

# 2021

**ANNUAL REPORT** 

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#### **OPENING REMARKS**



2021 for our organisation, as well as for the entire community of NGOs and Ukrainian society, has become a period of adaptation to work in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and its professional challenges.

The traditional palette of issues addressed to the Foundation's representatives by beneficiaries was supplemented by many requests for freedom of movement, access to medical services, etc. R2P's team had to work under limited access to certain government agencies and institutions, which also functioned in the quarantine regime. The Foundation established and reformatted its work, adapted, and, most importantly, continued to protect our beneficiaries, ensure their rights are respected, and implement the planned activities. We can confidently say that the Foundation's team has coped with all the challenges of working under quarantine restrictions!

Thanks to the Right to Protection team and everyone who was with us in 2021.

Oleksandr Galkin President of Right to Protection

#### SUPERVISORY BOARD

Right to Protections's (R2P's) Supervisory Board is in charge of implementing the strategic recommendations for 2022, fundraising, and the organisation's budget.



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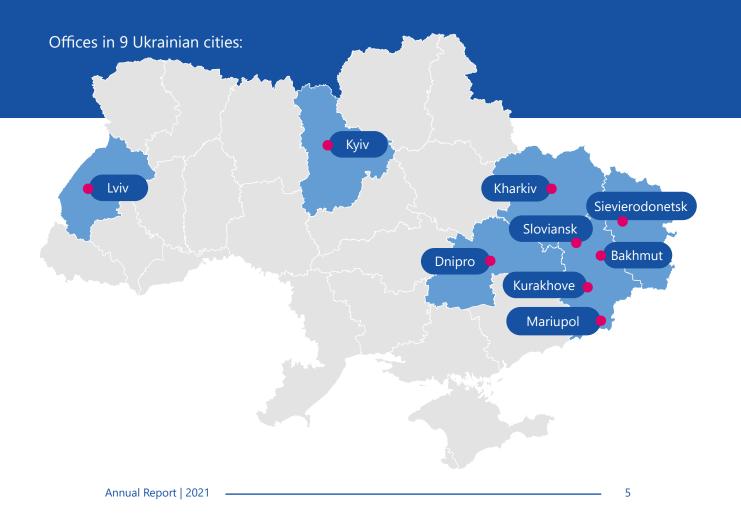
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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**



## Budget 84 099 578 UAH



#### **PROGRAMME DIRECTIONS**

- → Aid to Internally Displaced Persons and the War-affected Population
  - → Advocacy
  - → Monitoring the Observance of Rights and Assessing the Needs of Internally Displaced Persons and the Waraffected Population
  - → Legal Aid to Internally Displaced Persons and the Waraffected Population
  - → Strengthening the Capacity of Communities
  - → Promoting Self-Sufficiency and Employment of Vulnerable Groups
  - → Integration of Representatives of Vulnerable Groups
- → Strengthening Resilience and Cohesion
- → Disaster Risk Reduction

Number of beneficiaries

- → Assistance to Stateless Persons
- → Assistance to Refugees and Asylum Seekers

## 21,600+



## AID TO INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND THE WAR-AFFECTED POPULATION

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#### MONITORING THE OBSERVANCE OF RIGHTS AND ASSESSING THE NEEDS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND THE WAR-AFFECTED POPULATION

Regular, systematic monitoring allows us to identify problems, violations, and weaknesses, track the needs of vulnerable groups, and respond to them individually through direct assistance and systematically through advocacy.

#### Area of operations:

Donetska, Luhanska, Kharkivska, Zaporizka, and Dnipropetrovska oblasts.

#### The monitoring missions covered:

- entry-exit control points from the uncontrolled territory (EECPs);
- international/interstate border control points in Kharkivska and Luhanska oblasts (BCPs);
- settlements along the contact line;
- state institutions;
- collective centres of IDPs (CCs);
- settlements in hromadas that have hosted IDPs.



#### **Operations at EECPs and BCPs**

Monitoring and counselling at the EECPs remain a priority for the monitoring service. In addition, given the numerous crossings by residents of the uncontrolled territory through the Hoptivka international checkpoint and the Milove interstate checkpoint on the border with the Russian Federation, the Foundation has started regular monitoring there since April 2021 with the support of UNHCR.

Visiting hours:

Stanytsia Luhanska EECP — 5 days a week (Monday to Friday);

*Novotroitske EECP* — 2 days a week in 2 shifts (Monday and Friday are the only days of operation of the EECP);

Hoptivka BCP — 2 days a week;

*Milove BCP* — daily.

A survey of residents of the temporarily occupied territories was conducted on crossing conditions at EECPs throughout the year and at BCPs since November. In total, in 2021:

#### 5,859

#### 13,554

#### 3,189

people were interviewed about the crossing conditions persons were provided with assistance in installing the Vdoma application

#### requests for permits to cross the border have been submitted to the coordination group

#### 47 foreigners were assisted in acquiring

health insurance

certificates

#### **Housing issues**

In Donetska and Luhanska oblasts, representatives of the Foundation acted as observers in local commissions for the assessment of destroyed housing, and heads of regional offices participated in oblast commissions. In 2021, 111 applications of Right to Protection beneficiaries (24% of all applicants) were approved by regional commissions for a total amount of UAH 26,089,135.

In Kharkivska, Dnipropetrovska, and Zaporizka oblasts, the Foundation remains the only protection actor actively working with CC residents. R2P continues to support such IDPs in moving to better living conditions or finding durable solutions. In 2021, 21 IDP households moved to better accommodation with the support of the Foundation.

