

# UKRAINE 2017 QUICK IMPACT PROJECTS



*Promoting peaceful coexistence, local ownership and linking humanitarian assistance to early recovery through quick impact.*

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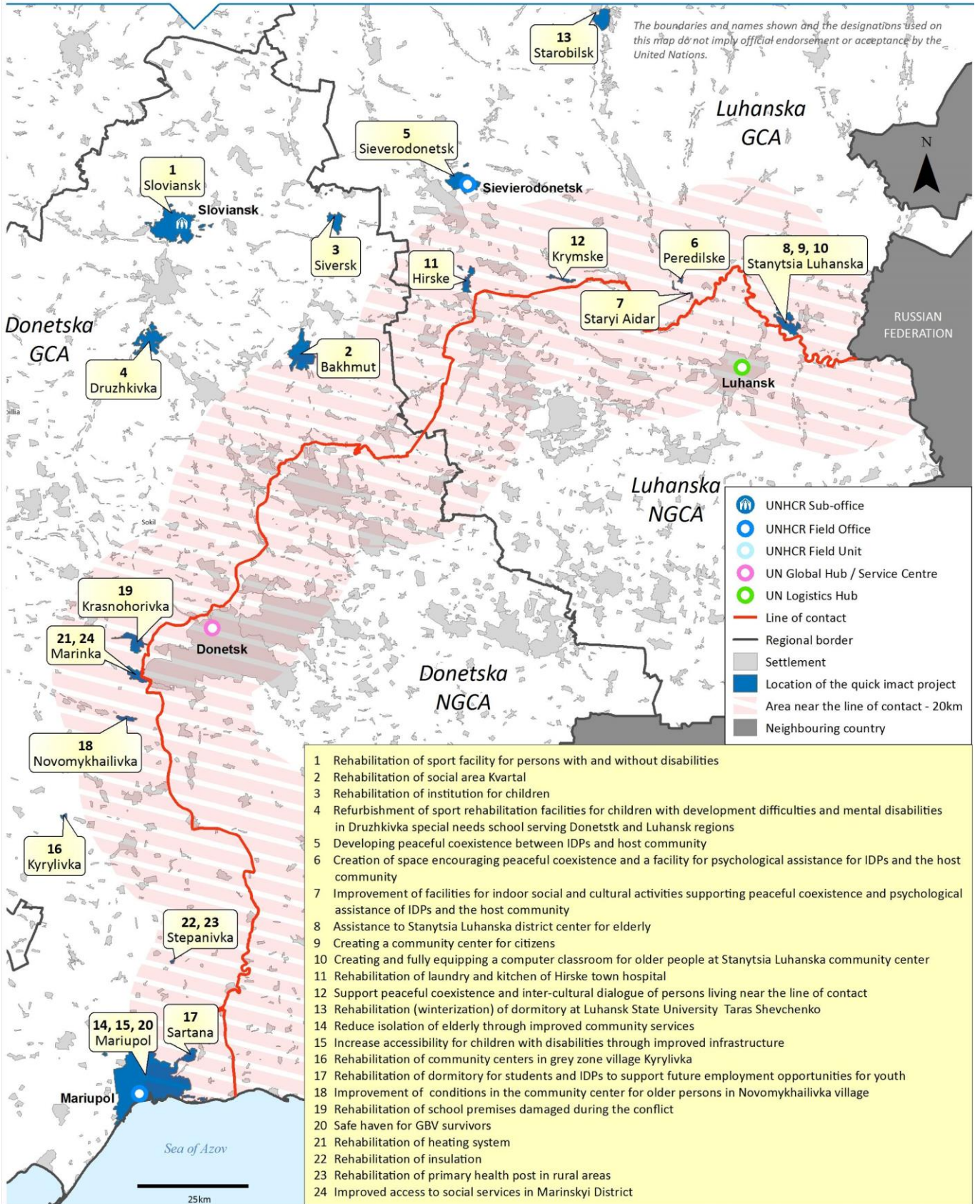
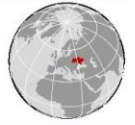
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# Ukraine: Quick Impact Projects - 2017



