

## **FORWORD**

### **The aim of our activities is to support needy people**

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is a global organization having the largest humanitarian network in the world. The Movement carries out its charity mission everywhere and assists vulnerable people in coping challenges that they face. The International Movement mainly endeavors to respond rapidly and in an effective manner to the pressing needs of people affected by armed conflicts, natural disasters and other humanitarian crises. It takes necessary measures to use constantly the Fundamental Principles on sites. Guided by a principle of voluntary service, the Movement operates in a systematic manner at local, national, regional and international level. The International Movement improves its preparedness activity and strengthens its capacity to work more efficiently and productively, strengthens relations with its partners by using a humanitarian diplomacy, encourages young people to voluntarism.

Having relied on its strong human resource base consisting of numerous volunteers, each National Society shall, first of all, demonstrate its auxiliary role to its government in the humanitarian field with possible support from components of the International Movement operating in a country of the National Society. In moving forward the National Society must also prepare itself to adapt to our changing world. It must maintain its transparency and thereby must turn into one of the strongest and leading humanitarian organizations in the world.

Even more effectively developing the following areas such as income-generation, international relations, health and care, disaster preparedness and response, migration and youth related activities in the National Society are among our priority issues. To make our activities in the above-mentioned areas more sustainable and effective we pay great attention to the provision of appropriate departments of our National Society with professional and experienced staff. The personnel working in relevant sectors of our National Society have participated actively in all trainings and seminars organized with support of the ICRC and the IFRC. The Memorandums of Cooperation signed with our traditional partners such as the Ministries of Emergency Situations, Health and Education, the State Migration Service, the International Organization for Migration and ANAMA agency significantly contributed to effective implementation of our activities and the development of our National Society as a whole. In parallel, we continued our successful cooperation with government structures and both the ICRC and IFRC which are our traditional partners.

In conclusion, I would like to mention that our National Society is in constant development and it continues to implement its noble mission with dignity and honor.

**Novruz Aslanov**

**President**

**Member of the National Parliament**

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS OF ACTIVITIES OF THE AZERBAIJAN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY  
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD: 01 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2017.**

**Different kinds of humanitarian aid in the amount of 394484 AzN were provided to 20110 people.**

**Humanitarian aid in the amount of 17.700,10 AzN was provided to 19 families affected by different natural disasters in the Republic of Azerbaijan.**

**12600 people were educated on a topic of “Disaster Preparedness and Response”.**

**6261 people have benefited from health promotional activities and health services.**

**215 people were educated on history and activity directions of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society and the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the Movement’s Fundamental Principles.**

**44000 school children and students were educated on a topic of “Combating trafficking in human beings”.**

**Different kinds of humanitarian aid were provided to 433 migrants.**

**Funds in the amount of 29.451,11 AzN were collected from donation boxes.**

**480 people have joined as a volunteer to the AzRC.**

**4478 children and adolescents have benefited from activities carried out by the AzRC.**

## Working with Regional Centers and local branches of the AzRC

<b>GOAL</b>		
To strengthen a material-technical base and a personnel potential of regional centers, city and district branches and primary organizations of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society. To ensure that Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society is a strong organization supporting vulnerable people at national and international levels in order to implement effective and sustainable humanitarian activities at central and local levels.		
	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>OUTCOMES</b>
1.	Participation in organizing the provision of humanitarian aid to vulnerable people by city, district committees and field units of the AzRC.	During the events held by city, district committees and field units of the AzRC in connection with Novruz (Spring) holiday, Solidarity Day of World Azerbaijanis, the International Day for Elderly People and other national holidays different holiday gifts were distributed to the most vulnerable people.
2.	The conducted seminars for students from Western University, Azerbaijan University of Foreign Languages and the Azerbaijan Tourism University who were undertaking their internships at the Headquarters of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society in the months of March, April, June and July.	A total of 50 students have attended these seminars and they have received information on the organizational development activities of the National Society.
3.	Zonal meetings were held in Sumgayit and Baku Regional Centers in the months of March and August.	These zonal meetings were attended by coordinators of the Regional Centers and chairpersons of city and district committees of the AzRC. The participants of zonal meetings were recommended to increase the number of the National Society's members and to assist people applying for help and aid to local branches where it is possible.
4.	Regular quarterly meetings to hear quarterly reports on the performed activities were held in Baku and Sumgayit Regional Centers.	During quarterly meetings chairpersons of local branches covered by Baku and Sumgayit Regional Centers have reported on the performed activities and spoke about existing difficulties and problems. Chairpersons were given relevant tasks.
5.	Regular meetings with coordinators of the Regional Centers of the AzRC were held.	During the reporting period the Organizational Development Division of the AzRC held quarterly meetings with coordinators of all Regional Centers. The participants discussed the meetings that coordinators of the Regional Centers have had with concerned local branches of the AzRC, current problems existing in the concerned local branches and relations of the concerned local branches with local executive authorities. Chairpersons of the concerned local branches were given a task to focus their attention on daily organizational issues in their respective local branches.
6.	More than 50 relevant letters and appeals were prepared and sent to local executive authorities in which assistance in strengthening a material-technical base of local branches, collecting membership fees and allocating premises for offices of local branches were requested.	Based on these letters and appeals, heads of local executive authorities have assisted the National Society with collection of membership fees in the fields and with allocation of premises for offices of local branches.
7.	Constructive work has been done with local branches of the AzRC to ensure timely quarterly transmission of funds by local branches to the Headquarters of the National Society.	Timely quarterly transmission of funds by local branches to the Headquarters of the National Society was controlled. This has ensured a fulfillment of their quarterly finance plans by local branches of the National Society.
8.	More than 10 letters redirected to the National Society by the ICRC have been carefully considered and relevant assistance has been provided to activities that would be done by the ICRC together with city and district committees of the AzRC.	A letter addressed by family members of a detainee to the ICRC has been redirected to the Department for working with the Regional Centers and local branches of the AzRC. The Organizational Development Division of the AzRC gave relevant tasks on that issue to chairpersons of district committees. The given issue has been carefully examined by chairpersons and necessary measures have been undertaken.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

<b>GOAL</b>		
Mobilizing capacities of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society with a view to be better prepared to emergency situations in order to save human lives. Thus, to participate in rehabilitation activities carried out after crises and disasters occurred.		
	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>OUTCOMES</b>
1.	Providing humanitarian aid to people affected by different disasters (such as an earthquake, a fire, a flood, a landslide and etc) in the Republic of Azerbaijan.	In 2017, Disaster Preparedness and Response department (DPDR) of the AzRC provided humanitarian aid consisting of household items and tents in the amount of <b>17,700.10 AzN</b> to 19 families (a total of 111 people) affected in Lerik, Ismayilli, Goranboy, Jalilabad, Imishli, Neftchala, Jabrayil regions, Surakhani district of Baku city and Khirdalan city by different natural disasters.
2.	According to the Strategic Plan of the National Society for the years of 2016-2020, with a view to be better prepared to disasters and emergency situations, DPDR department of the AzRC with participation of relevant departments of the AzRC and international partner organizations has ensured purchasing of necessary relief items and positioning of them in a Central warehouse of the AzRC in Baku city.	<p>1. In March 2017, for the purpose of disaster preparedness and response, the Turkish Red Crescent Society provided free of charge relief items in the amount of <b>201.601,40 AzN</b> including 1680 sleeping bags, 1500 blankets, 432 kitchen sets, 150 mattresses, 26 tents to the Central warehouse of the AzRC in Baku city.</p> <p>2. In April 2017, for the purpose of disaster preparedness and response, the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran provided free of charge relief items in the amount of <b>39.270 AzN</b> including 100 spoons, forks, knives, 100 first aid kits, 100 gloves, 100 bags, 30 pairs of women shoes, 70 pairs of men shoes, 100 sleeping bags and 100 uniforms to the Central Warehouse of the AzRC in Baku city.</p>
3.	Working with the selected communities in Gusar and Ismayilli regions within the framework of the second stage of “Building safe and resilient communities” project implemented by the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society with financial and technical support of the Austrian Development Agency and the Austrian Red Cross Society	<b>31</b> trainings, practical sessions on “Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment”, “First Aid”, “Household Security”, “Leadership in Communities”, as well as simulation exercises on “Tracing and Rescue” were organized for village community groups (a total of <b>12.600</b> people) established in Diyalli, Tazakend, Tirjan, Kurdmashi, Yukhari Zarnava, Sumagalli villages of Ismayilli district and Kuzun and Anig villages of Gusar district. In addition, promotional events dedicated to the World First Aid Day, the International Youth Day, the International Volunteer Day, the World AIDS Day were organized in Ismayilli and Gusar regions. A total of <b>815</b> people participated in these events. In connection with another project, <b>16</b> local and international meetings were held. Also, a small-scale restoration projects were implemented in Zarnava, Sumagalli villages of Ismayilli district and Kuzun and Anig villages of Gusar district.

