



We are **there**

DRC | **Ukraine**

Achievements in 2025
November 2024 — October 2025



Danish Refugee Council

Founded in 1956, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is Denmark's largest international NGO, with specific expertise in forced displacement. DRC is present in nearly 32 countries and employs over 6,000 staff globally.

DRC advocates for the rights of and solutions for displacement-affected communities and assists at all stages of displacement: in an acute crisis, in exile, when settling and integrating into a new place, or upon return.

DRC supports displaced persons in becoming self-reliant and included in hosting societies. DRC works with civil society and responsible authorities to promote the protection of rights and inclusion.

DRC in Ukraine

DRC began its programme activities in Ukraine in 1998, initially implementing reintegration projects in Crimea.

In 2014, it expanded its presence to the eastern regions of the country. Following the full-scale invasion in 2022, DRC significantly scaled up its response to the resulting humanitarian crisis.

Today, DRC is one of the largest international non-governmental organisations operating in Ukraine, delivering support to individuals and entire communities affected by war and displacement.



700+ staff members



Operations across 8 oblasts



Country office in Kyiv



Where we
work

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DRC South ● DRC North ● DRC South East ● DRC East ● Areas outside the control of the Government of Ukraine ●



What we do

We strive to provide sustainable solutions for refugees, displaced people and host communities, coupled with the objective of enabling those we assist to live dignified lives.



169,500+

**people assisted by
DRC in Ukraine**

Sectors of work



Protection

- Protection monitoring.
- General protection (tailored individual support, etc.).
- Community-based protection.
- Mental health and psychosocial support.
- Gender-based violence prevention.
- Legal assistance.



Humanitarian Mine Action

- Clearance (demining).
- Community liaison (non-technical survey of the hazardous areas; explosive ordnance risk education).
- Aid for explosive ordnance victims and their families.



Economic Recovery

- Multi-purpose cash assistance.
- Restoring agricultural production.
- Small business recovery via grants, legal support, and mentoring.
- Expanding access to jobs through reskilling, upskilling, and vocational training.



Shelter & Settlements, WASH and Infrastructure

- Support during the cold season (fuel, coverage of utility bills, insulation of substandard houses, etc.).
- Light & medium repairs.
- Repairs to common spaces.
- Distribution and installation of emergency construction materials.
- Repairs to social facilities and key market infrastructure.
- Refurbishments of collective sites for IDPs.
- Accessibility enhancements to public buildings.
- Rehabilitation and improvement of water/heating infrastructure.
- Donation of equipment, including generators and power stations.
- Installation of solar and hybrid systems.
- Strengthening duty-bearers' capacity (e.g., vodocanals) to deliver essential services.



Our key achievements in Ukraine in 2025



Protection

7,100+

people

participated in awareness-raising activities on key legal issues conducted by DRC and its implementing partners.

9,100+

people

received individual legal aid or counselling from DRC and its implementing partners.

4,400+

people

reached through the general protection activities.

3,200+

people

reached under the preventing and combating gender-based violence activities.

1,800+

people

received psychological support.

60

people

received targeted individual assistance for victims of explosive ordnance.



Economic Recovery

13,000+

grants

were distributed to farmers.

1,800+

people

benefited from hygiene kits
and basic items distribution.

2,300+

people

received multi-purpose cash
assistance.

1,200+

grants

were distributed to micro-,
small, and medium-sized
enterprises.

2,400+

grants

for vocational and reskilling
training were distributed.



Shelter & Settlements, WASH & Infrastructure

14,900+

people

received cash for winter energy needs.

500+

people

received emergency shelter kits.

16

social facilities

underwent repairs and accessibility enhancements, including facilities serving victims of explosive ordnance.

7,690+

people

received housing support, including repairs to houses and apartments as well as insulation of substandard houses.

2,000+

people

received cash for utilities.

4

infrastructure facilities

were equipped with solar hybrid systems, including water supply and healthcare facilities.



Humanitarian Mine Action

11,294,000+

m²

of hazardous area were identified.

1,700,000+

m²

were cleared of explosive ordnance, with 57 explosive ordnance items found.

90,400+

people

were educated on explosive ordnance risks through awareness sessions.

637

people

were trained to conduct explosive ordnance risk education sessions.

63

training sessions

on age, gender, and disability inclusion were conducted, promoting inclusive practices and awareness.

Partnering with local CSOs

To ensure timely and comprehensive assistance across Ukraine, DRC partnered with 14 civil society organisations (CSOs).