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Mr. Ivan Saleyeu, head of UNHCR's Sievierodonetsk Field Office and Mr. Oleksandr Katsai, GIZ Programme Coordinator based in Kyiv, cut the ribbon to open the newly renovated halls of residence at Luhansk State University in Starobilsk, Luhansk region. The renovation work was funded by GIZ and implemented by UNHCR. Photo: UNHCR/Sviatoslav Savchuk

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**Quick Impact Projects**

funded by GIZ and implemented by UNHCR

**422,390**

**USD**

total cost of QIPs

**16**

**Locations**

in the GCA covered by QIPs

**11,596**

**Beneficiaries (approx.)**

including IDPs and persons from host communities

## Introduction

**During 2017, UNHCR implemented 24 GIZ-funded Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) in the government-controlled areas of eastern Ukraine. The projects were funded under the auspices of GIZ's initiative strengthening social infrastructure for the absorption of internally displaced persons.** The QIPs covered a diverse range of works including renovations, repairs, and equipping of community centres, schools, and other institutions assisting both IDPs and IDP host communities in government-controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. The majority of the projects focus on assisting vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities, older people, and children. The projects deliver a range of impacts such as promoting peaceful coexistence and social cohesion between IDPs and host communities, supporting access to education, inclusiveness of disabled persons, and psychological relief. It is estimated that the projects will assist more than 11,000 beneficiaries and will continue to benefit others through future use, not to mention secondary benefits to the wider community.

# 1. Sports Centre for Disabled Persons, Sloviansk

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/01/Sloviansk/Marafonets
Completion date	■ 1 September 2017
Total cost	■ USD 25,959
Expected beneficiaries	■ 230

## QIP description

The project established a sports centre in Sloviansk for persons with and without disabilities. A group of IDPs and local persons with disabilities approached UNHCR requesting assistance to establish a cultural and sports centre meeting their specific needs. UNHCR worked with the local Department of Social Protection (DoSP) and a local disability organization to select the building, which the project entirely rehabilitated. The QIP also provided sports equipment for the centre. The local DoSP committed to help cover utility bills.

Before



After



## Expected impact

- **Peaceful coexistence:** The centre is open to both displaced and non-displaced disabled promoting friendship among people experiencing similar difficulties. Disabled IDPs can find support from local disabled persons, helping them to find disabled-friendly social services and facilities especially designed for disabled persons.
- **Inclusiveness:** This is the first sport facility in Sloviansk specifically created for persons with disabilities. Disabled persons told UNHCR that thanks to the QIP they found a “joy of living” and a place where they can “be themselves”.
- **Motivation:** The project will further motivate local authorities to continue supporting disabled persons in Sloviansk.

## 2. KvARTal Sports, Community and Social Centre, Bakhmut

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/02/Bakhmut/KvartalC-C
Completion date	■ 30 November 2017
Total cost	■ USD 30,952
Expected beneficiaries	■ 2,500

### QIP description

Eastern Bakhmut is mostly residential and did not have any communal facilities where people could socialize, play sports and access assistance. The project established a community and social centre in a building identified by UNHCR together with the local authorities. The old building was converted into a social centre. In addition to rehabilitating the building, the QIP also provided basic furniture for the centre. Local authorities agreed to co-fund rehabilitation of the centre.

Before



After



### Expected impact

- **Social cohesion:** As IDPs and local residents took an active part in the rehabilitation of the centre, implementation of the project served to enhance social cohesion between them, as well as a sense joint ownership by the whole community.
- **Access to services:** The district is located far from the centre of Bakhmut city. The project improves access to previously remote services. The centre facilitates social assistance and pension payments, provision of legal assistance, and access basic medication. This has reduced waiting times for elderly to access their pensions.
- **Livelihoods:** The centre provides a safe place for after-school activities for children; a great help for the many parents from the area who work in the city centre.
- **Motivation:** The QIP encouraged local authorities to take an active role in the rehabilitation of social infrastructure in other districts, including a family-friendly park Zarechiya.