## HEALTH AND CARE

<b>GOAL</b>		
For the sake of healthy and safe life of people, to increase knowledge, skills and awareness of population on health issues through health promotion activities and health services. And thus, to improve health of population.		
	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>OUTCOMES</b>
1.	On 27-28 January, 2017, within the framework of the Tuberculosis Regional Eastern European and Central Asian Project (TB-REP), the staff of the AzRC participated in a training on “Public advocacy in Fighting TB” organized by “Saglamliga Khidmet” public union and “YES Event Management” agency.	During the training an initial form of “the National Advocacy Strategic Plan” has been prepared. The participants have learned the methods of advocacy for TB ill patients. As a result of this training 28 people have been educated on tuberculosis disease.
2.	On the 1 <sup>st</sup> of February 2017, on the initiative of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society there was held a meeting with pregnant women and mothers in the Republican Hospital. The meeting was devoted to the theme of “Protection of mother and child	27 people have benefited from this meeting.

	health". The participants received replies to their questions of concern on the theme of the meeting.	
3.	On the 28 <sup>th</sup> of February 2017, within the framework of "Community based health" program there was held a seminar for students of the Medical College No.2 in Baku city. The participants of the seminar were informed about activity directions of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society and a cooperation of the National Society with state bodies in the field of health.	A total of 117 students participated in the seminar. Being encouraged by this seminar some students of the Medical College expressed their willingness to join as a volunteer to the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society.
4.	On 23-24 March 2017, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society, which is a member of Azerbaijan TB NGOs Coalition, has marked 24 March- the World Tuberculosis Day in Azerbaijan.	On the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day there was organized a meeting with community members residing in hostels of Communication College in Yasamal district. Another meeting devoted to 24 March - the World Tuberculosis Day was organized with 47 inhabitants of Fizuli region in a secondary school No.47.
5.	On the 10 <sup>th</sup> of April 2017, the staff of the AzRC participated in a Conference on "Successes and challenges in a transmission to patient-oriented TB treatment in Azerbaijan" organized within the framework of Tuberculosis Regional Eastern European and Central Asian Project (TB-REP).	A total of 25 people participated in the work of the Conference. Data on TB-REP project was updated in the Conference.
6.	On 14 April 2017, Sumgayit city branch of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society together with Sumgayit State University conducted a blood donation action under a slogan of "Give blood, save life". The purpose of the blood donation action was to assist people suffering from thalassemia and hemophilia. The event was supported by Central Blood Bank.	More than 500 teachers, students and volunteers participated in blood donation action and gave blood voluntarily. Blood collected during the blood donation action was given to Blood Bank of the Institute of Hematology and Transfusion under the Ministry of Health.
7.	On 16 April 2017, there was held a seminar on "Health related events conducted around the world including the Republic of Azerbaijan" for members of "Azerbaijan Child and Youth Peace Network".	As a result of the seminar 34 people were educated on health related events.
8.	On the occasion of <b>8 May-World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day</b> , free of charge medical check-up for 15 migrant families from Afghanistan, Syria, Pakistan and Ukraine residing in Azerbaijan was organized by the AzRC on 9 May in the clinic of the Iranian Red Crescent Society operating in Baku city. This humanitarian action received an organizational support from "Migration" and "Health and Care" departments of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society and was conducted under a motto of " <b>Everywhere for Everyone</b> ".	23 members of migrant families have benefited from the conducted humanitarian action.
9.	On 12 May 2017, an event devoted to " <b>The International Nurses Day</b> " was held in an assembly hall of Baku Base Medical College No.2. During the event the staff of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society gave a lecture on "History, organization and development of a nursing profession, the role of nursing in the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement" for students.	As a result of this event 157 people were educated on nursing work.
10.	On 8 June 2017, thanks to a high level organizational support from Gabala district branch of the AzRC and management of a secondary school No.5 a promotional event on the topic of "Healthy lifestyle" for school children and teaching staff was held in Gabala district.	As a result of the promotional event 58 people were educated on healthy lifestyle.
11.	On the 13 <sup>th</sup> of July 2017, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society conducted a seminar on "Healthy life style" for migrant children and adolescents involved in a free-of-charge Azerbaijan language course of the National Society.	A total of 24 people participated in the seminar. It is also envisaged to organize seminars on other topics related with health for migrants.
12.	On the 25 <sup>th</sup> of July 2017, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society together with "SOS – Children Villages" organization held a seminar on "Child health" for mothers of children in educational and upbringing institutions.	42 participants of the seminar received the necessary knowledge on child health. At the end of the seminar booklets on "Caring for a child fallen sick" produced by the AzRC were distributed to participants of the seminar.
13.	On the 27 <sup>th</sup> of July 2017, an event devoted to 28 July-World Hepatitis Day was held in Baku city. This event was dedicated	As a result of the event 98 people were educated on hepatitis.

	to the topic of “In order to eliminate hepatitis I must...” and organized by the Public Health and Reforms Center under the Ministry of Health of the Azerbaijan Republic in cooperation with Humanitarian department of Sabunchu district authority, Sabunchu district Youth and Sport Division and Sabunchu local branch of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society. The event took place in a centralized library No.1 situated in Sabunchu district of Baku city. The representatives of local organizations and educational institutions of Sabunchu district as well as young people were invited to participate at the event.	
14.	The World Health Organization recommends each country to conduct every year a large-scale campaigns dedicated to 1-7 August – World Breastfeeding Week. Every year district committees of the AzRC together with local health structures organize promotional meetings with women. On the 11 <sup>th</sup> of August 2017, the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society within the framework of its “Community based health” program organized a seminar on “The usefulness of breastfeeding for mother and infant health” for pregnant women in the United Hospital No.10 in Pirallahı district of Baku city.	As a result of the seminar 27 people were educated on the usefulness of breastfeeding for mother and infant health.
15.	On 16 October 2017, a blood donation action was held in the Republican Blood Bank in Baku city.	A total of 45 people participated in a blood donation campaign. 11 participants gave blood voluntarily.
16.	From 29 November to 4 December 2017, within the framework of its “Building safe and resilient communities” project the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society together with the Republican Center for the Struggle against AIDS organized events devoted to 1 December – World AIDS Day in the vocational lyceum of Gusar region, Sumgayit State University, the Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction. Student Youth Organization of the Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction has provided an organizational support to the event. Another event devoted to 1 December- World AIDS Day was organized by staff of Agdash district branch of the AzRC in a secondary school named after M.Isayev in Agdash region.	A total of 541 people participated in the events devoted to 1 December-World AIDS Day. During the events professionals from the Republican Center for the Struggle against AIDS gave lectures on ways of transmission of HIV/AIDS and preventive measures against HIV/AIDS disease. 139 teachers and students have passed voluntarily HIV tests organized by the representatives of the Republican Center for the Struggle against AIDS.
17.	On the 6 <sup>th</sup> of December 2017, on the occasion of 1 December-World AIDS Day “Health and Care” department of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society conducted a seminar on “HIV/AIDS, the ways of transmission of HIV/AIDS, preventive measures for HIV/AIDS, treatment programs on AIDS” for migrant families.	As a result of the seminar 23 people were educated on HIV/AIDS.
18.	On the 25 <sup>th</sup> of December 2017, “Community based health” program coordinator of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society Matanat Garakhanova conducted a seminar on “Protection of mental health in a workplace” for members of the Azerbaijan Social Work Public Union (students from Baku State University, Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Art)	As a result of the seminar 13 people were educated on mental health.

