

Stormy Outlook? Challenges facing health and welfare NGOs and their international links

United Aid for Azerbaijan

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Key stats for Azerbaijan

- Population (2013): 9,417million
- GDP per capita (2013): \$11,044 (IMF estimate)
- Male/female ratio: 49.6%:50.4%
- Children under 19 years old: 31% of population (2.87million)
- Approximately 60,000 children with disabilities
- Approx. 9000 children in care
- 19.2% coverage for pre-school

UAFAA's main areas of work

- Service Provision ~ 70 staff
2489 directly (2013)
2322 indirectly
- Research
- Advocacy & Policy Reform

● **Challenges**

- Medical model
- Beneficiary mentality
- Distrust of civil society – and spoiled by INGOs, international funding
- Capacity of local NGOs
- In-country funding
- Lack of research capacity

● **Strategies**

- Long term approach
- Empowerment of civil society, not just grants
- Prove you are there for country, not just donor interest
- Localisation – staff, fundraising, campaigns
- Social contraction
- Strong PR, social media
- Social enterprise, marketable services

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