



Key areas of sponsorship and charity



HEALTH CARE

St. Olga's Children's Hospital (Saint Petersburg)

Sovcomflot Group has been allocating funds to equip the intensive care and anaesthesiology ward of the hospital with modern equipment which helps save the lives of new-born babies. In 2018, thanks to SCF's support, the ward received an ultrasound diagnostic apparatus for regional anaesthesia, puncture and catheterisation of blood vessels and evaluating critical conditions, as well as syringe dispensers for general and neonatal intensive care.

EDUCATION

Safonovo Orphanage Boarding School (Smolensk Region)

Sovcomflot has been providing support to the boarding school since 2010, helping its team to prepare children for independent lives and create for them conditions similar to those found in a family. In 2018 the boarding school had 53 children under its care.

In addition to providing material support to equip the classrooms and living quarters with necessary equipment, in 2018 Sovcomflot also assisted in organising trips for school residents to Smolensk, Moscow, St. Petersburg, the Patriot Park, the Alexander Griboedov Museum in Khmelita, the Trinity - St. Gerasim Bolidno Monastery, and also helped them take part in the All-Russian Gathering of Young Sailors in the children's camp Artek.

St. Tikhon Orthodox Humanitarian University (Moscow)

Sovcomflot started cooperation with the university in 2016. With the Company's participation, in 2018 the university continued the implementation of the pilot project «Social and pedagogical assistance and adaptation of orphans and children deprived of parental care» at the Safonovo Orphanage Boarding School. Master classes, trainings and sightseeing and pilgrimage trips were organised for orphanage residents.

The university expects to use this experience in the future work with other social institutions, in particular, in the Arkhangelsk, Murmansk and Volgograd Regions.

Support for professional maritime education

Sovcomflot attaches great importance to supporting maritime educational institutions. To this end, Sovcomflot for many years has been actively cooperating with the country's key maritime universities: Admiral Makarov State University of Maritime and Inland Shipping (St. Petersburg), Admiral Ushakov Maritime State University (Novorossiysk) and Admiral Nevelskoy State Maritime University (Vladivostok).



This work is carried out under long-term agreements with universities, which cover a wide range of projects. Sovcomflot provides cadets with the opportunity to receive practical training at sea on the Company's vessels on an annual basis and regularly organises internships for teachers. Targeted training programmes for future officers of the Company's fleet are being successfully implemented, research is being conducted. Thus, the Floating Laboratory, a joint project with Admiral Nevelskoy State Maritime University, is operating onboard the ice-breaking multifunctional vessel Gennadiy Nevelskoy. The goal of the project is to conduct fundamental and applied research in the field of electric propulsion and operational aspects of shipboard equipment in ice navigation conditions.

Sovcomflot is interested in expanding cooperation with maritime universities and intends to maintain and develop existing partnership.

Youth Maritime League

Sovcomflot has been developing cooperation with the public organisation Youth Maritime League for four years. This support enables it to annually conduct major events for children and teenagers, in particular, All-Russian Gathering of Young Sailors (May, Children's Centre «Artek» in Crimea) and the Gathering of Young Sailors from the Urals, Siberia and the Far East (September, Children's Centre «Ocean» in Primorye). A total of over 2,000 people from 42 Russian regions became participants in such gatherings over the period of cooperation.

During gatherings young sailors learn fleet skills, study the history and traditions of the Russian marine fleet, visit places of military glory. Red Sails, a sailing and rowing regatta, was organised for participants in the gathering in the Artek; participants in the gathering in the Ocean embarked on a two-day training voyage on board the frigate Pallada. The winners in both gatherings received the opportunity to take part in the Pacific Regatta (August-September 2018) as sailor boys.

ENVIRONMENT

Eurasian Centre for the Preservation of Far Eastern Leopards (Primorsky Krai)

Sovcomflot has been sponsoring the programme aiming to preserve in the wild the rarest leopard subspecies, the Far Eastern Leopard, for five years.

The Company's support helps address a number of key issues faced by the Land of Leopard National Park, such as expanding the predators' habitat and ensuring their forage density. A new bio cluster named «Leopards on Gamov» was created on the Sea of Japan coast in 2018. The cluster covered over 6,000 hectares of taiga not subjected to anthropogenic influence. Work is being carried out to provide facilities for the cluster, equipment has been purchased to maintain the territory and protect it from fires.



The centre's specialists expect that the leopard's conservation status can be changed from the «critically endangered» to «vulnerable» in 5-7 years. This actually means that the leopard will be saved.

Centre for the Study and Preservation of the Amur Tiger Population (Primorsky Krai)

Sovcomflot has been supporting the project for the study and preservation of the Amur tiger populations in the Far East since 2016. The Amur tiger is the northernmost subspecies of tiger and is listed in the Red Book. The goal of the project is to increase the Amur tiger population in Russia to 700 by 2022 with the simultaneous expansion and consolidation of its habitat.

Sovcomflot's support helps the centre develop its research programme, monitor the tiger population, increase the effectiveness of the tiger's protection outside the specially protected natural reserves, as well as carry out awareness-raising and educational activities and improve the regulatory framework.

CULTURE

Russian America Project (Fort Ross, U.S.)

Since 2012, Sovcomflot, in partnership with Transneft and Chevron, has been assisting in preserving Fort Ross, a monument of Russian history and culture in the U.S. This former Russian mercantile settlement in California was founded in 1812. Fort Ross is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and is a Historical Park of the state of California.

Fort Ross Dialogue, an international forum focusing on economic and cultural interaction between Russia and the U.S., is a continuation of this initiative. Forum events are held twice a year, once in the U.S. and once in Russia.

SUPPORT FOR VETERANS

Victory Day-London project

Sovcomflot has been participating in organising and holding commemorative meetings between Russian and British veterans of the Northern convoys for 10 years. The Company seeks to pay tribute to the memory and respect for the heroism of people who helped ensure the delivery of vital cargoes for our country to Arkhangelsk and Murmansk during the Second World War.

SPORTS





All-Russian Federation of Sailing

Sovcomflot has been providing sponsorship support to the Federation since 2010. The Company's efforts are primarily directed at developing children's and youth sailing: organising new schools and sections in Russian regions, regularly holding major children's competitions, including championships in the Optimist class. In addition, Sovcomflot's support helps the Federation provide training for Russian Paralympic athletes.



Vladimir Salnikov Cup (Saint Petersburg)

Since 2009, Sovcomflot has been providing support for Vladimir Salnikov Cup, an international swimming tournament featuring the strongest athletes from Russia and around the world. These competitions have been included in the European Swimming League (LEN) calendar as a top-level international tournament for many years, and in 2018 the Cup was included in a similar calendar of International Swimming Federation (FINA) events.

In 2017 the tournament attracted 264 sportsmen from 15 countries. The winners were Evgeny Rykhlov (Russia) and Sarah Koehler (Germany). Altogether five different records were set during the tournament, including two world junior records.