



International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Ukraine

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2020 Activities Highlights

Water & Habitat



Around **864,000** people on either side of the LoC* are supplied with water as the ICRC provided materials and rehabilitation to the water and sewage companies. The assistance included rehabilitation of a **power line** to a pumping station, donation of specialized emergency brigade **vehicles**, provision of around 2,000 litres of **fuel** for emergency repairs, and 750 tonnes of water treatment **chemicals**.



36,600 litres of artesian water were trucked to cover emergency needs of households and social institutions, arising from shortages in drinking water supply on either side of the LoC*.



Around **10,000** people benefitted from ICRC support to repair their damaged houses, including through emergency repairs. **Seven families** in frontline communities moved in to the houses fully reconstructed by the ICRC.



2 social institutions were assisted: an IDP* collective centre with materials to improve their living conditions and a community centre with donation of materials to repair the roof.

Health Care



200,000 people will stand to benefit from the first Emergency Health Care Department in Ukraine that the ICRC started constructing at the Bakhmut hospital, Donetsk region.



7,500 patients and staff at 70 medical institutions on either side of the LoC* benefitted from repairs as well as donation of construction materials, incl. within the ICRC COVID-19 response.



40 hospitals on either side of LoC* were supplied with surgical consumables, oxygen concentrators, PPE*, screening tents, incl. within the ICRC COVID-19 response.



53 COVID-19 responder hospitals on either side of the LoC* were supported to better cope with the pandemic. This includes the donation of disinfection kits, chlorine, back-up generators, water tanks, improvement of water distribution and sanitary facilities, materials for cleaning, etc.



66 primary health care facilities on either side of the LoC* received NCD* drugs, various medical items and consumables.



Around **2,200** individuals were supported to gain access to physical rehabilitation services, medical and social institutions.



Over **500** people residing in the LoC* communities participated in the basic first aid sessions conducted by the URCS* and supported by the ICRC. Around **140** first aid instructors improved their skills by attending the ICRC-supported training sessions.



Around **120** people affected by the conflict residing close to the LoC* received psychological and psychosocial support.



Around **150** community helpers (teachers, social workers, volunteers) along the LoC* received support to improve their coping strategies and stress management skills. Around **30** mental health practitioners and community helpers were trained to provide high-quality psychological or psychosocial support.

Crossing Points



At the heating/cooling points on either side of the bridge at Stanytsia Luhanska, **244,000** people were assisted by Red Cross volunteers with registration for self-isolation as well as informed about the social distancing rules.



232,000 people were assisted by ICRC or Red Cross volunteers with tea/sugar/water while crossing the LoC*.



Around **1,450** people were provided with medical services by two URCS* nurses at the URCS* medical and social room at the EECP* Chonhar in Kherson region financially supported by the ICRC.



4 crossing points on either side of the LoC* benefitted from maintenance of latrines and garbage containers; operation of two heating/cooling points, one of which was replaced due to wildfires; borehole drilling; general improvement of facilities and implementation of special COVID-19 related measures for people crossing the LoC*.

Economic Security



Over **53,000** people along the LoC* were assisted with food and hygienic items, incl. within the ICRC COVID-19 response.



Around **455** people received cash support to cover their basic needs.



32 families, whose relatives passed away or were injured due to the conflict, received assistance in the form of monthly cash or funeral reimbursement.



Over **3,200** households received cash grants or in-kind donations for their livelihoods and small businesses.



Around **20,000** people on either side of the LoC* benefitted from the provision of tools, greenhouses, livestock or cash grants to increase their food production. This includes cash grants to 640 families whose houses were destroyed during wildfires in Luhansk region.



Over **13,000** families on either side of the LoC* received coal, briquettes, insulation kits or cash to heat their houses during the cold season.



Over **38,000** people benefitted from donation of hygienic items to 66 social institutions as part of the ICRC COVID-19 response. **32** social institutions servicing over 4,000 people were supported with various furniture and hygiene items.



Over **230** people whose houses had been damaged received furniture, kitchen sets or cash to purchase the necessary items.



Residents of **one LoC* village** got access to nearby markets, banks, clinics, etc. using transportation arranged by the ICRC.

Access to Education



Over **2,200** children benefitted from repair works or donation of construction materials to 21 educational facilities.



Over **5,000** children benefitted from enhanced security measures at 18 education institutions on either side of the LoC*, e.g. installation of anti-blast film on windows and donation of items for safety areas.



9,250 children benefitted from the provision of kitchen and dining area items in 57 educational facilities. **Seven** kindergartens were provided with bottled water due to water shortages.



Almost **22,000** children and students at 203 kindergartens, schools and a university on either side of the LoC* benefitted from donation of PPE*, sanitation and disinfection items as part of ICRC COVID-19 response. Additionally, **51** kindergartens received portable bactericidal irradiators.



