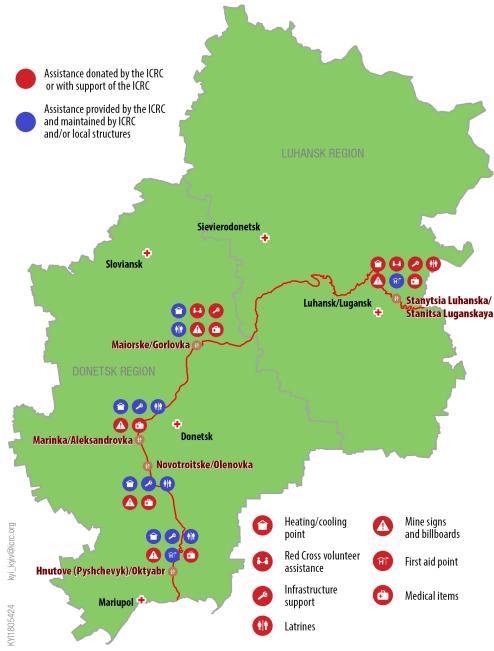


Ukraine: ICRC Assistance at Entry Exit Crossing Points



More than 30,000 people a day cross the line of contact in Eastern Ukraine through five official entry-exit crossing points (EECP). Crossing the contact line in the Donbas is a challenge for many thousands of people. Harsh weather conditions and long waiting hours exhaust the local population. While the ICRC remains committed to provide comfort and safety to people crossing the line, tragically, several persons have paid the ultimate price. In January 2019, our colleagues witnessed nine deaths at crossing points.

Our teams, together with the local Red Cross, support the infrastructure, ensure basic services for people waiting to cross the line of contact, and increase preventive measures through:

- Installation of heating/cooling points equipped with heaters and air conditioners for people to rest.
- Assistance of Red Cross volunteers who are present at three heating/cooling points to provide water, hot beverages, and first aid.
- Installation of bus stops and roofs providing shades, provision of waste containers and tanks for potable water, maintenance of latrines and other facilities.
- Installation of warning signs, billboards and toilets so that people unaware of the hidden danger posed by mines and unexploded ordnance stay on the road while waiting in queues.
- Crossing points are supported with medical items and equipment. At Hnutove and Stanytsia Luhanska, people can stop for medical check-up at two first aid posts installed by the ICRC.



Heating/cooling point

• 5 modules for heating/cooling points were installed at the Olenovka, Gorlovka, Aleksandrovka, Oktyabr and Maiorske crossing points.



Red Cross volunteer assistance

- **860,000** people were assisted at the heating/cooling points on both sides of the bridge at Stanytsia Luhanska by the Red Cross.
- **40,000** people used services at heating/cooling point while waiting to cross the Maiorske EECP.





Mine danger response

- 10 marking signs were provided to local structures for installation near bus stops at the Novotroitske crossing point.
- 3 new mine awareness billboards were installed and a preventive fence was replaced at Stanytsia Luhanska crossing point.
- **49** toilets at three crossing points were maintained and cleaned by the ICRC.



Infrastructure support

- 3 bus stops were installed at the Hnutove, Novotroitske and Marinka crossing points.
- 25 waste containers were provided to five crossing points.
- 4 roofs providing shades were constructed/rehabilitated for people waiting for crossing at Olenovka, Aleksandrovka, Marinka and Maiorske.
- **7** potable water tanks were provided to the Oktyabr, Olenovka, Gorlovka and Maiorske crossing points.
- 1 foldable tent provided and sufficient benches were installed for people queuing next to the heating/cooling point at Stanytsia Luhanska.
- Ramps at Stanytsia Luhanska bridge were repaired twice.



Medical items

• 5 crossing points on both sides of the contact line were provided with medical items, such as first aid kits, dressing sets, stretchers, sets for respiratory resuscitation, automated external defibrillators and medical couches.

Acronyms: EECP — Entry Exit Crossing Points; GCA — Government Controlled Areas; NGCA — Non-Government Controlled Areas In addition to assistance provided in 2018, the map also covers assistance provided during previous years that is still being in operation