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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Activities in Ukraine

This report covers the period from 07 April to 13 April 2022.

ICRC IN ACTION



In the Donetsk, Luhansk and Mykolayiv regions the ICRC with the assistance of partnering National Societies continues to support local authorities in the transportation of vulnerable civilian population - wounded and sick – from the affected areas. Since April 7, 2022, specialized ambulance crews have evacuated and provided medical assistance to 32 people.

Urging respect for IHL

The ICRC continues to monitor the situation of conflict-affected communities and document humanitarian concerns, as those deriving from the lack of respect for protected persons under International Humanitarian Law (IHL), people's access to basic services and the destruction of essential infrastructure, such as electricity and water supply systems serving civilian homes, schools and medical facilities. In line with its mandate, the ICRC is in dialogue with the parties to the conflict and is taking steps to be able to visit people detained in relation to the hostilities to secure humane treatment and conditions of detention, provide detainees with material assistance to ease their living conditions and/or help them re-establish contact with their families.

A few examples below of recent activities:

- 31 wounded and sick persons (including people with disabilities and senior people with limited mobility) were assisted with transportation and prehospital emergency medical treatment by the ICRC team with the support of the partnering National Societies in the Luhansk, Donetsk and Mykolayiv regions.
- In the Luhansk region, the ICRC team have continued conducting creative room activities for kids, focusing on risk awareness and safe behaviour rules.
- New tracing requests were opened in Ukraine upon enquiry of families searching for their loved ones.
- A number of detention visits were carried out.
- Meeting with the authorities involved in the search and recovery took place to discuss technical aspects on management of the dead.
- Information materials were distributed in Bucha, Irpin, Petropavlivska Borshchahivka (Kyiv region) and Kharkiv to raise risk awareness among population and inform them about safe behavior rules.



Sloviansk. ICRC team and paramedics evacuating a wounded person. (ICRC)

Preserving the lives, security, dignity and physical well-being

The ICRC's protection approach aims to preserve the lives, security, dignity, physical and mental well-being of people adversely affected by armed conflict by ensuring that the authorities and other stakeholders involved fulfil their legal obligations. People in need of protection may include: resident and displaced civilians; vulnerable migrants; people deprived of their freedom (in particular prisoners of war and internees); people separated from their relatives because of armed conflict; and missing persons and their families.

As a neutral, impartial and independent humanitarian organization, the ICRC seeks to ensure that all parties to the conflict and all authorities provide individuals and groups with the full respect and protection that are due to them under International Humanitarian Law. In response to possible violations of these rules, the ICRC endeavours through constructive and confidential dialogue to encourage the parties and authorities concerned to take corrective action and to prevent any recurrence. ICRC delegations monitor the use of force by the parties to the conflict and the treatment of the civilian population and people deprived of their freedom, discuss their findings bilaterally with the authorities concerned, recommend measures and support the authorities in implementing them and conduct follow-up activities.

Ensuring the availability of life-saving care and other health services

The ICRC worked to support the wounded and sick in the areas affected by the conflict. In the past week the ICRC has done important donations, such as donations of drugs, dressing sets and surgical items, provided MHPSS support, as well as many more activities. Here are a few examples:

- 500 doses of diphtheria and tetanus vaccines, drugs, dressing and surgical items, laryngoscopes and other important medical equipment were delivered to the hospitals in the Kharkiv and Poltava regions.
- The mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) hotline continues supporting individuals with psychosocial and psychological needs across Ukraine, reaching individuals in distress.
- Defibrillators and infusion pumps were delivered for two hospitals.
- Donations of dressing sets, disinfectants, injection and drainage materials, sutures and other medical items and consumables were organized for distribution to hospitals in the Kyiv, Sumy and Donetsk regions.

Supporting the continued functioning of essential infrastructure

The ICRC has pursued efforts to address the consequences of damaged vital infrastructure and the resulting disruptions of the supply of water, electricity and gas. To provide the civilians with access to electricity, gas and water of adequate quality and in line with the national standards, a large number of projects are ongoing and under preparation in support of the utility companies, for example:

- Some 3,000,000 people will benefit from the ongoing provision of water treatment chemicals to Kyiv water board.
- To restore water supply, the ICRC donated 3 generators to the Chernihiv water board serving around 280,000 people in the city.
- Provision of liquid chlorine to Vynnytsia water board continues to ensure proper water treatment for over 370,000 people.
- Water pipeline rehabilitation for the benefit of 210,000 people in Irpin of the Kyiv region is ongoing.
- Electrical and emergency material and various equipment were donated to the Lysychansk Gas supply company serving 99,000 people.
- 745,750 people will benefit from the ongoing provision of chemicals for water treatment to Zaporizhzhia water board.
- Provision of liquid chlorine to the Regional Utility Production Company Dnipro-Kirovohrad is ongoing to ensure proper water treatment for 230,000 people.
- 10 tons of aluminum sulfate were donated to Sloviansk water board in the Donetsk region to ensure proper water treatment for 110,000 people.
- 470,000 people will benefit from the ongoing provision of 73 tons of liquid chlorine for water treatment to Mykolaiv water board during the period from April to June 2022.
- Donation of a generator to the Dymer village council (Kyiv region) for general use of 5,800 residents was organized.



Irpin. Ongoing rehabilitation of the water pipeline damaged during hostilities. (ICRC)

Helping conflict-affected people meet their basic needs

Several most affected locations were reached in the past week to help people meet their basic needs. Below a few examples to illustrate ICRC's actions.

- 4,599 vulnerable internally displaced people (IDPs) were supported through submitted multipurpose cash assistance.
- 2,552 food parcels and 2,204 hygiene parcels were delivered to highly vulnerable people in the shelters and those living in heavily affected locations, including to residents of the highly affected town of Volnovakha.
- 12,500 people in the Sumy region will benefit from donation of food parcels, emergency food rations and blankets.
- Over 7,5 tons of food items were delivered to the Lyman, Myrnohrad, Kamianske and Pavlohrad branches of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS), Svitlodarsk and Mykolayvka administrations for further distribution to 2,740 affected people.
- Delivery of hygiene and housing items kits, water, food items, mattresses and blankets was organized to the centres for IDPs in the Lviv and Dnipro regions.
- Delivery of food, hygiene items and non-food items (blankets, pillows, flashlights, batteries, candles, jerrycans, tarpaulins) was organized for further distribution in several communities of the Donetsk region.
- Distribution of bottled water as well as materials for emergency repairs was organized in cities and settlements of the Donetsk and Kyiv regions. Similar assistance was delivered also to the URCS branch in Mykolayiv for further distribution to the affected population.



Volnovakha. Distribution of food and hygiene parcels for residing people in the heavily affected town. (ICRC)

Supporting and coordinating with Movement partners

The ICRC, within its humanitarian activities, improves cooperation with the URCS and other components of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement finding it crucial for better implementation of joint activities.

- The ICRC team prepared mine awareness and weapon contamination sessions for the URCS further to deliver similar dissemination sessions for the population in the Kyiv region.
- Joint distribution of medicines, hygiene parcels and tarpaulins was conducted with the URCS support to the local councils and households in the Makariv district of the Kyiv region. Hygiene parcels, medicines, clothes and canned food was delivered to the district hospital and the URCS branches in Romny-Konotop of the Sumy region for their further distribution.
- Medical evacuation of people with disabilities and specific health needs from Mykolayiv to Moldova was undertaken with the emergency support provided by the German Red Cross.
- Work continues with the URCS across the Dnipro, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhya, Mykolayiv, Poltava and Khmelnytskyi regions on cash assistance programmes for IDPs.