

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Ukraine

Activities Highlights

Ukraine crisis **January-December 2017**

Water and Habitat



over **310,000**



people on both sides of the contact line benefited from donations of water treatment chemicals and other reagents to the main water supply and sewage companies of Donetsk and Luhansk regions.



major infrastructure objects underwent repair and rehabilitation works, which renewed steady water supply to over 376,000 people.

litres of potable water were distributed to people on both sides of



the contact line due to water supply shortages.

checkpoints on both sides of the contact line were made more comfortable for crossing, as the ICRC installed two first medical points, partially improved wooden footbridge at Stanytsia Luhanska, maintained 42 latrines and garbage containers, supported operation of four shelters where people may sit down, warm up, have a cup of tea, and benefit from first aid.





people in 82 localities were supported with tools for working brigades, heaters, PVC windows, plastic sheeting, tarpaulin, cement, timber, bricks, roofing slates and other construction material for structural rehabilitation of damaged houses.



families returned to their homes, which were fully rebuilt with the support of the ICRC.



schools and kindergartens on both sides of the contact line were supported with construction materials for rehabilitation and improving security measures, e.g. primer, plasterboard, paint, PVC window, windowsills, doors, galvanised sheets, roofing sheets, insulation wool, bricks, pipes, radiators, timber, rebar, wires, asphalt/concrete mixture, etc.



health care institutions benefited from donation of back-up water tanks, generators and construction materials for rehabilitation of infrastructure facilities.

Health Care



145

health care facilities benefited from ICRC donations of various medical items and medication.



over **353,000**

cartridges and flacons of insulin were donated to health facilities for treatment of diabetic patients. Over 600 hemodialysis renewables were donated to health care structures, benefiting more than 300 patients.



80.000

blood samples could be tested for HIV/hepatitis/syphilis thanks to the ICRC donation of various test systems to blood banks.



mental health support sessions were conducted for families of the missing.



social and health care workers/teachers/URCS volunteers learned how to help those in need of psychological support during 120 sessions.



group sessions and home visits were conducted to provide mental health support for people residing near the contact line.

Economic Security



over **86,800**

people received over 375,000 food parcels (17 kg each) for a total quantity of around 6,400 metric tons.



over **86,300**

people received essential hygiene items such as soap, washing powder and shampoo.





people benefited from ICRC donations of essential household items, e.g. hygiene items, bedding, cooking appliances, to 109 social institutions, including educational and health care facilities, and nursing homes.

over **13,700**

people received cash assistance on a monthly basis to cover their basic needs in the total amount of over UAH 56,176,000.



over **3,800**

households received cash assistance in the total amount of UAH 31,000,000 to improve their living conditions during wintertime.



18,500

households were supported with animal feed, greenhouses, seeds, equipment and tools for livestock recovery to help them restore or maintain their productive assets.

over **6,851**



tons of coal and 5,500 m³ of firewood were distributed to over to 3,660 households and over 12,500 persons housed in public institutions on both sides of the contact line.



families of people injured or deceased due to the conflict were provided with cash assistance in the total amount of UAH 321,000, as part of the Civilian Casualties Programme.

Family Links





families opened tracing requests with the ICRC as they search for family members with whom they lost contact as a result of the conflict.



70

families of the missing on both sides of the contact line were provided with cash assistance in the total amount of around UAH 400,000.





families were provided with transportation assistance to reunite with family members from whom they had been separated by the conflict.



138

missing requests were closed. 693 cases of missing persons registered with the ICRC since the beginning of the conflict remain currently open.

Logistics



over 11,000

metric tons of humanitarian aid, including 329 tons of health care aid, were delivered to people on both sides of the contact line by 740 trucks.

