The winter of 2011—2012 (1) Belarus brought one of the (2) periods of (3) frosty weather in its history. The country was under the (4) of severe frosts from 25 January to 18 February. Sometimes the temperatures (5) below −25 °C. Though this kind of weather did not cause (6) chaos in the country, it did lead to school (7) in some regions. It also (8) to life the work of the Red Cross staff and volunteer teams who helped drivers and walkers on the Minsk ring road to deal with extreme weather conditions and its impacts. If (9) car broke down (10) volunteers delivered hot meals and tea, (11) warm blankets and helped to transport the broken cars. The Red Cross teams had (12) minibus, (13) powerful Pinzgauer, heat generators, blankets, hot (14) and tea, a radio station with a special range at 27,030 MHz MW (Medium Waves).

Hot tea and warm clothes (15) to anyone in need (16) mobile tents or in all Red Cross district offices in Minsk and in other cities.

This is very valuable experience (17) started in Belarus in the winter of 2011—2012 and (18) is a good example of response to extreme winter weather conditions not only by the government, but by society (общество) as well.

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