

# 2021



# UKRAINE

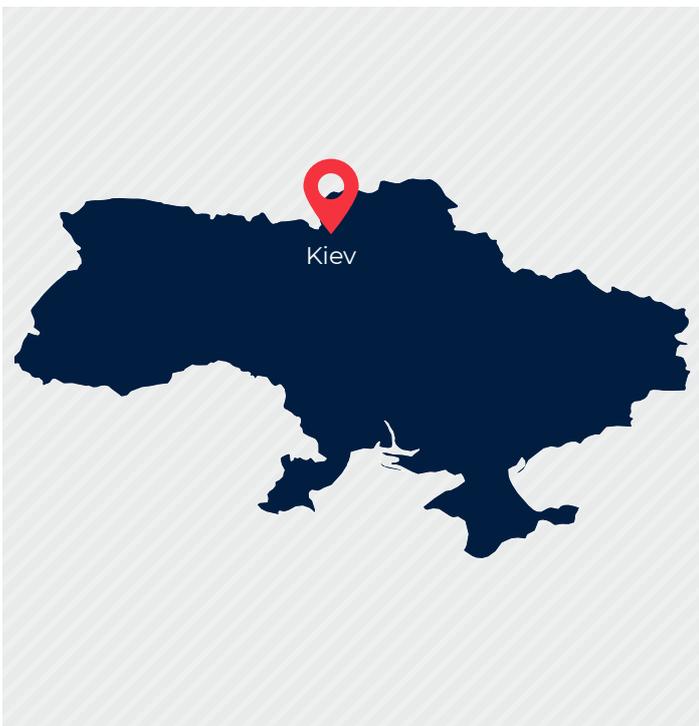
## IFRC COUNTRY OFFICE

Appeal number

**MAAUA002**

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**1.38 million**



Branches

**312**



Staff

**600**



Volunteers

**3,200**



People to be reached

**402,400**

This document details the IFRC's support in areas agreed upon with the relevant National Society. The IFRC seeks resources to carry out this country/cluster plan listed here as funding requirements.



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# SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

**Population**

**43.7 million**

**2019 Human Development Index Ranking**

**74**

## Vulnerability to disasters



**Armed conflict**



**Health care**



**Natural disasters**



**Socio-economics crises**



**COVID-19**

In 2014, Ukraine lost the Crimean Peninsula territory to Russia, resulting in a steep drop in the Ukrainian economy with a 6.5 per cent decline in GDP and inflation at almost 49 per cent. The international community attempted to stabilise the economy with support packages from the International Monetary Fund. In 2020, the recovering economy was hit by COVID-19 and associated restrictions. As a result, the country is facing another 4.8-5.5 per cent decline in GDP and the government predicts that 6.3 million people will fall into poverty, including 1.4 million children. Also, in 2020, the level of unemployment increased to 9.9%, with around 700,000 people immediately losing their jobs. It is estimated that due to the downsizing, restructuring or bankruptcy, around 3.5-4 million people might lose their jobs in 2021.

During the last seven years, more than 13,000 people have been killed as a result of conflict in Ukraine. The Minsk Agreements designed to end conflicts have been ineffective and daily ceasefire violations still occur. 3.5 million people require humanitarian assistance, and 1.5 million people are registered as being displaced.

COVID-19 spread rapidly in Ukraine from February 2020, and the Government imposed restricted movement measures in mid-March. The quarantine was lifted in May, despite a rise in infections. As of mid-February 2021, more than 1.2 million people in Ukraine were infected, more than 24,000 died, and around 1.1 million recovered.

Ukraine has continued its developmental plans and has made significant changes to its education, pension, healthcare and public administration sectors. Healthcare reform is considered to be the most challenging, with low levels of public trust in the sector. It is common to see informal payments made by patients to government medical centres, and people in Ukraine are at an increased risk of disease due to low immunisation rates, especially among children. General immunisation has dropped to around 70 per cent of the population, a decrease from almost full compliance in the 1990s.



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## ROLE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY



Established

1918

The Ukrainian Red Cross has a decentralised approach with branches spread throughout the country. Its current priorities are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and to conflict in the East of Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Red Cross Society was originally established to help refugees and prisoners of war. It cared for handicapped people and orphaned children, fighting famines and epidemics by supporting and organising sick quarters, hospitals and public canteens.

Today, the National Society is present throughout the country. It responds to the conflict in Eastern Ukraine and supports the government to contain COVID-19. It also works towards longer-term goals and development including:

- **tuberculosis treatment**
- **HIV and AIDS prevention**
- **psychosocial support**
- **home-based care**
- **livelihoods' cash-based interventions**
- **first aid and activities related to youth and volunteering**

The National Society is seeking to develop its disaster management capacity and aims to scale up its ability to tackle health programming in response to COVID-19 and other health emergencies.