### FIRST AID

<b>GOAL</b>		
<b>To increase First Aid knowledge and skills of population (communities)</b>		
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>OUTCOMES</b>
1.	Throughout the year the paid First Aid courses have been organized for employees of Ethics Academy, the Baku Office of the United Nations Organization, “Pulman” and “Hilton” hotels, the teaching staff of “Generpull Reseach and Development” Child Training Center.	A total of 97 people have been covered by the paid First Aid courses.
2.	From 6 to 10 of February 2017, First Aid training was organized for members of Rapid Mobile Volunteer Teams in	26 members of Rapid Mobile Volunteer Teams have been covered by the First Aid training.

	Barda region.	
3.	On 20-24 February 2017, First Aid sector of the AzRC together with the staff of the Baku Office of the ICRC organized a training session for rescue teams of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan.	10 members of rescue teams have been covered by the training.
4.	On 12-18 March, 2017 the AzRC together with the Baku Office of the ICRC organized trainings for volunteer trainers of Gazakh, Agstafa, Agjabedi, Fizuli, Goranboy Terter, Agdam district branches of the AzRC.	A total of 15 volunteer trainers attended trainings.
5.	In April-August 2017, AzRC together with the Baku Office of the ICRC organized trainings for communities in 13 villages of Goranboy, Terter, Agdam and Fizuli districts.	276 community members have been covered by the trainings.
6.	In April-June 2017, within the framework of “Building safe and resilient communities” project First Aid trainings were organized in secondary schools of Kuzun and Anig villages of Gusar region, Kurdmashi, Sumagalli, Tezekend, Zarnava, Diyalli and Tirjankend villages of Ismayilli region.	As a result of these trainings a total of 1373 people received knowledge and skills on First Aid.
7.	On 26.05.2017 and 30-31.05.2017, during simulation excersises organized within the framework of “Building safe and resilient communities” project school children of secondary schools in Tezekend, Zarnava and Tirjankend villages of Ismayilli region received practical knowledge and skills on First Aid including the following topics such as wounds, fractures, bleedings, providing First Aid to persons who lost his/her consciousness.	A total of 602 people participated in simulation excersises.
8.	On 1-3 August 2017, an event devoted to First Aid was organized in Gusar district branch of the AzRC. Community members from villages of Gusar and Ismayilli regions, representatives of partner organization and local population participated in the event.	A total of 75 people participated in the event. Volunteer teams participated in First Aid contest.
9.	On 5-10 September 2017, the AzRC together with Baku Office of the ICRC organized First Aid trainings for volunteers of the AzRC and members of Association of Scouts of Azerbaijan in Shamkir region.	A total of 25 people participated in First Aid trainings
10.	On 14 September 2017, within the framework of “Building safe and resilient communities” project First Aid contest was organized among secondary schools. Also, First Aid quizzes were conducted among population. These two events were devoted to World First Aid Day.	A total of 134 people were covered by the events.
11.	On 21-24 November 2017, AzRC together with the Baku Office of the ICRC organized First Aid trainings for communities in 2 villages of Gazakh and Tovuz regions.	A total of 48 community members benefited from First Aid trainings.
12.	On 27-29 November 2017, training session for refugees was organized in Refugee Center of the Baku Office of the United Nations Organization.	28 people were benefited from training session.

### Psychosocial support

<b>GOAL</b>		
<b>Increasing knowledge and skills of population (communities) on psychological first aid</b>		
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>OUTCOMES</b>
1.	On 9 January 2017, the staff of “Health and Care” department of the AzRC gave lectures on “Pre-examination stress, stress, depression and suicide” for teachers and students of the Azerbaijan Sate University of Economics.	As a result of lectures 28 people were educated on stress and depression.
2.	From 25 January to 25 March 2017, with technical and financial support of the ICRC a training on “Assistance to those who provides assistance” was held for volunteers working in their communities in front-line districts (Tovuz and Goranboy regions).	As a result of the training 18 volunteers have learned about how to control themselves in stress situations.
3.	On 11 February 2017, a training on psychological first aid was	As a result of the training, 26 members of Rapid

	held for members of Rapid Mobile Volunteer Teams in Barda region.	Mobile Volunteer Teams have received knowledge on providing psychological first aid to people affected by emergency situations.
4.	From 7 March to 22 April 2017, seminars on the themes of “Stress and Depression”, “Leadership Psychology”, “Psychology Defense Mechanisms”, “Introduction to Psychoanalysis”, “Affects of Social Environment” were organized for students from “Khazar” university, “Western” university, Azerbaijan State Foreign languages University undertaking their internship at the Headquarters of the National Society.	34 students were educated on the themes of the seminars.
5.	On 7-8 April 2017, in connection with World Health Day promotional events were organized for migrants in “Women and Youth Center” of the UNHCR and for attendants of medical courses in “Asudə Vaxt” (Leisure time) Center situated in Sabunchu district. Theme for World Health Day 2017 is “Depression: Let’s talk”.	A total of 52 people participated in the event. It was decided to organize a meeting of migrants with a psychologist in order they could receive psychological advices.
6.	On 8 May 2017, there was organized a meeting with migrants. The issues such as stress and depression, post traumatic syndrome and complications caused by post traumatic syndrome were discussed during the meeting.	A total of 24 migrants attended the meeting.
7.	From 24 April to 23 September 2017, seminars on “ Stress and depression”, “Stress, depression and suicide”, “Protective responses of psyche”, “An affect of doubt mechanisms to psyche” were held for students and teachers in Azerbaijan State Conservatory, Azerbaijan University of Languages, Baku Slavic University, Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University, National Aviation Academy.	667 students and teachers were educated on themes of seminars.
8.	On 23 September 2017, a training on “Successful career and obstacles” was held for staff of Baku Office of “Reduco” Training Center.	The training was organized at the initiate of Baku Office of “Reduco” Training Center. 34 staff members of the Training Center participated in the seminar and received knowledge and learned new skills on the topic of the seminar.
9.	From 25 June to 9 October 2017, open lectures on “The affects of environment on the human psyche”; Michelangelo and time; From Sophocles to Shakespeare; From Shoh edip to Hamlet; Mechanism of affects of doubt on human psyche; Affects of social environment; Sexual norm and pathology; Analysis of appearances of social life dynamics in a private life; Psychoanalytical analysis and clinical analysis of hidden aspects of sexual problems; Framework of sexual norms and pathologies“ were organized in “Yarat” organization, Caspian Plaza/“Human Capital Consulting LLC”, “Kibrit Book”Cafe, Political Psychology Center, Youth Organization under “ASAN XIDMET” Center.	A total of 425 people attended open lectures. Replies were given to different questions of participants.
10.	On 10-11 October 2017, in connection with World Mental Health Day, “Health and Care” department of the AzRC together with Sabunchu district branch of the AzRC organized promotional seminars for pediatricians. In addition, a meeting with patients and medical staff was organized in the Republican Psychiatry Hospital.	As a result of these events 78 people were educated on importance of mental health.
11.	From 31 October to 28 November 2017, lectures on topics of “Michelangelo and time; Analysis of humanism that appeared in the Renaissance period; Analysis of unconscious and subconscious responses; Stress, depression and suicides; Introduction to psychoanalysis” were given to students and teachers of Azerbaijan State University of Culture and Arts, Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University, Azerbaijan State University of Languages and Medical College.	A total of 421 students and teachers attended lectures. During lectures replies were given to questions of participants.
12.	On 16-22 December 2017, within the framework of “Patriotic Psychology” program, seminars on “The psychology of young people” were organized for students of the Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University in the Youth House.	A total of 147 students attended the seminars. During the seminars replies were given to questions of concern of students.

