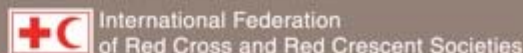


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*Ukrainian Red Cross
rescue team in action
Photo: IFRC*



Overview

Ukraine, the largest country entirely within Europe, is a republic that gained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. After a difficult transition period to market economy, the country still remains one of the poorest in Europe. Due to the political, economic, and social situation, the main humanitarian challenges in Ukraine are related to poverty, health and disasters. Around a quarter of the population live below the poverty line and lack adequate health and social care. The most vulnerable people are elderly residents living alone, multi-child families, street children, people with disabilities, and marginalized people such as migrants, homeless people, people living with HIV, alcoholics and drug users. The increase in TB incidence and the most severe HIV epidemic in Europe add to the challenges for the society and the government, and as these diseases prey on the poorest and most vulnerable, both diseases are spreading. Ukraine is also prone to natural and man-made disasters such as frequent flooding, harsh winters, storms, road accidents, mine explosions and the legacy of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Massive protest actions started at the end of November 2013 in the Ukrainian capital and other big cities, supporting the initiative to conclude a trade agreement with the EU, demanding the resignation of the President and a few members of the government, as well as calling for new parliamentary elections. From 1 December the riot police was using force in different parts of Kiev against the demonstrators who occupied the city's main square and several adjoining public buildings. Hundreds of thousands of protesters rallied in Kiev with incidents of localised violence registered in late November and December.

Working in partnership

The Ukrainian Red Cross is working together with a number of partners including the IFRC, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the German Red Cross, the French Red Cross, the Italian Red Cross, the Japanese Red Cross, the Swedish Red Cross, the American Red Cross, the Israeli National Society Magen David Adom, the DfID (UK), the Association of People Living with HIV, the UNAIDS, USAID, UNHCR, UNICEF, PATH, WHO and the IOM. Over many years, the Ukrainian Red Cross has built up strong partnerships with different Ministries of Ukraine including the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Emergency Situations, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, as well as with the State Penitentiary Committee. In total, the URCS is maintaining partnerships with some 120 organisations (including administration and NGOs in regions). The main operational partners are listed in the table below.

Operational Partners	Agreement
ICRC	Agreement on cooperation
ICRC, IFRC	Trilateral agreement on cooperation
German Red Cross	Frame agreement
French Red Cross	Agreement on implementation of HR project
Israeli National Society Magen David Adom	Agreement on cooperation
Ministry of Health of Ukraine	Agreement on cooperation
Ministry of Emergency Situations	Agreement on cooperation
Ministry of Labour and Social Policy	Agreement on cooperation
Ministry of Science and Education	Agreement on cooperation
Ministry of Defence	Agreement on cooperation
Coca-Cola Company	Agreement on cooperation
Proctor & Gamble Company	Letter of intention
USAIDS	Operational contract

Progress towards outcomes

Business Line 1: TO RAISE HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS

Outcome 1.1: Fundamental principles and humanitarian values are promoted and mainstreamed in other programmes

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Knowledge, understanding and application of the Fundamental Principles and humanitarian values (including non-discrimination, non-violence, tolerance and respect for diversity) within the Red Cross National Society and the society in general is enhanced	90%	100%	95%
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
During the reporting period, the Ukrainian Red Cross actively participated in the Inter-ministerial Task Force Commission on Non-Discrimination. Also special attention was paid to the issue of stigma reduction in the framework of the HIV and TB projects. During the reporting period, the Ukrainian Red Cross Society, supported by ICRC, was able to intensify the efforts of inter-agency committee on international humanitarian law (IHL) issues. Each quarter the RC of Ukraine publishes news bulletins that are distributed and posted on the NS web-site that promote the work of the Ukrainian RC as well as key humanitarian values and RC Fundamental Principles. The bulletins can be found on the following link: http://www.redcross.org.ua/eng/publications.html			

Business Line 2: TO GROW RED CROSS RED CRESCENT SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Outcome 2.1: Establish a functional and diverse disaster management network to deliver timely quality disaster relief assistance and shelter to National Societies and to people affected.

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of community-based DP programmes targeting high-risk communities in place (six by 2015)	No	No	Not relevant for this reporting period

Outcome 2.2: Create fully operational regional disaster response teams in all regional organisations of URCS.