It works closely with international organisations, such as the WHO, UNICEF, OCHA and other UN agencies, as well as CDC, USAID, and other partners within the Red Cross Movement.



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# MEMBERSHIP COORDINATION AND MOVEMENT FOOTPRINT

Name of Partner National Society	Climate	Crises	Health	Migration	Inclusion	Engaged	Accountable	Trusted
Austrian Red Cross		✓			✓	✓		✓
Danish Red Cross	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
German Red Cross		✓				✓		✓
Luxembourg Red Cross		✓	✓			✓		✓
Swiss Red Cross			✓			✓		✓

## Movement footprint

The National Society in Ukraine has been successful in strengthening the movement coordination and cooperation process. The Movement has aimed to make the best use of the resources available in funding, expertise and experience. This and stronger advocacy for the better mobilisation of resources by the IFRC has led to well-structured support to the National Society. The impact of this has improved overall coordination and created a stronger sense of togetherness, increasing effectiveness and efficiency in the Movement’s plans and strategies.

The **ICRC** has a Country Delegation in Kyiv and operates mainly in Eastern Ukraine, in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, both in the government-controlled areas and non-government-controlled areas.

Since August 2014, the ICRC has also been supporting staff-related and running costs of the National Society’s headquarters and branches in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, including most of the district level branches on the territories under the Ukrainian government control and all those areas not under the control of the government. This has been done to compensate for the loss of funding due to the conflict and to allow for the continuity of the much-needed support provided by the National Society.



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## CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**155,000**

People to be reached  
**100,000**



The black market timber industry as well as illegal mass cutting of trees that drive deforestation in Ukraine results in floods being more likely during rainy seasons, especially in Western Ukraine. Wildfires caused mostly by humans or by extreme heat are also common.

Climate change has also resulted in the increased frequency of extreme weather and climate disasters, contributing to a higher number of wildfires, floods, droughts and harsh winter conditions. In 2020, the National Society and the IFRC responded to emergencies caused by all of these conditions.

Ukraine has experienced a higher increase in annual temperatures than the world average, and a rapid increase in heatwaves are having disastrous effects on the country's crops.

For this reason, the National Society has identified climate change and associated interventions as a priority in its plans and targets for 2021 and onwards. Building the capacity of the National Society will enable it to start planning and implementing basic activities with communities, volunteers and branches on climate awareness.

The National Society will begin adapting and upscaling environmentally sustainable practices and will contribute to climate change mitigation by increasing its institutional capacities to respond. Raising awareness of climate change will also be mainstreamed in activities, especially those that are linked to natural disaster responses.

The National Society's long-term goals include being recognised as a leading organisation on climate change mitigation for which the IFRC plans to support with the funding of research and advocacy.

**1.2**

average annual  
temperature increase  
in degrees Centigrade

**70%**

crops forecast to be  
lost due to droughts

### 🎯 TARGET 1

The National Society and the IFRC will adopt environmentally sustainable practices.

### ➡ ACTIVITIES

- The National Society and the IFRC will start building the National Society capacity to respond to climate and environmental crises.
- The National Society and the IFRC will promote more sustainable environmental practices.
- The IFRC will support the National Society to promote environmentally sustainable practices in communities.



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## EVOLVING CRISES AND DISASTERS

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**843,000**

People to be reached  
**1,800**



Crises and disasters in Ukraine have resulted from the conflict in the east of the country since 2014. The COVID-19 outbreak and quarantine have resulted in a high loss of people's lives and jobs and extreme weather has been caused by climate change and man-made interventions.

The conflict in the East of the country has resulted in thousands of deaths and injuries, as well as millions of internally displaced people. The area is now suffering from a high concentration of landmines and explosive remnants, causing constant danger to people in the area. An increase in education on the dangers of landmines is needed in Ukraine to limit deaths and injuries and reduce a further increase in the number of people in need of humanitarian assistance.

This humanitarian crisis is underfunded and suffering further from donor fatigue following seven years of conflict.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting quarantine has had a disastrous effect on the country's economy. 700,000 people lost their jobs in the first weeks of the quarantine, and a further four million people were affected by downsizing or the closure of businesses. As a result, the National Society identified socio-economic stability a priority area and is planning to scale up its work to support people's livelihoods.

Since 2017 the National Society and the IFRC has been supporting people in the Luhansk and Donetsk regions with Income Generating Activities.

### **TARGET 1**

3.5 million people affected by crises and disasters have their needs met through access to assistance and support that is timely, adequate, flexible, using cash and voucher assistance.