13.	Taking into account an importance of providing psychosocial support to TB ill patients, their family members and nurses home visits were organized throughout the year.	As a result, psychosocial support was provided to 33 tuberculosis ill patients, their family members and nurses.
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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

<b>GOAL</b>		
<p><i>1.To strengthen current cooperation with other National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the ICRC, the IFRC and other relevant international organizations. In addition, to extend boundaries of cooperation by establishing new partnerships relations in implementing humanitarian activities.</i></p> <p><i>2. To ensure participation of representatives of the AzRC in conferences, meetings, events, trainings and workshops organized inter and outside Movement. To assist in organizing of official visits of representatives and experts of the IFRC, the ICRC and other National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society.</i></p>		
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>OUTCOMES</b>
1.	Throughout the year President of the Az.RC Dr.Novruz Aslanov have had official meetings with Head of the Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan Elena Ajmone Sessera.	During these official meetings existing cooperation relations between the two organizations and future cooperation plans were discussed. The two sides exchanged their views on possibility of joint implementation of new projects.
2.	Extended cooperation relations and opportunities between the AzRC and Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan	Due to support from the Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan, Emergency Mobile Volunteer Teams of the AzRC were established.
3.	Extended cooperation relations and opportunities between the AzRC and the Turkish Red Crescent Society.	The Turkish Red Crescent Society has provided technical humanitarian assistance (including tents, kitchen sets) to the AzRC. In addition, the AzRC with financial support of the Turkish Red Crescent has built First Aid medical post in Abbasbeyli village of Gazakh region. Consul General of Turkey in Azerbaijan Mr.Orhan Ishig participated in the opening ceremony of First Aid medical post held on 11 October.
4.	Extended cooperation relations and opportunities between the AzRC and the Iranian Red Crescent Society.	The Iranian Red Crescent Society has provided technical humanitarian assistance (including 100 first aid kits, 100 uniforms) to the AzRC.
5.	Deputy Executive Secretary of the AzRC Sabina Mahbubi-Iran has participated in the meetings of the IFRC and ICRC working group on “The Movement Principles for fundraising”.	By participating in that meeting a representative of the AzRC has contributed to the work of the working group.
6.	On 28 March 2017, in cooperation with the Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan there was organized a seminar on “Working with corpses” for staff of the AzRC.	During the seminar the participants were informed on activities of the ICRC and other National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies related with working with corpses.
7.	On 31 March 2017, Head of the International Relations department of the AzRC Naila Omarova hold a meeting with cooperation responsible person of the Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan Regina Szwadzka and staff of the International Relations department of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Azerbaijan Republic.	During the meeting information was given on activities carried out by the National Society in emergency situations and on activities of the AzRC’s Mobile Volunteer Teams in front-line districts.
8.	On 5-7 April 2017, Deputy Executive Secretary of the AzRC Sabina Mahbubi-Iran has participated in a training on “Regional advocacy for migrants, gender issue and inclusion of migrants into a society” organized by the IFRC European Zone Office in Budapest city of Hungary.	During the meeting a representative of the AzRC gave information on activities related with topic of the training and participated in practical sessions where she demonstrated her high knowledge and skills.
9.	On 10 April 2017, Deputy Director of the IFRC European Zone Office Mr.Elkhan Rahimov and a delegate for natural disasters Nebosja Medoshevich visited Azerbaijan.	During the visit the representatives of the International Federation have had meetings with President of the AzRC Dr.Novruz Aslanov and the National Society’s responsible persons for emergency situations and exchanged views on disaster preparedness activities. During these meetings the participants also discussed the issues such as strengthening cooperation between the two

		organizations, re-establishment of the Regional Emergency Preparedness Teams and preparation of Sustainability Plans.
10.	On 17-19 April 2017, representatives of the AzRC Naila Omarova and Nigar Rustamzadeh have attended a seminar on the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) organized by Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan and ADA University.	By attending that seminar representatives of the AzRC have increased their knowledge on IHL.
11.	On 24-26 April 2017, the Executive Secretary of the AzRC Jeyhun Mirzayev participated in a Movement's high level Conference on "Nuclear Weapons" held by the Japanese Red Cross Society in Nagasaki city of Japan.	On initiative of leaders of the IFRC, ICRC and 35 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Nagasaki Action Plan for the Non-use, Prohibition and Elimination of Nuclear Weapons was prepared.
12.	On 14-20 May 2017, Deputy Executive Secretary of the AzRC Sabina Mahbubi-Iran together with representatives of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Azerbaijan Republic participated in the Final Advanced Training Course for experts in natural disasters organized on 14-20 May 2017 in Crisis Management Center located in Kuopio city of Finland within the framework of Civil Defense Training Program and PPRD East Program (The Program for Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Natural and Man-made Disasters in the Eastern Partnership Countries	A representative of the National Society participated in practical sessions on negotiating during operations conducted in time of natural disasters, management of international operations at a country level, information management, cooperation with different partners, NGOs, building relations with mass media, proper dissemination of information.
13.	On 16-17 May 2017, President of the AzRC Dr.Novruz Aslanov participated in the next Regional Conference of the leaders of the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of Eastern Europe, Baltic, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia states held in Almaty city of Kazakhstan.	In his speech delivered to participants of the Regional Conference the President of the National Society Dr.Novruz Aslanov spoke about humanitarian activities of AzRC at both national and international levels, cooperation of the National Society with governmental and non-governmental organizations, the international organizations, situation of 1 million refugees and IDPs in Azerbaijan, April month incidents and other issues. The leaders of the National Societies also have had official meetings with Vice-President of the IFRC Francesco Rocca and Director of IFRC Europe Zone Office Simon Missiri.
14.	On 30-31 May 2017, Head of Disaster Preparedness and Response Department of the AzRC Farid Seyidzadeh attended the regional workshop on "The role of volunteers in civil defense and in responding to natural disasters" held in Minsk city of Belorussia within the framework of PPRD East 2 project.	During the regional workshop a representative of the AzRC made a presentation on the development of volunteering system in Azerbaijan in time of emergency situations, government's care and attention to volunteering system in the country, as well as current normative legal base.
15.	On 7-8 June 2017, the Executive Secretary of the AzRC Jeyhun Mirzayev participated in preparatory session to the Red Cross and Red Crescent Forum held by the ICRC and the IFRC in Rome city of Italy.	During the preparatory session basic humanitarian issues and new tendencies that interest the International Movement were identified, new innovative methods for effective solving of humanitarian challenges were discussed.
16.	On 27-30 June 2017, , Deputy Executive Secretary of the AzRC Sabina Mahbubi-Iran and an employee of Fundraising and Income-generation department of the AzRC participated in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Fundraising and Communication Conference organized by the IFRC European Zone Office in Budapest city of Hungary.	During the Conference the representatives of the AzRC informed about fundraising and income generation activities of the National Society. The representatives of the AzRC also exchanged their views on fundraising with their colleagues from other National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
17.	On 15-22 July 2017, Deputy Executive Secretary and Head of Youth and Volunteers department of the AzRC Khalida Iskendarova participated in the 19 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Regional Network on HIV/AIDS (ERNA) organized in Bishkek city of Kyrgyz Republic. The meeting was devoted to a topic of "The role of Youth".	The representative of the AzRC Khalida Iskendarova participated in practical session on writing projects and shared her knowledge and skills with her colleagues from other National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
18.	On 26 July 2017, the IFRC Global Manager for National Societies and Government Partnership Finn Jarle Rode and Deputy Director of the IFRC European Zone Office Elkhon Rahimov paid an official visit to the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society.	During the visit an official meeting held between the representatives of the IFRC, the AzRC including the Executive Secretary Jeyhun Mirzayev, Deputy Executive Secretary Shaban Shayev and Head of the International Relations department Naila Omarova, and senior officials of the Azerbaijan International

