



**International Rescue Committee**  
*Azerbaijan Program*

## ***C&WP Community Investment Program***

**Project Locations:** Bibi Heybat, Sabayil District, Baku  
**Donors:** Azerbaijan International Operating Company (operated by BP)  
**Number of beneficiaries:** 1,843 individuals  
**Period of Implementation:** March 15, 2004 – December 31, 2005

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### **Project Goal :**

To enable sustainable social and economic development for the community of Bibi Heybet through multi-sector, community-based initiatives that strengthen community institutions, build capacity, and improve social and physical infrastructure.

### **Objectives:**

1. To improve the capacity of the community of Bibi Heybet to self-organize, manage, and self-initiate community driven development through successful completion of a Community Participatory Assessment process, the election and training of an Action Plan Committee, and the successful implementation of community-selected micro-projects.
2. To improve income earning and economic opportunities in Bibi Heybet through access to Business Development Services (BDS) training and technical assistance.
3. To improve the living conditions and access to basic needs in Bibi Heybet by rehabilitating the community's electrical supply system and implementing four community-selected micro-projects.

### **Activities:**

- Rehabilitating electrical system: laying new cable, installing new poles, replacing transformers.
- Conducting a Community Participatory Assessment (CPA), in which the community will participate in a 4-day training to assess their community resources, needs and ideas for possible solutions.
- Facilitating the democratic election of an Action Plan Committee (APC) , which will be the community liaison groups for further action in the community.
- Assisting the APC to develop a Community Action Plan (CAP) to provide the community with a clear road map for concrete steps to be taken to improve the community.
- Creating three sector-specific subcommittees, including a Health Action Committee (HAC), Economic Development Subcommittee and Education Subcommittee.
- Providing trainings to community groups, including management, micro-project and sustainability training for APC members and health trainings for HAC members.
- Assisting the APC to develop and implement up to 11 micro-project proposals that address priority problems in the community.
- Working with the HAC to provide peer health education and conduct health awareness activities.
- Working with the Economic Development Subcommittee to organize and provide Business Development Services trainings and support for small and future entrepreneurs.
- Working with the Education Subcommittee to form parent-teacher groups.
- Conducting trainings for municipal councilors through national NGO partner MCD. Councilors will receive information on management, civic government and their rights and responsibilities.

### **Accomplishments to Date:**

- Project team and office in Bibi Heybet established.
- Community sensitization activities underway.