**13,000**  
people that have been  
killed in conflict



**3.5 million**  
people in need  
of humanitarian  
assistance

### **ACTIVITIES**

- The IFRC and the National Society will revisit all its beneficiaries of Income Generating Activity grants in the conflict affected areas to revitalise and boost struggling activities.
- The IFRC and the National Society will support recovery with Income Generating Activity grants in the Luhansk and Donetsk regions, Ivano-Frankivsk, and the Luhansk and Zhytomir regions
- The National Society will respond to crises and disasters with increased capacity to analyse and address the needs of people affected by crises and disasters.
- The National Society will enhance its coordination and collaboration with key stakeholders, including national and sub-national actors, civil society, civil protection mechanisms, the private sector, reference centres and research institutions.



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# GROWING GAPS IN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Funding requirement in Swiss francs  
**200,000**

People to be reached  
**300,000**



In the 1990s, the whole population of Ukraine commonly accepted routine vaccinations. Today, only 70 per cent of people are vaccinated due to a lack of trust in the existing medical system, disruptions in the vaccines' supply and the increasing trend of parents questioning the need to vaccinate their children. As a result, infection rates of some diseases has grown higher than in other countries, and the number of avoidable illnesses and deaths are increasing. Vaccine-preventable diseases, such as pertussis, rubella, measles, mumps, diphtheria, and tetanus remain prevalent, and the number of people suffering from these illnesses were at record highs in 2019.

The National Society is delivering an immunisation awareness campaign to increase understanding, especially among parents, on the importance of vaccinations and to increase the number of vaccinations, especially in preparation for the imminent availability of the COVID-19 vaccination.

The National Society was supported by the IFRC to deliver a measles operation through the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund in 2019. The COVID-19 response infrastructure now provides the measles campaign with an opportunity to further expand activities on immunisation awareness.

With the support of the IFRC and Swedish Red Cross, community-based health and first aid expertise is available and immunisation awareness projects can be carried out by trained and newly trained volunteers in several districts and settlements. A national information and awareness campaign will be delivered in part through social media and through dedicated local outreach activities. The immunisation awareness project will be closely coordinated with local authorities and national health authorities, UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO).

**70%**  
people accepting  
immunisations from public  
healthcare

**1,270,000**  
COVID-19 infections, as of mid-  
February 2021

**24,000**  
deaths from COVID-19 as of  
mid-February 2021

## ➔ ACTIVITIES

- The IFRC will support the National Society to be included in national plans, strategies, policies and/or laws related to epidemic and pandemic preparedness and response.
- The IFRC will support the National Society to be members of and regularly engage in national public health advocacy platforms.
- The IFRC will support the National Society to enable communities to identify and reduce health risks.
- The IFRC will support the National Society to contribute to national immunisation targets, and promote fair and equitable access to new vaccines, including future COVID-19 vaccines.
- The IFRC will support the National Society to promote and measure community awareness of pandemics and epidemics, including cholera under the One WASH Initiative.



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## VALUES, POWER, AND INCLUSION

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**12,000**

People to be reached

**600**

The National Society will institutionalise community engagement and accountability, making it a part of every operation. Humanitarian education focusing on young people is an important tool for educating people about the National Society and the IFRC's values. It increases the ability to mobilise volunteers and contributes to building a peaceful and inclusive environment.

Identifying opportunities for community engagement and accountability and humanitarian education are two of the biggest priorities for the National Society. In 2019, the National Society embarked on building its capacities in community engagement and accountability with support from the IFRC and Swedish Red Cross.

The National Society contributes to a positive change in communities through a wider understanding, ownership and application of humanitarian values and fundamental principles, focusing especially on young people's knowledge, skills and behaviour.

To support this the National Society will strengthen and increase its strategic partnerships and innovative mechanisms for collaboration on humanitarian education with key actors, including government education authorities.

Both the National Society and the IFRC will adopt a comprehensive Protection, Gender and Inclusion approach across their operations and programmes to ensure that the work of the National Society is inclusive. The IFRC will systematically apply, promote and support the agreed Minimum Standards for Protection, Gender and Inclusion in emergencies. As a result, the National Society and the IFRC will lead by example and inspire others on gender and diversity mainstreaming.

The National Society will also increase inclusivity by reducing and removing language barriers when producing community-based information for vulnerable groups and communities, through the use of culturally appropriate information and methodologies.

### ACTIVITIES

- The National Society will mainstream community engagement and accountability, as well as gender and inclusion in all projects and activities.
- The IFRC will support the National Society to build an online humanitarian education platform for young people and the National Society will collaborate with the Government to promote it.



