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2018 Activities Highlights

Water and Habitat



for over **300,000** people in the Donetsk region, reliable access to drinking water is ensured thanks to a reconstructed **Karlivska Pumping Station**



over **4,000** residents of **Popasna town** in the Luhansk region benefited from sustainable access to potable water thanks to the new water towers installed by the ICRC to replace a damaged one



around **17 km** of **water pipes** installed/replaced to ensure sustainable water supply on both sides of the LoC



144,000 l of **potable water** distributed to people in the Donetsk region as **emergency response** during temporary water supply cuts



31 localities on both sides of the LoC benefited from donations of water treatment chemicals to the main water and sewage companies of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions: **1,630 tons of aluminium sulphate, 1,360 tons of sand, 150 tons of activated carbon and 148 tons of liquid chlorine, etc.**



21 families on both sides of the LoC, whose homes were destroyed as a result of the conflict, moved to **new houses** constructed by the ICRC



62 localities on both sides of the LoC benefited from donations of tools and construction materials for working brigades for rehabilitation of damaged houses, including emergency repairs

Crossing points



5 modules for heating/cooling points equipped with heaters and air conditioners for people to rest were installed at five crossing points



around **900,000** people were assisted with tea, water and first aid at the Red Cross heating/cooling points on both sides of the bridge at Stanytsia Luhanska and at Maiorske crossing point



49 toilets at three crossing points were maintained and waste removed with support of the ICRC

Health Care



60 hospitals on both sides of the LoC received support with medical equipment, antibiotics and other supply to provide medical care to weapon-wounded and sick. **67 primary health care facilities** on both sides of the LoC received essential medical supplies, including chronic disease medications (type 2 diabetes, asthma, hypertension, ischemic heart disease)



over **4,000** patients benefited from the donation of **construction materials and improvement of facilities** of 37 medical institutions on both sides of the LoC, including a complete overhaul of an ambulatory



about **400,000** flacons and cartridges of **insulin** were donated to medical facilities to cover the needs of patients with diabetes. **Two blood banks** received regular support with infection control reagents and blood bags



around **900** persons trained in **first aid** during 66 training sessions, including URCS staff and volunteers. **165 health workers** trained in basic and advanced life support during 8 training sessions



over **400** people residing along the LoC received psycho-social support during some 1,500 group sessions and home visits. **Over 230 teachers, social and healthcare workers** trained in providing psychosocial support



13 facilities, providing support to people with disabilities, received raw materials for prosthetics production, training equipment and furniture

Economic Security



over **300,000** food parcels with buckwheat, rice, pasta, flour, oil, sugar, canned food etc. and the same number of hygiene parcels were provided to almost 80,000 people on both sides of the LoC



over **9,000** households on both sides of the LoC received over 27,000 tons of **coal, wooden briquettes and firewood** to help them heat their homes during winter. **Almost 5,000 households** on both sides of the LoC received materials for insulation of windows, walls and roofs



6,700 households along the contact line in GCA were supported with cash assistance to improve their living conditions during winter. **Around 2,000 individuals** in GCA living in difficult conditions received monthly **cash assistance** to cover their basic needs



almost **1,000** households on both sides of LoC received **greenhouses** and greenhouse repair kits to support their farming activities



over **15,000** households received cash (GCA) or **in-kind support** with agricultural equipment to help them restore and maintain their livelihoods



around **70** households and private entrepreneurs in GCA were supported with **cash grants** for development of their business initiatives



around **10,000** residents of remote localities can reach nearby markets, banks, clinics etc. thanks to ICRC-arranged **buses**



around **14,000** people benefited from provision of **essential items** such as detergents, mattresses, blankets, and kitchenware to improve conditions in 60 educational, social and medical institutions on both sides of the LoC

Mine Risk



around **12,000** children on both sides of the LoC learned about **mine/ERW** risks through 100 theatrical performances. **Over 5,000 adults** improved their knowledge of mine ERW risks during 252 information sessions



10 mine-affected children from the Donbas played a football match in Kyiv during the UEFA Champions League Finals and raised awareness about the **humanitarian consequences of the mines**



3 safe playgrounds installed/refurbished on both sides of the LoC where children can play despite a high mine risk in the area



28,000 people residing along the LoC improved their knowledge of mine/ERW risks thanks to distributed **posters and leaflets**



over **4,000** signs, **145** rolls of tape and **1,000** wooden poles were provided to relevant authorities to mark dangerous area in the Donbas and in the wake of the ammunition depot explosion in Chernihiv region. **42** mine awareness billboards were installed along the LoC



