



WFP Ukraine Situation Report #15

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In Numbers

3.7 million people affected (OCHA)

1.5 million people in need of food assistance (WFP)

Highlights

- During February 2016, WFP along with its partners provided food to 124,460 people under Emergency Operation (EMOP) 200765.
- WFP is preparing an extension of its current EMOP to provide food assistance to the most vulnerable population until the end of 2016.
- EMOP 200765 requires new funding immediately, as a pipeline break is expected starting April 2016.

Beneficiaries



Funding Update

Global Humanitarian Funding

USD 298 million (Humanitarian Response Plan 2016)

WFP Share of Appeal USD 56.8 million (19%)

EMOP Budget

USD 91.9 million (November 2014—June 2016)

Funding Requirements

WFP USD 10 million (April—June 2016)

Food Security Cluster USD 75 million

Logistics Cluster USD 3.1 million (HRP 2016)

Situation Update

- The overall security situation in the Eastern Conflict Area, especially in the non-government controlled area (NGCA) of Donetsk, continues to deteriorate.
- Unexploded ordnances remain a serious concern to both the local population and humanitarian workers. While the security situation in government-controlled areas remains relatively calm, political instability is contributing to increasing tensions.
- The 2016 Ukraine Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) was launched on 17 February. The Food Security Cluster (FSC) aims to target 553,000 of the most vulnerable conflict-affected people with food assistance during 2016. The FSC has appealed for USD 75 million, of which USD 55 million is for WFP.

WFP Response

- WFP is working tirelessly to keep pathways open between the government-controlled areas and NGCA in order to reach people in need of food assistance.



Food Assistance

- Under its EMOP, WFP together with its NGO partners provides food assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), returnees and residents in conflict-affected eastern Ukraine with monthly food parcels (1,600 kcal per day), or cash-based transfers (CBTs). Each beneficiary of CBTs is entitled to receive 450 UAH per month (approximately USD 20) for three months.
- In line with WFP's commitment to addressing gender and protection issues from the onset of an emergency, WFP's beneficiary targeting is informed by secondary data and food security assessments. Targeting criteria include pregnant and lactating women, single women, households headed by women, children aged 6-24 months, the elderly, people with disabilities, and large households.



Emergency Operation 20076: Emergency assistance to civilians affected by the conflict in eastern Ukraine

Photo: A family receiving WFP food parcels at Artiimovsk in Donetsk Oblast, eastern Ukraine. WFP/Tatiana Stoliarenko

- In February 2016, WFP reached 124,460 people under the EMOP, of whom 75,600 received food parcels and 48,860 received CBTs. March results will be confirmed in mid-April.
- Women and girls represent 64 percent of the total number of beneficiaries reached in February, due to gender-based vulnerabilities related to difficulties securing sustainable livelihood options and their traditional household and care-giving responsibilities.
- Of the vulnerable people WFP reached in February, 62,800 were in government-controlled areas and the buffer zone, while 61,680 were in NGCA beyond the buffer zone. During this period, 25,380 children received WFP food assistance including 1,640 children under five.
- Since 2015, WFP has supported food insecure individuals in hospitals and social institutions with monthly in-kind entitlements (2,100 kcal per day). The significant influx of IDPs from NGCA has greatly affected the capacity of hospitals and social institutions to meet the needs of an ever increasing number of patients affected by the conflict.



Logistics

- In February, WFP dispatched over 19,000 of food parcels (equivalent to more than 277 mt of food) to its NGO partners in the NGCA of Donetsk to be distributed to its beneficiaries.

Clusters



Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- The FSC, co-led by WFP alongside FAO, facilitated a mission to review the food security humanitarian architecture in Ukraine during 09 – 15 March, with a report to be released in April.
- The FSC remains committed to sharing information between all parties and engaging the government in the process, to ensure a coordinated humanitarian response. To further strengthen this, coordination has been moved to field locations nearer to the Eastern Conflict Area

in Kramatorsk, Severodonetsk and Slaviansk.



Logistics Cluster

- In March the Logistics Cluster facilitated transportation of 171.6 mt (273.9 m³) of shelter items to the NGCA of Luhansk, in support of UNHCR.
- The Logistics Cluster continued to assist humanitarian actors by streamlining complex procedures, undertaking administrative requirements on behalf of partners, and providing advice and support to facilitate access for NGO cargo.
- Transport services of humanitarian cargo to the NGCA are ongoing.

Partnerships

- WFP currently works with four key NGO partners: Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), People in Need (PIN), Mercy Corps and Save the Children.

Resourcing Update

- WFP requires USD 10 million to cover operational needs in Ukraine until the current end of project, June 2016, pending a budget revision.
- WFP is facing a shortfall of USD 4.2 million to cover food distribution starting in April 2016. Urgent contributions are required to cover needs from April onwards otherwise significant ruptures in the pipeline may lead WFP to cut entitlements or suspend activities.



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WFP Operation

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	Four-month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Reached (February 2016)	Female	Male
EMOP 200765 (November 2014- June 2016)	91.9 m	42.9 m	16.2 m	124,460	74,755	49,705
Activity 1: Food Parcels				75,601	43,892	31,709
Activity 2: Cash- based transfers				48,859	30,863	17,996