1,066 IDPs were surveyed about their needs and awareness of housing opportunities. A report\* was issued based on the survey analysis and data from the housing mapping conducted in 2020.

Additionally, interactive maps of the identified housing objects were developed, available for settlement and potentially suitable for reconstruction and/or repair. At the end of 2021, R2P, together with UNHCR and the Ministry of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories, began work on profiling CCs, assessing the needs of residents and expanding the map of housing opportunities to the entire territory of Ukraine.



<u>Learn more</u>

#### **Key Figures**

<b>15,821</b> beneficiaries received protection counselling Among them:				
<sup>©</sup> <b>Q</b> 7	<b>,037</b> (44%) residents of the temporarily occupied territories			
<b>Q</b> 4	<b>,385</b> (28%) residents of the government-controlled area in the zone 0–20 km from the contact line			
<b>72%</b>	of appeals are related to quarantine measures due to COVID-19			
110	information sessions			
1,160	session participants			
5,163	referrals to the legal service			

#### LEGAL AID TO INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND THE WAR-AFFECTED POPULATION

Throughout 2021, the Foundation's legal team provided assistance, including primary and secondary legal aid.

Secondary aid included representation in courts, state and local authorities and assistance in drafting procedural documents.

#### Area of operations:

Donetska, Luhanska, Kharkivska, Zaporizka, and Dnipropetrovska oblasts.

9,155 unique beneficiaries received assistance from Right to Protection's legal service, including 807 who received secondary legal aid. Lawyers provided 9,721 consultations on 12,402 legal issues.

The most common types of cases (primary and secondary legal aid) included freedom of movement (31%), social benefits and pensions (26%), housing, land, property, and access to appropriate housing (18%), and identity documents (10%).

Almost a third (32%) of legal issues were related to COVID-19 quarantine measures.

These figures demonstrate the critical impact of quarantine measures on movement through EECPs when most residents of the temporarily occupied territories, especially older people, have not been able to cross the contact line and seek legal assistance in cases of pensions and other social benefits. At the same time, the adoption of CMU Resolution No. 767 on the administrative procedure for compensation for destroyed housing led to increased interest in housing, property, and land issues in 2020, which continued in 2021.



#### **Strategic Cases**

In 2021, the Foundation's lawyers supported 171 strategic cases in national courts and 31 cases in procedures related to the European Court of Human Rights.

Themes of strategic cases

- compensation for non-pecuniary damage in connection with the injury and death of close relatives (civilians) based on non-discrimination;
- compensation for property damage caused to civilians' homes;
- recognition as unlawful and cancellation of the Act of Inspection of housing destroyed as a result of a military emergency caused by the armed aggression of the Russian Federation;
- protection of the rights of individuals in the event of prolonged nonenforcement of a court decision.

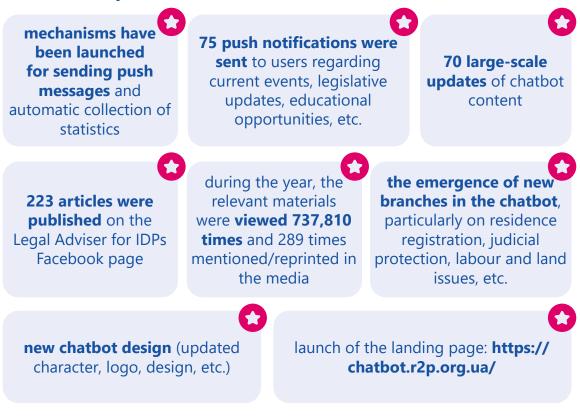


#### Chatbot

Throughout the year, the Legal Adviser for IDPs chatbot provided 24/7 free legal aid to IDPs, residents of settlements near the contact line and in the temporarily occupied territories, and other conflict-affected persons.

In 2021, the number of unique users on 3 platforms (Viber, Telegram, and Facebook/Messenger) increased to 5,508.

#### **Results for the year of achievements:**



#### **Key Figures**

#### 5,508

unique users

The increase for the year is 3,139 people, including:

- +1,696 on Viber
- +1,002 on Telegram

+541 on Facebook/ Messenger

#### 223

articles on the Legal Adviser for IDPs Facebook page: 737,810 page views 289 media mentions

#### 55

redirections for assistance to stateless persons

#### **ADVOCACY**

In 2021, the efforts of the Foundation's Advocacy team were aimed at ensuring systemic changes in legislation and its implementation practice to ensure and protect the rights and interests of the Foundation's beneficiaries.

#### Area of operations:

National level. Local level: Donetska, Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizka, Luhanska, and Kharkivska oblasts.

#### **Key focus directions:**

- Protection of IDPs' rights.
- Access to administrative services.
- Freedom of movement.
- Assistance to children affected by hostilities and armed conflicts.



#### **Protection of IDPs' Rights**

One of the most pressing focus areas of Advocacy in 2021 was improving the mechanism for providing cash compensation to people whose homes were destroyed as a result of a military emergency caused by the armed aggression of the Russian Federation.

In January 2021, Right to Protection proposed several recommendations for amendments to the provisions of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 18 December 2013 No. 947, which regulates the procedure and conditions for providing such compensation. The Foundation's recommendations concerned, in particular, ensuring the right to compensation for persons who independently restored destroyed housing and the participation of public associations and non-profit organisations in the work of commissions for its inspection. In December 2021, the Government amended the resolution, including R2P's recommendations.

