



UKRAINIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

Partnership Meeting



20-21 March 2018

Kyiv, Bratislava hotel, Malyska St.1



Preface

Current humanitarian challenges in Ukraine are creating new demands for all organizations that promote humanity and peace, including the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) that has hundred years of experience in supporting the most vulnerable people in the country.

As the URCS has been providing emergency assistance in the areas affected by the armed conflict in Donbass and assisting vulnerable people all over Ukraine in meeting their most acute needs, the organization and its Movement components are being challenged by several important questions:

- How to ensure effective and well targeted emergency response and humanitarian aid in the face of current and future crises?
- How to increase resilience of local communities and people in a best way?
- What implications does this have for building a robust organization that is able to respond to needs and demands of the most vulnerable population groups and is supported and respected by the society?

The new URCS's Strategy 2018-2020 makes an attempt to provide answers to those questions. It shapes the organization's mission and vision and sharpens its priorities. Our goals until 2020 are strategic and realistic, and we firmly believe that with the unified support of our current and potential partners we can achieve the planned transformation and strengthen our organization in the following four areas:

- A. Provision of services in the area of emergency preparedness and response;
- B. Supporting healthy communities and people resilience to psychosocial challenges;
- C. Strengthening cooperation, partnership and communication;
- D. Building strong, reliable and transparent National Society.

This Partnership Meeting 2018 is organized in a way that allows us to present our new vision, transparently discuss operational implications with our partners and define support needed for building robust National Society in Ukraine capable of matching national humanitarian and social vulnerability priorities with aspirations for assistance from the Red Cross and Red Crescent International Movement and other partners.

The URCS looks very much to this two-days Partnership Meeting that will take place on March 20-21 and uses this opportunity to express its deep gratitude to all partners of the Red Cross and Red Crescent International Movement, including the Federation, the International Committee and sister National Societies for their continuous dedicated support and contribution to elaboration of our new Strategy 2018-2020, that we are now proud to share.

Partnership Meeting Program

Day 1: Tuesday, March 20

Time	Sessions	Speakers/ Presenters
9.00 – 10.00	Registration / Welcoming coffee and tea	
10.00 – 11.00	Opening ceremony	Ivan Usichenko, URCS President Elkhan Rahimov, Deputy Regional Director, IFRC Europe Regional Office Gorkhmaz Huseynov, IFRC, Head of Country Office - Ukraine Roger Ruffy, Deputy Head of ICRC Delegation Representatives of Ukrainian State Agencies Representatives of Partner National Societies and Organizations
11.00 – 12.00	Presentation “Humanitarian context in Ukraine – from the social unrests to forgotten crisis”	Liliia Bilous, URCS Director General
<p><i>The presentation will provide an overview on the current humanitarian situation in Ukraine, while relating the overall social and economic situation in the country with the implications of the armed conflict on the East that affected the IDPs and general population. It will also outline the Ukrainian Red Cross Society’s current response, along with the National Society’s capacity building efforts for crises preparedness, response and increasing resilience of most vulnerable society groups.</i></p>		
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
<p>Thematic Stations “URCS Strategy 2020”</p> <p><i>This session will be organized using the “market place” technique, where the participants in small groups (up to 10 people) can visit all stations, each dedicated to the themes of the URCS Strategy 2018-20. During these sessions the partners will have an opportunity to hear short presentations on URCS existing potential and plans under each strategic direction, as well as ask questions and raise concerns.</i></p>		
13.00 – 15.00	<p>Station 1 – Disaster Management Topic: To develop and provide preparedness and response services</p> <p>Station 2 – Health and Care Topic: To help people in stay physically healthy and develop resilience to psychosocial challenges</p>	Panellists: Mychail Strelnikov, URCS Disaster Management Department Head Taras Logginov, Emergency Response Teams Coordinator Anna Didenko, URCS Psychosocial Support Unit Coordinator Aleksander Babenko, URCS Health Programs Coordinator
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee and tea break	

15.30 – 17.30	<p>Station 3 – Communication and Coordination</p> <p>Topic: The ways of strengthening cooperation and ensuring high quality communication</p> <p>Station 4 – Organizational Development</p> <p>Topic: Building a strong, reliable and transparent National Society</p>	<p>Panellists:</p> <p>Vladislav Shelokov, First Deputy to URCS Director General</p> <p>Liliia Bilous, URCS Director General</p>
17.30 – 18.00	Wrap up of the first day work	
19.00	Dinner	

Day 2: Wednesday, March 21

Time	Sessions	Speakers/ Presenters
9.00 – 9.30	Day 2 opening coffee	
9.30 – 10.30	Reflections on Day 1	Olena Krylova, IFRC consultant
<p>Focus Groups “Ways Forward towards Achieving URCS Strategy 2020”</p> <p><i>This session will foresee interactive discussions around strategies and partner’s commitment towards achieving results in two key thematic areas of the URSC Strategy – disaster management and assistance in health and psychosocial domain – including organizational development and communication implications.</i></p>		
10.30 – 12.00	<p>Two parallel Focus Group discussions:</p> <p>Disaster management</p> <p>Assistance in health and psychosocial domain</p>	Liliia Bilous / Vladislav Shelokov
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 14.30	Review of the Focus Groups results	Liliia Bilous / Vladislav Shelokov
14.30 – 14.45	Wrap-up of the Partnership Meeting and next steps	Olena Krylova, IFRC consultant
14.45 – 15.00	Closing remarks	