



## **Humanitarian Aid and Rescue Project**

### **Operation Winter Shadow**

**Location:** Ukraine

### **Impact Report**

**Operational Date:** 4/10 - 9/23

### **Introduction:**

On April 10th, 2022, Humanitarian Aid and Rescue Project set off for Ukraine with the mission of aiding in the rescue of civilians trapped in territories occupied by Russian forces.

### **Requests:**

After receiving numerous requests from various organizations, HARP made the decision to undertake this mission, aiming to provide urgent assistance to injured and/or trapped civilians in areas previously inaccessible to anyone other than military personnel.

### **Methods:**

Upon receipt of government and state metrics highlighting the challenges in areas under enemy occupation, HARP was granted the necessary access to the requests, facilitating a comprehensive understanding of the prevailing issues. These requests encompassed crucial information, including real-time satellite maps, force movements, weaponry, road closures, previously identified risks and challenges evaluated by military and government officials, and the availability of vital resources such as food, water, shelter, and medical aid. Subsequently, HARP diligently acquired, verified, and analyzed the information, allowing for the prompt formulation of a robust and well-considered game plan. This plan aimed to effectively address the urgent extraction needs of the trapped individuals while also mitigating the personal risks faced by HARP personnel during the execution of these high-risk extraction operations.

### **Results:**

During HARP's extensive and high-stakes operation in Ukraine, spanning over 120+ days within occupied territories, the organization exhibited extraordinary effectiveness in extracting more than 168 civilians from highly volatile areas. Notably, HARP achieved this feat with an unblemished record, recording zero casualties and zero operational losses. These successful extractions were executed in strategically significant locations, such as Bucca, Borodyanka, Leviv, Mariupol, Kherson, Odessa, Kharkiv, and Zaporizhzhia. HARP's exceptional accomplishment also garnered widespread recognition and acclaim from the esteemed ranks of Ukraine's military, government, and police forces.

**Impact:**

Operation Winter Shadow had a profound and meaningful impact on both the individuals extracted from occupied territories and the families anxiously awaiting the safe return of their loved ones. The successful execution of the operation brought relief, comfort, and hope to more than 168 people directly affected by the conflict. By safely extracting individuals from these perilous areas, HARP not only ensured their physical well-being but also provided emotional solace to their families. The far-reaching positive impact of the operation instilled deep feelings of gratitude, unity and revived optimism among all those touched by its remarkable endeavors.

**Challenges:**

Throughout the course of this operation, HARP encountered significant challenges due to the dynamic and ever-changing environment inherent in conflict zones. Navigating through such circumstances posed, at times, substantial difficulties, including adverse road conditions, rapid force advancements, tank movements, aerial scout planes, the presence of mines, and the constant risk of ambushes. These challenges required meticulous planning, adaptability, and effective coordination with intel teams to ensure the safety and success of the mission. HARP's ability to overcome these obstacles showcased their resilience, expertise, and unwavering commitment to accomplishing their objectives.

**Conclusion:**

In light of these specific operational circumstances, HARP emphasizes the critical importance of comprehensive situational awareness tailored to the specific area of operation and the dynamic terrain of volatile environments, be it in times of war or environmental disasters. Recognizing and adapting to the ever-changing nature of these areas is of utmost significance in ensuring mission success and, most importantly, saving lives. By thoroughly understanding the nuances and volatility of the operational environment, HARP underscores the need to remain vigilant, agile, and responsive to effectively navigate through challenges and capitalize on opportunities. Such a proactive approach enables the organization to optimize its efforts and make a meaningful impact in safeguarding lives under challenging circumstances.

**Future Missions -How You Can Help**

You can make a significant contribution to the Humanitarian Aid and Rescue Project (HARP) and support their future operations by making a generous donation today at [www.HarpRescue.org](http://www.HarpRescue.org). Your donation will play a crucial role in enabling HARP to continue its life-saving work in providing aid and assistance to those in need. Your support will directly impact the lives of individuals affected by conflict, natural disasters, and other challenging circumstances. Visit the website now to make a meaningful difference and join HARP in its mission to bring hope, relief, and a brighter future to those who need it most.

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