

# Appeal 2008-2009



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Afghanistan

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This appeal seeks CHF **8,725,838** (USD 7.8 million or EUR 5.3 million) to fund the planned programmes to be implemented in 2008-2009. The overall budget is CHF **10,938,839** (USD 9.78 million or EUR 6.63 million). [Click here for budget summary.](#)

This appeal document sets out briefly the main outcomes the programmes seek to achieve over the next two years. More detailed information is provided in the [2008-2009 Programme Support Plan](#) and [Summary Matrix](#).

In a world of global challenges, continued poverty, inequity, and increasing vulnerability to disasters and disease, the International Federation with its global network, works to accomplish its Global Agenda, partnering with local community and civil society to prevent and alleviate human suffering from disasters, diseases and public health emergencies.



Zahara Mohammed, one of the first women volunteers working in disaster management in the Bamiyan province of Afghanistan.

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## Current context

Afghanistan has experienced intermittent war and internal strife for nearly three decades, resulting in widespread poverty and a break-down of the country's infrastructure, leaving the most vulnerable communities without access to basic facilities like water, electricity, and health services. Their condition has been frequently worsened due to a number of natural disasters (floods, droughts, earthquakes, landslides and severe winters), causing loss of life and damage to infrastructure. The ensuing large-scale migration has also resulted in discrimination among different ethnic groups.

The Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) is the only indigenous, nationwide humanitarian organization in Afghanistan, although it too suffered severe damage as a result of years of conflict. The ARCS programme support plan for 2008-2009 has been developed to provide need-based services to the most vulnerable Afghan communities, through the volunteers and staff working in 34 branches spread across the country.

## Programme summary

This appeal document sets out very briefly the main outcomes that the programmes seek to achieve over the next two years.

## Disaster management

The overall purpose of the disaster management programme is to strengthen preparedness capacity at community and institutional levels, to provide quality response to common disasters faced in the country. It does this through the following two components:

Programme component	Component outcome
<b>1. Disaster preparedness (DP)</b>	Communities in target areas are aware of disaster hazards and well prepared to effectively cope with localized disaster effects.
<b>2. Disaster response (DR)</b>	The impact of disasters in affected areas on people's lives is reduced through effective and timely emergency response.

Direct beneficiaries under the DP component will be the staff and volunteers who are directly trained or supported by the programme. They in turn work with a much larger group of community people in targeted disaster-prone areas, who are defined as "indirect" beneficiaries.

Total disaster management beneficiaries for 2008-2009			
	Male	Female	Total
DP - direct	850	350	<b>1,200</b>
DP -indirect	230,340	188,460	<b>418,800</b>
DR -direct	55,861	43,591	<b>99,452</b>

Under the DR component, the direct beneficiaries will be an estimated number of community people who would benefit from relief items supplies in emergency situations, based on the capacity of the ARCS to deliver services and the average yearly occurrence of disasters.

## Health and care

The overall purpose of the programme is to improve the health status of vulnerable people in targeted areas. To achieve this, the programme has four components:

Programme component	Component outcome
<b>1. Community-based first aid</b>	Health awareness, promotion and first aid services at the community level are improved.
<b>2. Public health in emergencies</b>	Level of adequate response to health needs in disasters and in normal situation is improved.
<b>3. Basic health centres</b>	Access to quality preventative, promotional and curative health services are enhanced
<b>4. HIV and AIDS</b>	Youth in targeted areas have improved knowledge on preventive measures of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and practice less risky behaviour.

### Target population

The programme provides integrated community based health services (preventive, promotional and curative) to 1,722,704 people (Male: 1,051,000, Female: 671,704) in areas where there is little access to health care. Among the beneficiaries, mothers and children will be focused upon as they are the most vulnerable population, especially in remote areas.

## Capacity and organizational development (OD)

The overall purpose of the OD programme is that the service delivery capacity of ARCS is enhanced at all levels. The programme has six components, with outcomes related to the six most important areas for improvement within the ARCS.

