Sumgayit local committee with the request of collaboration, ten disabled children were provided with school bags.



**Red Crescent volunteers organise a summer camp for children from the southern camps as well as communities of five regions**

The Red Crescent organized a one-month summer camp in the children's sanatorium in Zaqulba district for 100 children from the families living in the southern camps, as well as communities of five regions. The camp's curriculum included training sessions on the Movement's Fundamental Principles, health promotion, first aid and basics of disaster preparedness.

The above-mentioned branches held vocational training to help people learn new skills and have better employment opportunities: 151 people continued to attend sewing classes, learn barbering, take courses on hairdressing, and learn how to knit as well as take lessons in culinary techniques. Thus far, 182 already finished these courses, run by 17 volunteers. Five young people, who already finished skills training courses, found work as tailors and barbers in the

sewing workshops of Sabirabad town and Akhmedabad community as well as barber's shop in Fizuli district.

The Red Crescent pays particular attention to strengthening the role of women. They are encouraged to organise themselves into committees to advocate on their rights collectively. During the reported period, three new women committees were formed in Narimanabad and Muganganjali villages in Sabirabad region and Jar village in Zaqatala region bringing the total number of women committees in the five targeted regions - Sabirabad, Mingachevir, Sumgayit, Ismayilli and Zaqatala - to 12. There are 133 women involved in the work of these committees. Women committees regularly meet with the leaders of the community activity groups to discuss the women's social problems and gender issues. They also take care of the most vulnerable members in their communities and initiate different kinds of activities within the communities such as paying visits to lone elderly people and helping them with the housework, cleaning the streets and planting trees. The committees, jointly with health promoters, organized eight seminars on health related topics such as family planning, importance of blood donation and sanitation-hygiene rules for 235 women as well as continued joint sessions on social problems of women in the communities. During the reporting period they also held needs assessment with assistance of health promoters and based on that distributed baby-sets to 19 pregnant women in the southern camps and communities.



**The youth committee of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent established cooperation with Lotos Disability Awareness Centre, employees of which conducted training session on social care for Red Crescent volunteers**

During the implementation of the projects the local authorities and communities have contributed on different levels to the community projects. In Ismayilli and Zaqatala local authorities have provided technical assistance: renting building, mini-bus, musical equipment and school supplies to organize the events devoted to 1 December, World AIDS Day and New Year event for 35 children from the communities. In Mingachevir local communities have funded 80 per cent of the costs for organising the event devoted to World First Aid day. Sumgayit branch has drafted the project on summer camp for vulnerable children to be held in 2006 and submitted to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and World Vision for consideration.

Zaqatala branch cooperates with local municipality of Jar village, which participates at various public relations events organized by branch and helps arrange space for the events, necessary transport means and other administrative issues. Mingachevir branch has been continuing its efforts to get more available assistance from local authorities in community development: staff of the branch had a meeting with a newly appointed head of local authorities, who expressed willingness to provide necessary support to the local branch and readiness to sign a cooperation agreement with the Azerbaijan Red Crescent. Local authorities allocated an office to Ismayilli branch with the full ownership.

In 2006, the Red Crescent, based on progress and lessons learned, will expand its branch development efforts to four more branches (Agjabedi, Fizuli, Kazakh and Ganja) along with continuing work in Sumgayit, Mingachevir, Ismayilli, Zaqatala, Sabirabad (total five) where the work started in 2003 and some training and community work has been done there in previous years. Red Crescent plans to conduct training sessions on programme planning and management, reporting, three outsourced training sessions on public relations, marketing and fundraising for staff members and volunteers in four selected branches. Nine communities (in a village, town and/or district) within the jurisdiction of the target branches will be identified to implement the participatory community development methodology. A number of sessions on health promotion, community-based disaster preparedness, first aid, dissemination of the Fundamental Principles and promotion of humanitarian values are also planned to be held among members of communities in four selected branches. It is planned to establish a resource mobilisation plan and implement the community projects. Vocational skills training will be offered to target communities based on needs assessment outcomes. In total, 27 community volunteers (three volunteers from each of the nine target communities) will be trained to organize drama, fine art, folklore and sport activities for some 900 children.

