



# WFP Ukraine Country Brief

## WFP Assistance

Assistance for Food-Insecure and Vulnerable Populations Affected by Conflict and Loss of Livelihoods in Eastern Ukraine	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
PRRO 200953 (Jan. - Dec. 2017)	35.7 m	9.8 m** (27%)	9.8 m (71%)

\* September 2017 - December 2017  
\*\*total received including resource transfer from EMOP

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WFP began its operations at the request of the Government of Ukraine and the United Nations Country Team in August 2014. To date, WFP has provided food assistance and support up to 1 million vulnerable people investing USD 60 million into the local economy, through a range of cash-based transfers (both cash and vouchers), and locally-procured food commodities.

National and international partners, including the Government of Ukraine at national and local level, UN agencies, NGOs, and the donor community are making joint efforts to reduce the level of food insecurity in eastern Ukraine. However, more has to be done to provide sustainable and durable solutions for 620,000 Ukrainians who are most vulnerable.

The current Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) addresses the food needs of the most vulnerable people affected by the conflict in eastern Ukraine while gradually supporting early recovery. The operation follows key recommendations of the evaluation report carried out in 2016, emphasizing the need for a strong focus on recovery combined with capacity development for the national government and local authorities.

Until end of December 2017, WFP plans to reach some 75,000 food insecure people with monthly rounds of food assistance (depending on the vulnerability status and the activities people are involved) via in-kind or CBT in both GCA and NGCA. WFP plans to assist conflict-affected food insecure people through distribution of about 2,300 metric tons (MT) of food and about USD 1.6 million

**Main Photo** Credit: Photo © WFP / Pieter-Jan de Pue  
Caption: IDP family in GCA living close to the contact line is baking cookies, thanks to products received from WFP.

## Highlights

- From January to August 2017, WFP assisted 144,500 beneficiaries including 17,000 through cash-based transfers (CBT), and 127,500 through in-kind food assistance.
- Humanitarian access to NGCA remains challenging, WFP continues to operate through local and international partners addressing the needs of those severely food insecure. In Luhansk NGCA, activities will be terminated in mid-September due to imposed limitations by de-facto authorities to conduct monitoring of food assistance as per WFP requirements.
- WFP support to people living with HIV is ongoing in GCA aiming to increase their adherence to antiretroviral therapy, contribute to prevention, and decrease rate of dropouts from treatment.

through CBT, through to December 2017. Immediate confirmation of additional donor contributions would enable WFP to address the needs of the most vulnerable.

Logistics Cluster Support to the Humanitarian Response in Ukraine	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)
SO 200821 (March 2015 - Dec 2017)	5.4 m	3.5 m

## Logistics Cluster

The Logistics Cluster coordinates humanitarian logistics in order to ensure the delivery of life-saving humanitarian assistance to the affected populations in eastern Ukraine.

Despite the challenging funding situation, the Logistics Cluster continued to support its partners during August 2017 by facilitating the joint humanitarian convoys to the most hard-to-reach locations in NGCA. In total, within the reporting period, the Logistics Cluster successfully facilitated the escort of more than 75 MT/411 m<sup>3</sup> of WASH, Telecommunication, Education items to Luhansk for UNHCR

## In Numbers

**4.4 m** people affected by the conflict (OCHA)

**3.8 m** people in need of humanitarian assistance (OCHA)

**620,000** people in need of food assistance (FSC)

**28,771**  
People Assisted  
August 2017



## Operational Updates

- WFP through its cooperating partners continue the implementation of early recovery activities, through food for assets (FFA) and food for trainings (FFT) modalities in Donetsk and Luhansk GCA under the current PRRO. The series of "light" trainings on nutrition are mostly completed, "intensive" skill based training are in progress.
- WFP in cooperation with FAO continues to provide support to smallholder farmers near the contact line. Assistance has been organized via FFT using e-vouchers modality.
- In response to increased food needs, subject to availability of funds, WFP plans to scale up food assistance activities in Donetsk NGCA during autumn and winter period. Some 180,000 food parcels (equivalent to about 2,182 tons of food commodities) are planned to be delivered to Donetsk oblast NGCA to reach 50,000 of the most food insecure people not assisted by other programs or food actors over September-December.
- WFP is conducting a study on Social Protection and Safety Nets in Ukraine. It aims to give a comprehensive overview of current social protection system and safety nets in Ukraine, with particular focus on food and nutrition security in general and for some vulnerable groups of people in conflict affected Donbas region. This study will contribute to the development of WFP social protection strategy in Ukraine. The paper will also make recommendations for policy guidance to strengthen social protection and safety nets mechanisms in order to contribute to achieving food security and nutrition outcomes in the country.

