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Activities Highlights

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560 staff members based in Kyiv, Donetsk, Lugansk/Luhansk, Mariupol, Sieverodonetsk, Sloviansk and Odesa



Health Care

36 primary health care facilities

on both sides of the LoC received NCD medications. Two physical rehabilitation centres were supported with furniture and other materials.

14 hospitals

on both sides of the LoC were supported with sets of medicines, dressing material, etc. to provide medical care to weapon-wounded and sick. One blood bank received reagents and blood bags.

Around 70 participants

took part in first aid trainings, including medical and community workers.

170 residents

of localities along the LoC received psychosocial support during individual and group sessions. 35 medical workers participated in four training sessions on psychosocial support.



Family Links

225 families

of missing persons received cash assistance. Six relatives of the missing were provided with psychosocial support.

1 family

received transportation assistance to reunite with their family member separated because of the conflict.

751 cases of missing persons

registered with the ICRC since the beginning of the conflict remain open. Five missing cases were closed. Four new cases for persons unaccounted for were received.



Caring for the Dead

5 institutions

received forensic equipment, including a body search and recovery team, a police department and MLBs.

25 prosecutors

learned about IHL obligations towards the dead and their families. One roundtable on identification process and search for missing persons took place.

2 families

were supported with covering of funeral expenses. ICRC supported one meeting for handing over identification results to a family.



Armed & Security Forces

>70 UAF officers

participated in three seminars on IHL and the ICRC.

25 policemen

participated in a seminar on international standards for policing.



Water & Habitat

13 localities

on both sides of the LoC benefited from tools and construction materials donated for the rehabilitation of damaged houses, including emergency repairs.

2 water supply companies

on both sides of the LoC upgraded software and received materials and equipment (generator, bitumen, etc.).



Crossing Points

>73,000 people

were assisted by Red Cross volunteers at the heating/cooling points on both sides of the bridge at the Stanytsia Luhanska and Maiorske crossing points.

1 partial repair

of a wooden platform of Stanytsia Luhanska bridge conducted.

4 crossing points

benefited from ICRC's maintenance of latrines and waste containers.



Detention

165 detainees

were visited by ICRC delegates in 11 places of detention in GCA. 42 detainees were newly registered.

18 short oral and written messages

were exchanged between detainees and their families.



Cooperation

230 Red Cross volunteers

participated in joint distributions of aid, rehabilitation of houses, first aid provision, psychosocial support, risk awareness and safer behaviour programmes.

225 adults and children

attended four puppet shows, organized by URCS volunteers to provide psychological relief, with support of the ICRC.

680 elderly people

living alone on both sides of the LoC were assisted by 106 Red Cross home-visiting nurses (e.g. help with housekeeping, maintenance of personal hygiene, etc.), supported by the ICRC.

1,750 patients

residing close to the LoC were assisted by four URCS mobile clinics, with support of the Austrian Red Cross and the ICRC.

24 ERT volunteers

were trained on how to provide emergency pre-hospital assessment and care to patients, with financial support from the ICRC.



Economic Security

23,500 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.

650 affected people

in GCA received monthly cash assistance to cover their basic needs. Over 340 families of people wounded or deceased due to the conflict received cash (GCA) or in-kind assistance (food and hygiene parcels).

80 private entrepreneurs

in GCA received grants for their business initiatives.

150 households

received greenhouses. 40 households were trained in farming and livestock maintenance.

1,200 bedridden people

received hygiene items.



Mine Risk

110 signs,

42 rolls of tape and 10 wooden polls were donated to the relevant structures on both sides of the LoC to mark dangerous area.

600 residents

of localities along the LoC improved their knowledge of mine/ERW risks thanks to educational sessions. 300 posters and leaflets distributed to improve knowledge of mine/ERW risks.



Access to Education

>200 children and teachers

on both sides of the LoC improved their knowledge of mine/ERW risks thanks to educational sessions, theatre performances and game sessions. Over 100 pupils participated in craft workshops, organized by Red Cross volunteers, supported by the ICRC with materials.

>200 children and teachers

in three schools benefitted from ICRC support to safety areas (luminescent tape to mark safe and unsafe areas) and from provided tarpaulin.

>350 children and teachers

benefitted from seeds, shovels, watering provided to three kindergartens for learning how to grow vegetables.

19 teachers

were trained in first aid provision.



Ensuring respect for IHL

95 law students and prosecutors

improved their knowledge of IHL thanks to three educational sessions.

Acronyms: ERW – explosive remnants of war, GCA – Government Controlled Areas, NGCA – Non-Government Controlled Areas, IHL – International Humanitarian Law, LoC – line of contact, MLB – medico-legal bureau, NCD – non-communicable disease (e.g. diabetes, asthma, hypertension, ischemic heart disease), UAF – Ukrainian Armed Forces, URCS – Ukrainian Red Cross Society.

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