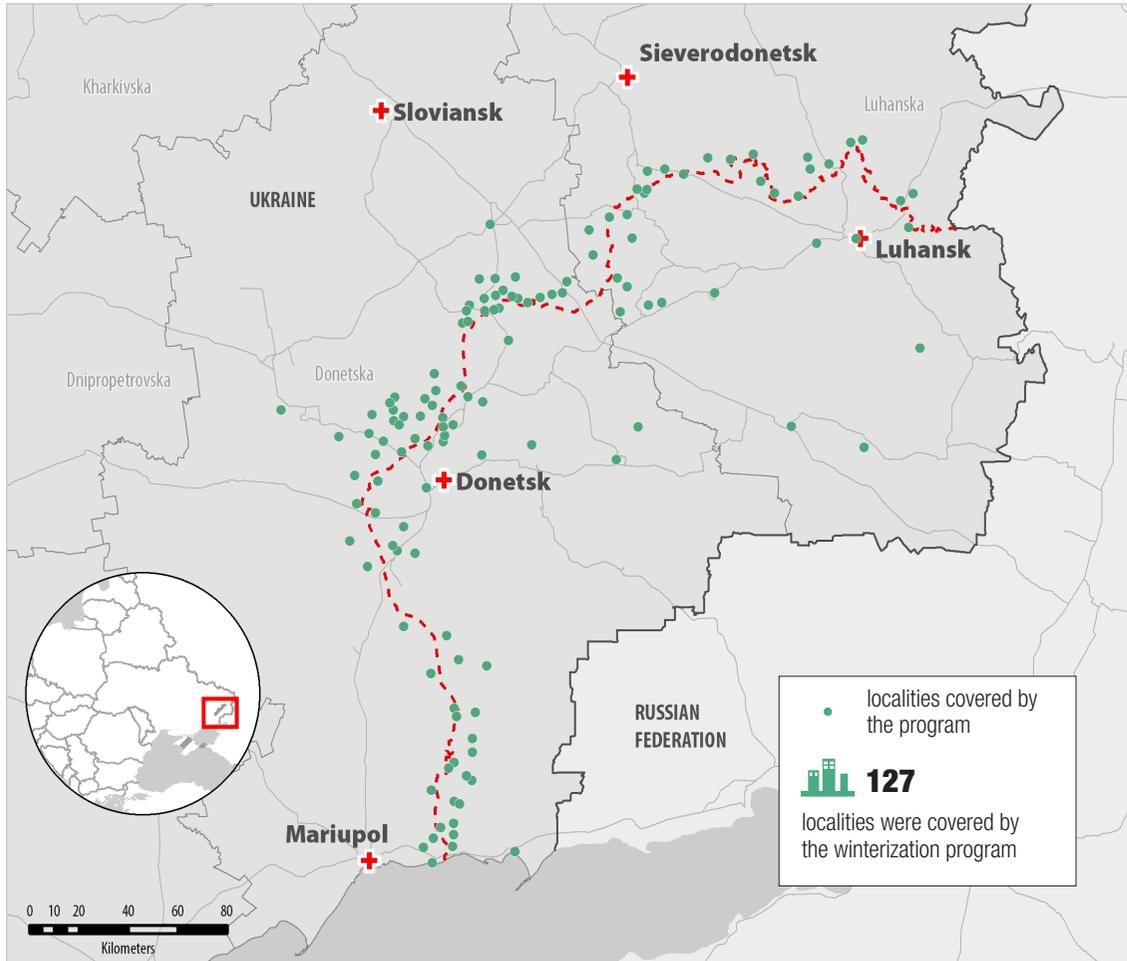




Ukraine: Response to Harsh Temperatures

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It has been four years since the start of the conflict in eastern Ukraine. Before the conflict, people lived in a different reality. Now their daily life has changed completely. Long hours waiting in the cold or heat to go to the nearest city, lack of water, power and heating, and endless shelling are the new normal.

Many people have lost their income due to the conflict and must rely on humanitarian assistance. During summer or spring, people can cope but the situation worsens when the winter comes. Heating of houses is becoming more expensive and it can be problematic to even purchase coal or firewood in some areas.

The ICRC's response to the harsh winter conditions in Ukraine includes the following key activities:

- Cash assistance to ensure that vulnerable beneficiaries are able to cover their domestic needs of fuel, wood, gas and electricity bills during the winter period.
- In-kind assistance with coal, firewood, wooden briquettes and heating pellets.
- Support with animal feed to allow the local population to restore and develop their livelihood practices during and beyond the winter season.
- Improvement of the living conditions through insulation of houses of people living by the contact line.
- Improving the conditions for those waiting in long queues to cross the contact line from both sides by running the heating points in cooperation with local Red Cross, where people receive hot drinks and warm shelter.

over **5,860** households received cash assistance to improve their living conditions during wintertime.

over **12,300** tons of solid fuel for heating (coal, wooden briquettes, firewood, heating pellets) were donated to 6,010 households on both sides of the contact line.

over **3,540** households received insulation kits.

over **125** tons of animal feed were donated to over 280 households.

over **100** households were supported with stoves.

54 households received heating radiators.

217 households benefited from donation of PVC windows. 384 households in rural areas participated in glazing project.

6 heating shelters at crossing points on both sides of the contact line were supported by the ICRC, including the extension of the heating point at Stanytsia Luhanska (NGCA).

over **295,790** people were provided with hot tea, biscuits, drinking water and first aid at the Red Cross heating points on both sides of the Stanytsia Luhanska crossing point.

Supply for crossing points included: three petrol generators, 500 litre water tank, six handpumps, four heaters, four kettles, 1.3 tons of sugar, almost 8,000 litre of water, over 345,000 of cups and glasses, etc.