

JOINT ACTIVITIES OF THE ICRC AND ITS OPERATIONAL PARTNERS IN DONETSK AND LUHANSK

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EMERGENCY RELIEF AND EARLY RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

Approximately **22,000 affected people**, including residents from areas near the frontline and internally displaced persons (IDP), received food and hygiene parcels, along with other essential household items based on their specific needs.

More than **12,500 people** benefited from enhanced services provided by 43 social institutions, which were supported with furniture, electrical appliances, and other essential household items tailored to their needs. Among them, approximately **2,500 individuals** also received additional support, including hygiene parcels, bedding, and other critical necessities.

3,500 individuals with limited mobility living in different areas in Luhansk were provided with bedridden kits to help maintain their hygiene.

More than **900 affected households** were supported with poultry kits and various agricultural supplies to help restore livelihoods and promote sustainable income generation.

441 households in 2 settlements of Donetsk region received cash assistance for winterization.

215 drip irrigation kits and **154 greenhouse kits** were provided to conflict affected families to enhance food production.

134 families of wounded civilians and **34 families** of civilians killed as a result of hostilities in 2025 received cash assistance.

85 families from conflict affected areas, whose homes were damaged, each received gift cards to support the rehabilitation of their houses.



EMERGENCY HOUSING AND WATER SUPPORT

Approximately **150,000 people** benefited from the provision of nearly **17 kilometers** of pipes, along with **26 pumps**, generators, and welding machines, to support the repair of water supply systems and improve access to potable water in Donetsk and surrounding areas.

Over **15,360 people** benefited from the installation of more than **200 water tanks** on the streets of eight settlements, enhancing access to technical water in Donetsk region.

8,574 people across twelve settlements received essential materials such as tarpaulins, plastic sheets, wooden planks and more to facilitate the quick and temporary repair of their damaged houses. Approximately **82.5 tons** of supplies were distributed across Donetsk region.

Approximately **4,000 people** benefited from the provision of 2 pumps to support the repair of water supply systems in Luhansk.

20,000 liters of potable water were delivered to support **3,500 beneficiaries** in Lисичанска of Luhansk.

1,518 individuals from 506 private households received **1,154 tons** of construction materials, including roofing sheets, timber, bricks, and sand, to repair their damaged homes. This support was extended to 14 locations in Donetsk region.

636.75 m³ of drinking water were distributed to address the immediate needs of communities affected by the armed conflict in Donetsk region. This included 331 tons of bottled water provided to 11 IDP centers accommodating **928 displaced persons** in 16 locations.

123 vulnerable families had their homes repaired, including the installation of PVC windows to improve their living conditions across 5 locations in Donetsk region.

Approximately **300 tons** of bottled water were distributed to more than **6,000 residents** in water-scarce areas of Donetsk and surrounding 7 settlements.

11.4 tons of bottled drinking water were delivered to 2 hospitals, as well as 3 blood banks in Donetsk region.

22 social institutions received various tools and equipment, including welding machines, hacksaws, spade shovels, cutting disks, and grinders, to enhance their operational capacity and support community services.

19 tons of construction materials were provided to repair the roof of a school in Luhansk, ensuring a safe and functional learning environment.

STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE SERVICES

1,071 units of walking aids, **210 wheelchairs** and **675 active daily life items** as well as various training equipment for physical exercises have been donated to the local operational partners and distributed to 10 structures in Luhansk and Donetsk regions. An estimated number of persons who benefited from these donations is more than **1,300 persons**.

350 participants benefited from 11 First Aid training sessions held in IDP camps, conducted by the local partner with support from the ICRC. Additionally, **15 First Aid kits** were distributed to enhance emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

100 medical specialists in the region were supported through training sessions on health education, organized in collaboration with Donetsk Medical University, with a focus on non-communicable diseases and their management.

6 primary health care facilities operating in relative proximity to the front-line and/or hosting populations of IDPs in Donetsk region were supported through donations of medicines, medical consumables and Infection Prevention and Control materials.

6 hospitals providing medical care to war wounded and other vulnerable patient categories, including the elderly, children and people with disabilities in Luhansk region were supported through donations of medicines, medical consumables, equipment and Infection Prevention and Control materials.

Biomedical equipment was provided, and renovation works in the Intensive Care Unit of Bryanka Hospital were completed to enhance healthcare services.

Ceiling reinforcement of the Perinatal Hospital was successfully completed, ensuring improved safety and infrastructure in Luhansk.

SUPPORT TO FAMILIES OF MISSING PERSONS AND PRISONERS OF WAR

193,000 cases of people from Russia and Ukraine were reported missing to the ICRC by their families.

15,900 families were informed by ICRC delegations and National Societies about the fate of their missing loved ones.

277 family members of missing persons were provided with food and hygiene parcels to address their basic needs, while 143 children from families of missing individuals each received gift cards to purchase school supplies and stationery.

61 individuals were supported through the Safe Cross-Border Passage program, enabling their voluntary return to their homes.

SUPPORT IN THE DIGNIFIED MANAGEMENT OF DECEASED

The capacity for proper and dignified storage of deceased individuals was enhanced:

- A refrigerated container and a generator were installed at a specialized institution in Donetsk to support the dignified management of deceased individuals.
- Two refrigerated containers were installed, and five freezers were donated to various Medicolegal Bureau branches in Luhansk to improve the storage of biological samples.

Extensive resources were provided to support efforts towards the recovery and identification process:

- Body bags, **16,000 gloves**, forensic examination equipment, and thousands of other personal protective equipment, disinfectants, and essential items were provided to the Luhansk Medicolegal Bureau.
- **Thousands of units** of personal protective equipment, disinfectants, and essential items for the safety of teams operating in the field.
- Forensic related items for recovery process were provided to the structures mandated to work on recovery and dignified management of deceased.

Efforts to facilitate the collection of Biological Reference Samples from families of missing persons included:

- Donation of over **4,000 FTA cards**, **2,600 buccal swabs**, **5,000 special envelopes**, and **2,000 special bags**.

The DNA laboratory in Luhansk was renovated to ensure proper preservation of equipment and optimal operational conditions.

16 operations to repatriate human remains of fallen servicemen between Russia and Ukraine were conducted with the ICRC participation.



WEAPON CONTAMINATION

More than **170 mine risk awareness billboards**, **6,300 mine warning signs** with wooden poles, nearly **800,000 meters** of marking tape and other materials were donated through local partners to organizations responsible for clearing civilian areas contaminated by mines and explosive remnants of war, supporting efforts to reduce risks to civilians.

ENHANCING CAPACITY OF THE LOCAL PARTNER

The ICRC supported the local operational partners in Donetsk and Luhansk to strengthen their capacity, enhance relief services for vulnerable populations, and build staff expertise through various training sessions and workshops on partnership working modalities, security risks, and technical skills.

We help people around the world affected by armed conflict and other violence, doing everything we can to protect their lives and dignity and to relieve their suffering, often with our Red Cross and Red Crescent partners. We also seek to prevent hardship by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and championing universal humanitarian principles.

