



International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

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2019 Activities Highlights

Water & Habitat



850,000 people on both sides of the LoC* are supplied with water due to infrastructure rehabilitation and materials provided to Voda Donbasu, Popasna District Waterboard and local municipal waterboards. The assistance provided by the ICRC included **22 km** of pipes, **63 pumps**, **4,500 litres** of fuel for repairs of the pipelines and **618 tonnes** of chemicals for water purification



4,100 litres of potable water delivered for Dokuchaievsk residents



Over **11,500** people along the LoC* repaired their damaged houses with the ICRC donation of construction materials, rehabilitation works and windows replacement



350 residents of Travneve and Bakhmutka benefited from the rehabilitation of their local collective centres where mental health support sessions are held



1,700 residents benefited from improvement of the centralised heating system in Pervomaisk

Health Care



Over **2,700** patients and medical staff in 27 medical structures, including a prosthetics and orthopedic centre, benefited from reconstruction works



67 primary health care facilities on both sides of the LoC* received essential medical supplies, including NCD* medications. **30** hospitals were supported with various items (dressing material, antibiotics, X-ray films, etc.) and medical equipment. An endocrinological centre in Donetsk received glucometers and fridges



Around **315,000** flacons and cartridges of insulin were donated to cover the needs of patients with diabetes



2 blood banks ensured the safety of blood transfusion due to the regular supply of reagents and blood bags



9 facilities with a catchment population of 19,800 received raw material for prosthetics production, training, equipment and furniture; 24 individuals also received wheelchairs and walking aids



Over **1,000** people along the LoC learnt how to provide first aid following 86 training sessions conducted by the ICRC and URCS.* Around 250 first aid instructors improved their skills



Around **100** health workers participated in basic and advanced life support sessions



540 teachers and community workers learnt how to provide psychosocial support



Over **2,000** people residing along the LoC* received support from psychologists during 1,000 sessions

Economic Security



86,000 people received around 208,000 food and hygiene parcels



Around **850** residents of GCA*, living in difficult conditions, received regular cash assistance to cover their basic needs. **394** people, whose relatives were wounded or died due to the conflict, received cash assistance or food and hygiene parcels



6,500 people along the LoC* received ICRC cash grants for starting or expansion of their microeconomic initiatives and livelihood activities



Over **1,100** individuals participated in training sessions on writing business plans and farming



Nearly **28,000** people on both sides of the LoC* received support for their agricultural (seeds, tools, greenhouses) and livestock (chickens, bees, fodder, etc.) activities



180 residents of four LoC* villages in Sloviansk area could reach nearby markets, banks, clinics, etc. by the means of transportation arranged by the ICRC



30,500 people affected by the conflict received coal, briquets or cash assistance to heat their homes



2,800 bedridden people received kits with hygiene items and bed linen



Over **4,100** people benefited from furniture, heating materials, etc. provided to social institutions

Crossing Points



Around **756,000** people received various assistance, including tea, water, first aid and basic medication at heating/cooling points and a medical point operated by Red Cross volunteers on both sides of the bridge in Stanytsia Luhanska and at Maiorske crossing point



Facilities for civilians at five crossing points were supported with servicing latrines, cleaning of waste containers and donation of various materials (stoves, fuel, cleaning materials, LED bulbs, etc.)



People crossing the LoC* were protected from the adverse weather conditions while waiting under five refurbished sheds at crossing points

Access to Education



Around **7,000** children and teachers in 52 educational institutions on both sides of the LoC* benefited from the rehabilitation of facilities and improved security measures (installation of the anti-blast film and improvement of access to safe areas, etc.)



14 schools and kindergartens on both sides of the LoC received furniture for kitchens, canteens and study rooms



5,200 children received school supplies

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653 detainees were visited by ICRC delegates in 36 places of detention in GCA*. 403 detainees were newly registered



197 short oral and written messages were exchanged between detainees and their families



62 doctors and feldshers from seven detention facilities participated in training programmes



350 penitentiary workers and civil society representatives participated in training sessions on international standards on the treatment of detainees



Around **14,000 detainees** in 12 facilities in GCA* benefited from the improvement of heating, sanitation and other utility systems

Caring for the Dead



11 families were supported with funeral expenses



26 forensic and police institutions received protective and technical equipment, materials and furniture for their work on search and identification of human remains



16 forensic institutions benefited from the improvement of premises



19 forensic practitioners and representatives of relevant structures from both sides of LoC* were supported to participate in training and exchange of expertise abroad



420 forensic experts and police officers were trained in forensic human identification, search for the missing and forensic genetics, including during sessions in the newly opened Humanitarian Forensic Training Centre in Dnipro. **22 participants** took part in two round tables on the identification process and search for missing persons

Humanitarian Law



Around **1,400 UAF* personnel** took part in seminars about ICRC activities and on applying IHL* in combat operations



2 classrooms for IHL* studying were opened in Yaroslav Mydriy Legal University of Kharkiv and Hetman Petro Sahaydachnyi National Army Academy of Lviv



Over **300 prosecutors, civil servants and students** improved their knowledge of IHL* by participating in ICRC seminars



Over **400 law enforcement officers** participated in seminars on intl. rules and standards for policing. Around 100 law enforcement officers, human rights activists and civil servants participated in regional seminars on the protection of the arrestees' rights

Family Links



756 families registered with the ICRC are still looking for their missing relatives. **110 new cases** of persons unaccounted for were registered, while **101 cases** registered with the ICRC were **closed**



296 families of missing persons received cash/voucher assistance



90 relatives of the missing received support from ICRC's psychologists



10 families received transportation assistance to reunite with their family members

Mine Risk



17 safe playgrounds were installed or rehabilitated and equipped for children to play in a safe environment on both sides of the LoC



30,000 adults and children on both sides of the LoC* improved their knowledge of mine/UXO* risks during 1,100 sessions, including those conducted by the Red Cross volunteers



3,300 signs, 140 rolls of tape and over 1,800 wooden poles donated to relevant structures to **mark dangerous areas** in the Donbas. **32 mine awareness billboards** installed along the LoC



73 pyrotechnic specialists and medics participated in ICRC training sessions on non-technical survey and blast trauma



In Mariupol and Rubizhne, support was provided for the creation of educational spaces in regional humanitarian demining centers

Cooperation



Around **19,000 patients** residing close to the LoC* were assisted by four URCS* mobile clinics, with support from the Austrian Red Cross and the ICRC



Around **780 elderly people** on both sides of the LoC* were assisted by 120 URCS* **home-visiting nurses** providing housekeeping, maintenance of personal hygiene, etc., supported by the ICRC



2,200 children and adults attended puppet shows, organized by URCS* volunteers to provide psychological relief, with support of the ICRC



135 volunteers of the emergency response teams were on duty to provide first aid during the elections and other mass gatherings in Ukraine



Around **560 Red Cross volunteers** participated together with the ICRC in joint distributions of aid, rehabilitation of houses, first aid provision, psychosocial support, risk awareness, and safer behaviour programmes

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