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Activities Highlights

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500 staff members based in Kyiv, Donetsk, Luhansk, Mariupol, Sievierodonetsk, Sloviansk and Odesa



Health Care

- 12** hospitals on both sides of the contact line were supported with various medical items (dressing materials, antibiotics, intravenous fluids, etc.) to provide medical care to the weapon-wounded and the sick.
- 27** primary health care facilities received chronic disease medications.
- 60** Red Cross volunteers, nurses, school and kindergarten workers participated in four first aid trainings.
- 103** school psychologists participated in nine trainings on psychosocial support.
- 164** people residing along the contact line received psychosocial support during group sessions and home visits.
- 22** relatives of missing people were provided with psychosocial support.



Caring for the Dead

- 2** forensic facilities and one body search and recovery team on both sides of the contact line benefited from donation of laboratory and forensic equipment.
- 17** participants learnt about current challenges in search of the missing and identification of bodies, during an ICRC-organized round-table in Sievierodonetsk.
- 27** experts from both sides of the contact line participated in two trainings: a session on IHL obligations towards the dead and a DNA course.



Cooperation with the URCS

- about 100** volunteers contributed to ICRC distributions of aid, repair of houses, implementation of first aid, psychosocial support and risk awareness and safer behavior programmes.
- 2,034** patients residing in villages close to the contact line were assisted by the URCS mobile clinics, with support of the ICRC and Austrian and Finnish Red Crosses.
- 268** lonely elderly people, including persons with disabilities, in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, were assisted by 44 URCS home-visiting nurses, supported by the ICRC.



Armed & Security Forces

- 45** military personnel participated in two seminars on IHL and the ICRC.



Water & Habitat

- 160** tons of aluminium sulphate for water treatment were delivered to the main water and sewage company of the Donetsk region and the main water treatment facility in the Luhansk region.
- 5** localities on both sides of the contact line benefited from support to water infrastructure, e.g. donation of water treatment chemicals, supply of necessary materials and machinery equipment.
- 750** people on both sides of the contact line benefited from a donation of tools for working brigades and construction materials for rehabilitation of damaged houses, including emergency repairs.
- over 180** people benefited from a donation of three 2,000 litres back up water tanks for a children's health-improving centre and electric radiators for registration centre and night stay shelter for the homeless.



Crossing Points

- over 76,500** people visited the Red Cross heating points on both sides of the bridge at Stanytsia Luhanska, and were assisted by Red Cross volunteers.
- over 55,000** people visited heating points, which the ICRC supplied with consumables (hot drinks, firewood, heating fuel, etc.).
- 4** heating points/shelters at Zaitseve, Olexsandrivka and on both sides of the Stanytsia Luhanska bridge crossing points were maintained by the ICRC.
- 3** crossing points at Mariinka, Berezove and Stanytsia Luhanska benefited from ICRC's maintenance of latrines.



Mine Risk

- 904** persons on both sides of the contact line took part in 18 mine risk education sessions.
- 1,200** mine risk education posters and leaflets were distributed among people residing along the contact line.
- 21** SESU field demining specialists learned how to provide first aid for people with blast trauma, during a course conducted by the ICRC.
- 1,110** marking signs, 21 rolls of marking tape, 40 IMAS cards and other supportive equipment distributed to the structures concerned on both sides of the contact line.



Economic Security

- about 18,000** people received 17 kg food parcels each, which include buckwheat, rice, pasta, flour, sunflower oil, sugar canned beef and sardines, tea and yeast.
- about 18,000** people received essential hygiene items such as soap, washing powder and shampoo.
- 915** households in 17 localities were supported with 2,745 tons of coal.
- 42** households received 73 tons of wooden briquettes for heating of their houses.
- 144** households in the GCA received cash assistance to improve their living conditions during wintertime.
- 259** persons residing in nine social centers improved their living conditions thanks to the donation of 732 insulation kits, which include expanding foam, tape and polyethylene film.
- 180** pairs of shoes were donated to children in rehabilitation centers and boarding schools.
- 149** households received tools, seed sets and fertilizers to restore their livestock farming activities.
- 333** people in the GCA received monthly cash assistance to cover their basic needs.
- 12** families of people injured or deceased in the GCA due to the conflict were provided with cash assistance.



Detention

- 68** detainees, including 19 newly registered, were visited by ICRC delegates in 12 places of detention.
- 30** short oral and written messages were exchanged between detainees and their families.
- 131** penitentiary workers participated in three trainings on international standards of the treatment of detainees, conducted by the ICRC.
- 27** civil society activists were trained on the best international practices and methodology of prison oversight.



Family Links

- 16** families of missing persons received cash assistance.
- 1** family received transportation assistance to reunite with their family member separated as a consequence of the armed conflict.
- 9** new tracing requests for persons unaccounted for were received.
- 3** tracing requests were closed. 673 cases of missing persons registered with the ICRC since the beginning of the conflict remain active.

Acronyms: CIMIC — Civil-Military Co-operation of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, GCA — Government Controlled Areas, NGCA — Non-Government Controlled Areas, IHL — International Humanitarian Law, IMAS — International Mine Action Standards, SESU — State Emergency Service of Ukraine, URCS — Ukrainian Red Cross Society.

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