### 3. “Zolota Rybka” Kindergarten, Siversk

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/03/Sivers/Zolota Rybka
Completion date	■ 27 August 2017
Total cost	■ USD 25,019
Expected beneficiaries	■ 131

#### QIP description

“Zolota Rybka” kindergarten in Siversk was damaged in 2014-15 when mine launchers, mortars and other military equipment were installed and used on the roof. The kindergarten has a swimming pool and other facilities used by children living in precarious situations and with limited access to community services. UNHCR renovated the kindergarten in Siversk, which was completed with the assistance provided by local authorities.

Kindergarten class



Renovated nursery



#### Expected impact

- **Social cohesion:** The project enables greater social cohesion between displaced persons and the host population. Local residents, including parents, and kindergarten staff, supported the project and will provide ongoing maintenance.
- **Access to education:** Shortage of kindergarten places is an overall systemic problem in Ukraine. The project improves access to early childhood education in a safe and pleasant learning environment.
- **Inspiration for local action:** Local and district authorities took an active role in the rehabilitation of this particular kindergarten. While the QIP completed the most complicated repair works, the local authorities doubled the QIP contribution, increasing the scope of the renovation project.



## 4. Sports Facilities for Children with Special Needs, Druzhkivka

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/04/Druzhkovka/Playground
Completion date	■ 20 October 2017
Total cost	■ USD 40,723
Expected beneficiaries	■ 225

### QIP description

An orphanage in Druzhkivka is the only institution in the government-controlled area of Donetsk region that provides room and board to children with development difficulties and mental disabilities. In view of this, Donetsk regional Department of Social Protection (DoSP) requested UNHCR to prioritize the renovation of sports facilities of the orphanage. UNHCR modernized the existing outdoor sports area, thus supporting the rehabilitation and development of children with special needs. The refurbished sports facilities will also allow the orphanage to host regional and national competitions for children with mental disabilities and other special needs.

#### Before



#### After



### Expected impact

- **Independence and empowerment of children with special needs:** The orphanage hosts 255 children with different levels of disability. The school's staff invest great efforts to teach children skills to increase their physical independence through sports.
- **Support to the local population and authorities:** The project is in a region with a high concentration of IDPs and allowed the regional authorities to use their limited budget to pay for other, equally pressing works.
- **Inclusiveness:** This is the first multi-functional playground for disabled persons in the region. The renovated sports facilities will be used to hold regional and national competitions and tournaments for disabled persons.

# 5. Peaceful Coexistence Space, Sievierodonetsk

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/05/Severo/Coexistence
Completion date	■ 30 August 2017
Total cost	■ USD 3,900
Expected beneficiaries	■ 120

## QIP description

In 2016, volunteers created the NGO *Want-Will* in Sievierodonetsk to support IDP and local community initiatives, and build peaceful coexistence. Members of the organization repaired one of the three rooms on the premises, where they hold workshops, children’s theatre and film screenings. UNHCR repaired the remaining two rooms, where volunteers run an English and Ukrainian language club for children, computer literacy for the elderly, workshops and lectures.

Before



After



## Expected impact

- **Peaceful coexistence:** The project creates a platform for developing peaceful coexistence between IDPs and the host community in Sievierodonetsk.
- **Social cohesion:** The project provides IDPs and the host community with a forum to exchange their experiences, and provides a space for social activities for children, youth, adults and the elderly.
- **Learning:** The space supports learning through English and Ukrainian-speaking clubs.

## 6. Peredilske Cultural Centre, Stanytsia Luhanska

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/06/Peredilsk/Cultural_C
Completion date	■ 30 September 2017
Total cost	■ USD 16,000
Expected beneficiaries	■ 910

### QIP description

The village of Peredilske (Stanytsia Luhanska district) is located near the contact line. Its remoteness from the district capital and its proximity to the contact line means that the village does not receive much support and assistance from district authorities and humanitarian organizations. UNHCR renovated the local cultural centre providing a space that fosters and enhances peaceful coexistence of IDPs and the host community through sports and social events. The project also provides facilities where IDPs and the host community can receive psychological assistance.