To resolve these issues at the level of the law, the Foundation joined the working group to develop the draft law, On Protection of Property Rights and Other Proprietary Rights of Persons Affected by Armed Aggression, registered by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on 1 March 2021 (No. 5177) and included in the Parliament's agenda in November 2021.

In addition to advocacy work at the national level, activities to ensure the rights of IDPs were also carried out:

- in the international arena: in June 2021, the Foundation's team took part in the LEGAL (UN) CERTAINTY OF OCCUPATION: CRIMEA AND DONBAS international conference, during which the Foundation's experts presented their vision of the current situation with the protection of IDPs' rights in Ukraine and stressed the need to improve their safety at the legislative level, taking into account international acts in this field;
- at the local level: the Foundation's regional teams have repeatedly successfully assisted local hromadas in preparing the documentation for obtaining the subvention necessary to form housing funds for temporary residence of IDPs.

#### Access to Administrative Services

In June 2021, R2P published the research on access to administrative services in ASCs, aimed, in particular, at studying the availability of access to such services for people aged 60 and over, access to administrative services in ASCs at the entry-exit control points from the temporarily occupied territories, in mobile ASCs, as well as during the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on the study, the Foundation developed several recommendations for the Government, local authorities and other bodies in Donetska and Luhanska oblasts, civil society and administrative service users. Among other things, it was proposed to amend the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1236 of 9 December 2020 to exempt from self-isolation/observation persons arriving in the government-controlled territory for up to 48 hours to receive administrative services.

#### **Freedom of Movement**

Throughout the year, the Foundation repeatedly drew the Government's attention to the unconstitutionality of the requirements for installing the Vdoma mobile application by persons entering the government-controlled territory of Ukraine from the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine. In October 2021, the Foundation and other members of the Coalition of NGOs working to protect and respect the rights of persons affected by the armed conflict sent an appeal to the Prime Minister of Ukraine, the Minister for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the Head of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine to immediately eliminate discrimination against residents of the temporarily occupied territories and create conditions for persons who are unable to install such a mobile application. On 29 December 2021, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine cancelled the requirement for these persons to install this application to enter the government-controlled territory.

#### Helping Children Affected by Hostilities and Armed Conflicts

On the occasion of the International Children's Day in 2021, the Foundation and 32 other organisations working to protect and respect the rights of IDPs and persons affected by armed conflict sent an open appeal to President of Ukraine V. Zelenskyy and members of the Ukrainian Parliament to provide children affected by hostilities and armed conflicts with social benefits, guarantees, and compensation. In particular, the authors of the appeal called on MPs to develop, together with NGOs and central executive authorities, and submit to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine a draft law to determine targeted support at the state level for children who have the official status of «child affected by hostilities and armed conflicts».

#### **Key Figures**



**100+** advocacy interventions

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**25+** analytical and informational materials created independently and in cooperation with other organisations

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**10+** speeches at roundtables, forums, conferences, and other events



#### STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITIES

#### **Strengthening the Capacity of Hromadas Near the Contact Line**

The Foundation comprehensively supported 5 amalgamated hromadas: Sartanska, Mariinska and Svitlodarsks in Donetska oblast, and Hirska and Nyzhnioteplivska in Luhanska oblast.

Key focus directions:

- creation of social passports of hromadas;
- consulting;
- support in the preparation of documentation;
- training sessions.

#### Training:

[hemes:



5 online training sessions360 participants

Peculiarities of local budgeting for 2022.

Fundamentals of effective land management.

Sources of filling the revenue part of the hromada's budget to ensure its own and delegated powers.

Inventory and accounting of hromada's land: relevance, problems, and solutions.

Development of local capacity for planning and budgeting the social services system and social protection in the hromada. 2 offline training sessions 38 participants

Preparation and adoption of local socially oriented development programmes.

Preparation and submission of an application for the State Fund of Regional Development project competition.







#### **Ensuring Access to Social Services**

The SHIFT project aimed to provide access to legal and social services to people in newly created hromadas near the entry-exit points from the temporarily occupied territories with limited economic opportunities and vulnerable groups. On the one hand, the project strengthened the capacity of hromadas to provide social services; on the other hand, it provided direct services to people.

Area of operations:

Olhynska, Volnovska, and Myrnenska amalgamated hromadas in Donetska oblast

#### **Types of operations**

For the public

- informing; •
- counselling; •
- social support;
- sessions.
- For service providers
- training sessions;
- seminars;
- webinars;
- group information development of documentation.

#### Themes of counselling:

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- social benefits;
- subsidies;
- alimony;
- restoration of documents.

Training sessions, seminars, and webinars covered a range of issues related to the organisation and delivery of social services. 9 webinars were held for representatives of local authorities and social service providers, a webinar for NGOs and a two-day in-person training session for local authorities.

Strong working relationships were established with the 3 hromadas involved during the project implementation. The cooperation increased their capacity to provide social services.

#### **Key Figures**



**768** beneficiaries received legal consultations



**10** webinars



2 documents designed for hromadas

social services

693 beneficiaries received



1 methodology, Application of Case Management Technology, was developed

#### Working with Local Authorities on Long-term Solutions

In 2021, the Foundation's teams supported amalgamated hromadas in Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizka, and Kharkivska oblasts with comprehensive advice and expertise on IDP assistance, integration and long-term solutions. In particular, this included support in preparing and submitting applications for the 30/70 state subvention for the purchase of temporary housing for IDPs.

