

The \$250,000 earmarked for Armenia will help the Red Cross to provide much-needed emergency relief. It comes in addition to the generous support, amounting to some \$8 million, extended by Canadians immediately following the devastating earthquake of December 1988. The \$250,000 earmarked for Azerbaijan will be used for humanitarian assistance for both Armenians and Azerbaijanis in the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region.

The Canadian Red Cross welcomes cash donations from Canadians to this program at any of its branch offices.

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