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3P CONSORTIUM PARTNERS BROADEN WORK ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION IN EASTERN UKRAINE

For the third year, the ACTED-led 3P Consortium implements their DRR response with the support of [Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance](#). Their aim is to prevent large-scale disasters through support for improved planning and sector reform, while preparing first responders and communities to respond to conflict and industrial risks, and protecting civilian populations by advocating for investments before, during and after disasters.

Although the yearly volume of hostilities in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts in eastern Ukraine has gradually decreased, 8 years on Ukrainian civilians continue to bear the brunt of the consequences of an armed conflict that threatens to intensify once again. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the consequences of the conflict, putting a strain on the already 3.4 million people in need of protection and humanitarian assistance in eastern Ukraine. In addition to the armed conflict and COVID-19-pandemic, communities living along the Line of Contact continue to face natural hazards common to the region - wildfires, drought spells, and water safety issues – that are exacerbated by the conflict, while the State’s strategy remains largely focused on emergency response, rather than preparedness and resilience of the communities most exposed to these risks.

In order to improve understanding, preparedness, and resilience to natural, multi-hazard and water-related risks response capacity in conflict-affected eastern Ukraine, the 3P Consortium, led by ACTED and including IMPACT Initiatives, the Danish Red Cross, Ukrainian Red Cross Society and Right to Protection, continue to work on reduction of disaster risk vulnerability in eastern Ukraine by launching the second phase of their project with financial support from Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance. It is paramount to reinforce local authorities’ capacity to prevent a large-scale disaster through improved planning, preparing communities to respond to these risks, and enhancing capacities to protect the civilian population should a disaster strike.

Over 24 months, the 3P Consortium will work on three objectives:

- Advocate for Disaster Risk Management reforms and enhance coordination amongst key national and international stakeholders in Ukraine;
- Improve understanding of risks and strengthen the risk management capacity of local authorities and first responders;
- Enhance community awareness, preparedness and response at local level.

The partners aims to target 45 organizations, 6,348 individuals directly and 216,000 people indirectly through development of local Disaster Risk Management plans; conducting Area-



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Based-Risk-Assessments; wildfire risk analysis; Water Risk Assessments; preparing Water and Sanitation Safety Plans; designing of a mobile application for increased risk awareness; conducting public awareness campaigns and more than 50 trainings/sessions and desk studies; all with the overarching aim to further promote, raise awareness of, and improve disaster risk management in Ukraine and support the Government of Ukraine in fulfilling its commitments under the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

“The 3P Consortium is continuing to provide technical and planning support for eastern settlements and administrative entities, as started 3 years ago. Meanwhile, recent wildfires are showing a very important concerns from local residents with extremely severe impacts, exacerbated by climate change and degradation of the natural resources. These are priorities which have been not addressed for many years, with a high susceptibility to cause major disruption” said Benoit Gerfault, 3P Consortium Coordinator.

Notes to Editors

The 3P Consortium

The 3P Consortium, formed in 2019, comprises a group of international and national NGOs engaged in Ukraine –ACTED, IMPACT Initiatives, Right to Protection, the Danish Red Cross, and the Ukrainian Red Cross Society. Under the leadership of ACTED, the 3P Consortium works to support the reduction of disaster risk vulnerability in eastern Ukraine. 3P partners are united by their desire to prevent, prepare and protect – the ‘3P’ – civilian populations and critical service systems against the risks of natural, ecological and industrial disasters in eastern Ukraine.

3P Consortium Partners

ACTED www.acted.org: ACTED is a French humanitarian organization present in 37 countries and supporting over 16 million beneficiaries worldwide. ACTED works to save lives and support people in meeting their needs in hard to reach areas. ACTED first responded to the crisis in Ukraine in 2015, with its partner IMPACT through the REACH Initiative. . In 2017, ACTED also started implementing emergency preparedness and contingency planning activities jointly with local authorities in conflict-affected areas. Today, ACTED provides a variety of humanitarian and development assistance in Ukraine including emergency cash distribution to cover basic, food security, and winterization needs of the most vulnerable; early recovery and economic stability activities such as livelihood grants and women’s economic empowerment; and capacity building support to CSOs and local authorities within the framework of decentralization.



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IMPACT Initiatives <https://www.impact-initiatives.org>: IMPACT Initiatives is a leading Geneva-based think-and-do tank. Together with sister organization ACTED and UNOSAT, IMPACT launched in 2010 the REACH Initiative, which provides granular data, timely information and in-depth analysis from contexts of crisis, disaster and displacement to feed into evidence-based aid response and decision-making. Since 2016, the REACH initiative has been leading annual interagency humanitarian needs assessments to inform the Humanitarian Needs Overview and Response Plans in Ukraine. IMPACT—including through REACH—also provides continuous information management and geographic information systems support and capacity building to humanitarian agencies and clusters. IMPACT has been providing capacity reinforcement and technical support to local authorities in eastern Ukraine since 2016.

Right to Protection (R2P) <http://r2p.org.ua/en/>: Right to Protection is a Ukrainian not-for profit organization. R2P is dedicated to protecting refugees who find themselves in Ukraine due to dire circumstances. R2P ensures the protection and human rights of other vulnerable migrants -the conflict affected, the internally displaced (IDPs), the stateless, the undocumented and those at risk of statelessness. R2P's key programmatic strengths are legal assistance, monitoring, advocacy as well as government and civil society capacity building. R2P has approximately 150 staff members working across Ukraine.

Danish Red Cross (DRC) <https://www.rodekors.dk>: The Danish Red Cross is part of the Red Cross Movement, which operates in over 190 countries and has more than 11 million volunteers. DRC provides aid particularly in areas with very limited access and complex crises in more than 30 countries over the world. Present since 2014 in Ukraine, DRC works in close partnership with the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) and have been addressing together humanitarian and social needs in more than 15 Regions of Ukraine through psychosocial support, cash assistance, winterization response or activities aiming at greater social cohesion. DRC is supporting branch, volunteer and youth development of the URCS, as well as enhancing preparedness and response capacities.

Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) <https://redcross.org.ua/en/>: The Ukrainian Red Cross Society is the largest national humanitarian organization in Ukraine. The main aims of URCS's activities for more than 100 years has been to ensure human life protection, prevention and mitigation of human suffering during armed conflicts, natural disasters, catastrophes and accidents; support public healthcare services; and assist public authorities of Ukraine in their activities in the humanitarian field. This is achieved unbiasedly, without any discrimination based on nationality, race, gender, religion, language, class or political convictions. URCS is constantly present on the Line of Contact, supporting the population with different activities including humanitarian aid distribution, first aid trainings, psycho-social support and supporting activities



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for/with local communities. URCS also actively engages with ICRC operations in eastern Ukraine.

USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) <https://www.usaid.gov>: USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance provides life-saving humanitarian assistance—including food, water, shelter, emergency healthcare, sanitation and hygiene, and critical nutrition services—to the world's most vulnerable and hardest-to-reach people. BHA is the lead federal coordinator for international disaster assistance, harnessing the expertise and unique capacities of other U.S. government entities to effectively respond to natural disasters and complex crises around the world. BHA takes a holistic look at humanitarian aid, providing assistance before, during and after a crisis—from readiness and response, to relief and recovery. This includes non-emergency programming that is foundational to linking humanitarian assistance to long-term development and the journey to self-reliance.

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