#### Before



#### After



### Expected impact

- **Social cohesion:** The renovated cultural centre provides a pleasant space for children and youth to play and hold various events such as theatre performances.
- **Psychological assistance:** The QIP improves access to psychological assistance for IDPs and the host community.
- **Peaceful coexistence:** The project brings IDPs and the host community together in a social environment and facilitates peaceful coexistence.

# 7. Staryi Aidar Cultural Centre, Stanytsia Luhanska

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/07/StaryiAidar/Cultural_C
Completion date	■ 10 October 2017
Total cost	■ USD 13,000
Expected beneficiaries	■ 170 daily

## QIP description

The village of Staryi Aidar (Stanytsia Luhanska district) is located near the contact line. Due to its distance from the district capital and its proximity to the contact line, the village does not receive support and assistance from district authorities and humanitarian organizations. The QIP restores existing social and cultural facilities, and provides a space where people can receive psychological assistance.

Before



After



## Expected impact

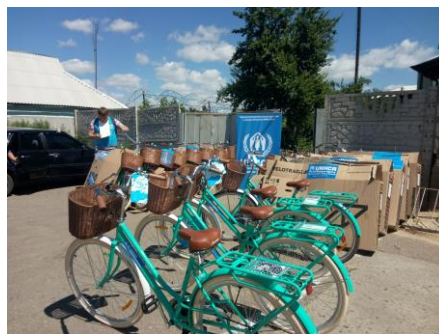
- **Social cohesion:** The project supports cultural and sporting events for IDPs and the host community. The repaired facilities provide a pleasant space for children and youth to play and hold various events such as theatre performances.
- **Peaceful coexistence:** The project fosters peaceful coexistence between IDPs and the host community through social interaction.
- **Psychological assistance:** The QIP improves access to psychological assistance for IDPs and the host community.

## 8. Territorial Centre for Elderly People, Stanytsia Luhanska

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/08/StanytsyaL/Geriatric_TC
Completion date	■ 6 July 2017
Total cost	■ USD 4,432
Expected beneficiaries	■ 648

### QIP description

The state-run Stanytsia Luhanska district territorial centre for older people provides free of charge social services to some 620 unaccompanied elderly people, pensioners and persons with disabilities. Staff from the centre provide vulnerable residents with cooked food, home cleaning and support with applications for social assistance. UNHCR enhanced mobility and home visits by the staff by providing the centre with 28 bicycles.



### Expected impact

- **Improved care:** Thanks to improved staff mobility, the territorial centre will provide greater reach and improved service delivery. Employees stated that the time taken to reach beneficiaries reduced from 40 to 10 minutes.
- **Peaceful coexistence:** The project promotes peaceful existence of IDPs and the host community through improved outreach by the centre staff.

## 9. Stanytsia Luhanska Community Centre

<b>Project No.</b>	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/09/StanytsyaL/Cultural_C
<b>Completion date</b>	■ 7 November 2017
<b>Total cost</b>	■ USD 22,000
<b>Expected beneficiaries</b>	■ 150 daily

### QIP description

The town of Stanytsia Luhanska is located close to the contact line and has few places for IDPs and local people to socialize, with many simply staying at home. UNHCR and a local NGO repaired three rooms of the local cultural centre, including rooms dedicated to children and women’s activities. The renovated rooms can be used for social and cultural events, meetings, training courses and other activities.

**Before**



**After**



### Expected impact

- **Social activities:** This project provides a space for community social activities and distraction from the challenges of living in a town near the contact line.
- **Soft skills for children:** Children have a dedicated space where they can play, learn and develop soft skills.
- **Psychological relief:** The cultural centre provides a space where local residents can obtain psychological relief by learning new skills.
- **Peaceful coexistence:** The project facilitates peaceful coexistence between IDPs and the host community through their joint participation in activities hosted at the centre.
- **Skills for women:** The dedicated women’s room is fully equipped to deliver regular workshops and lessons on skills and crafts such as knitting and painting.