Through these collaborations, support was delivered to over 14,600 individuals across key sectors: Emergency Response Programme, Protection, Shelter & Settlements, WASH & Infrastructure, Humanitarian Mine Action.

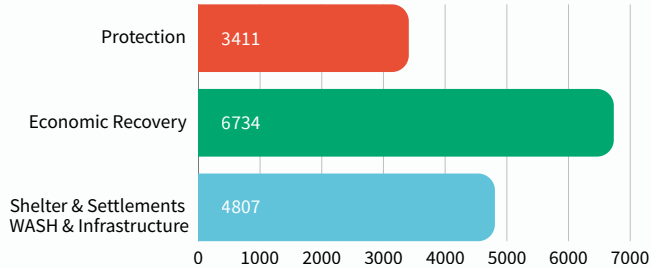




Achievements per oblasts

Sumy Oblast

People reached per sector



> **12,600**

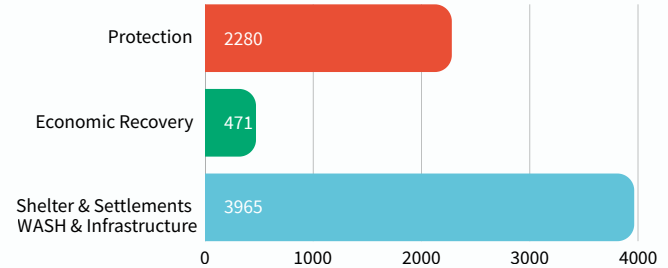
people were reached by DRC to raise awareness of explosive ordnance risks

89

people were trained to conduct explosive ordnance risk education sessions

Chernihiv Oblast

People reached per sector



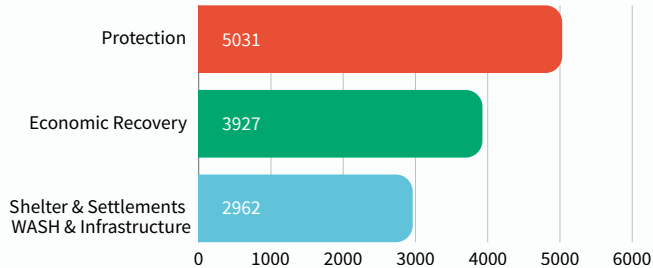
> **225,900**

m2 of hazardous area were identified

- DRC raised awareness of 8,256 people on explosive ordnance risks.
- 87 people were trained to conduct explosive ordnance risk education sessions.
- 2,272 m2 of hazardous areas were identified.

Kharkiv Oblast

People reached per sector



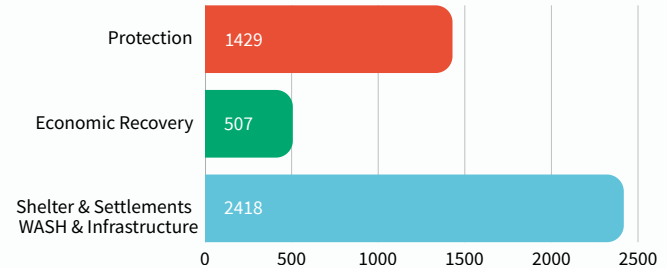
> 4.3M

m2 of hazardous area were identified

- DRC raised awareness of 24,783 people on explosive ordnance risks.
- 168 people were trained to conduct explosive ordnance risk education sessions.
- 460,205 m2 were cleared of explosive ordnance.

Donetsk Oblast

People reached per sector



659

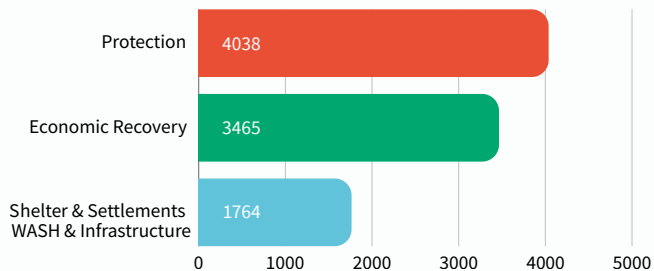
people were reached by DRC to raise awareness of explosive ordnance risks

30

people were trained to conduct explosive ordnance risk education sessions

Dnipropetrovsk Oblast

People reached per sector



> **1,900**

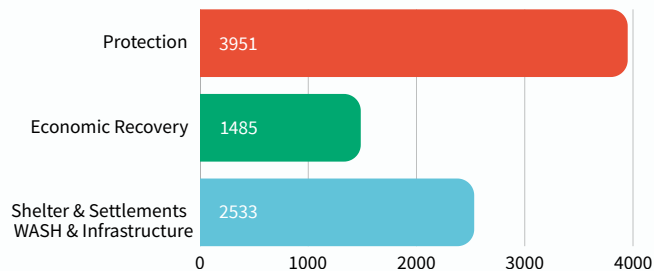
people were reached by DRC to raise awareness of explosive ordnance risks

