

# ICRC UKRAINE

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## SUPPORTING FAMILIES SEPARATED FROM THEIR LOVED ONES



**9,142**  
FAMILIES

received information on the fate or whereabouts of their missing loved ones in relation to the armed conflict through ICRC delegations or National Red Cross Societies.  
\*This figure covers February 2022 to June 2024 on both sides\*



**145**  
FAMILIES

searching for missing relatives were referred for legal services to address specific needs.



**233**  
FORENSIC PRACTITIONERS

trained in dignified management of the dead in emergencies.



**115,250**  
DNA COLLECTION KITS

were donated for prevention of missing in action.



**595**  
FAMILIES OF MISSING

or detained persons were provided with financial assistance. We also provided financial support to 85 released detainees.



SUPPORT TO CHILDREN

of families of the missing to ensure that they can participate in summer learning camps to mitigate the academic losses experienced during the year.



**8**  
TRANSFER REPATRIATION OPERATIONS

were monitored by the ICRC as part of our neutral intermediary role.



**1,061**  
DECEASED UKRAINIAN SERVICEMEN repatriated



**102**  
PEOPLE

were supported to gain safe passage. This involved issuing 57 emergency travel documents (ETDs) which allowed persons to cross borders on their way to be reunited with loved ones.



**873**  
FAMILY MEMBERS

of missing or captured persons attended information sessions on coping and living with ambiguous loss. Ambiguous loss is the uncertainty associated with not knowing the whereabouts of a loved one. In addition, 197 families received individual psychological consultation sessions.



**21**  
FORENSIC INSTITUTIONS

including Medico-Legal Bureaus, National Police, Commissioner for Missing Persons under Special Circumstances and DNA laboratories supported with donations of equipment and supplies for their work including the search, recovery, storage, examination and identification of human remains.

## PROMOTING RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)



**403**  
STAFF

of the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF) & National Police trained in international humanitarian law (IHL), international human rights law (IHRL), law enforcement operations, international standards of the conduct of hostilities, protection of Prisoners of War (PoWs) and work on the missing and detained.



**1**  
IHL CENTRE

opened at the State Border Guard Service Academy in Khmelnytskyi.



REGULAR PEER-TO-PEER

exchanges held with high level academics and legal practitioners on current IHL issues and challenges in Ukraine.



**115**  
REPRESENTATIVES

from the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (Parliament), the Office of the Ombudsman and students participated in separate sessions organized by the ICRC to raise awareness of IHL.



**4**  
STUDENTS

received financial support enabling them to participate in the Jean Pictet Competition. The competition serves as a unique training event in international humanitarian law allowing students to practice the law through simulation exercises.



**1**  
PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT ROOM

opened at the Donetsk State University of Internal Affairs.



**2**  
UNIVERSITIES provided with IHL publications.

## PROVIDING LIFE-SAVING CARE



**14,000+**  
DETAINEES & POWs

regularly received medicines and essential medical supplies including crutches, glasses and mattresses which help to prevent bedsores.



**42**  
HOSPITALS

received regular donations of medical equipment and medicines to ensure they have enough stock to treat the influx of patients, including those from areas close to the frontline.



**3,669**  
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS

were held with patients through the two mobile health units in Kharkiv and Sumy which are supported by the ICRC.



**21**  
PRIMARY HEALTH-CARE CENTRES

that further support local health points and outpatient clinics received emergency aid, including medicines, furniture, and equipment to ensure quality and sustained health assistance to communities.



**8**  
SPECIALISTS

including prosthetists, orthotists and two physiotherapists received on-the-job training.



**104,901**  
PATIENTS

were consulted about various matters related to high blood pressure or diabetes in the numerous primary health-care centres supported by the ICRC.



**94**  
FIRST AID TRAINING SESSIONS

were conducted, reaching 1,786 participants including affected communities, health-care professionals, police, weapon bearers, and employees of energy facilities.



**8**  
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

have been donated to persons with disabilities.

## SUPPORTING THE BASIC NEEDS OF CIVILIANS

 **50,355**  
PEOPLE

received either cash assistance or household supplies to cover basic needs. Of those, 11,432 people received either cash assistance or supplies including fuel and stoves to help them through the bitter cold winter months at the start of the year. Both distributions were either directly from the ICRC, through the Ukrainian Red Cross Society or in social institutions.