## 10. Computer Classroom for Elderly People, Stanytsia Luhanska

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/10/StanytsyaL/Geriatric_C
Completion date	■ 27 October 2017
Total cost	■ USD 8,000
Expected beneficiaries	■ 50

### QIP description

A large number of older persons residing in Stanytsia Luhanska do not have computer skills and are unable to access online services. UNHCR equipped and renovated the classroom dedicated to helping elderly people develop their computer skills, giving them access to online communications and other services such as online payment of bills. In addition to developing useful skills, the classes will also provide an opportunity for elderly people to socialize.

Before



After



### Expected impact

- **Access to information:** The QIP gives older persons access to the internet, facilitating communications, bill payments and access to information.
- **Peaceful coexistence:** The classes at the centre are open to both IDPs and the host community promoting friendship among people who have similar needs and face similar difficulties.
- **Psychological relief:** By learning and developing new skills, participants improve their self-confidence psychological well-being.

# 11. Rehabilitation of a Hospital Laundry and Kitchen, Hirske

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/11/Hirske/Hospital
Completion date	■ 22 December 2017
Total cost	■ USD 29,500
Expected beneficiaries	■ 260

## QIP description

The hospital in Hirske town provides healthcare services to eight villages in the area with a combined population of 26,000 people: Hirske, Novotoshkivka, Nyzhne, Toshkivka, Zolote-1,2,3, and 4. In addition, the hospital provides healthcare to persons normally residing in the non-government controlled areas (NGCA) on an equal basis to the care provided to local residents. The QIP rehabilitated the hospital’s laundry and kitchen areas and provided new equipment.

Before



After



## Expected impact

- **Improved care:** Thanks to the project, the hospital provides better conditions and improved levels of care to patients.
- **Improved sanitary conditions:** The new kitchen equipment improves the cleanliness and the conditions in which food is prepared. The new laundry equipment ensures that clothes and linen are clean.
- **Peaceful coexistence:** IDPs, the host community and persons normally residing in the NGCA will interact at the hospital reinforcing peaceful coexistence.



## 12. Cultural Centre and Playground, Krymske

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/12/Krymske/Playground_and_Cultural_Center
Completion date	■ 13 November 2017
Total cost	■ USD 8,000
Expected beneficiaries	■ 606

### QIP description

Krymske village is in an isolated location very close to the contact line. Since the start of the conflict, around half the original population of 1,212 left the village, and there is now a large military presence in the area. The local cultural centre was targeted by shelling, destroying equipment at the centre. UNHCR provided new equipment for the children's playground and sports area, as well as new sound equipment.

Before



After



### Expected impact

- **Social cohesion:** The project provides a space where people can enjoy diverse social activities in a safe environment.
- **Peaceful coexistence:** The cultural centre and play area is accessible to all and encourages interaction between IDPs and the host community.
- **Safe play area for children:** Children now have a safe space for sports and play activities.

# 13. Luhansk State University Halls of Residence, Starobilsk

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/13/Strobilsk/Dormitory
Completion date	■ 10 November 2017
Total cost	■ USD 21,000
Expected beneficiaries	■ 146

## QIP description

Luhansk State University is one of the “universities-in-exile” that relocated from non-government controlled areas (NGCA) providing tertiary education to many IDPs from Luhansk region. UNHCR renovated the residence rooms, improving living conditions for students at the university. The works included improvements to interior walls, floors, sanitary facilities, installation of several windows, as well as procurement of kitchen and laundry equipment, and furniture for the university residence.

Before



After



## Expected impact

- **Peaceful coexistence:** Improved accommodation facilities have attracted students from non-government controlled areas (NGCA), thus helping to strengthen interaction between young students from both government-controlled areas (GCA) and NGCA.
- **Social cohesion:** While UNHCR contracted a private company to undertake the more complicated works, simple tasks were completed by the students themselves. UNHCR provided them with materials thus involving students and making them responsible for the improvement of their halls of residence.
- **Access to education:** The project created a more conducive learning environment.