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people were trained to conduct explosive ordnance risk education sessions

Zaporizhzhia Oblast

People reached per sector



> **10,800**

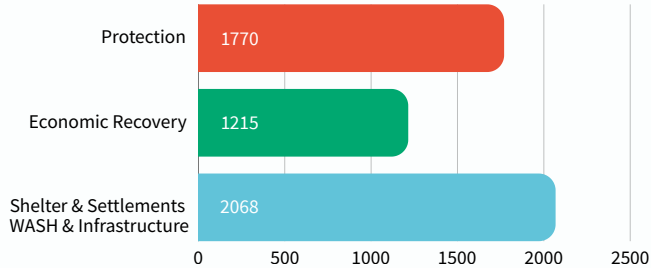
people were reached by DRC to raise awareness of explosive ordnance risks

112

people were trained to conduct explosive ordnance risk education sessions

Kherson Oblast

People reached per sector



> 4.5M

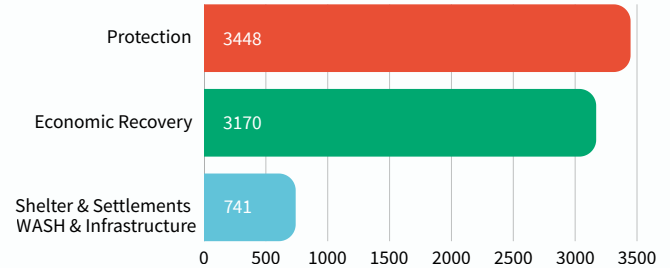
m2 of hazardous area were identified

> 2,700

people were reached by DRC to raise awareness of explosive ordnance risks

Mykolaiv Oblast

People reached per sector



> 2.3M

m2 of hazardous area were identified

- DRC raised awareness of 25,811 people on explosive ordnance risks.
- 70 people were trained to conduct explosive ordnance risk education sessions.
- 1,004,891 m2 were cleared of explosive ordnance.

Other oblasts

People reached per sector



> 9,690

m2 were cleared of explosive ordnance
in Kyiv Oblast

64

people were trained to conduct explosive
ordnance risk education sessions

> 2,700

people were trained to conduct explosive
ordnance risk education sessions



DRC is installing alternative
energy sources in facilities
that are vital to the daily
lives of hromadas.



Advocating for rights and services

DRC continues to advocate for better access to rights and services for conflict-affected communities while promoting a principled, timely, and accountable humanitarian response.



Supporting long-term solutions

We support long-term solutions to help displaced individuals regain stability, access essential services, and rebuild their lives. DRC is committed to strengthening national legal frameworks to protect the rights of internally displaced people (IDPs) and others affected by the conflict, while fostering a supportive environment for humanitarian efforts.



Empowering first responders and local initiatives

We also call for flexible funding to empower first responders and local initiatives, aiming to mitigate the conflict's impact and support sustainable recovery.

Collaborating for practical solutions

Through our advocacy programme, DRC works with key stakeholders, including the Ukrainian government, UN agencies, and the international community, to highlight the needs of conflict-affected communities and develop practical, lasting solutions.

Data-based approach to address challenges

We take a comprehensive approach, using research and real-time insights from our work across the country, such as protection monitoring, legal support, and community engagement, to guide our advocacy. By working closely with our program teams, we identify barriers and challenges facing these communities and focus on areas where we can make a meaningful difference.





Living between “here” and “there”

Originally from Enerhodar, an area occupied by the Russian Federation, Halyna has lived away from home for four years now. Today, she lives in a village in Sumy Oblast, in a house that is not her own, with a sense of temporariness that does not fade.

She says that overall, she managed to get through the winter in warmth. But there was another problem — the roof. Because of leaks in the corridor, the ceiling was constantly damp.

“My ceiling in the corridor was leaking,” she recalls. “The contractors came and completely redid it. They insulated the ceiling.”

As part of a project implemented by the Danish Refugee Council across war-affected regions, the roof was repaired and the attic insulated. After the work was completed, the house became drier and warmer — as it should be.

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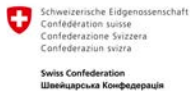
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