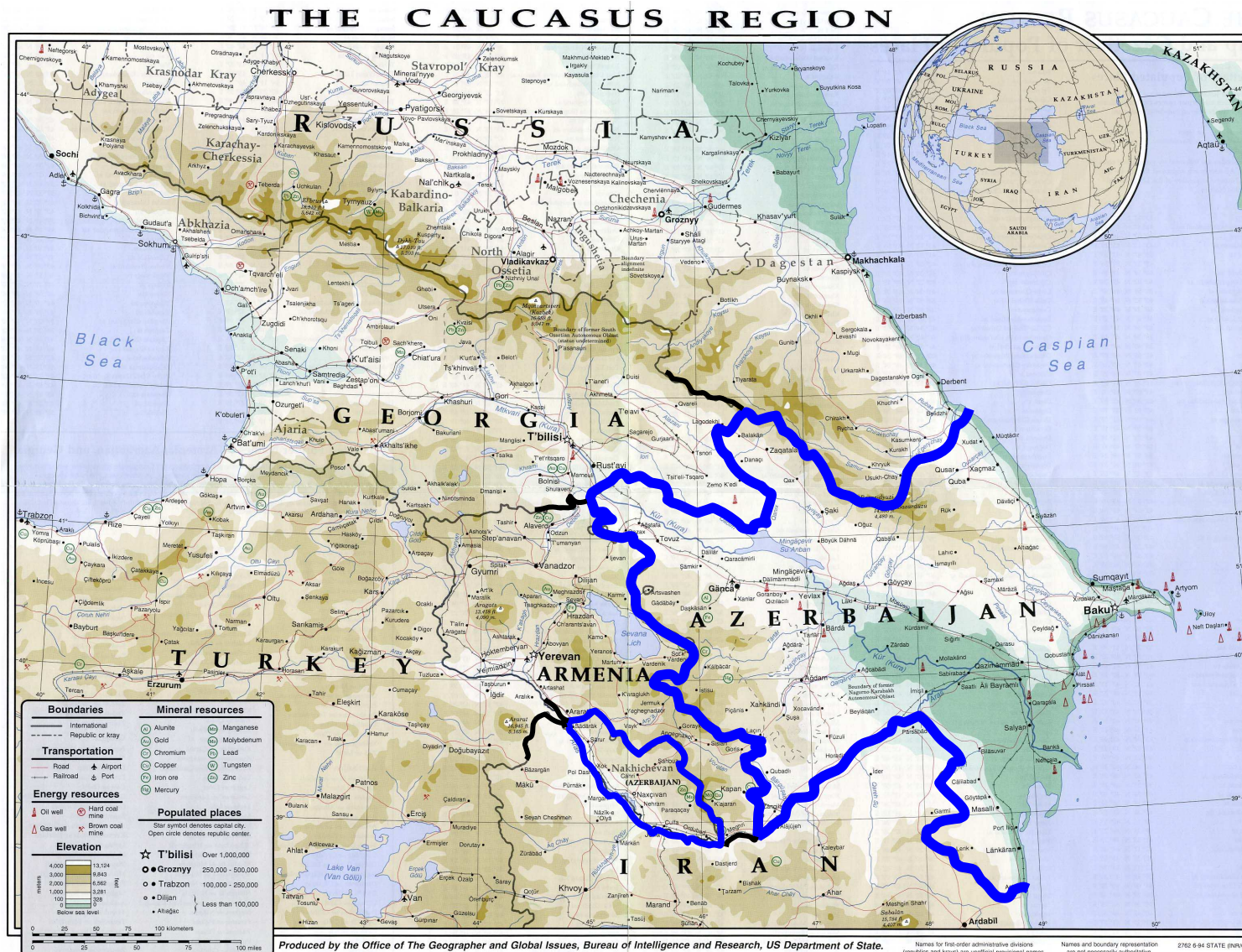


Azerbaijan is bordered by Russia, Iran, Armenia, Georgia, Turkey and the Caspian Sea, the biggest lake on the globe



# Republic of Azerbaijan

**Form of Governance:** Presidential Republic

**Total area:** 86, 600 sq km

**Capital:** Baku

**Population:** 8, 081, 000 (January 1<sup>st</sup> 2001)

51% - reside in urban areas

49% - reside in rural areas

13% of the population are refugees and IDPs

**Language:** The official language is Azerbaijani

**Religion:** Majority of the population is Muslim

**Poverty:** According to official statistics 16% of the population below poverty level (2007)

# **MAIN STRENGTHENS OF THE COUNTRY MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

1. Essential drugs are available without fee for the entire population
2. Widespread presence of primary care clinics
3. Legislation meets the international requirements

# **MAIN WEAKNESSES OF THE COUNTRY**

## **MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

1. Over institutionalization of mental health services and their segregation from general health system
2. No social and community based mental health services in the country
3. Lack of mental health component in primary health care

# **TITLE OF THE PROJECT**

**Implementation of a  
multidisciplinary team in  
Mental Health services in  
Azerbaijan**

# **GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT**

1. To enhance the capacity of outpatient facility staff in integrated, comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach in treating mental disorders;
2. To establish a multidisciplinary team based on mental health outpatient facility
3. To improve mental health services to meet the health and social needs of people with long term severe mental disorders
4. To improve follow up of patients with severe mental disorders after discharge from hospital wards by mental health outpatient facilities
5. To monitor the changes in the treatment of mental disorders through a simple monitoring system

# **EXPECTED RESULT**

1. Improvement of the quality of mental health services;
2. Improvement of a follow up system of patients with severe mental disorders after discharge from hospital wards;
3. Implementation a multidisciplinary approach in mental health system;
4. Decreasing of institutionalization of people with severe mental disorders;
5. Improvement post graduate education for mental health professionals
6. Improvement of doctor-patient relationship;