

## International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC), Turkey Mr. Muzaffer Baca

### *Organisation Profile*

Since its establishment, International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) has been committed to providing access to basic humanitarian needs, emergency relief, health care, education, and rehabilitation services to all those who have difficulty accessing them, regardless of nationality, religion, language, political opinion, gender, age, genetic or physical characteristics.

Founded in 1999, IBC, whose activities on both local and international platforms have gained momentum day by day, became a member of the ICVA-international Union of Voluntary Organizations headquartered in Geneva in 2003 and was elected to the board of directors of the union in 2006. On the other hand, it was granted special consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to develop economic and social policy recommendations worldwide.

IBC collaborates with local and national authorities, other non-governmental organizations, global donors, universities, and research centers in all projects it implements with its expert staff. It reflects the resources, technical expertise, and experience it has developed through these collaborations to its work. With all these working disciplines it has developed for nearly 25 years, IBC continues to carry out projects that make a difference in social integration, social cohesion, psychosocial support, access to education, access to health services, social development, women's empowerment, gender equality, and sustainable livelihood creation within the framework of basic rights and needs.

IBC is also a member of Sphere Standards, which aims to increase transparent and principled project management, especially in terms of quality and accountability, by setting standards for humanitarian action around the world.

IBC is guided by the principle of neutrality and believes that all human beings are created equal and have the right to live in dignity and to have access to housing, food, health, education, and decent living standards.

**Relief and Rehabilitation** In addition to meeting the urgent needs of victims of natural or people-made disasters such as nutrition, shelter, water, and sanitation, IBC also works to reduce the impact of traumas experienced by women and children.

**Shelter and Reconstruction** IBC provides reconstruction of social infrastructure units, including temporary and permanent shelter, education, and health services after the state of emergency in disaster-affected regions. In this process, it also carries out activities to improve the livelihoods and socio-economic lives of the victims.

**Civil Society and Social Development** IBC contributes to and supports civil society organizations, local organizations, and social groups in the field of civil society and social development to develop their financial and technical capacities, increase the effectiveness of their existing activities, create new activities, and achieve sustainable growth by organizing and networking.

**Training** IBC supports school and out-of-school education. In addition to increasing the capacity of educational units by providing them with the necessary equipment, it also supports programs such as vocational, cultural, and skills development programs carried out by official educational institutions.

**Health** In addition to increasing the existing capacity in the field of health, such as meeting and renewing the need for equipment and supplies, activities are also carried out to raise the awareness of the

community to utilize health units, take preventive measures against diseases, prevent infectious diseases and improve personal hygiene.

**Social Cohesion** IBC promotes the culture of coexistence with the support of academic staff, local government institutions, and stakeholders, especially to strengthen communication between refugees and host communities and contribute to peace-based social dialogue. In this context, the Social Cohesion Unit of the IBC develops projects and activities that bring communities together and break down existing and potential prejudices with the understanding that differences are richness.

**Protection** IBC carries out prevention of gender-based violence and early forced marriage, protection, legal support, and individual/group psychosocial support for children within the framework of its protection policy by international standards.

### *Nominee Information*

## **Mr. Muzaffer Baca**



## **Video presentation**



**Gender: Male**

**Job title: IBC Vice President**

Muzaffer Baca is one of the two founders of International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation in 1999 to serve humanity more with all this experience, especially after following the natural disasters and wars and other poverty issues for 25 years in Europe, Balkans, Middle East, Caucasus and Central Asia

Muzaffer Baca, who has been the Vice President of the International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation for more than 20 years, developing and implementing projects in the fields of emergency relief, capacity building, health, education and social cohesion regardless of religion, language, race and gender in Turkey, the Middle East, the Balkans, the Caucasus and Africa.

While the Foundation gained Special Consultative Status in the United Nations Economic and Social Council with its significant achievements in a short time, Muzaffer Baca was selected as a board member of the ICVA-International Association of Voluntary Organizations between 2004-2008.

Between 2003 and 2010, he served as the Vice President of COPPEM that develops projects for the development of relations with the Mediterranean Countries Municipalities of the European Union, which is based in Palermo, and implementing programs for the use of EU resources for the development of South on behalf of International Blue Crescent Foundation, Muzaffer Baca focused on emergency relief, social cohesion, employment and fundraising projects for refugees after the beginning of the Syrian Crisis in 2011. He is one of the founding members of Refugee Council of Turkey (TMK), which includes more than 20 NGOs, that develops and advocates better policies for both of refugees and the host community.

Muzaffer Baca, who always cares about following the spirit of the youth by sharing his experiences, has been working as the Member of the Board of Trustees of Istanbul Aydm University since 2003. Baca, who gives undergraduate courses regarding News Sociology & News Research-Application, is also the Secretary General of the Eurasian Universities Association (EURAS) a union of universities from EU, MENA and Eurasian region.

Muzaffer Baca has carried out prominent projects not only as the founder and acting president of an international non-governmental organisation, but also with the knowledge and experience he personally gained in hot zones and his command of the dynamics of disadvantaged areas around the world. Muzaffer Baca, who manages the principled, democratic and inclusive humanitarian aid actions that ICVA has been implementing for years in line with its vision, mission and values, will make distinctive contributions to ICVA's 2030 strategy and focus areas with his continuous learning motivation and innovative approach.

Especially after the devastating earthquakes that devastated Turkey and Syria as of 2023, the sustainable projects he has developed and implemented both to meet the urgent needs of the region and for the redevelopment of the region constitute the most important basis of all these approaches.

*Please indicate whether, if elected as a member of the Board, you would be willing to stand for election for*

- **Chair – Yes**

*If yes, what qualities would you bring to the position of Chair?*

**International Civil Society Leadership:** Leadership experience as founder and acting president of an international civil society organisation. A solid foundation and a broad network in civil society.

**Field Experience in Disaster and War Zones:** Long-term field experience in disaster and war zones. Practical knowledge and skills in emergency management, crisis coordination and coping with the effects of war.

**Principled Humanitarian Understanding:** Principled stance and commitment to ethical values in humanitarian aid projects. Going beyond humanitarian aid and seeking long-term sustainable solutions.

**Democratic Management Approach:** Strict adherence to democratic governance principles. Adopting the principles of justice, transparency, and accountability.

**Strategic Planning and Coordination Skills:** Ability to coordinate complex projects effectively.

**Innovative Humanitarian Approaches:** Adopting innovative approaches in humanitarian aid practices. Motivation for continuous learning and development.

**International Relations and Diplomacy:** Strong network in international relations. Diplomatic skills and the ability to communicate across cultures.

**Quick Reaction and Decisiveness:** Ability to react quickly and effectively in emergency situations. Ability to stand strong in times of crisis with determination and leadership qualities.