## 14. Improved community services for older people, Mariupol

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/14/Mariupol/Geriatric_center
Completion date	■ 30 September 2017
Total cost	■ USD 9,920
Expected beneficiaries	■ 1,260 (per year)

### QIP description

Mariupol Social Services Department created a centre for older people in an old building with poor equipment and infrastructure, limiting programmes and activities. The centre receives little support from authorities, limiting accessibility for IDPs, older people, and persons with disabilities. The QIP improved the access area and provided the centre with various equipment, furniture, and outdoor equipment. Local authorities agreed to co-fund the rehabilitation of the centre.

Before



After



### Expected impact

- **Access to information:** Improved technical capacity provides better access to information, legislative updates on social assistance and pensions, and facilitates communication between families separated by the conflict.
- **Peaceful coexistence:** The centre encourages networking and communication among older people, relieving stress through joint social activities, reducing tension between IDPs and the host community, and fostering integration of those forcibly displaced.
- **Inclusiveness:** The project establishes equal access to social activities for older people, and persons with and without disabilities.

# 15. Improved Access to School for Children with Disabilities, Mariupol

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/15/Mariupol/School#52
Completion date	■ 30 September 2017
Total cost	■ USD 8,718
Expected beneficiaries	■ 220 (per year)

## QIP description

School no. 52 in Mariupol is the only school in southern Donetsk region officially designated by the regional administration to develop inclusive educational tools for children with disabilities. UNHCR renovated the main entrance, installed an access ramp for persons with disabilities, and provided furniture and equipment for the assembly hall. The repairs ensure safe access to the school and create a friendly environment for extra-curricular activities. All materials are environmentally friendly and meet government agreed standards for the use in public buildings.

Before



After



## Expected impact

- **Social Integration:** Extracurricular activities help develop the social and interpersonal skills of children with disabilities and contribute to their future social integration.
- **Inclusiveness:** The project ensures access to inclusive education and school-based recreational activities for children with specific needs, and reduces discrimination and exclusion of children with disabilities.

## 16. Village Community Centre, Kyrylivka

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/16/Kyrylivka/Community_center
Completion date	■ 30 September 2017
Total cost	■ USD 26,628
Expected beneficiaries	■ 750 (per year)

### QIP description

Kyrylivka community centre suffered extensive conflict-related damage during 2014-2015, leaving some 750 local residents without a place for community gatherings and social events. Community leaders identified community access to social activities such as art, music, sport, handicrafts, and gatherings as a priority. UNHCR renovated the main assembly hall, the main entrance, and installed an access ramp for persons with disabilities. The roof, doors and windows were replaced, improving thermal insulation of the building. Renovation of the interior of the assembly hall also included repair of a stage for performances. The NGO Federation of Greek Communities in Ukraine also contributed with some repair costs.

Before



After



### Expected impact

- **Social cohesion:** The project enables community participation in various social activities. Local authorities and residents contributed to the renovation work and they will ensure maintenance of the premises. In addition, local authorities plan to open a postal office within the building for distribution of pensions. At present, pensioners must travel to a neighbouring village to receive their pensions.

# 17. Renovation of Agricultural College Halls of Residence, Sartana

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/17/Sartana/Dormitory
Completion date	■ 30 September 2017
Total cost	■ USD 32,990
Expected beneficiaries	■ 80 (per year)

## QIP description

The Sartana Agriculture College halls of residence were damaged by shelling in mid-2015. Some 650 students attend the college each year, with many of them coming from conflict-affected villages in the area. UNHCR renovated selected rooms, infrastructure and the entrance, thus improving living conditions for 80 students residing there. Replacement of the roof and windows improved the building's insulation, reducing heating and maintenance costs. All materials used in the renovation work are environmentally friendly and meet government standards for use in public buildings.

### Before



### After



## Expected impact

- **Dignified living conditions:** Better conditions will attract students to stay at the college providing IDP students with quality housing and relieve the economic burden for the parents of students currently staying at home.
- **Access to education:** The improved conditions in the halls of residence allow students to focus more easily on their studies and improve educational results.
- **Support to employment:** Some 30 students graduate from the college each year and are recruited by local businesses. In 2017, 130 new students enrolled at the college. College graduates fill some 70 per cent of vacancies in local agriculture companies in both the public and private sector.

