The project aims to strengthen the resilience of local communities of South Caucasus countries to reduce negative impacts of disasters and crises on health, including through pandemic preparedness, epidemic control, water hygiene and sanitation, response to mass-casualty events, first aid, psychosocial support.

**Project at a Glance**

Networks of RC staff and volunteers will be established in all targeted locations.

**ARMENIA**
- 4 target regions
- 24 lead volunteers
- 105 community volunteers

**AZERBAIJAN**
- 8 target regions
- 40 lead volunteers
- 160 community volunteers

**GEORGIA**
- 5 target regions
- 20 lead volunteers
- 120 community volunteers

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Trained community volunteers will conduct the community-based capacity building actions, interventions, and awareness sessions aimed to strengthen resilience of local communities to health-related emergencies.

257,000 community members will be reached in total and receive the information on health-related consequences of disasters and crisis.

**ARMENIA**
- 80,000
  - 20,000 directly
  - 60,000 indirectly

**AZERBAIJAN**
- 120,000
  - 30,000 directly
  - 90,000 indirectly

**GEORGIA**
- 57,000
  - 17,000 directly
  - 40,000 indirectly

The project will contribute to the enhancement of regional and national public health in emergencies capacities through close collaboration between Ministries of Health and Ministries of Emergencies with Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, inter-sectoral coordination mechanisms between the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, WHO, UNFPA and other UN agencies and International NGOs.

This will be achieved through the following actions:

- Multi-sectoral cascade community-based capacity building actions.
- Introduce Community-based surveillance to complement the national health facility-based surveillance system.
- Set up health in emergencies stocks within National Societies, to allow immediate response to mid and large-scale disasters.
- Develop policy-level actions to support local health authorities in the implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR) and to enhance mechanisms of inter-sectoral coordination.

Red Cross Red Crescent volunteers are the ears and eyes on the ground in many communities, often in locations where other agencies are not present.