Charity

Russian Railways puts social responsibility at the heart of its corporate strategy. The objectives and core principles of the charity activities are set forth in the Charity and Sponsorship Policy.[1] Under this Policy, charity predominantly covers regions of the Company's footprint and prioritises institutions, foundations, and performance groups working with Russian Railways. Relations with local communities are governed by the Russian Railways Group's regional policy.[2]
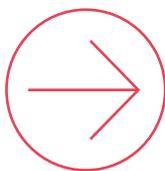
In 2020, our charity initiatives focused on:
- financial support to the COVID-19 response initiatives (aid to the All-Russian Public Movement of Medical Volunteers, contribution to the All-Russian fundraiser to assist home schooling);
- assistance in remediation of the areas affected by a flood in the Irkutsk Region (financial contribution to school construction in Tulun, helping to transport children from the region to summer vacation sites and back);
- targeted aid to retired railway employees, honoured railway employees, and veterans of World War II, as well as celebration of the 75th anniversary of the victory in the war;
- fostering education, research and professional skills development, including assistance to industry-specific universities and colleges. Apart from rendering monetary aid, the Company provided equipment and materials;
- donations to children's charities, disabled persons, disadvantaged population, including support of the Children's Hospice autonomous non-profit organisation, So-Edinenie Support Fund for the Deaf-Blind, and Obereg autonomous non-profit organisation;
- supporting environment-related causes;
- supporting charitable projects for restoration and conservation of Russian historical and architectural landmarks;
- promoting mass sports, physical training and healthy lifestyle.

The charity spending in 2020 amounted to around

RUB **5.5** bn.

1   Approved by the Company's Board of Directors on 8 November 2016.
2   Approved by the State Secretary, Vice President Anatoly Meshcheryakov on 10 June 2016, No. 395.