## 18. Nursing Home, Novomykhailivka

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/18/Novomykhailivka/Elderly
Completion date	■ 30 September 2017
Total cost	■ USD 9,203
Expected beneficiaries	■ 500 (per year)

### QIP description

Most of the 30 residents of the nursing home are disabled, elderly and do not have relatives in the area. In addition, each year some 500 IDPs and conflict-affected persons unable to cross the nearby checkpoint across the line of contact at Mariinka apply to the centre for short-term accommodation. Volunteers run the privately-funded home. The project improved access to outdoor facilities for elderly people and persons with reduced mobility. The project also provided equipment for the laundry and the canteen.

#### Before



#### After



### Expected impact

- **Better assistance:** New equipment for the kitchen and laundry will reduce the workload on the volunteer workers allowing them to spend more time with residents of the nursing home.
- **Dignified conditions:** The new equipment will also improve hygiene, ensuring that the nursing home provides a safe place for people who lost their home and do not receive care from their families.
- **Peaceful coexistence:** The nursing home is accessible to both displaced and non-displaced persons and promotes tolerance and peaceful coexistence among people facing similar difficulties.

## 19. School No. 5, Krasnohorivka

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/19/Krasnohorivka/School#5
Completion date	■ 30 September 2017
Total cost	■ USD 19,835
Expected beneficiaries	■ 500 (per year)

### QIP description

The town of Krasnohorivka is located close to the contact line and has been subjected to frequent shelling since the beginning of the conflict. School No. 5 consists of two schools that merged due to conflict damage to their premises. The school’s capacity to deliver quality education diminished due to poor hygiene conditions, an obsolete heating system and damaged flooring. UNHCR renovated the main assembly hall, replaced flooring, repaired the ceiling, upgraded the lighting system, improved insulation, and replaced some classroom doors.

Before



After



### Expected impact

- **Access to education:** Improved conditions at the school will encourage children to attend school and concentrate on their studies, as well as mitigate reasons for further displacement and encourage families with children to return.
- **A safe environment:** The renovations provide a safe and child-friendly environment, reducing stress related to poor conditions and the conflict.



## 20. SGBV Shelter, Mariupol

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/20/Mariupol/GBV
Completion date	■ 30 September 2017
Total cost	■ USD 23,308
Expected beneficiaries	■ 120 (per year)

### QIP description

The Mariupol facility is the first shelter for SGBV survivors in southern Donetsk region. The shelter provides a safe and secure place for 10 SGBV survivors, including children, and operates on a 24/7 basis. The shelter provides protection from violence and contributes to improved reporting of SGBV cases. Together with the involvement of other actors, the centre can provide psychosocial assistance and day-care services for up to 20 persons per day, and respond to referrals. UNHCR repaired three bedrooms, a common room, kitchen, bathroom and laundry room. The project also provided equipment, furniture and household items. A pavilion and playground were installed for outdoor activities.

#### Before



#### After



### Expected impact

- **Support for SGBV victims:** SGBV survivors have 24/7 access to a short-term safe space, as well as psychosocial, legal and medical assistance with the support of NGOs and local authorities.
- **Referral mechanism established:** With support of local authorities and other partners, survivors will be referred to the newly created centre to receive relevant support.

## 21. School No. 1, Marinka

<b>Project No.</b>	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/21/Mariinka/School#1
<b>Completion date</b>	■ 30 September 2017
<b>Total cost</b>	■ USD 24,295
<b>Expected beneficiaries</b>	■ 160 (per year)

### QIP description

The area near the town of Marinka has seen some of the most intense fighting in eastern Ukraine. Despite the fighting in the area, some 160 children continue to study at School No. 1. Since 2014, the town has no central gas or heating system, forcing residents and public institutions, including the school, to use ad-hoc heating sources. Inadequate heating and heat-loss was a contributing factor to health problems and stress affecting school children. UNHCR replaced old windows and doors, and provided insulation, greatly improving conditions in the school. The project includes renovation of the main assembly hall, replacement of flooring, upgraded lighting and renovation of a multi-purpose room. All materials are environmentally friendly and meet government standards for use in public buildings.

