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**COUNTERPART INTERNATIONAL'S COMMUNITY & HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO 13,167 IDPs LOCATED IN DIFFERENT REGIONS OF AZERBAIJAN**

*Baku* -- Counterpart International's *Community & Humanitarian Assistance Program* (CHAP) will provide humanitarian assistance valued at over \$ 1,300,000.00 to 13,167 IDPs living in different regions of Azerbaijan. The shipment consists of warm trousers, shirts, gloves, sweaters, boots, tent sections, all weather coats, cold weather skirts, men's socks, tent liners, glove inserts, jackets, sleeping shirts and sun goggles. In response to the appeal from IDPs concerning the poor living conditions and lack of warm clothes, CHAP/Azerbaijan will start distributing the listed commodities to the following communities from March 11:

- Community of IDPs from Lachin and Shusha regions;
- Community of IDPs from Fizuli and Agdam regions;
- Azerbaijan Society for Assistance to IDPs and Refugees;
- Community of IDPs from Lachin and Agjebedi region (Takhta Korpu Settlement);
- Humanitarian Society for IDPs located in Khizi region;
- Society of IDPs located in Mingachaur region.

For more than 5 years, Counterpart International's *Community and Humanitarian Assistance Program* has provided humanitarian assistance to more than 80,000 IDPs families (300,000 persons) located in schools, abandoned railroad cars and temporary settlements.

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](http://www.counterpart.org) or visit us at 7 Murtuza Mukhtarova Street, Suite 8/9, Baku, Azerbaijan.

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