		Development Agency (AIDA) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The participants of the meeting discussed opportunities for strengthening of possible tripartite activity directions and cooperation.
19.	On 7-9 April 2017, President of the AzRC Dr.Novruz Aslanov at invitation of Director of IFRC European Office Zone Simon Missiri visited Budapest city of Hungary.	During the visit President of the AzRC Dr.Novruz Aslanov has had meetings with Director of IFRC European Office Zone Simon Missiri, Deputy Director Elkhhan Rahimov, IFRC communications delegate Nichola Jones, Head of Europe Migration Response Operations Christophe Lobry-Boulanger, Disaster Management Coordinator for the IFRC in Europe Ruben Romero. During these meetings current cooperation and partnership relations between the IFRC and the AzRC, joint activities and future perspectives of cooperation was discussed.
20.	On 13 August 2017, an official meeting between a delegation of the AzRC including Executive Secretary Jeyhun Mirzayev, Deputy Executive Secretary Sabina Mahbubi-Iran, Head of Disaster Preparedness and Response department of the AzRC Farid Seyidzadeh, an advisor to President of the AzRC Elshan Salimzadeh and the representatives of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief of the Government of Bangladesh took place in the Headquarters of the AzRC.	The participants of the meetings discussed issues such as disaster management within a country, the AzRC's cooperation and partnership relations with the Azerbaijani government and coordination mechanism.
21.	On 14-18 August 2017, a delegation of the AzRC headed by President Dr.Novruz Aslanov attended the 41 <sup>st</sup> World Scout Conference held in Baku city. A delegation of the AzRC included Executive Secretary Jeyhun Mirzayev and Deputy Executive Secretary Sabina Mahbubi-Iran.	Delegation of the AzRC represented the IFRC in this conference held under a motto of "Together for Positive Change".
22.	On 5-9 September 2017, Head of the International Relations department of the AzRC Naila Omarova participated in a training on "Sharing international practices on fundraising" organized by the British Red Cross.	During the training a representative of the AzRC gave information of fundraising and income-generation activities of the AzRC and successes achieved in that area. In addition, a representative of the AzRC participated in practical sessions and received new knowledge and skills on fundraising activities.
23.	On 16-19 September 2017, President of the AzRC Dr.Novruz Aslanov at invitation of President of the Iranian Red Crescent Society visited Tehran city of the Islamic Republic of Iran.	During the visit President of the AzRC Dr.Novruz Aslanov has had official meetings with President of the Iranian Red Crescent Society, health, youth and volunteers, disaster preparedness and response officers of the Iranian Red Crescent Society. During meetings perspectives of future cooperation between the two National Societies and possibilities of an implementation of joint activities was discussed.
24.	Deputy Executive Secretary of the AzRC Sabina Mahbubi-Iran participated at the next annual meeting of First Aid Education European Network (FAEEN) which was held from 20 to 24th of September 2017 in Sutomore city of Montenegro.	The representative from the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society presented information on changes, progresses, innovations on First Aid (the use of new technologies, peer First Aid teaching, taking into account features of environment, preparation of First Aid programs for a number of target groups) made on national society level throughout the year to the meeting.
25.	An advisor to President of the AzRC Elshan Salimzadeh and Head of Disaster Preparedness and Response department of the AzRC Ferid Seyidzadeh participated in the advanced training course for Regional Disaster Response teams organized on 2-10 October 2017 in Sutomore city of Montenegro.	During the advanced training course the representatives of the AzRC participated in group sessions and learned about how they must prepare for disasters and respond to disasters at the regional level, the methods of initial assessment in disasters and emergencies, information management and distribution of information, establishing partnership with different partners, providing psychosocial support, erecting of tents.
26.	On 24-25 October 2017, the representatives of the AzRC Naila Omarova and Nigar Rustamzadeh participated in a training on "Exchange of experience in information sharing"	The representatives of the AzRC participated in practical sessions and gained new knowledge and skills in information sharing.

	organized by the IFRC European Zone Office in Budapest city of Hungary.	
27.	On 25 October 2017, the newly appointed IFRC country cluster for the Southern Caucasus Max Santner paid an official visit to Azerbaijan.	During the visit a representative of the International Federation has had a meeting with the President of the AzRC Mr.Novruz Aslanov. The perspectives of future cooperation and partnership relations between the two organizations was discussed during the meeting.
28.	On 4-5 November, 2017 Head of the International Relations department of the AzRC Naila Omarova participated in the Youth Forum organized by the IFRC in Antalya city of Turkey.	A representative of the AzRC informed about successful youth related activities and the Youth Policy of the AzRC. Naila Omarova also participated in the work of group sessions.
29.	On 6-11 November 2017, a delegation of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society including President of the National Society Dr.Novruz Aslanov, Executive Secretary Jeyhun Mirzayev, member of the Governing Board Beyler Talibov, Head of International Relations department Naila Omarova participated in the Statutory Meetings of the International Federation held in Antalya city of Turkey.	A delegation of the AzRC participated in the 21 <sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the International Federation and plenary sessions of the Council of Delegates of the International Movement and made speeches on Resolutions. A delegation of the AzRC also participated in election of the new President, Vice-Presidents and members of the Governing Board of the International Federation. In addition, President of the AzRC Dr.Novruz Aslanov has had official meetings with the newly elected President of the IFRC Francesco Rocca, Secretary General Elhadj As Sy, Director of the European Zone of the IFRC Simon Missiri. During these meetings mutual cooperation relations between the AzRC and the IFRC was discussed.
30.	On 28 November 2017, trilateral meeting was held between the delegation of the AzRC including President of the National Society Dr.Novruz Aslanov, Executive Secretary Jeyhun Mirzayev, Deputy Executive Secretary Sabina Mahbubi-Iran and Head of the Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan Elena Ajmone Sessera, Cooperation Program manager Aziz Shah Abdul and Head of cluster for the Southern Caucasus of the IFRC Max Santner.	Possible joint activities, future plans, development of Sustainability Plan, inviting both IFRC and ICRC expert to Azerbaijan with the view of increasing knowledge and skills of employees of the National Society and other issues was discussed during the meeting.
31.	On 4-5 December 2017, a member of the ICRC/IFRC Joint Commission for National Societies Statutes Drina Karahasanovic visited Azerbaijan and had a meeting with members of the National Society Statute Commission.	During the meeting the participants discussed changes and amendments to the Revised Statute of the AzRC.
32.	On 11-14 December 2017, Deputy Executive Secretary Sabina Mahbubi-Iran participated in a meeting of TB Network of the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies held in Minsk city of Belorussia. Sabina Mahbubi-Iran also participated in consultation meeting of the Southern Caucasus and Central Asia countries.	During the meeting a representative of the AzRC gave comprehensive information on TB related activities of the AzRC.

## **INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT**

<b>GOAL</b>		
To disseminate more effectively information on the activities of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society through mass media and among the general public. To establish sustainable relations with other National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in order to strengthen cooperation with them.		
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>OUTCOMES</b>
1.	Prevention of misuse of the Red Cross and Red Crescent emblems were monitored.	Misuse of the Red Cross and Red Crescent emblems in "Shahdah Winter-Summer Tourism Complex" was prevented.
2.	The Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society has organized a seminar on "The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its Fundamental Principles" for students of Tourism and Management, Foreign Languages, West and Khazar Universities undertaking their internships at the National Society.	As a result of the seminar 50 students were informed on the Movement, the International Humanitarian Law and the Movement's Fundamental Principles.

3.	On 16 January 2017, a seminar on “Operational Communication” was organized for volunteers working in front-line areas of Barda district.	A total of 22 volunteers attended the seminar and received knowledge on operational communication.
4.	On 6 March 2017, information on history, projects and activities of the AzRC was broadcasted through “Public Radio” of Azerbaijan.	Audience of “Public Radio” was informed about history, projects and activities of the AzRC.
5.	On 13 March 2017, the staff of “Information and Public Relations” department together with Head of International Relations department attended a seminar on “Introduction to the International Humanitarian Law” and “Activities of the ICRC in Azerbaijan” organized by the Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan for members of the State Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Prisoners of War, Hostages and Missing Persons.	During the seminar representatives of the AzRC presented information on dissemination of the International Humanitarian Law and other activities that the National Society has been implementing in cooperation with the ICRC.
6.	On 18-19 April 2017, within the framework of “Building safe and resilient communities” project a promotional training on “Dissemination in communities and encouraging leadership skills” was held for members of village communities.	A total of 72 members of village communities attended the training and they were informed on history, projects and activities of the AzRC.
7.	On 23-25 October 2017, with support of the Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan a seminar on “Dissemination of IHL and Fundamental Principles” was organized in Baku city. The purpose of the seminar was to exchange experience between volunteers of district branches functioning in front-line areas and volunteers of Nizami district branch and Sumgayit city branch of the AzRC.	14 volunteers of district branches functioning in front-line areas have benefited from the seminar.
8.	On 15-17 November 2017, the AzRC supported by the Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan organized its next seminar on “Dissemination of IHL and Fundamental Principles”	A total of 16 volunteers of the AzRC attended the seminar and received information on Information and Social Media policy of the AzRC.
9.	On 17 November 2017, with organizational support of the Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan a seminar on humanitarian activities of the AzRC was organized for local journalists.	19 journalists attended the seminar and received information on history of the Movement and the main activity directions of the AzRC.
10.	On 6 December 2017, the AzRC supported by the Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan organized a seminar on “Dissemination of IHL and Fundamental Principles” for Mobile Volunteer Teams of the National Society.	22 members of Mobile Volunteer Teams attended the seminar and received information on dissemination of IHL, Fundamental Principles of the Movement and activities of the AzRC.
11.	On 13-14 December 2017, a seminar on “Information and Communication” was organized for chairpersons of district branches covered by Mingechevir Regional Center.	15 chairpersons of district branches covered by Mingechevir Regional Center attended the seminar and increased their knowledge on information and communication.
12.	Information on events, projects, seminars, humanitarian activities carried out by the AzRC was highlighted through official web-site of the AzRC, mass media and news portals with which the National Society is cooperating.	During the reporting period 228 articles on humanitarian activities of the AzRC were posted on official web-site of the AzRC and 316 articles were published in local newspapers and posted on news portals.