Programme component	Component outcome
<b>1. Human resource development</b>	Capacity of human resources is improved.
<b>2. Finance development</b>	ARCS financial independence has improved
<b>3. General capacity building</b>	Financial and administrative management is improved
<b>4. Development of ARCS legislation</b>	National society legal base is strengthened
<b>5. Branch development</b>	ARCS branch functional capacity has improved
<b>6. Development of youth and membership</b>	Volunteer, youth and membership management system is improved.

The OD programme aims to pave the way for a well-balanced and sustainable development of the ARCS, to enable the national society to deliver quality services to the most vulnerable populations, through its national headquarters and branches.

### Target population

Capacity building workshops and trainings will be provided to ARCS staff, volunteers, youth and members, which in turn will enable them to provide better quality services to the beneficiaries of ARCS's programmes. An estimated total of 1,070,000 people (Male: 712,000; Female: 358,000) will be reached directly or indirectly from the programme.

## Humanitarian values

The overall purpose of the programme is to raise awareness of humanitarian values and the Fundamental Principles in the ARCS and targeted communities and reducing discrimination. The programme will work to achieve this through two components:

Programme component	Component outcome
<b>1. Humanitarian values</b>	All ARCS core programmes practice a component of HV while carrying out their activities in the field.
<b>2. Anti-discrimination</b>	Discrimination, violence and intolerance and stigma are reduced in the targeted communities

The first component aims to integrate an understanding of humanitarian values into ARCS core programmes, enabling the message of anti-stigma and anti-discrimination to be disseminated amongst all targeted beneficiaries of all ARCS community-based programmes. The second component aims to contribute towards reducing discrimination, intolerance and stigmatization based on health related problems like HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and leprosy, by promoting the principles and values of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.

### Target population

The programme will cover 400,000 beneficiaries (Male: 200,000; Female: 200,000) in five provinces. Focus will be placed on communities with a significant problem of discrimination and stigma. Dissemination and trainings on humanitarian values will be provided to these beneficiaries by ARCS trainers and volunteers.

## Needs

Programmes	2008 budget in CHF		2009 budget in CHF		Total budget in CHF	
	Total Budget	Required	Total Budget	Required	Total Budget	Required
<b>Disaster Management</b>	1,941,276	1,316,276	2,221,023	1,596,023	<b>4,162,299</b>	<b>2,912,299</b>
<b>Health and Care</b>	2,078,802	1,873,802	2,473,189	2,265,190	<b>4,551,991</b>	<b>4,138,991</b>
<b>Organizational Development</b>	1,090,000	810,000	930,000	680,000	<b>2,020,000</b>	<b>1,490,000</b>
<b>Humanitarian Values</b>	107,773	97,773	96,774	86,774	<b>204,547</b>	<b>184,547</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,217,852</b>	<b>4,097,851</b>	<b>5,720,986</b>	<b>4,627,987</b>	<b>10,938,839</b>	<b>8,725,838</b>

## Working in partnership

### Red Cross Red Crescent collaboration

The ARCS has maintained good partnerships and collaboration with other partners for about 15 years, which includes generous financial support. Given the history of conflict in Afghanistan, the ARCS works closely with the ICRC as well as the Federation's delegation in Kabul, to provide humanitarian assistance and run the programmes described in this appeal.

### External collaboration

The ARCS has a good partnership with the Afghan government, especially in the areas of health (community based first aid, emergency mobile units, basic health care and HIV/AIDS work) and disaster response and preparedness. As part of this collaboration, the national society has signed agreements with the ministries of public health and education. It also has a partnership with the ministries of education and religious affairs for the implementation of the humanitarian values programme.

The ARCS is a member of the National Emergency Response Commission, the main authority for disaster management in Afghanistan. It has also established coordination with national and international non-governmental organizations such as the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan, the International Assistance Mission and other civil society organizations.

## How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering quality and accountable assistance to the most vulnerable. For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for a full description of the national society profile, please access the Federation's website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

### Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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