**Before**



**After**



### Expected impact

- **Access to education:** Improved conditions at the school will encourage children to attend school and concentrate on their studies, as well as mitigate reasons for further displacement and encourage families with children to return.
- **A safe environment:** The renovations provide a safe and child-friendly environment, reducing stress related poor conditions and the conflict.

## 22. Kindergarten, Stepanivka

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/22/Stepanivka/Kinder
Completion date	■ 30 September 2017
Total cost	■ USD 7,828
Expected beneficiaries	■ 100 (per year)

### QIP description

In 2016, shelling targeted civilian areas of Stepanivka village causing extensive damage to the local kindergarten. Damaged windows and a lack of insulation forced children to endure cold and unhealthy conditions and forcing parents to leave their children unattended at home during winter. Meanwhile, the arrival of IDPs in the village has stretched the resources of the kindergarten. UNHCR repaired the entrance, a multi-purpose room, a dormitory, flooring, doors and upgraded the lighting. All materials are environmentally friendly and meet government-agreed standards for use in public buildings.

#### Before



#### After



### Expected impact

- **Social cohesion:** The project enables greater social cohesion between displaced persons and the host community. Local residents, including parents and kindergarten staff, actively supported the renovation project and will ensure ongoing maintenance of the kindergarten.
- **Access to education:** Shortage of kindergarten places is an overall systemic problem in Ukraine. The project improves access to early childhood education by improving safety conditions, and provides a pleasant learning environment.

## 23. Medical Centre, Stepanivka

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/23/Stepanivka/Health
Completion date	■ 30 September 2017
Total cost	■ USD 5,693
Expected beneficiaries	■ 200 (per month)

### QIP description

Healthcare services in settlements located near the contact line are under pressure due to the ongoing conflict and poor infrastructure. The medical centre in the village of Stepanivka provides primary healthcare to 500 village residents as well as residents of the neighbouring village of Novoselivka. UNHCR renovated a consultation room that had been damaged by shelling. Renovations included replacing the flooring, improving insulation and upgrading lighting. All materials are environmentally friendly and meet government-agreed standards use in public buildings.

Before



After



### Expected impact

- **Access to healthcare:** The project provides dignified access to healthcare for the local population. Improved conditions at the medical centre mean that local residents do not need to travel far for basic healthcare and may reduce displacement.
- **Peaceful coexistence:** Both internally displaced persons and the local population use the medical centre, including disabled and elderly people, and is a place where they can interact.

## 24. Social Services Centre, Marinka

Project No.	■ 17/D/P4/QIP/24/Mariinka/SPD
Completion date	■ 30 September 2017
Total cost	■ USD 19,887
Expected beneficiaries	■ 1,560 (per month)

### QIP description

Due to the conflict in eastern Ukraine, Marinka community social services centre relocated to Kurakhove. UNHCR repaired the centre in Marinka prior to its reopening, facilitating the partial relocation of social services back to Marinka. UNHCR repaired three rooms including a doctor's room, a common room, a kitchen and a bathroom. UNHCR also provided the centre with furniture and domestic items.

Before



After



### Expected impact

- **Access to information:** The repairs improved access to information (e.g. legislative updates), prevents the suspension of social payments and pensions, and helps families separated by the conflict to maintain contact.
- **Peaceful coexistence:** The social services centre provides networking and communication opportunities for IDPs and the host community, providing relief from stress through social activities and reducing tension.
- **Inclusiveness:** The project improves the capacity of the centre to provide equal access to social services to persons with and without disabilities, and elderly people.



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Everything we do helps protect people forced to flee their homes.



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## WHAT WE DO

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Every year, millions of men, women and children are forced to flee their homes to escape conflict and persecution. We are the world's leading organisation dedicated to supporting people forced to flee and those deprived of a nationality. We are in the field in over 125 countries, using our expertise to protect and care for nearly 64 million people.

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