#### **Results:**

Hromadas supported — 169

Consultations provided — 1 381

Documents prepared — **114** 

Hromadas that received a subvention -20

Total amount of subventions — UAH **14 778 159** *commission, etc.* 

Examples of prepared documents: draft housing programmes, written analysis of laws, orders on registering IDPs for temporary housing, orders on establishing a housing commission, etc.

#### **Support to IDP Initiative Groups**

The regional teams established effective cooperation with IDP initiative groups and regularly provided them with advice and clarifications to strengthen their capacity. It included preparing documents for establishing a local IDP council, assisting in registering an NGO, writing appeals and requests, and advising on issues related to protecting rights and livelihoods.

#### **Results:**

Supported initiative groups of IDPs — 46

in Kharkivska oblast — **22** 

in Dnipropetrovska oblast — **14** 

in Zaporizka oblast — 10

Consultations provided — 627

#### PROMOTING SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND EMPLOYMENT OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

The activities were targeted at internally displaced persons, women, people with disabilities and people with other vulnerabilities in the Azov region.

#### Area of operations:

Tokmak, Melitopol, Berdiansk and Prymorsk in Zaporizka oblast, and Manhush and Mariupol in Donetska oblast.

#### **Types of operations:**

- online training sessions;
- webinars;
- individual consultations;
- development of a thematic branch of the chatbot.

126 participants, selected according to the project criteria, completed a training programme based on the needs and level of knowledge of the beneficiaries on the following topics:

- digital literacy
- financial literacy;
- self-employment;
- self-education.

#### Individual consultations:

- 1,008 consultations for 640 beneficiaries on professional development and CV writing;
- 1,300 consultations on legal issues for 780 beneficiaries.



#### **Public Events**

24 career development webinars: Creating a Quality Resume and Job Search Channels; Cover Letter and Business Correspondence Skills; Benefits of Formal Employment; Preparing and Successfully Passing an Interview.

22 webinars on the specifics of legislation and labour rights of people with vulnerabilities: How not to Become a Target of Human Trafficking and Labour Exploitation; Benefits of Official Employment; Social Guarantees for Vulnerable Categories of Employees; COVID-19 Challenges and Methods of Overcoming Them, etc.

A roundtable to discuss labour market issues in the Azov region regarding challenges and opportunities for people with vulnerabilities (30 November 2021, Mariupol).

#### **Publications**

The research, <u>Increasing the Self-sufficiency and Employability of Vulnerable</u> <u>Population Categories in the Azov Region.</u>

37 articles on the legal aspects of employment and self-employment on the Legal Adviser for IDPs Facebook page.

#### Chatbot

The project created a long-term tool: a separate branch of the legal <u>chatbot</u> on labour rights and employment, which covers the need for support not only for project participants but also for a broader range of users.

The branch covers 4 relevant topics, including working conditions and remuneration. It was used by 84 people who received 252 consultations.

#### **Key Figures:**



**176** participants in training sessions



**46** webinars





**1,300** legal consultations

## ASSISTANCE TO STATELESS PERSONS

During 2021, the project provided legal assistance to stateless persons, persons at risk of statelessness and persons of undetermined citizenship.

The project team also raised the level of knowledge about working with stateless persons among representatives of the State Migration Service, employees of entry-exit control points from the temporarily occupied territories, representatives of free secondary legal aid centres, and local authorities

The project was involved in providing recommendations and comments on several legislative and bylaw acts related to access to Ukrainian citizenship, the procedure for recognition as a stateless person and access to the fundamental rights of stateless persons.

#### Area of operations:

Kyiv city, Kyivska, Kharkivska, Donetska, and Luhanska oblasts.

The beneficiaries of the project are stateless persons, persons at risk of statelessness and persons with undetermined citizenship among the following categories of people:

- older people (holders of passports of the former USSR) and their children;
- persons of Roma nationality;
- persons serving or having served a sentence;
- homeless persons;
- persons who have lost their citizenship for reasons beyond their control.

With the help of the Foundation's lawyers and advocates, 96 people could use the procedure for recognition as stateless, which began in May 2021.

#### **Organised events:**

Online press conference with the Deputy Head of the State Migration Service, the Head of the Verkhovna Rada Committee, and the UNHCR representative in Ukraine on the occasion of the entry into force of the procedure for recognising statelessness in Ukraine.

4 roundtables with representatives of the State Migration Service of Ukraine to discuss ways to effectively assist stateless persons in determining their status.

2 training sessions for free legal aid (FLA) lawyers on confirming Ukrainian citizenship and recognising statelessness.

2 webinars for representatives of local authorities to increase their knowledge of stateless persons and persons with undetermined citizenship.

1 training session for EECP staff on the identification of stateless persons.

#### **Participation in events:**

The Statelessness and the Right to a Nationality in Europe: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities conference, organised by UNHCR and the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. The project manager shared the experience of introducing the procedure for recognising a stateless person, its positive features and challenges.

The UN Refugee Agency in Ukraine and the State Statistics Service of Ukraine organised the webinar. Representatives of the State Migration Service of Ukraine, UNDP Ukraine and EGRIS (Expert Group on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics) also attended the event. The need to maintain quantitative and qualitative statistics on stateless persons was discussed during the webinar.