3,600 children benefitted from the provision of classroom equipment and furniture to 31 educational facilities. **5,750** children received stationary items. Educational, recreational and sports items were donated to 58 educational and other facilities for almost **8,000** children.



17 educational institutions along the LoC* received printers, paper and ink to print out materials for distance learning of over 2,000 children. **31** children from families of missing persons and victims of mine incidents received IT equipment for online learning.



Over **730** children got a safe place for outdoor activities with installed playgrounds in four locations on either side of LoC*.



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Family Links



801 families registered with the ICRC are still looking for their missing relatives. **88 new cases** of persons unaccounted for were registered, while **40 cases** were closed.



324 families of missing persons received cash/voucher assistance. **137 families** received support for their microeconomic initiatives.



170 relatives of the missing received psychological support.



51 vulnerable individuals received transportation assistance to reunite with their family members.



3 training sessions for associations of the missing persons' families and the URCS* were organized. **Four social gatherings** for the families were supported. The ICRC continued its dialogue with the relevant structures on either side of the LoC* to support their efforts in providing answers about the fate and whereabouts of the missing.

Caring for the Dead



45 meetings, including roundtables and exhumations, with the families of missing persons and relevant authorities were conducted. **Four families** were supported through covering of funeral expenses.



Around **300,000 pcs of forensic items** and PPE* were donated to forensic institutions on either side of the LoC*. **19 forensic facilities** on either side of the LoC* benefited from the improvement of premises.



34 facilities received posters on COVID-19 for forensic specialists. The ICRC developed and shared with relevant specialists its **guidelines** for the dead body management amid COVID-19 crisis.



329 forensic and other concerned professionals participated in ICRC workshops and/or webinars on search and recovery, identification of human remains and COVID-19. **Two specialists** were supported to participate in professional events abroad.

Mine Risk



Almost **18,000 people** on either side of the LoC* improved their knowledge of mine/UXO* risk following mine-risk sessions, incl. those conducted online due to COVID-19.



Over **6,600 mine warning signs**, 500 rolls of "danger area" tape and 2,000 wooden poles were delivered to the relevant structures for marking hazardous areas on either side of the LoC*.



144 pyrotechnicians were trained on various mine action activities in accordance with the international standards. **52 members** of the UAF* and Special Transport Service participated in briefings on humanitarian mine action.



Equipment for creation of the **classroom** for pyrotechnics and first aid was donated to SESU* Training Center in Kharkiv region.



Over **100 backpack sprayers** for disinfection, seven tones of sodium-hypochlorite, over 100 protective suits, over 18,000 masks and respirators, 900 pieces of gel for disinfection, 450 boots, 100 digital thermometers and other necessary items were provided to emergency structures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on either side of the LoC*.

Detention



72 detainees were visited by ICRC delegates at 19 places of detention. 26 detainees were newly registered. Ten brief oral and written messages were exchanged between detainees and their families.



Over **88,000 detainees** in 119 facilities on either side of the LoC* benefited from donation of disinfection kits as well as construction materials, including within the ICRC COVID-19 response.



40 penitentiary healthcare staff participated in training sessions on emergency health. Recommendations on the safe resumption of family visits and best practices on lifting COVID-19 related restrictions in the penitentiary system were shared with penitentiary authorities.



Over **50 penitentiary staff** participated in training sessions on COVID-19 prevention and the Mandela Rules. **E-learning platform** for penitentiary staff was launched.

Humanitarian Law



Around **895 militaries in GCA*** participated in sessions on the basics of IHL* organized by the ICRC during pre-deployment and other training sessions.



164 prosecutors, government officials and staff members of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine received an IHL* training.



500 law enforcement representatives participated in the ICRC seminars on intl. rules and standards for policing and IHL*.

Cooperation



Over **224,000 posters** and other printed materials as well as four videos on COVID-19 were produced by the URCS* with the ICRC financial support.



Around **1,000 litres of sanitizer** and 18,000 pieces of PPE* were purchased with the ICRC financial support for the Red Cross operations on either side of the LoC*. Computer equipment was purchased to support internal communication of URCS* as part of COVID-19 response.



Around **1,450 people** contacted Red Cross COVID-19 hotline in Luhansk area operating with the ICRC financial support.



Around **470 visits** to six locations close to the LoC* in GCA* were conducted by three URCS* Mobile Clinics with financial and expert support of the Austrian Red Cross and the ICRC.



Around **680 elderly persons** living alone, including individuals with disabilities, on both sides of the LoC* were assisted by 117 Red Cross home-visiting nurses, who have been supported financially by the ICRC.



130 volunteers took part in the URCS* emergency response teams annual meeting to share their experience and refresh their knowledge with the ICRC financial support.



3 mini-grants were granted by the ICRC to support income-generating/charity projects of the Red Cross branches on either side of LoC*.



Over **300 Red Cross volunteers** contributed to the ICRC distributions of aid, logistic support, repair of houses, implementation of first aid and psychological support programmes as well as risk awareness and safer behaviour programmes.

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