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Following the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) on 26 February 2025, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by the Ukrainian Red Cross Society¹².

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- ¹ Ukrainian Red Cross Society is a member of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, identification number in the EU Transparency Register: 132236315085 89.
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ACTIVITIES OF THE UKRAINIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY:

Building resilience of affected
population in Ukraine

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DIRECTIONS AND WORK RESULTS FROM 24.02.2022 AS OF DECEMBER 2024



200
LOCAL BRANCHES OF THE URCS
23 offices were damaged or destroyed

23 REGIONS

5 000
employees



8 000
volunteers



The information
center received

903 643

calls



13 000 000
people

WERE PROVIDED WITH
ASSISTANCE FROM THE URCS



325 729
people were
evacuated



300 080
people were informed
on mine risk



916 341
people received
psychosocial support



307 748
people were
trained in first aid

RECOVERY&RECONSTRUCTION OF UKRAINE

Comprehensive approach to Recovery&Reconstruction of Ukraine:



Evidence-driven and locally-led recovery



Private sector engagement



Flexible and sustainable funding



Social cohesion and sustainable long-term relationships

LOCALISATION AGENDA: UKRAINIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY



UKRAINIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY POSITION PAPER ON LOCALISATION

This position paper expands on the Ukrainian Red Cross' vision for localisation as described in its 2023-2025 One Plan. It sets out the Ukrainian Red Cross' objectives for localisation of aid in Ukraine's expanding humanitarian landscape, as well as within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (the Movement).

The paper looks at the URCS' unique position amongst local humanitarian organisations as an auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field and considers its specific role as a National Society during an international armed conflict. It details how, as the country's largest and oldest humanitarian organisation, the URCS has developed its experience working in conflict settings since 2014 and has gone through its own capacity building and organisational development process. Both qualities can be of value to the hundreds of newly emerging local organisations today. Ukraine has been a key context for the Movement to test its vision for localisation and complementarity, including by piloting the Strengthening Movement Coordination and Cooperation (SMCC) and implementing the Movement Coordination for Collective Impact Agreement (Seville Agreement 2.0).

Therefore, the URCS is developing its vision for localisation with key focus areas that include:

- **Improving the Movements' complementarity:** URCS sees the need and opportunity to strengthen its central role as Ukraine's National Society and therefore the Movement as a whole. The URCS sees the potential for more work with the IFRC, ICRC and PNS¹ to continue improving partnership practices and resource allocation. At the same time, the URCS recognises the comparative advantages of different Movement actors based on the specific roles and competencies of each component according to the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols, and under the Statutes of the Movement, noting that both local and international components of the Movement can make unique and essential contributions in situations of armed conflict and other situations of violence.
- **Coordination:** In addition to the Movement partners, the URCS is developing strategic partnerships with local NGOs, INGOs and UN actors, to further its role in improving humanitarian coordination, including through localised co-leadership of UN clusters and recovery coordination platforms; using both its auxiliary role to Ukraine's public authorities in the humanitarian field and its network of branches to enable the involvement of local populations and relevant authorities.

Recognising, respecting and strengthening
the independence of local actors

Strengthening communities' resilience

Robust, equitable and lasting recovery