#### **Key Figures**



**612** beneficiaries received legal aid



**96** beneficiaries received support in the procedure for recognition of statelessness



**112** lawsuits with the participation of the Foundation's lawyers and advocates

## ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS



Throughout 2021, the Refugee and Asylum Seeker Assistance Project provided direct services to beneficiaries, conducted activities to build the professional capacity of stakeholders, and advocated for the protection of beneficiaries' rights.

#### Area of operations:

Kyiv city, Kyivska, Lvivska, Volynska, Chernihivska, and Kharkivska oblasts, Temporary accommodation centres for foreigners.

In Kharkiv, the project also provided social assistance and worked with refugee communities, particularly women. The project conducted monitoring visits to the territorial unit of the SMS, monitored compliance with the principle of non-refoulment by the State Border Guard Service, worked to build the professional capacity of judges, lawyers, and civil servants, and advocated for improvements to the national legislative and institutional framework in the field of asylum and migration. The project also provided legal assistance to asylum seekers during detention.

#### **Key Figures**



**1 553** beneficiaries received legal aid



**350** court cases in progress



**300** beneficiaries with special needs received assistance



#### 42 monitoring visits

to airport transit zones, detention centres, and temporary accommodation centres for foreigners and stateless persons to provide advice and, if necessary, legal interventions to protect the rights and interests of asylum seekers, particularly those who apply at the borders.

#### **Categories of court cases:**

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 appeals against decisions of the State Migration Service in the procedure for obtaining refugee status or a person in need of complementary protection;

- · restriction of liberty and freedom of movement;
- concerning the integration of asylum seekers;
- strategic.

#### European Court of Human Rights

1 application filed by the Foundation was accepted for consideration;

4 new applications were filed by the Foundation;

2 judgments were delivered in favour of the Foundation's beneficiaries.

#### Assistance to Evacuated Asylum Seekers from Afghanistan

Due to the capture of Kabul and the sharp deterioration of the situation in Afghanistan, 5 planes with asylum seekers on board arrived in Kyiv. The project specialists were actively involved in assisting the applicants at Boryspil International Airport, the State Migration Service, and during their accommodation at the Yahotyn Temporary Accommodation Centre for Refugees and the Chernihiv Temporary Accommodation Centre for Foreigners and Stateless Persons.

#### **Capacity building activities**

2 training sessions for judges of general jurisdiction of first instance and appellate courts, district administrative courts and administrative courts of appeal (Kyiv and Kharkiv);

2 training sessions for lawyers of secondary legal aid centres (Kyiv and Lviv);

2 training sessions for employees of territorial units of the State Migration Service (Kyiv and Lviv);

2 roundtables with the participation of the State Migration Service and its territorial units, the State Border Guard Service, judges, lawyers, and representatives of the Temporary Stays of Foreigners and Stateless Persons (Chernihiv and Lutsk).

#### Advocacy

Focus directions:

- Ensuring freedom of movement for refugees and persons in need of complementary protection.
- Access to international protection in Ukraine, including at the border.
- Securing a fair trial in cases of recognition as a refugee or a person in need of complementary protection.
- Access of asylum seekers to social rights.
- Ensuring asylum seekers' access to qualified translation, including in court.

#### Key contributions

- Promotion and finalisation of the draft law No. 3387 on changes to the system of international protection in Ukraine.
- Promotion of the draft law No. 6179 on amendments to the Code of Administrative Procedure to end the harmful practice of considering refugee cases in simplified proceedings.
- Approval of a mechanism for practical cooperation between the Foundation, the UN Refugee Agency and the Office of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in planning and conducting monitoring visits to protect rights.
- Submission of recommendations to the law on providing public services to ensure that asylum seekers can register their residence instead of making it mandatory.
- Advocacy for changes to the Instruction on the procedure for the detention of foreigners and stateless persons in temporary accommodation centres for foreigners and stateless persons illegally staying in Ukraine.
- The study of access to international protection procedures at the border became the basis for UNHCR's Recommendations on the implementation of ECHR judgments in the group of cases Kebe and Others v. Ukraine, which are also reflected in the decision of the Committee of Ministers CM/Notes/1419/ H46-41 within the framework of supervision over the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights.
- Development and dissemination of an infographic with the State Migration Service on the procedure and requirements for the Reference and Information Register of Translators to increase the number of registered professionals and improve access to qualified translation for asylum seekers.

## DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



In 2021, several projects were implemented with the support of the European Union, the United States, the UK Government, and Switzerland.

#### Area of operations:

Donetska and Luhanska oblasts.

#### **Themes:**

Strategic documents and interaction with public authorities. Public health and the decarbonisation process in the East of Ukraine. Impact of mine flooding on agricultural soils in the East of Ukraine.

In 2021, experts launched\* the following analytical studies:

**The research** on existing strategic documents in disaster risk reduction at the national, regional, and local levels, as well as the feasibility of locally creating disaster risk reduction strategies.

**The research** in the field of public health based on the leading indicators of the GHS Index to measure the level of preparedness of the healthcare system for epidemics and pandemics, as well as to identify problems in coordination and communication between the public health system and relevant public authorities.

**The research** in fiscal decentralisation in the context of disaster risk reduction to identify available funding opportunities for disaster prevention in communities.

