



International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Activities Highlights

Ukraine. January - February 2019

540 staff members based in Kyiv, Donetsk, Luhansk, Mariupol, Sieverodonetsk, Sloviansk and Odesa

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Health Care

- 15** hospitals on both sides of the LoC were supported with antibiotics, dressing material, intravenous fluids and anaesthesia sets to provide medical care to weapon-wounded and sick.
- 31** primary health care facilities on both sides of the LoC received NCD medications.
- around **150** URCS volunteers, community workers and teachers learned how to provide first aid during 11 trainings.
- 114** health care and social workers, school teachers participated in 13 trainings on psychosocial support.
- 370** people residing along the LoC received psychosocial support during 172 group sessions and home visits.
- around **45,000** insulin cartridges and flacons were donated to cover the needs of patients with diabetes.



Crossing Points

- 80,000** people were assisted by Red Cross volunteers at the heating/cooling points on both sides of the bridge at Stanytsia Luhanska and at Maiorske crossing points.
- 1** first aid point at Stanytsia Luhanska crossing point was supported with chronic diseases medications, intravenous fluids and infusion sets.
- 3** crossing points benefited from ICRC's maintenance of latrines and waste containers.

1,500



Family Links

- 2** families received transportation assistance to reunite with their family members separated as a consequence of the conflict.
- 18** new missing cases for persons unaccounted for were received. **Six** missing cases were closed.
- 753** cases of missing persons registered with the ICRC since the beginning of the conflict remain open.
- 122** families of missing persons received cash assistance. **41 relatives of the missing** were provided with psychosocial support.



Armed & Security Forces

- 79** police officers, professors and students participated in three seminar on international standards for policing and IHL.
- 21** representatives of the UAF Naval Infantry participated in a seminar on IHL and the ICRC.



Water & Habitat

- 5** tons of activated carbon for water treatment was donated to the main water supply and sewage company in Luhansk region.
- 5,300** m³ water tank was refurbished to eliminate risk of its leakage. **Six** localities benefited from support to water infrastructure, e.g. supply of materials and equipment.
- 1** detention facility was supported with materials for its sewage system to improve conditions of detention.
- around **1,000** people in seven localities on both sides of the LoC benefited from tools and construction materials donated for the rehabilitation of damaged houses, including emergency repairs. **One** family, whose house was heavily damaged due to the conflict, moved into a newly constructed home.



Caring for the Dead

- 2** forensic institutions and a police department received equipment and furniture for body examinations.
- 2** families were supported with covering of funeral expenses.
- 12** forensic practitioners received the first session on forensic human identification in the recently opened Humanitarian Forensic Training Centre at the Dnipropetrovsk region MLB.
- 40** CIMIC officers participated in a session on IHL obligations towards the dead. **Four** police officers participated in a training session on collection of fingerprints for identification purpose.



Access to Education

- over **700** children and teachers benefitted from ICRC in-kind support to canteens in educational facilities.
- 1,400** children and teachers on both sides of the LoC improved their knowledge of mine/ERW risks thanks to educational sessions and theatre performances.
- 500** children and teachers benefitted from ICRC support to safety areas (e.g. mattresses and blankets), provided to two schools.
- 15** school teachers participated in training sessions on psychosocial support.
- 30** students of an agricultural college received furniture for their rooms to improve their living and study conditions.
- 260** pupils participated in craft workshops, organised by Red Cross volunteers and aimed at creating friendly and safe environment, which was supported by the ICRC with materials.



Economic Security

- 20,000** people received 17 kg food parcels each, which include buckwheat, rice, pasta, flour, sunflower oil, sugar, canned beef and sardines, tea and yeast; as well as parcels with essential hygiene items.
- almost **3,000** households received fertilizers, vegetables, greenhouse fittings and repair kits, etc. or cash support (GCA) for their farming activities.
- around **2,600** households were supported with cash (GCA), insulation kits and fuel (over 5,600 tons of coal in total) to improve their living conditions during winter.
- 67** households and private entrepreneurs in GCA received grants for their business initiatives.
- 460** affected people in the GCA received monthly cash assistance to cover their basic needs.



Detention

- 87** detainees, including 34 newly registered, were visited by ICRC delegates in 16 places of detention in GCA.
- 35** short oral messages and written messages were exchanged between detainees and their families.
- 100** penitentiary staff improved their knowledge of the international standards of treatment of detainees thanks to an ICRC seminar.



Mine Risk

- around **1,200** residents of localities along the LoC improved their knowledge of mine/ERW risks thanks to educational sessions.
- 3** sets of equipment were donated to relevant structures on both sides of the LoC to support their demining activities.
- 50** signs, four rolls of tape and seven banners were donated to the relevant structures to mark dangerous area.



Cooperation with the URCS

- 260** Red Cross volunteers participated in joint distributions of aid, rehabilitation of houses, first aid provision, psychosocial support, risk awareness and safer behaviour programmes.
- over **500** adults and children attended 11 puppet shows, organized by URCS volunteers to provide psychological relief, with support of the ICRC.
- around **700** elderly people living alone on both sides of the LoC were assisted by 107 Red Cross home-visiting nurses (e.g. help with housekeeping, maintenance of personal hygiene, etc.), supported by the ICRC.
- around **1,900** patients residing close to the LoC were assisted by four URCS mobile clinics, with support of the Austrian Red Cross and the ICRC.