 **5,395**  
PEOPLE

were trained in safe practices in contaminated areas through risk awareness and safe behaviour (RASB) sessions conducted by the ICRC.

 **53**  
PARTICIPANTS

equipped with the skills to handle and mitigate explosive hazards through explosive ordnance disposal (EOD), including Hook and Line (H&L) training.

 **27**  
RESPONDERS

from the State Emergency Service of Ukraine trained in the decontamination of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) agents.

 **20,959**  
PEOPLE

affected by the armed conflict received food parcels, either directly from the ICRC, through the Ukrainian Red Cross Society or in social institutions.

 **8,227**  
PEOPLE

received either cash assistance or agricultural supplies, including greenhouses and open ground field kits, to support income generating activities.

 **9**  
SPECIALIZED COURSES

on blast trauma care were organized, benefiting 97 explosive ordnance disposal experts with critical first aid skills.

 **93,629**  
PEOPLE

reached with sessions on risk awareness and safe behaviour. These sessions were conducted by the Ukrainian Red Cross Society with the support of the ICRC.

 **31**  
STAFF MEMBERS of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU) received training in recognizing explosive ordnance.

 **8**  
SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

were supported with various items including greenhouse kits, power banks and flashlights to build their capacity and empower the institutions to operate independently.

 **354**  
PSYCHOLOGISTS

participated in training sessions conducted by the ICRC, further equipping them with the skills to provide psychological and psychosocial care to people affected by the ongoing international armed conflict.

 **141,354**  
ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES  
AND EQUIPMENT

donated to the national mine action actors and CBRN responders. This included explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) materials such as marking materials, hook and line equipment, personal protective equipment and a range of other items to improve safety, raise awareness, and enhance response capabilities in Ukraine.

## PROVIDING ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND EMERGENCY HOUSING SUPPORT

 **460,740**  
PEOPLE

have regained or improved access to essential services (water, heating and electricity) through the support that the ICRC provided to utility service providers.


 **19**  
REPRESENTATIVES

of the Ukrainian Department for the Execution of Criminal Punishments (DECP) participated in a roundtable on prison standards in the Sumy pre-trial detention center. The workshop kick-started agreed-on feasible pilot interventions for ICRC support in Ukrainian prisons, ensuring they meet Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) standards and address the operational and legal challenges identified by the penitentiary authorities.

 **1,176**  
HOUSEHOLDS

received materials received materials to help them repair their homes.

 **118**  
ITEMS  
including generators, transformers, water tanks and motor pumps were donated to various facilities including hospitals, places of detention and utility providers.

 **70**  
ROLLS  
of anti-blast film were provided to medical facilities and water boards (vodokanals) to prevent blast-related injuries.

 **11**  
HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES

were supported with engineering projects ranging from the installation of 3M window film to boilers to heating systems.

 **3**  
MEDICO-LEGAL FACILITIES

supported with the repair of compressors used for refrigerators as well as with the donation of generators.

## SUPPORTING RED CROSS MOVEMENT PARTNERS

 **30**  
URCS VOLUNTEERS

were equipped with the skills and knowledge enabling them to further disseminate messages on the risks related to explosive ordnance.

 **3**  
STARLINKS

donated to Kharkiv and Kherson to provide satellite internet access coverage to the URCS branches located in areas close to the frontline.

 **251**  
URCS STAFF and volunteers were equipped with skills to provide mental health support to the families of missing persons.

 **9** OPERATIONAL  
COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

signed with the Ukrainian Red Cross strengthening the Red Cross Movement collaboration in the fields of economic security, water and habitat, health, weapon contamination, restoring family links, communication, IHL and access to education which enables a more effective humanitarian response.

 **11**  
URCS BRANCHES

supported with various emergency items such as food and hygiene parcels.

 **7** URCS EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE TEAMS

and two special missions operating in frontline areas were supported financially. These regions include Sumy, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson, Mykolaiv and Chernihiv.

 **15**  
STAFF

from the URCS trained in project management best practices. This training forms part of our regular engagement with the URCS to share skills and knowledge within the Red Cross Movement.