As part of the work on the above analytical materials, the following were held:

- 6 online meetings with 28 representatives of hromadas in Luhanska and Donetska oblasts on the feasibility of developing and adopting strategic decisions on disaster risk reduction at the community level.
- 2 meetings with representatives of Sievierodonetsk and Bakhmut district state administrations (civil protection; infrastructure; education and healthcare) on the impact of decentralisation on the functions of DSAs in the context of disaster risk reduction.
- Meeting with representatives of the departments of Donetska Oblast State Administration (Civil Protection; Environment and Natural Resources; Architecture and Urban Development) on decentralisation and its impact on the interaction between the OSA and communities in the context of disaster risk management and strategic planning.

**The research** on the impact of hazardous environmental and artificial factors on public health in the East of Ukraine.

**The research** on the decarbonisation process in the East of Ukraine (through analysing fair transformation scenarios and the consequences of restructuring coal mining and coal processing enterprises).

Within the framework of both studies on public health and the decarbonisation process in the East of Ukraine, 10 consultations were held at the national, regional, local, and facility levels, involving 17 participants. The national-level consultations included the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Community and Territorial Development, the Ministry of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories, the Ministry of Health, and the Public Health Centre. The regional level of consultations involved the departments responsible for the Donetska Oblast State Administration and Luhanska Oblast State Administration.

2 additional telephone surveys to strengthen the results of both studies were conducted:

- For consultation participants and experts (over 20 respondents). Objective: to determine the extent to which projects implemented in Ukraine by international and civil society organisations contribute to reducing the risk of environmental and technological hazards in Donetska and Luhanska oblasts and assist in the work of state authorities and involved structures.
- For the population of Donetska and Luhanska oblasts on reducing the risks of environmental and technological disasters (over 1,000 respondents).
  Objective: to assess the attitude of the population of Donetska and Luhanska oblasts to environmental and technological hazards in the region.

**The research** of agricultural soil in Toretsk, Donetska oblast, and the impact of mines on the surrounding areas (land subsidence, water contamination and agricultural land). The report's findings and the experts' recommendations for reducing environmental risks will be part of a general report to be prepared by the Foundation together with partner organisations (ACTED, IMPACT).

The research work was complemented by 3 meetings at the regional and local levels, involving representatives of the Department of Ecology and Natural Resources, the Department of Agricultural Development and Land Relations, the Environmental Monitoring Centre of the Donetska Oblast Council, and the Toretsk Military-Civilian Administration.

\*The studies will be completed and presented in 2022.

#### **Strengthening the Capacity of Hromadas**

#### Webinars on Humanitarian Protection Standards

Between January and April, the team conducted 7 webinars on protection mainstreaming into the work practices of state authorities. Volnovaska, Bakhmutska, Popasnianska, and Toretska Raion State Administrations were involved. A total of 78 civil servants took part in the webinars.

#### Transfer of Equipment for Monitoring the Quality of Drinking Water

In February, equipment for monitoring drinking water quality was handed over to 2 entities in the East of Ukraine — the Toretska amalgamated hromada and the Popasna Water Utility. The devices (photometers and reagents) will help carry out additional monitoring of drinking water quality in communities in the East of Ukraine that are constantly facing the problem of poor-quality water.



#### **Raising Awareness**

#### **Educational Video Course on Humanitarian Protection Standards**

In June and July, the Foundation's experts created the Humanitarian Protection Standards: Challenges and Opportunities educational video course on the integration of protection standards into the work of government agencies. The course is aimed not only at civil servants but also at all stakeholders (the public, NGOs, etc.). It will enable them to learn more about the concept of protection, international standards and principles of civilian protection, and why it is essential to implement them actively in the Ukrainian context. A separate presentation of the video course was held for employees of the Bakhmutska and Popasnianska Raion State Administrations.



#### Dialogues

Throughout the year, the projects held a series of meetings among professional experts in the format of dialogues on issues related to environmental safety and the search for possible solutions in the East of Ukraine. (For more information, see page 38.)

#### **Participation in Public Events**

#### **National Conference on Risk Reduction**

In February, the team, in cooperation with partners from the Risk Reduction Consortium, joined the organisation and holding of the Bridge the Gap national conference. The event was focused on disaster risk reduction.

Almost 200 participants from all over Ukraine, including representatives of various levels of state agencies, local authorities, international organisations, embassies, etc.

#### Human Rights Event, Non-Conference

At the end of the year, on 10 December 2021, the team directly participated in organising the human rights event, Non-Conference, held annually by the Centre for Civil Liberties. The Foundation's experts also spoke at a panel on the relationship between environmental rights and environmental and artificial risks, where they presented some current developments in disaster risk reduction with their partners. It made it possible to draw once again the attention of not only the human rights and civil society sectors to environmental safety in Ukraine but also to emphasise the importance of working with the risks of natural and industrial disasters once again.



## STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE AND COHESION

The Foundation has started working in this direction relatively recently but has been quite successful. Our goal was to improve communication and coordination of mutual understanding on peacebuilding and to help resolve problems caused by the conflict.

In the long term, it aims to establish a dialogue between the state, civil society, and grassroots organisations to ensure the democratic process. We strive to create opportunities for dialogue at different levels of society to form a shared vision of a peaceful and better future and work with other social narratives.

In 2021, the Foundation worked in 3 directions:

- Dialogues across the contact line.
- Dialogues between initiative groups of internally displaced persons and representatives of local authorities.
- Dialogues on reducing the risk of environmental disaster in the East of Ukraine.

#### Area of operations:

Donetska and Luhanska oblasts.

**Participants:** civil society representatives from both sides of the contact line (8 people each from Ukraine's government-controlled and temporarily occupied territories).