55 demining specialists participated in three training sessions on blast trauma, conducted by the ICRC. **One educational room** for training of underwater deminers was provided with furniture and digital equipment



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Family Links



741 cases of missing persons registered with the ICRC since the beginning of the conflict remain **active**



144 new tracing requests for persons unaccounted for were registered. **69** cases of missing persons registered with the ICRC were closed



51 families of missing people received **psychosocial support**. **Over 80 relatives of missing persons** participated in information sessions conducted by the ICRC about the identification process



185 families of missing persons received **cash assistance**. **11 families** received transportation assistance to reunite with their family members, separated as a consequence of the armed conflict



127 Ukrainian authorities and official representatives from 13 countries participated in ICRC international conference on the search for the missing and support to their families

Caring for the Dead



over **600** forensic experts, law enforcement representatives and military personnel participated in **17 workshops and dissemination sessions** dedicated to various forensic topics regarding the search for missing persons, management of the dead and identification of bodies



22 forensic practitioners and law enforcement representatives working on both sides of the LoC received support to participate in courses abroad to improve their knowledge on international standards and best practices in forensic human identification



4 bodies were **exhumed** with participation of the ICRC



20 forensic facilities benefited from **construction works and materials** (timber, pipes, plastic doors/windows, insulation wool, etc.) and equipment such as air conditioners, cold chambers and radiators to improve their working conditions



55 forensic facilities, **two body search and recovery teams** on both sides of the LoC and **two units of the National Police** assisted with specialized and self-protective equipment

8 families supported with **covering of funeral expenses**

Detention



373 detainees, including 184 newly registered detainees, visited by ICRC delegates in **50 places of detention** in GCA



261 short oral and written **messages** exchanged between detainees and their families



530 penitentiary workers and civil society activists participated in **13 training sessions** on international standards for the treatment of detainees, conducted by the ICRC



100 penitentiary staff participated in two sessions on provision of primary **health care for detainees** and a seminar on prison health care and medical ethics



11 detention facilities in GCA supported with construction materials and equipment such as ovens and refrigerators to **improve the conditions of detention**

Access to Education



around **15,000** teachers and children benefited from the installation of **protective sandwich panels and anti-blast film** on windows and improvement of facilities of 77 schools and kindergartens on both sides of the LoC



around **7,000** pupils and teachers benefited from support provided to **kitchens and canteens** of 27 schools and kindergartens (detergent, kitchenware, appliances etc.)



around **5,000** pupils were provided with pens, notebooks and other **school supplies**

Ensuring Respect for IHL



over **1,000** UAF personnel took part in **29 seminars on applying IHL** in combat operations and on ICRC activities



over **30** military personnel from six countries participated in an ICRC **conference on the protection of civilians** and critical **infrastructure** in urban combat operations in Lviv



The ICRC opened a **centre for study of IHL** at the Military Institute of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv



around **350** law enforcement officers and university professors participated in **16 seminars on international rules and standards for policing**



around **50** law enforcement officers and NGO representatives participated in two roundtables on the right to defence and evaluation criteria for policing observance of human rights



24 law students from eight universities participated in an all-Ukrainian IHL competition organised by the ICRC in Kyiv

Cooperation



around **680** elderly people living alone, including persons with disabilities, on both sides of the LoC were assisted by 107 Red Cross home-visiting nurses with housekeeping, maintenance of personal hygiene etc., with support of the ICRC



about **250** Red Cross volunteers contributed to ICRC distributions of aid, rehabilitation of houses, first aid provision, psychological support, and mine risk awareness and safer behaviour



18,000 patients residing close to the LoC treated by four **URCS mobile clinics**, with support of the Finnish Red Cross and the ICRC



4,000 children and adults in Avdiivka benefited from psychological relief thanks to 57 **puppet performances** organized by URCS volunteers



over **90** volunteers participated in **11 ERT** missions during mass gatherings in Ukraine and the ammunition depot explosion in Chernihiv region with financial support from the ICRC

Acronyms: ERT — emergency response team; ERW — explosive remnants of war; GCA — Government Controlled Areas; NGCA — Non-Government Controlled Areas; LoC — line of contact; IHL — international humanitarian law; UAF — Ukrainian Armed Forces; UEFA — the Union of European Football Associations; URCS — Ukrainian Red Cross Society; UXO — unexploded ordnance.