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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

- 10** hospitals on both sides of the contact line were supported with **medicines, intravenous fluids and other medical items** to provide medical care to the weapon-wounded and the sick.
- 16** primary health care facilities on both sides of the contact line received chronic disease medicines.
- 3** rehabilitation centers in Donetsk received wheelchairs, spare parts for prosthetic devices and raw materials for prosthetics production.
- 16** participants took part in a **basic first aid training session**, conducted by URCS volunteers with the support of the ICRC.
- around 130** URCS volunteers and social workers learned how to provide psychosocial support during 15 training sessions.
- around 210** people residing along the contact line received **psychosocial support** during 155 group sessions and home visits.
- 14** families of missing people were provided with psychosocial support.



### Safer Schools

- 5** schools were assisted with medical items, dressing materials, first aid kits and blood pressure meters.
- over 800** teachers and pupils benefited from the installation of **protective sandwich panels and anti-blast film** on windows in four schools on both sides of the contact line.
- 4** schools and kindergartens were assisted with **essential household items**: blankets, mattresses, jerry cans, buckets, washing agents, cups and glasses.

Mines

### Mine Risk

- 10** children from the Donbas, who have been affected by mines or UXO, played a **football match** with famous football player Gaizka Mendieta in Kyiv city center during the UEFA Champions League Finals.
- 440** persons on both sides of the contact line took part in **21 mine risk education sessions**.
- over 3,000** mine risk education posters and leaflets were distributed to people residing along the contact line.
- 35** marking signs, 1.2 km of marking tape, and other supportive equipment were distributed to the relevant structures.



### Armed & Security Forces

- around 180** military personnel participated in **five seminars** on IHL and the ICRC.



### Water & Habitat

- 18,000** liters of potable water were distributed to residents of Avdiivka due to the disruption in operations of the Donetsk Filtration Station.
- 200** tons of aluminium sulphate, 100 tons of activated carbon and 20 tons of filtration sand were delivered to the main water supply and sewage company of the Donetsk region and the main water treatment facility in the Luhansk region.
- over 700** people in nine localities on both sides of the contact line benefited from donations of **tools and construction materials** for rehabilitation of damaged houses, including emergency repairs.
- 7** 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.



### Caring for the Dead

- 110** participants took part in an **international workshop** on the search for missing persons and identification of bodies in conflicts, catastrophes and natural disasters in Odesa.
- 17** forensic facilities and two body search and recovery teams on both sides of the contact line were supported with forensic equipment and consumables.
- 1** family was supported through covering of funeral expenses.
- 2** exhumations of bodies on both sides of the contact line were conducted with participation of the ICRC.



### Family Links

- 29** families of missing persons received cash assistance.
- 14** new tracing requests for persons unaccounted for were received.
- 7** tracing requests were closed. **686 cases of missing persons** registered with the ICRC since the beginning of the conflict remain active.



### Detention

- 64** detainees, including 21 newly registered detainees, were visited by ICRC delegates in four places of detention in the GCA.
- 22** short oral and written messages were exchanged between detainees and their families.
- 30** penitentiary staff participated in a workshop on the international standards of treatment of prisoners conducted in the Bila Tserkva penitentiary staff training center.



### Economic Security

- over 22,000** people on both sides of the contact line each received 17kg food parcels, which include buckwheat, rice, pasta, flour, sunflower oil, sugar, canned beef and sardines, tea and yeast.
- over 22,000** people on both sides of the contact line received essential hygiene items such as soap, washing powder and shampoo.
- 3,900** households were provided with seed kits to support their farming activities.
- 42** households received 25 poultry and animal feed each.
- 290** households in Stanytsia Luhanska were provided with **disinfection sets for cattle** to ensure proper hygiene conditions for their livestock.
- 1,800** people in the GCA received **monthly cash assistance** to cover their basic needs.
- 100** households along the contact line were provided with **greenhouses and fertilizers** to help restore their agriculture activities and produce vegetables.
- 1** psychoneurological center was provided with a **greenhouse repair kit and irrigation system** to restore their vegetable planting activities.



### Cooperation with the URCS

- around 170** Red Cross volunteers participated in joint distributions of aid, repair of houses, implementation of first aid, psychosocial support, risk awareness and safer behavior programmes.
- 1,275** patients residing in villages close to the contact line were assisted by four URCS mobile clinics, with the support of the Finnish Red Cross and the ICRC.
- around 550** elderly people living alone, including persons with disabilities, on both sides of the contact line were assisted by 88 Red Cross home-visiting nurses, supported by the ICRC.
- 26** URCS volunteers and staff improved their first aid skills by attending a training for instructors and trainers, conducted with the ICRC's financial support.
- around 50** volunteers participated in nine ERT missions during mass gatherings in Ukraine with financial support from the ICRC.
- 4** puppet shows were organized in Avdiivka by URCS volunteers to provide psychological relief for local children, with the support of the ICRC.

Acronyms: ERT — emergency response team; GCA — Government Controlled Areas; NGCA — Non-Government Controlled Areas; IHL — international humanitarian law; UEFA — Union of European Football Associations; URCS — Ukrainian Red Cross Society; UXO — unexploded ordnance.

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