#### Major results:

- 4 dialogue meetings.
- Several sensitive topics were discussed in the dialogue: the price of peace, the possibility of a shared future, stereotypes of Ukrainians from different cities, problems of crossing the contact line, security issues, the chance of reconciliation and reintegration, etc.
- Numerous dialogues were organised in hromadas in the government-controlled area on the following topics: How Does Art Bring Peace Closer?; Dialogue on Peace and What Is Needed to Ensure It; Dialogue on the Reintegration of the Occupied Territories.
- Recommendations on the reintegration of the temporarily uncontrolled territories of Ukraine were developed for the Ukrainian government.
- 3 joint projects of the dialogue group members to improve communication between residents of the government-controlled and temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine and to spread the idea of the need for dialogue:
  - developing a comic book about the possibility of mutual understanding among people with different life experiences of conflict and rehumanisation (the script was written based on interviews with dialogue group members);
  - conducting interviews with Ukrainian citizens from different cities to study their opinions on the possibility of reintegrating the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine;
  - participating in developing the Conceptual Framework for Peacebuilding Policy in Ukraine: the dialogue group members, together with the Foundation's experts, worked with the public sector and civil society, which over 200 experts represented.

#### DIALOGUES BETWEEN INITIATIVE GROUPS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

#### Area of operations:

Ilarionivska, Slobozhanska, Zhovtovodska, and Vilnohirska amalgamated hromadas in Dnipropetrovska oblast.

**Objective:** to review approaches to ensure the inclusion and integration of IDPs into the hromada's life, providing them access to participation in local programmes, use of local democracy tools and other opportunities.

**Method:** formation of initiative groups of IDPs with their subsequent formalisation at the local level through establishing the Advisory Council of Internally Displaced Persons as a temporary advisory body in the hromada.





#### DIALOGUE GROUP ON REDUCING THE RISK OF ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER IN THE EAST OF UKRAINE

#### Area of operations:

Donetska and Luhanska oblasts.

**Participants:** environmental experts from both sides of the contact line.

**Objective:** to discuss a number of risks associated with the flooding of coal mines in the East of Ukraine, which the population of both the government-controlled and temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine faces in areas close to the contact line. Develop recommendations to reduce the risks of environmental disaster in the East of Ukraine.

#### Achievements

- The Building Peace and Establishing Dialogue on Environmental Issues in the East of Ukraine joint resolution was developed. The document contains recommendations for action on both sides of the contact line to prevent an environmental disaster. The resolution has been considered by government agencies and authorities whose sphere of activity includes ecological issues.
- A list of environmental problems related to flooded mines in 4 cities in the East of Ukraine was outlined: Toretsk, Dobropillia, Selydove, and Zolote.
- Recommendations were developed to inform the public about the existing environmental risks in the region.
- Actions aimed at networking journalists working in eco-journalism in the East of Ukraine were implemented.



### COMMUNICATION RESULTS



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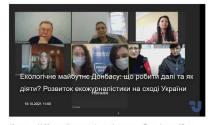
14 грудня, 11:00 - «круглий стіл» на тему «Забезпечення соціальним житлом людей, які постраждали внаслідок збройного конфлікту на сході України»

#### Організатор: БФ "Право на захист".

Учасники: Опександр Галиби - Благодійний фонд «Право на захисти: Опек Санійников заступник виконаного директора Українського фонду соціальних інвестнцій; Макеми Алексесно-Лемовський - начальник віддігу з питань формувания та реалізації интопосі політики Департатменту соціально-куманітарної політики та внутрішнью перемицених сосіб Міністерства з питань реінтеграції тимнасово окупованих територій. Мрозелька Сунцинокерівница Дийропетровського офісу Бе «Право на закисть; Віткор Мерешко - заступник сопцирото головсько району Запорізької обпасті; Олена Приходько - керівница Харнівського офісу БФ «Право на закисть, падокат, марекати». Правотелен.

Коротко. Під час заходу учасники обговорять питання адаптації та інтеграції переселенців у громадах, які приймають, та необхідну допомогу органам місцевого самоврадування в розв'язанні житлових проблем внутрішньо переміщених осіб. Йтиметься про вже реалізовані

#### **УКРІНФОРМ**



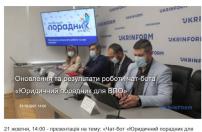
19 жовтня, 11:00 - онлайн пресконференція на тему: «Екологічне майбутнє Донбасу: що робити далі та як діяти? Розвиток екожурналістики на сході України»

#### Організатор: БО «БФ «Право на захист».

Учасники: Валентина Троям - хурналістка, редакторка регіональної служби, водуча Громадського радіо. Опексемара Горинтська - хурналістка, «Новое Время». Тетина Якубовеч - редакторка проску «Радіо Донбас Реалії» Радіо Свобода, Українська службя: Опексемара Лук'иневно: вирівенца проску «Маробурзанен та примиренен з лигань екологічного та ресурского відновленен на Сохаді Україння. Бе «Граво на захисть». Вікторія Дей - керівниця комунікаційного віддля Бе (Граво на захисть; Вагерія Дей - керівниця комунікаційного віддля Бе (Граво на захисть; Вагерія Дей - керівниця

Керотко. Потршення екології на сході України вже давно немокливо сприйнати як просто тикалау ча оуто як "потенційну" загроду Сьогоди — це вже наша реальність, яка з кожими днем стає дедалі більш сумнюю. Місцеві по обидав боки лінії розмежування на Донбасі скаржаться на істоте потршения виссії пилої ваду зміну кольоду рикок та овор. У Сово проти ото с кажуть: Донбасу та всім сусіднім регіонам загрожує екологичня катастрофа у заїхну

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21 жовтня, 14:00 - презентація на тему: «Чат-оот «юридичний порадник для ВПО»: оновлення, результати роботи та нові виклики»

Організатори: Програма EGAP, що виконується Фондом Східна Європа за підтримки Швейцарії; БФ «Право на захист».