### **Youth development**

One of the core areas of the Red Crescent has always been youth volunteer development. Volunteers are involved in various activities to help the Red Crescent achieve its objectives and deliver services to vulnerable people. The volunteers are actively involved in providing psychosocial support to orphans and disabled children enabling them to look after themselves independently. Since January 2005, 52 volunteers regularly visited 550 orphans and disabled children in Baku and three regions to help them do their homework, teach them how to look after themselves independently, play games, draw pictures, knit and read books. Five volunteers visited 15 lone elderly people in Ganja and helped them with the household duties. The volunteers organized concerts for 455 orphans and disabled children living in the boarding schools in Shagan, Bilgah, Mashtaga and Sumgayit. The Red Crescent distributed some clothes too. From the Shagan orphanage house 153 disabled children went to a summer camp: seven volunteers from the Norwegian Red Cross and 11 volunteers from the Azerbaijan Red Crescent took groups of children to walk, swim, play different games and organized sports, drawing, sewing and music programmes for them. In their turn, five volunteers from the Azerbaijan Red Crescent visited their colleagues in Norway to exchange experiences on how to look after disabled children. In addition, two social care projects have been initiated by the Red Crescent youth committee: "Promotion of knowledge on ecology, geography and hygiene norms among orphans in "UMID" orphanage house" and "Sports development of children living in SOS Children Villages". As a result, 25 orphanage children improved their knowledge of ecology, geography and hygiene norms and 30 young people learned self-defense methods.

National Society has always been using diversified methods to encourage its volunteers by offering them different training opportunities to improve their skills. The Red Crescent has continued registration of volunteers, which gives a clearer picture of their number and profile as well as determining in which areas volunteers need support to strengthen their skills and professionalism. To date 995 volunteers have been registered (i.e. 6.2 per cent of their total number) making the total number of Red Crescent volunteers countrywide to 15,899. Some 237 new volunteers attended an induction course about the Red Crescent, its history, mandate, principles and priorities. Another 79 volunteers were trained as trainers and 323 schoolchildren, students and their teachers as listeners on leadership training.

In Lankaran, Nakhchivan and Sabirabad, the Red Crescent established youth clubs to enable its volunteers to meet, share ideas and experiences. In other regions - Sumgayit, Lankaran, Mingachevir and Ganja - the clubs were built in 2004.

To enhance public awareness of Red Crescent work, 8,000 copies of a monthly bulletin were printed and distributed to all Red Crescent regional branches. In addition, 1,584 badges, 568 T-shirts and jackets with the Red Crescent emblem were produced.

Three meetings of national and 11 meetings of regional youth and volunteer boards were held. Volunteers have reported on their activities and discussed new ideas.

International Volunteer Day, 5 December, was celebrated with a youth conference: volunteers held presentations on Red Crescent activities such as health promotion, HIV/AIDS and social work. At the end of event more than 50 of the most active volunteers were awarded with diplomas and memorable gifts.

In 2006, along with continued updating and maintaining electronic database on youth and volunteers, the Red Crescent will pay regular visits to the seven regional centres to monitor their work with volunteers. The Red Crescent will continue to encourage volunteers through organized training sessions, educational and international summer camps, recruitment campaigns, meetings of youth volunteer boards, establishing youth clubs and identifying service programmes with volunteer involvement. Volunteers in turn will pay regular visits to orphanages and home-bound disabled children and organize sport, games, drawing and other leisure activities. Red Crescent volunteers will initiate and implement at least one social care activity in each of the 12 target branches.

***The financial report is attached below. Please [click here](#) to return to the title page and contact information***

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AZERBAIJAN

Selected Parameters	
Year/Period	2005/01-2005/9998
Appeal	M05AA068
Budget	APPEAL

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**I. Consolidated Response to Appeal**

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget	244'052	375'603	118'552	329'713	109'091	1'177'011
B. Opening Balance	139'847	87'515	68'028	212'675	4'917	512'982
<b>Income</b>						
Cash contributions						
Canadian Red Cross Society					2'947	2'947
Capacity Building Fund				40'000		40'000
Finnish Red Cross					3'315	3'315
Icelandic Red Cross					0	0
Korea Republic National Red C		78'590				78'590
Netherlands Red Cross				20'178		20'178
Norwegian Red Cross	207'961	146'796	67'282	189'612		611'650
C1. Cash contributions	207'961	225'386	67'282	249'790	6'262	756'680
Inkind Personnel						
Finnish Red Cross					96'050	96'050
Netherlands Red Cross				11'780		11'780
C5. Inkind Personnel				11'780	96'050	107'830
Other Income						
Miscellaneous Income				306		306
C6. Other Income				306		306
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)	207'961	225'386	67'282	261'876	102'312	864'816
D. Total Funding = B + C	347'808	312'901	135'310	474'550	107'228	1'377'798