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
The DR teams are functioning in each region in Ukraine by Q1 2013	16 teams	10 teams	In all 26 regions the DR teams have been created.
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
November and December 2013 saw the Ukrainian Red Cross being at the forefront responding to the humanitarian needs emerging as a result of unfolding large-scale demonstrations in Ukraine. Since the start of the demonstrations the Ukrainian Red Cross deployed emergency action teams in many urban centres to provide assistance to people injured in Kiev and other cities. CHF 139,302 was allocated in December from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Ukrainian Red Cross in addressing the humanitarian needs of people in those regional communities which were most affected by the demonstrations, namely Kiev city, Donetsk, Lviv, Kharkiv, Odessa and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. Since 2007 the DM work of the Ukrainian RC has received very little support from Movement partners and has been implemented at a low level mainly focusing on emergency response. Emergency response teams exist in all regions but their focus is mainly to conduct an assessment and put together a plan of action. 2013 gave a new impetus to the DM programme and highlighted the need to have First Aid response teams to be able to respond to emergency situations in a more diverse and relevant way. The first FA team started its work on 1 December 2013 by 10 people, which rapidly grew to a team of 56 people. All team members had First Aid knowledge and skills, nevertheless they were provided with refresher First Aid training and crash course on the Red Cross Movement. The team is well structured. There is a coordinator who is keeping records on team members' whereabouts, stay in touch with groups' leaders. In addition, there is an SMS system that sends information out to the team members; there is a closed group on face book to share information and to support each other.			

Outcome 2.3: CHARP continues in the three affected countries (Belarus, Russia and Ukraine)

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
A number of inhabitants from polluted regions were examined by MDLs in the framework of CHARP program	57,525	60,000	Some 8,000 people mainly by Volyn Team. The target was not reached due to absence of funding for the CHARP programme

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The Red Cross Chernobyl Humanitarian and Rehabilitation Programme (CHARP) has been facing a low interest from the international donor community. Unfortunately, IFRC and URCS could not mobilize new donors for the continuation of the CHARP. Mobile teams in the CHARP had to stop or considerably reduce the scope and scale of their activities. With a contribution of CHF 10,800 from the Japanese Red Cross, the Ukrainian Red Cross purchased multivitamins for the most vulnerable children in Ukraine affected by the Chernobyl disaster. A total of 2,440 children – school children and patients of children TB dispensaries, most of which live in low income families in areas mostly affected by the Chernobyl disaster – benefited from vitamin distribution.

In addition to the Japanese RC support, funding was also provided by the German RC for about 8 months of 2013 supporting one mobile team of Volyn. The remaining gap was supported by the local health regional department.

Mobile teams in Rovno and Zhitomir also continue their work but on a very low scale. When financial support was available, the teams were operating on a daily basis. In 2013 they were only able to conduct check-ups once a week at best by joining a regional health service.

Outcome 2.4: Develop and continuously update a comprehensive disaster management database on human resources and emergency stock

Measurement

Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
The DM database is fully created and maintained (by the end of Q4 of 2013)	No	Yes	Not achieved

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The current human resource and financial capacities in the Ukrainian RC are not in favour of the establishment of a DM databank. Therefore not much progress has been made.

However, the NS operates its own internal system of capturing and documenting DM related information and of keeping record of material values; inventory list. Information on volunteers is also kept in the system.

Business Line 3: TO STRENGTHEN THE SPECIFIC RED CROSS RED CRESCENT CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT

Outcome 3.1: Support for Red Cross Red Crescent programs to promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and to combat discrimination and exclusion

Measurement

Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
% of staff who attended a training course	90%	100%	100%

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The IFRC-supported project *Strengthening national mechanisms for rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of human trafficking (VoT) in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine* was completed in mid-June 2013. The project significantly contributed to the integration of National Red Cross Societies into National Referral Mechanisms as partners with strong local networks. The Ukrainian Red Cross has established and maintains a team of 30 Red Cross trainers. During the project period, a total of 479 staff members (385 home visiting nurses and 94 staff of regional, district and city organizations, heads of regional organizations) were trained in identification and referral of VoTs and now play the role of consultants in VoT identification, referral and assistance. Trained Red Cross community nurses are now integrated in the process of providing potential beneficiaries with another confidential channel at the community level for claiming assistance.

