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Hairdressers courses at Severodonetsk Vocational School No. 53  
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The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) continues to address needs of the conflict-affected population in eastern Ukraine. During September and October 2017, NRC provided legal assistance and counselling for internally displaced and other conflict-affected people in Luhansk and northern Donetsk *oblasts*; distributed materials and cash instalments for reconstruction of damaged households and social institutions; provided equipment to improve water infrastructure; delivered insulation materials, firewood and cash for fuel as winterization aid to the settlements along the contact line; continued livelihood projects to restore economic and agricultural productive capacity and sustainability of internally displaced, conflict-affected people and hosting communities across Luhansk *oblast*.

### Food security / livelihoods

- Continued Food for training (FFT) project in Luhansk *oblast*, which is being implemented for training 300 people at 10 vocational institutions of Severodonetsk, Lysychansk, Rubizhne and Novoaidar towns. The courses selected by the beneficiaries include hairdressing, dressmaking, machine operators, electric and gas welding, house painting, cosmetology. The participants are receiving payments to buy monthly food supplies. After the courses' completion, Trainees will receive government recognised certificates and will be able to use the acquired skills to start some generating activities or find jobs.
- Launched trainings on self-reliance activities in the community centres established by NRC in Lysychansk, Rubizhne, Starobilsk towns of Luhansk *oblast*, as well as Sloviansk and Bakhmut towns in Donetsk *oblast*. Totally 300 members of vulnerable families participated in the skills trainings on confectionery, stitching, dressmaking, photo and video making, hairstyling, cosmetology.
- Continued 26 Food for assets (FFA) projects in Luhansk *oblast*. 585 most vulnerable and food insecure families, residing along the contact-line, work for their communities to build assets and restore infrastructure necessary for sustained self-reliance. All locations, particularly those in close vicinity to the contact line, were previously cleared of mines by the State Emergency Service. Selected vulnerable families repair roads, piped water systems, greenhouses, orchards, as well as clearing of land for agricultural activities, for which they receive payments to buy monthly food supplies.
- Disbursed business grants to 86 selected entrepreneurs in Luhansk *oblast*. The entrepreneurs received up to \$1,000 for small business development activities, contributing to the economic recovery in the area concerned.
- Facilitated repair of greenhouses in Stanytsia Luhanska and Novoaidar *raions*. 50 households received greenhouse film and irrigation tape to rehabilitate damaged greenhouses and irrigation systems, and labour force from Food for Assets Project.

### ICLA (information, counselling and legal assistance)

- Provided legal information to 477 people, counselling to 960 and legal assistance to 104 individuals across Luhansk and northern Donetsk *oblasts*. Legal services were offered through NRC legal aid centres, hotline, group information sessions, mobile teams of lawyers, home visits to elderly and disabled and in the centre for temporary accommodation of internally displaced people in Severodonetsk.
- Held international conference "Right to pension in the context of the armed conflict: international experience and solutions for Ukraine" in Kyiv to provide a forum for dialogue between the government, civil society and humanitarian community on possible solutions in Ukraine, to acquire knowledge about good practices from similar contexts (such as Georgia, Moldova, Balkan countries, etc.), as well as to increase the level of understanding of the international obligations undertaken by Ukraine as a member of the Council of Europe.
- Hosted an international event "Three years later: How well protected are the rights of Ukraine's internally displaced people?" in Geneva to sensitise the diplomatic community, international and non-governmental organisations on key issues of protection of internally displaced in Ukraine. The Briefing Note "Protecting the rights of Ukraine's internally displaced people" was published and disseminated at the event.

- Organised international public discussion “Addressing loss of housing, land and property rights of internally displaced and conflict-affected people in eastern Ukraine: first steps towards restitution/compensation” in Kyiv to exchange experience and acquire knowledge about good practices from similar contexts, and provide a platform for discussion about applicability of existing solutions in Ukrainian context.
- Held training on provision of primary legal aid for displaced and conflict-affected people in Severodonetsk for 27 representatives of local self-government authorities in Luhansk *oblast*.
- Conducted training on European Court of Human Rights practice in protection of displaced and conflict-affected people’s rights during the conflict in eastern Ukraine for 20 judges from Luhansk and Donetsk *oblasts* and Kyiv.
- Continued to chair the Housing, Land and Property (HLP) Technical Working Group (TWG), which set the practice of working meetings with the authors of the draft law “On provision of aid to citizens of Ukraine whose housing has been destroyed or damaged as a result of the armed conflict”, with the purpose to amend the text of the document in compliance with international humanitarian standards.

## Shelter

- Provided cash assistance for solid fuel purchase to 718 households and delivered firewood to 190 families in Novoaidar and Popasna raions.
- Continued construction of 31 new houses on existing foundation (Core House project) in Popasna, Stanytsia Luhanska raions and Lysychansk city. Based on an owner driven approach, NRC provided construction materials and conditional cash to affected households, while beneficiaries organise construction works themselves. The project also involves a complete repair of heating and sanitation systems, as well as provision of basic furniture.
- Completed repair of slightly and heavily damaged 158 private houses (339 individuals) and 10 multi-storey buildings (72 individuals) in Stanytsia Luhanska, Novoaidar and Popasna *raions*.
- Provided construction materials and cash installments to 66 households (168 individuals) for light and heavy repair of damaged houses in Stanytsia Luhanska, Novoaidar and Popasna *raions*.
- Provided equipment for the piped water systems to improve the water infrastructure in Popasna *raion*, benefitting to 82 individuals in Toshkivka.
- Delivered construction materials to repair the centre for disabled people in Severodonetsk and the institution for elderly care in Stanytsia Luhanska *raion*.
- Delivered insulation materials and cash instalments to 40 households (143 individuals) in Stanytsia Luhanska and Popasna *raions*.



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