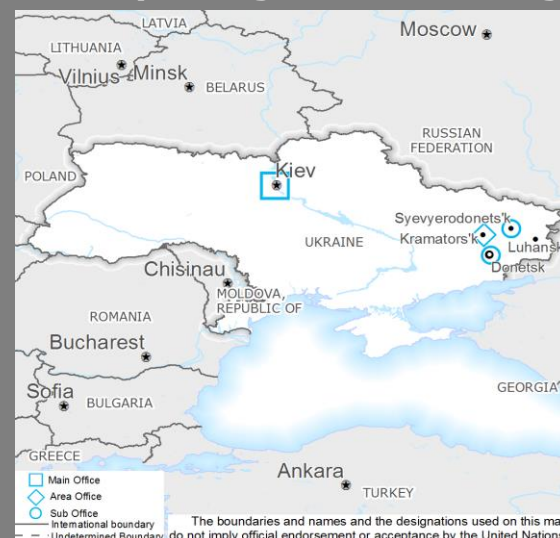
## Food Security and Livelihood Cluster

WFP is co-leading the [Food Security and Livelihood Cluster](#) (FSLC) in Ukraine with FAO. The FSLC was established to coordinate the assistance provided by humanitarian partners to the people affected by the crisis in Ukraine.

In August, an analytical team was set up by the FSLC technical working group to undertake the detailed analysis for the first joint cluster Food Security Assessment (FSA) in Ukraine. The joint FSA was undertaken by eight organisations from the cluster, including WFP. Final and detailed joint FSLC FSA findings for both NGCA and GCA will be published in mid-September 2017. Preliminary FSA findings project significant increased food security needs: in NGCA 800,000 people could be severely and moderately food insecure or 150,000 people being severely food insecure. In both Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts of GCA early analysis of FSA data also suggests a noticeable deterioration in food security levels.

FSLC has updated its Guidance Note on Winterisation for 2017-2018 for Food Security, which highlights the increased needs as temperature drops whilst the cost of living rises and food availability goes down. It also provides guidance on recommended food security assistance modalities. However, despite the humanitarian rising needs, the planned food security responses by cluster partners is very low due to lack of available funds.

## Country Background & Strategy



In May 2017 Ukraine has entered into its fourth year of conflict. Fighting and an escalation in the conflict during January and February indicate the unpredictability of the conflict. [OHCHR](#) estimates that total number of civilians killed since the start of the conflict (14 April 2014 to 14 May 2017) to be over 2,000 people, while number of civilian injuries is estimated at 7,000-9,000 people.

As a food exporting nation, food availability is not a concern in most of Ukraine; however, recent political and economic constraints further threaten food security in affected areas. Hundreds of thousands of civilians in conflict or former conflict areas have limited access to basic sustenance and services. Government support to public services has stopped in some areas; this includes funding to schools and hospitals, as well as the payment of social benefits and pensions. Many of the displaced people are unemployed, and their financial resources are thought to be depleted. Food inflation is among the highest in the world. The significant devaluation of national currency in 2015 has caused consumer prices growing at a faster pace than families' incomes, limiting their purchasing power and general access to food.

Some 620,000 people (expected to rise to 800,000) in eastern Ukraine are estimated to be food insecure, and additional 500,000 have little or no options for livelihood.

Population: **45.6 million**

2016 Human Development Index:  
**84 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

2016 Gender Inequality Index:  
**55 out of 157**

**Donors:** Germany and Italy.

**Partners:** Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), People in Need (PIN), Donbass Development Centre (DDC), Responsible Citizens (RC), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Network, Mariupol Youth Union (MYU).

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