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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Activities in Ukraine

This report covers the period from 30 March to 6 April 2022.

ICRC IN ACTION



On 1 April 2022, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) managed to visit Irpin of the Kyiv region, which normally has a population of around 60,000 people, to help the thousands of people still trapped. They are the homeless, the elderly or those with limited mobility.

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:

- The ICRC team has facilitated the safe passage of civilians fleeing from Mariupol and led a convoy of 7 buses and more than 150 private cars with some 1,000 people to Zaporizhia.
- In the Luhansk region we have been conducting creative room activities for kids, focusing on risk awareness.
- 7 Interagency Emergency Health kits were donated to the Centre of Healthcare of the State Criminal-Executive Service of Ukraine in Odesa, Zaporizhia, Sumy, Kyiv, Dnipro and Donetsk regions.
- Legal recommendations were shared with the Ukrainian authorities on the establishment of the National Information Bureau to collect information about the fate of protected persons.
- 500 body bags, 500 body tags and 1,000 cable ties were donated to the Medico-Legal Buro of the Dnipro region for the dignified treatment of the dead.

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

The ICRC's protection approach aims to preserve the lives, security, dignity and 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 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 conflict and the treatment of the civilian population and people deprived of their freedom, discuss their findings bilaterally with the authorities concerned, recommend measures, support the authorities in implementing them and conduct follow-up activities.



Bucha. ICRC representative marking the hazardous area. (ICRC)

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 war-wounded and interagency emergency health kits, provided MHPSS support, as well as many more activities. Here are a few examples:

- Donation of 3 non-communicable diseases kits for 3 months for the urgent continuation of diabetes, hypertension, cardiac diseases and asthma treatment, as well as donations of 5 interagency emergency health kits with essential medicines and medical devices took place for the treatment of 8,000 individuals.
- Advanced mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) individual sessions for adults in shelters or directly involved in traumatic events have been provided by the ICRC psychologists. The MHPSS hotline continues supporting individuals with psychosocial and psychological needs across Ukraine, reaching individuals in distress.
- 5 war-wounded kits were provided for the treatment of 250 severely injured patients in the Zaporizhia region.
- 380 insulin cartridges were delivered to Kyiv Okhmatdyt Children's Hospital for patients with diabetes.



Dnipro. The ICRC donates critically needed supplies to one of the IDPs centres. (ICRC)

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 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 main water utility companies, for example:

- Delivery of 3 power generators to restore water supply for 280,000 persons in Chernihiv is under way.
- Over 370,000 people are benefiting from ICRC chemical supply (for water treatment) to Vynnytsia water board.
- 210,000 persons will benefit from clean water: Memorandum of Understanding on financial support of water pipeline rehabilitation in Irpin is under preparation.
- 720,000 persons will benefit from clean water following the signature of Memorandum of Understanding on financial support with Zaporizhzhia water board.
- 3,500,000 more people will benefit from clean water: additional Memorandums of Understanding on financial support (chemicals, reagent) to waterboards (Kropyvnytskyi, Kyiv and Mykolaiv) are under preparation.



Bucha. A woman is cooking outside of the multi-storey building in absence of gas and electricity supply. (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.

- Emergency materials, food parcels and water were donated for residents of Irpin and Bucha in the Kyiv region. Assessment of housing rehabilitation needs in the cities was conducted by the ICRC team.
- Donation of food, hygiene and non-food items was organized to 4 hromadas of the Donetsk region, as well as psycho-neurological nursing home for further distribution to 3,200 people.
- Drinking water, hygienic kits, detergents and housing items were delivered to shelters for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Dnipro and Lviv.

- Donation of blankets, hygiene kits and other non-food items was carried out to Kharkiv branch of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) for further distribution among vulnerable people.
- Delivery of essential food and hygienic items was organized to cover the needs of more than 5,000 people in the Luhansk region.

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.

- In Kyiv, the ICRC team conducted weapon contamination and mine awareness sessions for 25 members of the URCS Emergency Response Team. These sessions were organized in preparation for two joint field trips to Irpin and Bucha of the Kyiv region. During the visits, multidisciplinary distributions and medical evacuation of a sick person were carried out.
- Joint assessment of the main IDP shelter at the Odesa railway station took place with the URCS representatives to determine rehabilitation needs. Training was undertaken with the URCS on installation of rub halls and tents.
- Medical evacuation of elderly and people with disabilities from Odesa to Chisinau continues with emergency support provided by the German Red Cross.
- Work continues with the URCS across the Dnipro and Zaporizhyia regions on the Protection of Civilians and cash assistance programmes for IDPs.



Irpin. ICRC and URCS Emergency Response Team evacuating a sick woman (ICRC)