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## ENABLER 1

ENGAGED WITH RENEWED INFLUENCE, INNOVATIVE AND DIGITALLY TRANSFORMED WITH GREATER EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**9,000**

The IFRC in Ukraine will support the National Society to build new partnerships and strengthening existing partnerships within the Movement, with authorities, United Nations agencies, academia and other organisations in order to collectively address climate change, socio-economic crises, the COVID-19 pandemic, health and social welfare, disasters and crisis, and the results of armed conflict.

The IFRC will continue to support the National Society in its response to emergencies. It will provide support to widen cooperation with stakeholders and for the National Society to become appreciated for ensuring a collective voice and advocacy on behalf of the people most in need through its community mobilisation, awareness raising, influence and its volunteer network.

The IFRC will provide the National Society with simple and affordable tools and advice to ensure that programming and communication for changing public behaviour towards health, resilience and inclusion are informed by science and data and integrated with community engagement and accountability initiatives.

### 🎯 TARGET 1

Movement Coordination Agreement and Movement Security Framework Agreement is signed

### 🎯 TARGET 2

The Movement Plan 2021-2023 for Ukraine is developed and agreed between partners (collective Movement effort)



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## ENABLER 2

ACCOUNTABLE WITH AN AGILE MANAGEMENT AND A RENEWED FINANCING MODEL WITH GREATER EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**28,600**

The IFRC is establishing a risk management culture in Ukraine to ensure that financial processes and resources are safeguarded and managed effectively, efficiently, and transparently and continuously monitor the situation. It will also support the National Society with its accountability efforts and with its quality assurance.

The IFRC is increasing financial resources for the National Society by developing new financing systems. The IFRC will also support the National Society to expand its ability to access resources so it can invest in national society development through mechanisms such as the National Society Investment Alliance, the Capacity Building Fund, and the Empress Shōken Fund and other innovative approaches.

### 🎯 TARGET 1

A new web-based system supports globally integrated processes for finance, planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting, human resources, logistics and enterprise resource planning.

## ENABLER 3

TRUSTED BY COMMUNITIES, OWNED AND VALUED BY THE MEMBERSHIP  
WITH GREATER EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Funding requirement in Swiss francs

**130,000**

The IFRC will support the National Society to become the trusted partner of choice for humanitarian action in Ukraine. It will do this by supporting the National Society to assess its development needs, revise its legal base and deliver strategic and development plans to better address service sustainability, making their local branches robust and diversifying their volunteer base.

The IFRC will support the National Society to appreciate its shared leadership options and opportunities to implement leadership approaches in Ukraine. It is also supporting the National Society's processes to strengthen movement coordination and cooperation.

In 2021, the IFRC will support the National Society with the organisation of its general assembly and a national committee audit. It will also work with the National Society on its human resources development, including protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and child safeguarding, as well as with the provision of legal support.

The National Society will assess its development needs, revise its legal base and amending its statutes, and better address the sustainability of its services. It will improve its financial sustainability through investment in accountability and systems development, resources mobilisation, and its vision and mandate.

The National Society's work in communities allows it to include and communicate directly with the people its programmes are affecting. People are empowered to influence decisions that affect them which builds trust in National Society and the activities that best serve their interests.

### TARGET 1

The IFRC systematically collects, analyses and shares evidence demonstrating the impact of stronger engagement with communities on programme and operational quality.

### TARGET 1

Community engagement and accountability are integrated into the IFRC and National Society's strategic and annual plans, policies, guidelines, and operating procedures so it becomes a standard approach for all staff and volunteers.

### TARGET 1

The IFRC system management control centre 2.0 is implemented with strong engagement of the National Society.

### ACTIVITIES

- The IFRC will continue to support the development and update of policies, guidelines, tools and mechanisms on fraud and corruption, protection against sexual exploitation and abuse, non-discrimination, harassment, and child safeguarding.
- The IFRC will deliver on its priorities for movement coordination and cooperation, as established in the Council of Delegates meeting in 2019.
- External Audit of the URCS National Committee will be conducted
- External audit of min 4 local branches will be conducted.
- At least 3 URCS people will be supported to participate in the Movement Induction Course or IMPACT
- Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation approach continues to support the National Society in delivering quality services to communities, strengthening DRR capacities, branch development, youth and volunteer development.
- An induction course will be delivered for newly elected governing body of the Ukraine Red Cross Society.



**The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)** is the world's largest humanitarian network, with **192 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies** and around **14 million volunteers**. Our volunteers are present in communities before, during and after a crisis or disaster. We work in the most hard to reach and complex settings in the world, saving lives and promoting human dignity. We support communities to become stronger and more resilient places where people can live safe and healthy lives, and have opportunities to thrive.

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