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Triangle Génération Humanaire currently distributes electronic food tickets to 3,000 vulnerable families (about 9,000 people) in Ukraine.

After a recognition mission in 2015, the Association has enforced a food aid in the villages located along the front line. In such villages, many men went away and 75% of the population have lost their employment. Many elders, mothers and children are in a very high vulnerability status. In spite of the cease fire signed in February 2015, the clashes have never really come to a halt. The already high toll keeps growing : around 10,000 dead, more than 20,000 wounded and 1,500 people displaced.

The humanitarian situation is worse in the Eastern part of the country : many infrastructures were destroyed, production is shrinking as well as the employment. Economies and stocks which existed in single families were consumed, the overall impoverishment is worsened by a decision made by the Ukrainian government, which, with the pretext of a need for checks, has recently withheld the payment of the urgency aid granted to the victims of the war, leaving more than 600,000 people without revenue.

After the month of March, in partnership with the local association « Country of free people », TGH has reckoned 3,000 very vulnerable families (about 9 000 people). The implementation of an electronic purchasing ticket allows them to buy by themselves the commodities in the shops of the villages, a measure that city governments appreciated. “This will allow people to be autonomous, to feel less assisted, and will decrease the logistic costs, easing the support to the local economy. A drugstore manager just told me that he has hired two part-time people to face this new commercial venture” explains Stéphane Vengut, TGH Head of mission in Ukraine.

The budget, (200.000 €) of this program is financed until August 2016 by the Crisis Center of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Today, TGH tries to make this action permanent, and enlarge it to other families in new villages. The association also hopes to obtain the authorization to operate in the areas controlled by the seceding forces.

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