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COUNTERPART INTERNATIONAL'S COMMUNITY & HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO SEVERAL HOSPITALS LOCATED IN DIFFERENT REGIONS OF AZERBAIJAN

Baku -- Counterpart International's *Community & Humanitarian Assistance Program* (CHAP) will provide humanitarian assistance valued at over \$146,118 to several hospitals located in different regions of Azerbaijan. These shipments consist of chest medical instrumental supply sets, surgical irrigators, surgical lights, bandages, chairs, folding litters, manometer sets, anesthesia apparatuses, medicinal cabinets, radiographic printers, surgical sinks, stand basins, adjustable beds, tabulating paper, surgical dressing carts, leg splints, irrigator stands, surgical stockinet, medical examination tables, and tower women's hospital trousers. In response to the appeal from heads of hospitals regarding the lack of medical equipment and supplies, CHAP/Azerbaijan will start distributing the aforementioned commodities to the following hospitals on March 25:

- Central Hospital of IDPs from Gubadli region (located in the city of Sumgait);
- Central Hospital of Dashkesen region;
- Central Railway Hospital in Bilajari district.

For more than 5 years, Counterpart International's *Community and Humanitarian Assistance Program* has provided medical assistance to all hospitals that request assistance from CHAP. Recently, the above-mentioned hospitals addressed request letters to Counterpart International's Azerbaijan office regarding medical assistance. These hospitals cater to thousands of IDP families, who receive medical services free-of-charge.

Since 1997, CHAP has imported over 198 forty-foot (FEU) containers of humanitarian assistance valued at over \$30 Million. With a distribution network of over 100 non-governmental organizations (NGOs), 35 boarding homes and schools, 250 medical institutions and other organizations, CHAP has become the industry-leader among humanitarian aid programs. For more information about Counterpart International's *Community & Humanitarian Assistance Program*, please visit our web site at www.counterpart.org or visit us at 7 Murtuza Mukhtarova Street, Suite 8/9, Baku, Azerbaijan.

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