Учасники: Снавер Сейтхалінев - заступник міністра з питань реінтеграції тимчасово окупозаних територій Ухраїни з питань шифрового розвитку, шифровах трансоромацій та инфровахиї, її витор Лах - проздити Фоцу Сідира Саронт, Валерій Штаба - головий спеціаліст відділу сприяния простам шифрового розвитку Департаменту хоординації простії цифрового трансоромації Міністерства цифрового гранотраніц Драрінк, Давід Фоктйохани дерегор просту ОД - «Сприяния пораціяние монямного становиць врапняки, тран цаферовог, просту ОД - «Сприяния пораціяних особаних, в регіоні Аховського моря»; Дар'я Лисенко - простиній мевіджер, прист БФ Тіраво на захіст.<sup>\*</sup> Сергій Карелін - координація Мінерентиргації.

Коротко. «Юридичений порадник для ВПО» - це чат-бот у Viber, Telegram та Facebook Messenger, який ціподобово відповідає на запитання внутрішньо переміщених осіб, мешканців

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#### З семи відкритих КПВВ на Донбасі повноцінний пропуск здійснюється лише в "Станиці Луганській" та двічі на тиждень працює

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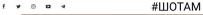
"Новотроїцьке". Після того як, окупаційна адміністрація обмежила в'їзд людей на окуповану територію Луганщини та виїзд з неї пасажиропотік через КПВВ зменшився. Про це в сфірі програми <u>розповів</u> "Сьогодні. Головне" дата-менеджер благодійного фонду "Право на захист" Мусаб Аллахам.

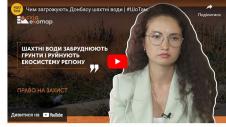


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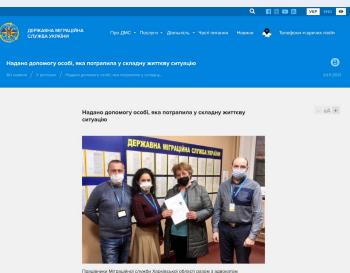
Схід Екотар – це інтерактивний атлас, присвячений актуальному стану навколишнього середовища Донецької та Луганської областей.

Проект розроблений громадською організацією «Кригопам» за підтримки посольства Чехії в рамках Transition Promotion Program.

Збройний конфлікт на сході країни заподіяв катастрофникої шкоди довкіллю, порушилась система моніторину навколишнього середовища. На інгерактивній малі зібрані екологічні проблеми регіону – затопления шахт, сміттезі полігони, пісові поккиї, тлікої терикони, просідания груптів та інші.

Читайте також: Що робити з тлінням териконів? Сценарії порятунку територій біля шахт Донбасу

Натиснувши на кожну проблему користувачі мають можливість ознайомитись з нею завдяжи відеоролику, а також дізнатись про інструменти та методи, необхідні для її вирішення, які пропонують науковці.



Працівники Міграційної служби Харківської області разом з адвокатом Благодійного фонду «Право на захист» надали допомогу пані Людмилі

жінка народилася на території РФСР Коли їй було 13 років, родина переїхала до Казакстих, де пані Людинка отримала освіту та вперше вийшна замкк. У 1990 році ордина зкіми переїхала в Ухраїну а через дав роки, 1992 році, переїхала і Людимиль. Тут вопа вийшла замік за громдянина України, з яким виковала двок діяк, мі ток є тромдяным України.

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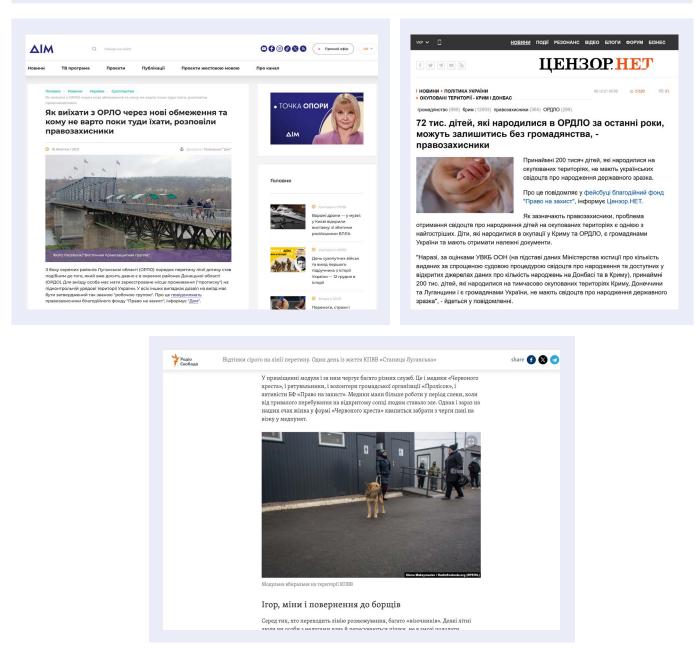
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