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DRC Ukraine – From Legal Analysis to Programme Design: Turning Legal Trends into Protection Responses

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Legal trends: field evidence into advocacy

Monthly discussions with DRC and partner lawyers create a direct route from cases to action

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| 01 | Field signals | DRC and partner lawyers report recurring cases, implementation barriers and urgent issues. |
| 02 | Monthly review | Each month, the group selects one priority topic and compares practice across locations. |
| 03 | Legal analysis | Analytics test field practice against the legal framework and identify the barrier and responsible authority. |
| 04 | Advocacy action | The team converts the evidence into legal alerts, briefings, letters and targeted engagement. |

The process gives field lawyers a direct route into local and national advocacy.

LAAF: a shared method for legal aid analysis

The framework connects legal barriers with protection consequences and response priorities

PILOT SCOPE

3 oblasts

Sumy
Dnipro
Zaporizhzhia

3 population groups

IDPs; EO victims; GBV survivors

- 01 Context and legal environment
- 02 Origins of legal aid needs
- 03 Consequences for safety and dignity
- 04 Coping strategies and response capacity
- 05 **Recommendations for programmes and advocacy**

PURPOSE

Link legal needs to protection risks and action.

Compensation commissions: evidence and results

Assessment findings informed local advocacy and a model for wider use

EVIDENCE BASE

20 KIIs **17** communities **4** oblasts

Common barriers: ownership and inheritance documents, registry inconsistencies, limited technical capacity and data for remote assessments.
Private expert reports cost too high



ZAITSSEVSKA HROMADA

23 submitted **11** assessed **12** under review

DRC advocacy helped reconstitute the commission, train its members and secure technical expertise for property assessments.

MYKOLAIV PILOT AND SCALE

DRC paired commission support with legal case assistance for applicants. The successful pilot improved access and now informs expansion to other oblasts.

Commission capacity and applicant support must advance together.



Questions