

**Bridging the gap between community needs and local capacities and capabilities of the civil society actors in Azerbaijan****Period of implementation:** 01.02.2022 - 01.02.2025**EaP countries:**
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International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

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Through this EU-funded project, the IFRC will support the capacities of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in Azerbaijan with a view to enhancing the efficiency of their efforts to address the needs of people affected by crises in Azerbaijan, such as the conflict escalation in 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic. The overall objective is thus to reduce vulnerabilities and strengthen the resilience of people affected by crises in Azerbaijan.

This will be done by a combination of the following:

- 1) strengthening the capacities of CSOs in humanitarian action by ensuring that CSOs have suitable structures, systems, and approaches to deliver activities that aim to improve people's coping strategies to recover from crises;
- 2) sharing of best practices from the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement with CSOs in Azerbaijan;
- 3) addressing the recovery and livelihood needs (not relief) of the most vulnerable communities;
- 4) providing CSOs with resources to implement best practices.

Expected results:

- Greater participation of community-based and grassroots organizations in the local development process;
- Generation of best practices that can be replicated or scaled up for the progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- Building multi-stakeholder partnerships and alliances around the local development agenda;
- Creating and improving the organizational settings and internal development of the CSOs;
- Greater number of community-led initiatives that are inclusive and gender-sensitive.

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