

Humanitarian Cooperation in 2018

(summary)

The Department on Humanitarian Activities of Belarus registered in 2018 incoming **foreign charitable aid for the total of \$68.9 million** (down from \$85.9 million in 2017) **globally**. The volume of goods received was \$21 million (down from \$42.7 million in 2017). The volume of money received was \$47.9 million (up from \$43.2 million in 2017).

Against this background, the statistics of foreign charitable aid coming from the **U.S.** looks more promising. The **total in 2018 was \$11.4 million** (up from \$9.6 million in 2017). The volume of goods received was \$3.4 million (up from \$1.4 million in 2017). The volume of money received was \$8 million (down from \$8.2 million in 2017).

The United States became **the largest donor of humanitarian aid** for Belarus in 2018, surpassing other major donors, Switzerland, Germany, Russia and China.

The share of aid coming from the United States was **16.5 percent in 2018** (up from 11.1 percent in 2017).

The Department of Humanitarian Activity and the Embassy of Belarus in the U.S. are **grateful to all American charitable organizations and private donors** for providing the much needed aid that goes to upgrade healthcare institutions, conduct R&D, implement projects in education and the environment, provide medical and social assistance to low income citizens; persons with disabilities; children; families with multiple children, foster families and adoptive families; and citizens in need.

All American humanitarian organizations which work with Belarus provided **more aid in 2018 than in 2017**.

Our gratitude is not just about statistics and volumes of aid. Belarus is grateful for every dollar and in kind contribution, and, more importantly, for the **care, attention, cooperation and compassion** shown by the American humanitarian organizations who are working with us. All interested organizations in Belarus are eager to continue to cooperate with U.S. charities in 2019, and to offer them every possible support and advise, as well as to explore every opportunity.

We look forward to continuing to work with American humanitarian organizations in 2019 and beyond.

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