## YOUTH AND VOLUNTEERS

<b>GOAL</b>		
To develop youth and volunteers’ management system in order to improve efficiency of a voluntary service provided by the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society to the most vulnerable people and people in need of care.		
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>OUTCOMES</b>
1.	Based on the youth involvement strategy, promotional activities were carried out on a regular basis in different educational institutions throughout the Republic of Azerbaijan.	Support was provided to voluntary activities carried out in the Regional Centers and local branches of the AzRC. 480 people were registered as a volunteer of the AzRC.
2.	Trainings were organized for students from different universities undertaking their internship at the Headquarters of the AzRC. These students participated in delivering humanitarian aid to disabled children, elderly alone people	89 students have increased their knowledge and skills on mission and humanitarian activities of the AzRC. Disabled children and elderly alone people have benefited from assistance of students.

	and bed-ridden patients.	
3.	Throughout the year trainings on leadership, social work and first aid were organized for volunteers of local branches of the AzRC functioning in front-line districts, volunteers working in communities established in Gusar, Ismayilli regions and students of universities. 182 volunteers were trained as trainers. These trained trainers in their turn have conducted promotional activities among 320 people in their districts.	As a result of trainings volunteers of the AzRC and village inhabitants have acquired first aid skills.
4.	On 10 March 2017, blood donation action was conducted for children and patients suffering from anemia in Azerbaijan Technical University.	More than 500 students and teachers participated in the event and gave blood voluntarily.
5.	On 19 March 2017, in connection with “Novruz” (Spring) holiday “Youth and Volunteers” department together with “Migration” department organized an entertainment event for children receiving treatment in the Children’s Oncology Hospital of Azerbaijan. At the end of the event different gifts were given to children.	The number of cases of stigma towards children ill with oncologic diseases has reduced.
6.	On 12 August 2017, in connection with “International Youth Day” an event dedicated to the theme of “How to protect yourself in a forest in summer months” was held.	Some 90 children and adolescents participated in the event. They learned about how to protect themselves in the forest.
7.	On 10 October, in connection with Mental Health Day an entertainment event was held in a hospital in Mashtaga settlement of Sabunchu district. At the end of the event different small gifts were presented to participants.	67 people participated in the event.
8.	In connection with 1 June- International Child Protection Day, an entertainment event was organized for children from vulnerable families living in Binagadi district. Another entertainment event was organized for children with physical disabilities in a boarding school in Sumgayit city. At the end of both events school stationeries were presented to children.	A total of 310 children participated in both events. These events helped children to forget about their disabilities for a while.
9.	In connection with 15 September – “Knowledge Day”, an event dedicated to a road safety was organized for children from socially vulnerable families and children from Dashsalahli village of Gazakh region.	A total of 220 children participated in the event. At the end of both events children were provided with school stationeries.
10.	15 November - “World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims” was marked in a secondary school in Tazakand village of Ismayilli region. During the event presentations on road rules were made by school children. Replies were given to questions of children on road safety. At the end of the event brochures on road rules and key chains were distributed to children.	A total of 320 school children and teachers participated in the event. As a result of the event the target groups received relevant knowledge and skills on safe behaviors on roads.
11.	During the reporting period in accordance with Youth Program of the AzRC, the youth representatives of the AzRC exchanged information and experiences with youth representatives of other National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and NGOs.	Thanks to a close cooperation with other organizations joint exchange programs were gradually implemented.
12.	On 17 April 2017, a drawing contest dedicated to the theme of “Let’s protect a nature” was held among school children.	82 school children participated in a drawing contest. The winners of the contest were awarded with gifts. This drawing contest helped children to increase their drawing skills.
13.	During the reporting period, in connection with the development of volunteers management system, volunteers electronic registration system and Volunteers Policy of the AzRC, 2 meetings of National Volunteers Board and 2 meetings of Regional Volunteers Board were held	28 volunteers attended Volunteers Board meetings. During the reporting period Volunteers Boards implemented volunteers related activities such as working with volunteers, supporting interests of volunteers, improving skills of volunteers.
14.	Dissemination of information on history, activities, Fundamental Principles of the Movement and the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society and First Aid in educational institutions throughout the country has been continued during the reporting period.	As a result, students were informed on activities of the AzRC.
15.	In connection with 1 December – World Aids Day, promotional event on HIV/AIDS was held in a Lyceum in Gusar region, the Azerbaijan State University of Architecture	A total of 800 students attended events. The event helped students to learn on how to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS.

	and Construction and Sumgayit State University. The event included HIV Testing.	
16.	5 December – International Volunteers Day was celebrated by the AzRC . On this occasion events were organized in Sumgayit city and Ismayilli region.	A total of 780 people participated in both events. The event also included a medical check up. 250 people passed through a medical check up.
17.	On the occasion of 31 December – International Solidarity Day of Azerbaijanis and the New Year holiday an entertainment event was organized for refugee children and children from vulnerable families.	A total of 50 children participated in the event. Children were given free of charge tickets to participate in New Year celebration events.

## FUNDRAISING AND INCOME GENERATION

<b>GOAL</b>		
To ensure a diversity of finance sources of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society with the aim to strengthen a financial base of the National Society		
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>OUTCOMES</b>
1.	In December 2017, 30 small donation boxes (with dimensions: 20cm x 20 cm) and 10 large donation boxes (with dimensions: 80cm x 30 cm) produced by the ICRC were handed over to Fundraising and Income-generation department of the AzRC.	The number of donation boxes of the AzRC has increased. It gave an opportunity to the National Society to place its donation boxes in new places.
2.	In 2017, Fundraising department has prepared and sent relevant letters to different companies and enterprises in which they were requested to assist the National Society with placement of donation boxes in their offices.	During the reporting period 1500 letters were sent to different companies and enterprises. A number of companies and enterprises such as “IDEAL COMPANY” LLC, “Veyseloglu”, “Albali” market, “Jasmin” drugstore, “Chicco” child shop, “Go Sport”, The Bagel”, “Spar” market networks gave positive response to a request of the AzRC about placement of its donation boxes.
3.	Money collected from donation boxes were handed over to the accounting department of the AzRC on a monthly basis.	During the reporting period a total of 46.684,66 AzN were collected from donation boxes.
4.	“Borusan makina Azərbaycan” company has donated school bags and stationeries to children from the most vulnerable families	10 children from the most vulnerable families have benefited from this assistance.

## HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

<b>GOAL</b>		
To provide different kind of humanitarian assistance to elderly alone people, refugee and IDP families, people affected by natural disasters, man-made disasters and other vulnerable people including a certain category of migrants by mobilizing the capacity of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society and the power of humanity; to encourage people to help each other.		
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>OUTCOMES</b>
1.	Humanitarian Relief department of the AzRC has made a final analysis of humanitarian aid provided by the National Society in 2016.	During the first 15 days of January 2017, Humanitarian Relief department of the AzRC has made a final analysis of humanitarian aid provided by the National Society in 2016. Based on this analysis the Humanitarian Relief department of the AzRC has prepared Annual Report on humanitarian aid provided in 2016 and presented it to the Executive Secretary of the AzRC.
2.	Strengthening cooperation relations with Regional Centers and local branches of the AzRC.	In early January 2017, Humanitarian Relief department of the AzRC has initiated a coordination work on humanitarian relief activities with Regional Centers and local branches of the AzRC. A new Reporting Form prepared by the Humanitarian Relief department was distributed to Regional Centers and local branches of the AzRC.
3.	Arranging reception of citizens requesting humanitarian aid.	During the reporting period the staff of Humanitarian Relief department of the AzRC participated together with staff of Secretariat in reception of citizens at the

		office of Narimanov district branch of the National Society on Wednesdays. A total of 43 people were received.
4.	Organization of registration of elderly alone and vulnerable people applying for help to the National Society at Humanitarian Relief department and local branches of the AzRC.	During the reporting period 12 vulnerable people were registered by Humanitarian Relief department of the AzRC. 39 vulnerable people were registered by local branches of the AzRC. In general, approximately 11.000 people from different vulnerable categories are registered by Humanitarian Relief department and local branches of the AzRC throughout the country. 3.150 people out of them are registered by district branches functioning in Baku city. 7.800 people are registered by regional branches and 50 people are registered by Humanitarian Relief department of the AzRC.
5.	Consideration of applications received from vulnerable people, assessment of social situation of applicants on the basis of their applications and provision of humanitarian aids.	During the reporting period Humanitarian Relief department of the AzRC received 28 written applications from vulnerable people on provision of humanitarian aid. 59 people applied to the Department requesting provision of food and non-food assistance. 643 people applied to the AzRC requesting a medical card with discount to receive free of charge medical check-up in the clinic of the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Baku city. All these applications have been considered individually and humanitarian assistance has been provided within the limits of possibility of the National Society
6.	Organization of free or discounted medical check-up for elderly alone and other vulnerable people.	During the reporting period 643 vulnerable people were given medical cards to receive free or discounted medical check-up in the clinic of the Red Crescent Society of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Baku city. The total cost of medical service with 60 AZN discount provided to vulnerable people was 38.580 AZN.
7.	Working with migrants and other foreign citizens.	During the reporting period 6 migrant families applied to the AzRC for humanitarian assistance. 5 out of 6 migrants were given medical cards to receive free-of-charge medical check-up. Another 1 migrant family was provided with humanitarian aid by Humanitarian Relief department of the AzRC.
8.	Working with students from different universities undertaking their internship at the Headquarters of the AzRC.	The staff of Humanitarian Relief department of the AzRC gave lectures on Humanitarian Aid Policy to 36 students from different universities undertaking their internships at the Headquarters of the AzRC.
9.	Organization of different events and actions of humanitarian nature in order to mark national holidays and significant days in the history of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.	On occasion of Novruz (Spring), Eid al-Adha (Gurban), Ramadan holidays and other national holidays a number of humanitarian events were held. During these events humanitarian assistance was provided to vulnerable people.
10.	Analyzing of humanitarian aids provided during humanitarian events and actions held by city and district committees of the AzRC throughout the year 2017.	In general, different kind of humanitarian aid (including food and non-food items) in the amount of <b>394484 AZN</b> was provided to <b>20110</b> people.

## MIGRATION

### GOAL

To advocate for local and international rights of migrants, as well as refugees and IDP in our country in order to provide them with normal living conditions; to provide constant care and attention to migrant families in our country; to learn about

the basic urgent needs of migrants with a view of meeting their needs.

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>OUTCOMES</b>
1.	From January to December 2017, within the framework of a joint project on “Combating trafficking in human beings” of the AzRC and the Baku Office of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), promotional seminars on a topic of “Combating trafficking in human beings” were organized in different educational institutions including schools and universities throughout the country. The staff of Migration department of the AzRC and 84 local branches participated in these seminars.	In general, 1100 seminars were conducted. As a result, 44000 school children and students were educated on “Combating Trafficking in human beings”.
2.	On occasion of Novruz (Spring) holiday, an entertainment event was held for children receiving treatment in the National Children’s Oncology Hospital. Organizational support to the event was provided by “Migration” and “Youth and Volunteers” departments of the AzRC. Finance support to the event was provided by “Ulduz” Chocolate Factory.	During the event holiday gifts were distributed to 50 cancer ill children.
3.	In October 2017, opening ceremony of a new academic year of “Azerbaijan language course” for migrants was held in the Headquarters of the AzRC. Those migrants who attended “Azerbaijan language course” in a previous year received their certificates. Also a tea party was organized for migrants.	30 migrants participated in the event. School stationeries were distributed to migrant students of “Azerbaijan language” course.
4.	In month of January- February-March tours to Shirvanshahlar palace, Museum of Arts, Mugam Center were organized for migrant students of “Azerbaijan language” course of the AzRC. Migrant students of “Azerbaijan language” course also participated in an event organized by Sabunchu district branch of the AzRC and blood donation action held in the Azerbaijan Technical University. Exhibition of drawings of a woman migrant was organized.	A total of 40 migrants have actively participated in the events of the AzRC. 11 drawings were exhibited in a drawing exhibition.
5.	On occasion of anniversary of 26 February-Khojali tragedy and 8 May- occupation of Shusha city an event was held in “Refugee, women and youth” Center and also a funeral feast was organized there.	45 migrants participated in the event.
6.	In January, March, June, October, November and December 2017, sacrificed meat (Gurban) donated by philanthropists was distributed to migrants.	78 migrants received the sacrificed meat portions.
7.	In January and May 2017, seminars on a topic of “What is Migration and work with migrants” were held in Leadership school of “Child and Youth” Center under Ombudsman Office	65 children and young people participated in the event and received booklets.
8.	On occasion of 8 March and Novruz (Spring) holidays an event was held for migrants in “Refugee, women and youth” Center	48 migrants participated in the event.
9.	Free-of-charge check-ups were organized for migrants in the clinic of the Iranian Red Crescent Society operating in Baku city. Migrants also received free medicines of the basis the prescriptions prescribed by physicians of that clinic.	16 migrants passed through medical check-ups and received free medicines.
10.	On occasion of Ramadan holiday migrants were given food parcels by the AzRC.	20 migrant families received food parcels.
11.	On occasion of different national holidays migrants were given free tickets to attend concerts, theatre performances and entertainment events.	A total of 40 tickets were distributed.
12.	During the reporting period clothing, household items, bedding sets and other items were distributed to the most needy migrants.	16 migrant families were assisted.
13.	Special parcels (including blanket, mattress, kitchen set, hygienic packet) prepared by the AzRC were distributed to the most vulnerable migrant families with many children.	2 Afghan families (18 people) received special parcels of the AzRC.
14.	Food aid was provided to the needy migrants. Birthdays of migrant students of “Azerbaijan language” course were celebrated by the AzRC.	Home visits were paid to 6 afghan families. During these visits afghan families were assisted with food parcels. Birthdays of 2 refugee children from Syria and Afghanistan were celebrated and they were given birthday gifts.

15.	On 20 September 2017, Head of Migration department of the AzRC Mammad Katanov, an employee for education of Migration department and a teacher of Azerbaijan language course for migrants Sona Hajiyeva have had a meeting with Program department manager of Baku Office of the UNHCR Migena Tane and deputy program manager Narmin Osmanli at the Baku Office of UNHCR.	Strengthening cooperation between the National Society and Baku Office of the UNHCR in assisting migrants was discussed during the meeting.
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### WEAPONS CONTAMINATION PROGRAM