Outcome 3.2. Scale-up significantly in HIV and AIDS, TB and harm reduction using the Global Alliance approach and implementing innovative and new partnerships in resource mobilisation

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
National Society is assisted in development and implementation of TB and Multi-Drug Resistant (MDR) TB intervention by provision of globally developed tools and methodologies.	22%	67%	N/A
Coordination between partners bilaterally implementing HIV programs is developed: the informal agreements are in place	70%	90%	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
The IFRC supported Ukrainian RC to get access to some tools, documents and presentations available in the Movement and on the work of other National Societies. The NS have a few in-country donors to support their TB work, with the Global Fund being the major funder of the NS TB prevention and control work. In 2013 the Ukrainian RC supported 7,616 TB clients who are most likely to complete their treatment. The level of treatment completion is 91%. Ukrainian RC HIV programmes are supported by the American RC (AmCross) and French RC on a bilateral basis. Some 115,000 people were reached in 2013 with the support from the American Red Cross and the French Red Cross Societies with prevention messages and practices. This number includes people reached with preventative messages, people receiving palliative care in Crimea (AmCross), work in prisons in Vinitsya (AmCross), home care to people living HIV and AIDS and with co-infections of HIV – TB and HIV - Hepatitis, as well as Injecting Drug Users (IDU) provided by six nurses in Milotopol and Zaporozhie (French RC) and through syringe exchange points in Zhitomir. The Global Alliance approach started but was not put in practice properly. There is a strong cooperation process between AmCross, French RC, URC and the Resource Centre of the Russian RC in the development of a module for nurses working with IDU. AmCross and French RC are playing the lead role in coordinating this process.			

Outcome 3.3: Develop and improve strong support mechanisms for other health and care priorities

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
The First Aid system in the NS is established in all branches	85%	100%	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
First Aid system is established in all branches on different professional levels and with different equipment. The more remote branches have needs for training manuals and FA equipment.			

Outcome 3.5: Strengthen NS capacities and internal development by alignment of assistance to their self-determined needs

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Empowerment approaches are integrated in volunteer development programmes in 2013	No	Yes	Not relevant for this reporting period
Ukrainian RC initiated with the government the adopting of a more favourable legislation in the humanitarian field.	No	Yes	Not relevant for this reporting period
Ukrainian RC has proper and effective financial procedures and	No	Yes	Not relevant for this reporting

guidelines enabling the NS to switch to cash transfer system			period
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Business Line 4: TO HEIGHTEN RED CROSS RED CRESCENT INFLUENCE AND SUPPORT FOR OUR WORK

Outcome 4.1. Support the positioning of National Societies as actors in response to socio-economic crisis.

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
1. First aid kits (615 units) are supplied for strengthening VNS capacity to assist efficiently people during the socio-economic crisis	1,585	+ 615	N/A
2. Visiting nurses provide more qualified assistance to their clients	80%	100%	N/A
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
The Ukrainian RC has 3,200 visiting nurses who provided support to some 400,000 people in 2013. Around 40,000 people of those 400,000 are either bed-ridden or cannot leave their homes and require regular support. In 2013 the salaries of all visiting nurses were paid by the government of Ukraine. Ukrainian RC faced challenges in mobilising support for transport expenses for the nurses and for some key first aid essential materials.			

Outcome 4.2: Identify and provide tailored support to National Societies to adopt or/and amend National Society legislation and develop their auxiliary role to public authorities.

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Adoption and change of Red Cross statute and legislation takes place by Q4 2014.	No	Yes	Not relevant for this reporting period.
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
The NS is currently working on a Statute revision according to recommendations of the Statute Joint Commission. Most of the recommendations were accepted by the Unified Statutory Commission of the Governing Board of the URCS during the Statute revision in 2012. By the end of 2014, the work on the National Society Statute befitting Statute Joint Commission demands can be completed.			

Outcome 4.3: Produce feasible options for further development in the context of a revitalised approach to organisational development and capacity building

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Each branch supplied with computer and internet access by end of 2012.	No	Yes	50%
Internal communication between branches and HQ in Kiev well established via installed computer network.	No	Yes	50%
Reporting system is improved through created on-line data base.	No	Yes	Not for this reporting period
NS performs external financial audit not later than in Q4 2012	No	Yes	Not for this reporting period

Comments on progress towards outcomes

Each year the National Society's accounts are checked by an internal state financial commission. While the NS have funding to conduct financial audits of a few externally supported projects, it has thus far been challenging to mobilise resources to conduct one annual financial audit of its accounts. The Ukrainian RC remains committed to start conducting external financial audits and call on its partners for their support.

Due to operational considerations and the reduced volume of multilaterally financed activities, the IFRC closed its Kiev office in September 2013, and IFRC support is provided through the Zone Office in Budapest and the Country Office in Minsk.