**II. Balance of Funds**

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	139'847	87'515	68'028	212'675	4'917	512'982
C. Income	207'961	225'386	67'282	261'876	102'312	864'816
E. Expenditure	-174'317	-223'171	-103'521	-314'422	-107'197	-922'629
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	173'491	89'731	31'788	160'128	31	455'169

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## III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
	A					B	A - B	
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		244'052	375'603	118'552	329'713	109'091	1'177'011	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Construction	1'200		24'090		877		24'967	-23'767
Clothing & textiles	43'150	6'477			5'429		11'906	31'244
Medical & First Aid	5'886	4'928					4'928	958
Teaching Materials	51'014				14'318		14'318	36'696
Utensils & Tools	26'500		19'542				19'542	6'958
Other Supplies & Services	23'933	3'953	8'783				12'736	11'197
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>151'683</b>	<b>15'358</b>	<b>52'416</b>		<b>20'625</b>		<b>88'398</b>	<b>63'285</b>
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Computers & Telecom	63'709							63'709
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>63'709</b>							<b>63'709</b>
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	1'100		5'559				5'559	-4'459
Transport & Vehicle Costs	77'862	9'532	17'563	5'219	26'195	150	58'658	19'204
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>78'962</b>	<b>9'532</b>	<b>23'122</b>	<b>5'219</b>	<b>26'195</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>64'217</b>	<b>14'746</b>
<b>Personnel Expenditures</b>								
Delegates Payroll	114'400				140	140	280	114'120
Delegate Benefits	54'450	7'805	11'795	2'898	33'077	95'910	151'485	-97'035
National Staff	209'632	10'804	35'220	12'699	23'212	4'208	86'143	123'489
National Society Staff		15'862	25'204	5'747	82'505		129'318	-129'318
Consultants	1'423	418			2'869		3'287	-1'864
<b>Total Personnel Expenditures</b>	<b>379'905</b>	<b>34'890</b>	<b>72'218</b>	<b>21'343</b>	<b>141'803</b>	<b>100'258</b>	<b>370'513</b>	<b>9'392</b>
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	115'832	26'234	12'226	1'847	27'031		67'339	48'493
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>115'832</b>	<b>26'234</b>	<b>12'226</b>	<b>1'847</b>	<b>27'031</b>		<b>67'339</b>	<b>48'493</b>
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	38'074	11'801	20'845	1'894	10'670	0	45'209	-7'135
Information & Public Relation	189'914	56'014	2'941	58'774	43'931	-0	161'661	28'254
Office Costs	34'479	1'975	3'361	3'098	7'247	11'722	27'404	7'076
Communications	34'102	644	7'554	2'256	4'298	17'026	31'778	2'323
Professional Fees	3'000		2'804				2'804	196
Financial Charges	10'844	-280	1'312	-60	-499		473	10'371
Other General Expenses		6'819	9'864	2'421	12'734	-28'520	3'318	-3'318
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>310'413</b>	<b>76'973</b>	<b>48'682</b>	<b>68'383</b>	<b>78'381</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>272'647</b>	<b>37'766</b>
<b>Program Support</b>								
Program Support	76'506	11'331	14'506	6'729	20'388	6'562	59'515	16'990
<b>Total Program Support</b>	<b>76'506</b>	<b>11'331</b>	<b>14'506</b>	<b>6'729</b>	<b>20'388</b>	<b>6'562</b>	<b>59'515</b>	<b>16'990</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>1'177'011</b>	<b>174'317</b>	<b>223'171</b>	<b>103'521</b>	<b>314'422</b>	<b>107'197</b>	<b>922'629</b>	<b>254'382</b>
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>69'735</b>	<b>152'432</b>	<b>15'030</b>	<b>15'291</b>	<b>1'894</b>	<b>254'382</b>	