<b>GOAL</b>		
Starting from 2005, to protect children in communities living in villages of front-line regions and other regions in the western part of the Azerbaijan Republic which was formerly a scene of severe battles from risks of mines and explosive remnants of war (ERW).		
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>OUTCOMES</b>
1.	On 27 January 2017, official opening ceremony of “Safe Playground” project which is implemented within a framework of “Mine Risks Reduction” strategy was held in a secondary school No.1 in Dash Salahli village of Gazakh region. Financial support to “Safe Playground” project was provided by the Embassy of Lithuania in Azerbaijan.	500 school children and village population participated in official opening ceremony of “Safe Playground” project.
2.	On 11-14 April 2017, a regional coordinator for Weapons Contamination program of the ICRC Leyla Susich conducted seminars for teaching staff and school children of a secondary school in Tap Garagoyunlu village of Goranboy region.	A total of 300 school children participated in the seminars and were educated on concept and importance of “Weapons Contamination” program. The participants of the seminars were also informed on how to behave in the armed conflict by taking into account the recent April incidents, escalation of situation along the Nagorno-Garabakh line of contact.
3.	During the reporting period, within the framework of “Weapons Contamination” program the AzRC in cooperation with the ICRC has carried out assessment work among heads of families who became disabled as a result of mine explosions in Terter region. Based on results of the assessment work assistance was provided to the victims of mine victims in Terter region.	Based on the conducted assessment work 25 mine victims were assisted by the ICRC.
4.	During the reporting period employees of districts branches of the AzRC have met with victims of mine explosions in front-line districts and other regions and conducted assessment works among mine victims and presented the results of assessment works to Migration department of the AzRC.	In 2017, eight mine accidents had happened.
5.	On 11 October 2017, within a framework of cooperation between the AzRC and the Embassy of Lithuania in Azerbaijan, official opening ceremony of “Safe Playground” project which is implemented within a framework of “Mine Risks Reduction” strategy was held in a secondary school No.2 in Dash Salahli village of Gazakh region.	In parallel with this event, opening of another project entitled “Safe return from school to home and from home to school” was held. During the event 173 school bags donated by the Embassy of Lithuania in Azerbaijan were distributed to school children in a secondary school No.2 in Dash Salahli village of Gazakh region.
6.	On 20 April 2017, a regional coordinator for Weapons Contamination program of the ICRC Leyla Susich conducted a seminar for staff of the Secretariat of the AzRC in the National Society Headquarters. The purpose of the seminar was to inform on concept and importance of “Weapons Contamination” program. The participants of the seminar were also informed on how to behave in the armed conflict by taking into account the recent April incidents, escalation of situation along the Nagorno-Garabakh line of contact.	As a result of the seminar the staff members of the National Society Headquarters were informed on how to behave in the armed conflict.

## **TRACING SERVICE**

**Goal:** The aim of the Tracing Service is to reduce suffering of family members, who were separated as a result of conflicts and natural disasters, provide psychological support, assist to exchange of necessary information among relatives during emergencies and afterwards as well as restore family links.

### **The main trends of activities of the Tracing Service:**

- Organization of a reception of applicants on a regular basis;
- Tracing of persons missed during World War II;
- Tracing related with migration;
- Providing counseling service in order to solve social problems;
- Searching of documents in order to solve social problems;
- To inform population about activities of the Tracing Service through Regional Centers and local branches of the AzRC;
- Organization of seminars on activities of the Tracing Service for students (a total of 54 students participated).

### **Cooperation with government structures:**

In 2017, the Tracing Service of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society cooperated closely with the following government structures:

- 1) The Ministry of Internal Affairs
- 2) The Ministry for National Security
- 3) State Archive Office under the Cabinet of Ministers
- 4) Baku city executive authority
- 5) Republican Procurator's Office
- 6) Military Commissariat
- 7) The United Nations High Commissariat for Refugees
- 8) State Committee for Refugees and IDPs
- 9) Telephone-information service and other state organizations.

### **Meetings:**

- During the reporting period the staff of the Tracing Service of the AzRC met regularly with the tracing delegates of the Delegation of the ICRC in Azerbaijan.
- During the reporting period the Tracing Service of the AzRC conducted trainings on "Activity of the Tracing Service in time of emergencies and post emergencies" for chairpersons of local branches of the AzRC functioning in front-line districts and in districts prone to disasters.

### **Our activities:**

- During the reporting period seminars on "Activities of the Tracing Service of the Az.RC" were held for 54 students from Baku Slavic University, "Western", "Khazar" Universities, the Azerbaijan University of Foreign Languages and the Azerbaijan Tourism University undertaking their internships at the Headquarters of the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society.
- During the reporting period 22 refugees from Iraq and Syria seeking their relatives were given a counseling service by the Tracing Service of the AzRC.

### **Working with Regional Centers/local branches has been continued**

During the reporting period the Tracing Service of the Az.RC held more than once meetings with coordinators of Lankaran, Mingechevir, Sabirabad, Ganja Regional Centers and distributed tracing request blanks. In connection with tracing activities the staff of Tracing Service of the Az.RC contacted through telephone chairpersons of a number of district branches of the AzRC and gave advices.

### **Statistical figures on tracing in the year 2017:**

Tracing requests received by the Tracing Service in the year 2017:

**The number of cases opened: 32**

**- Within Azerbaijan – 19**

Tracing related with migration	12
Tracing of documents lost as a result of Stalin repression and conflicts	1
Tracing of documents lost as a result of migration	2
Social tracing	4
<b>Total :</b>	<b>19</b>

**- In abroad – 13**

Tracing related with migration	7
Tracing of persons missed during World War II	5
Tracing of documents lost as a result of Stalin repression and conflicts	1
<b>Total :</b>	<b>13</b>

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**The number of cases closed in 2017 – 31**

Tracing of persons missed as a result of migration	3 (with positive result)	6 (with negative result)
Tracing of documents related with migration	1 (with positive result)	2 (with negative result)
Tracing of persons missed during World War II	-	3 (with negative result)
Tracing of documents related with World War II	4 (with positive result)	3 (with negative result)
Social tracing	5 (with positive result)	4 (with negative result)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>

**FINANCE**

The analysis of incomes shows that in 2017 a total income of the AzRC was 1869155 AZN (one million eight hundred sixty nine thousand one hundred fifty five manat). 804 978 AZN (eight hundred four thousand nine hundred seventy eight) allocated by the State Budget to the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society has made 43.1% of a total income. Implementation of “Building safe and resilient communities” project (with financial support of Austrian RC, Austrian Development Agency, European Union) has been continued in the year 2017. This program in the amount of 120000 EURO or 211480 AZN has made 11.3% of a total income.

During the reporting period 820 000 AZN (eight hundred twenty thousand) has been calculated as a membership fee for regional centers and district branches of the National Society. Membership fee in the amount of 819 658 (eight hundred nineteen thousand six hundred fifty eight) AZN was collected from local branches of the AzRC and this has made 43.9 % of the planned amount for membership fee.

During the reporting period 1600 AZN (one thousand six hundred) was generated from First Aid paid courses and was transferred to the National Society.

The overall expenditure of the AzRC in 2017 was 1868915 AZN (one million eight hundred sixty eight thousand nine hundred fifteen manat). The expenditure of the AzRC in 2017 included the followings: 612 724 (six hundred twelve thousand seven hundred twenty four) AZN for salary of employees of the AzRC, including 143 287 (one hundred forty three thousand two hundred eighty seven) AZN was transferred to the State Social Protection Fund, 48 967 (forty eight thousand nine hundred sixty seven) AZN was transferred for income tax.

During the reporting period budget payments of local branches were supervised. It was observed that payments of local branches of the AzRC to the State Social Protection Fund and local tax bodies have been done strictly in accordance with legislation.

**Incomes of the AzRC in 2017**

	<b>Incomes</b>	<b>In AZN</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	Including (total)	1 869 156,00	100%
1.	Allocation from the State Budget of Azerbaijan Republic	804 978,00	43,1%
2.	From membership fees (throughout the Republic)	819,658,00	43,9%
3.	“Building safe and resilient communities” project	211 480,00	11.3%

	(Austrian RC – Austrian Development Agency)		
4.	Income from First Aid paid trainings	1 600,00	0,1%
5.	Fundraising and income generation (funds collected from donation boxes), funds received from different enterprises and organizations, individuals, private donations.	29 452,00	1,6%
6.	Miscellaneous incomes	1 988, 00	0,1%

**Expenditures of the AzRC in 2017.**

			<b>2017</b>
	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>In AZN</b>	<b>Percent</b>
	Including (total)	1 868 915,00	100%
1.	Salary	612 724,00	32,8%
2.	The State Social Protection Fund, income tax and trade union	192,254,00	10,3%
3.	Compulsory insurance of employees	1 700,00	0,1%
4.	“Building safe and resilient communities” project (Austrian RC – Austrian Development Agency)	221 480,00	11,9%
5.	Administrative expenses, payments to the budget, salary expenses (throughout the Republic)	367 665, 00	19,7%
6.	Miscellaneous expenses (bank charges, cash allowances, per-diems, administrative expenses)	103 877, 00	5,6%
7.	Approximate value of services provided by AzRC volunteers during the year (throughout the Republic)	369 215, 00	19,8%