Outcome 4.4: Work with Resource Mobilization towards harmonisation of assistance by alignment to National Society priorities and promote a move from project approach to programme approach

Measurement

Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
# of interventions in RM to provide support to NS in developing their Fundraising capacity	0	2	N/A

Comments on progress towards outcomes

In 2013, the Ukrainian RC received intensive support from the American RC in developing a Direct Mail fundraising initiative. It took nearly a year, the theme and content of the mail were identified, the data base was meticulously collected; the key target group was identified; the testing methods were developed and ready to be launched before end of 2013. Investments into testing were provided by the American RC. Support from Coca-Cola and some other corporate partners were provided for the main launch of direct mail. Due to the unfolding crisis in Ukraine, however, this initiative had to be postponed.

Outcome 4.6: IFRC and National Societies strengthen their auxiliary partnership role to secure greater support from governments and other partners for improved humanitarian work

Measurement

Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
% of increase of support from governments and other partners (10% by 2015).	100 %	+ 2 %	+ 0 %

Comments on progress towards outcomes

The Ukrainian Red Cross contacted the Ukrainian Government with a request to increase the funding for the Visiting Nurses Service from the state budget. At present, the Government is covering the salaries of 3,200 RC visiting nurses. The request is under consideration.

Business Line 5: TO DEEPEN OUR TRADITION OF TOGETHERNESS THROUGH JOINT WORKING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Outcome 5.1: National Societies share capacities and resources to build alliances and partnerships that strengthen our working together as a movement

Measurement

Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Regular coordination and dialogue between Movement partners is maintained	80%	100%	90%
Increased National Society participation in international dialogue and cooperation, including ERNA and other relevant networks	60%	80%	70%

Comments on progress towards outcomes
Ukraine RC has kept coordination and dialogue with all Movement Partners which support the humanitarian activities in the country.

Outcome 5.3: Promote the roll-out of S2020, National Society Strategic plans are aligned to S2020

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Strategic directions are followed throughout 2012-2015	N.A.	Yes	Yes
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
The NS has reviewed the recommendations provided through the OCAC process and the ones which are feasible for implementation will be included into long-term plans of NS. The Strategy 2020 of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society fully complies with the Federation's Strategy 2020 in its structure, goals and objectives.			

Outcome 5.4: Strengthen performance and accountability through different tools and tailored support to National Societies

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
The Ukrainian Red Cross adheres to IFRC monitoring, evaluation and reporting standards	N.A.	80%	80%
Comments on progress towards outcomes			
The Ukrainian Red Cross adhered to IFRC standards during the monitoring and evaluation missions carried out under the harm reduction and anti-trafficking projects.			

Outcome 5.5: Modernise key business processes that impact on cost effectiveness, efficiency and accountability (planning and budgeting; HR development)

Measurement			
Indicators	Baseline	Annual Target	Year to Date Actual
Effective financial procedures are developed and adopted in 2012	90%	100%	Done.
Effective human resource management system established by 2015	No	No	No data

Stakeholder participation and feedback

Based on the outcomes of external reviews and monitoring in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, the IFRC-supported project "*Strengthening national mechanisms for rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of human trafficking*" resulted in a number of practices and solutions that can be considered as best practices recommended for replication. Among them, the need to include a prevention component in all anti-trafficking projects; encouraging creation of self-help groups among former victims of trafficking (VoTs) and involving them in humanitarian work; significant role of faith-based organizations in early identification of VoTs and providing them with moral support and rehabilitation assistance; the practice whereby the capacity of a National Red Cross Society was effectively built up by a non-RC organization (IOM); and the high efficiency of a number of NGOs working together on the same issue. Red Cross Societies, IFRC and IOM are encouraged to continue working together in preventing and alleviating the issues related to trafficking in human beings.

Key Risks or Positive Factors

Key Risks	Priority	Recommended Action
	High Medium Low	
Funding issues related to CHARP and the maintenance of IFRC presence in Kiev	H	To carry out the CHARP review with the purpose to capture the experience and practices of responding to the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and to provide recommendations, based on the review outcomes, to IFRC and National Societies, which may contribute to further actions to strengthen preparedness for the nuclear and other technological disasters.

Lessons learned and looking ahead

In spite of funding constraints in 2013, the Ukrainian Red Cross was fruitfully implementing the projects, both the bilateral ones and those funded via the IFRC. In general, all objectives set in these projects were successfully fulfilled. Unfortunately funding is so far not secured by the IFRC for Ukraine beyond 2013, which makes the continuation of activities other than the bilateral projects a challenge.

Financial situation

Click here to go directly to the financial report.

<http://www.ifrc.org/Docs/LTPF%20Process/LTPF/2013/MAAUA00213arf.pdf>

How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations](#) (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of nonviolence and peace.

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