CIMIC - Civil-Military Co-operation of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, EcoSec – Economic Security, ERT - Emergency Response Team, ERW – Explosive Remnants of War, IHL - International Humanitarian Law, GCA – government- controlled areas, IMAS - International Mine Action Standards, KIIS - Kyiv International Institute of Sociology, MRE – Mine Risk Education, PVC – Polyvinyl chloride, SESÚ – State Emergency Service of Ukraine, UAF - Ukrainian Armed Forces, URCS - Ukrainian Red Cross Society,

Detention

621

detainees, including 242 newly registered in 2017, were visited by ICRC delegates in 38 places of detention.



conflict-related detainees were released and transferred with the participation of the ICRC.

nearly 14,000

detainees in 18 places of detention in the GCA benefited from ICRC donations in the total amount of over UAH 3,335,000. The delivered assistance included bedding, household appliances, IT equipment, hygiene items and clothes.



over **225**

specialists participated in nine workshops on international standards and best practices of penitentiary, as well as on medical treatment of patients in places of detention.



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places of detention and penitentiary facilities in the GCA were supported with renovation and reconstruction of common facilities.





oral and written messages between detainees and their relatives were exchanged by the ICRC.

Caring for the dead

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bodies were recovered during nine exhumation procedures, conducted with participation of the ICRC.

27



morgues and Investigative and Criminalistic National Police in Donbas were

supported with various technical equipment, including autopsy tools, forensic equipment, self-protective equipment.

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350

operations.

over 900

officers, senior

families were supported with cash assistance in the total amount of UAH 33,000 for burial of their deceased relatives.

UAF personnel took part in

CIMIC and military police

operational commanders

of UAF were familiarized

with the ICRC's role and

activities in 14 sessions.

A centre for the study of

IHL opened at the National

Ukraine, with support from

Defence University of

the ICRC.

15 seminars focusing on

applying IHL in combat

experts, representatives of law enforcement authorities and military personnel participated in 14 training and dissemination sessions dedicated to various forensic topics regarding the search of missing persons, management of human remains and identification of bodies. 24 specialists from both sides of the contact line participated in trainings abroad.

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forensic facilities on both sides of the contact line were supported with repairs and refurbishment to improve their working conditions.

Ensuring respect for IHL

DNA laboratory was supported with materials and reactants.

law enforcement officers of the

National Guard of Ukraine, the State

Border Service of Ukraine and the

State Security Service of Ukraine

and International Rules and

sessions on the Use of Force

and Firearms were conducted for

personnel of the National Guard

and the State Security Service of

roundtables on the conduct of

hostilities were organized with

the Ministry of Defence and the

UAF General Staff.

Standards for Policing.

Ukraine.

participated in 15 seminars on IHL

National Police of Ukraine, the

Mine Risk

14,120



mine marking signs, 133 rolls of marking tape, 599 IMAS Cards, 730 wooden poles and other tools were donated to relevant structures.

over **2,300**



individuals in the Donbas were surveyed by the ICRC together with KIIS to identify knowledge, attitudes and practices in relation to mines/ERW.



over 35,000

Mine Risk Education leaflets and posters were distributed.

over **10,600**

people residing along the contact line participated in 248 Mine Risk Education Sessions.



ICRC supported the creation of the "Educational space for pyrotechnic units" for the Special emergency-rescue units of the Main Department of SESU in the Donetsk

people on both sides of the

contact line attended the Red

financially supported by the

ICRC. 81 National Police staff improved their first aid skills

during the trainings, supported

Cross first aid trainings,

by the ICRC.

Cooperation with URCS over 1,000

over 530,000

people, including 16,300 persons with special needs and children, visited the Red Cross heating/cooling points on both sides of the bridge at Stanytsia Luhanska, and were assisted by 23 Red Cross volunteers.





vulnerable people were assisted by the Red Cross home-visiting nurses in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. To support activities of the home-visiting nurses the ICRC donated 70 electronic tablets and 70 bicycles.

vehicle was donated to the **URCS National Committee to** support its operational activities. URCS sub-office in Kramatorsk was renovated with the financial support of the ICRC.

365



Red Cross volunteers

participated in the implementation of EcoSec, WatHab, MRE and psychosocial support programmes, and also provided assistance at heating/cooling points.

over 125



ERT volunteers provided response during emergencies, with support from the ICRC.

URCS Mobile Clinics provided access to healthcare for the conflict-affected civilian population residing in the villages close to the contact ICRC, the Austrian Red Cross and the Finish Red Cross.

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