UKRAINE COVID-19 Response

Supporting local authorities to deliver critical protection services safely

- **Support to collective centres hosting internally displaced persons (IDPs)**: UNHCR and its NGO partners the Right to Protection (R2P) and Slavic Heart distributed 132 kits of sanitizing hygiene products to 43 collective centres hosting IDPs in five regions of Ukraine - Zaporizhia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkivska, Donetsk and Luhanska oblasts. In total, approximately 4,000 persons displaced by the conflict in eastern Ukraine currently reside in these centres.

- **Support to Departments of Social Protection (DoSP)**: UNHCR and its NGO partners provided sanitizing hygiene products to the DoSP in Marinka and Volnovaha districts in Donetsk oblasts and Popasnaya district in Luhanska oblast. These will be used by the DoSP social workers who are supporting persons with specific needs in isolated settlements along the ‘contact line’.

- **Support to social institutions in Donetsk non-government controlled areas (NGCA)**: On 4 May, UNHCR and its NGO partner the Donbas Development Centre (DDC) started the distribution of sanitizing hygiene products to social institutions in Donetsk NGCA. In total, UNHCR will distribute these products to 32 territorial centres and 33 collective centres for displaced and conflict-affected persons in Donetsk NGCA.

Convoys and supply to NGCA: Jointly with OCHA, UNHCR co-leads the Logistics Working Group responsible for humanitarian convoys into NGCA. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, two UN convoys have crossed into NGCA Donetsk. However, those were limited to medical, hygiene, food and COVID-19-related items. Therefore, UNHCR has not been able to send supplies related to its regular programmes such as materials for shelter repairs and Peaceful Coexistence Projects. Furthermore, humanitarian convoys have not been permitted to reach NGCA Luhansk. In a positive twist, starting on 4 May, the warehouse of UNHCR's NGO partner the Donbas Development Centre is no longer blocked, allowing for the distribution sanitizers, paper towels, liquid soap for social institutions located in Donetsk NGCA.

Cash-Based Interventions for Refugees and Asylum-Seekers

UNHCR will provide a next tranche of one-time emergency cash assistance to an additional **454 refugees and asylum-seekers families**. Among them are vulnerable households, including those who lost their primary source of income due to quarantine measures, serious medical conditions and at risk of homelessness. They will receive on average of UAH 3,500 (approximately USD 130) to cover their most urgent needs.