



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 2017–March 2018)	37.9 m	13.1 m** (35%)	--

* January – March 2018

**total received including resource transfer from EMOP

GENDER MARKER 2A  PRRO 200953

WFP began its operations at the request of the Government of Ukraine in August 2014 to deliver emergency assistance to the people affected by the conflict in the east of the country. To date, WFP has provided food assistance and support to more than 1 million vulnerable people contributing USD 60 million into the local economy, through a range of cash-based transfers (CBT), 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.

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.

In order to support the people during the harsh winter months when the food insecurity traditionally decreases, the one-year PRRO was extended to additionally cover January and February 2018. Over December 2017 – February 2018 winter months, with the available resources and prioritised targeting criteria WFP will target over 50,000 food insecure people with multiple rounds of in-kind and CBT assistance in both

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Caption: Little Sasha from IDP family separated as a result of the conflict. Pokrovsk, Donetsk oblast GCA

Highlights

- WFP has extended its one-year PRRO to additionally cover two winter months in 2018, delivering critical assistance to the most vulnerable in eastern Ukraine. WFP is planning to provide assistance to at least 13,000 people of the most vulnerable in eastern Ukraine, through cash and vouchers to purchase food till end of February 2018.
- Since November 2014, when WFP began its emergency operation, until the end of December 2017, WFP provided in-kind food assistance and cash-based transfers to 1,068,600 individuals among the most vulnerable and food insecure people in Eastern Ukraine.

government-and non-government controlled areas (GCA and NGCA, respectively).

Logistics Cluster Support to the Humanitarian Response in Ukraine	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)
SO 200821 (March 2015 - Dec 2017)	5.7 m	4.1 m (72%)

Logistics Cluster

In December 2017, the Logistics Cluster accompanied two inter agency convoys with 11 mt/76 m³ of Health items to Donetsk (NGCA) and over 216 mt/ 172 m³ of Shelter and Health items to Luhansk (NGCA) to be further distributed to those in need.

In Numbers

4.4 m people affected by the conflict (OCHA)

3.4 m people in need of humanitarian assistance (HRP 2018)

1.2 m people in need of food assistance (HRP 2018)

42,450
People Assisted
in December 2017



Operational Updates

- Thanks to the relatively warm weather in December 2017, Food Assistance for Assets activities have been finalised in projects sites of Luhansk oblast GCA (activities and objects). WFP, together with the cooperating partner, are planning a joint workshop to analyse partnership and lessons learned for the early recovery projects, to be held in January 2018.
- In December 2017, main challenges for WFP and its partners were tight schedule of banks in pre-holiday period and respective technical delays with transfer of beneficiary funds. Nevertheless, WFP together with Cooperating Partners started winter activities according to extended PRRO, by providing CBT assistance to almost 25,000 identified food insecure people. The value of vouchers was increased in October 2017 from 550 to 700 UAH (about USD 25) per person per month to meet 75 percent of recommended daily nutritional requirements.
- WFP provides food parcels in conflict-affected areas where humanitarian organizations have limited access and where infrastructure and markets are disrupted. Most of these areas are in non-government controlled territories. In December 2017, 17,500 people have obtained WFP in-kind support in two rounds of assistance. This will be the final in-kind distribution from WFP; in January-February 2018, the assistance will be provided only through CBT.
- WFP first established its presence in Ukraine in March 2014 to address the food needs of the conflict-affected communities, but dwindling resources and access constraints in non-government controlled areas have severely hampered WFP ability to respond. As a result, WFP has not presented any project for 2018's Humanitarian Response Plan, launched in early December. WFP has instead supported its cooperating partners in presenting their projects to the HRP process. WFP encourages donors to directly support NGOs and international organizations who will continue to implement activities to address increased food needs in conflict-affected east of Ukraine.

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster

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

According to findings of a Joint Food Security Assessment released on 12 September, food insecurity doubled in 2017. The conflict in eastern Ukraine has exacerbated pre-existing systemic flaws, which added to the complexity of the humanitarian situation and led to significant increased food security needs both in non-government and government controlled areas. Evidence from assessments in 2017 further recommends support for conflict-affected people in addressing their immediate needs and rehabilitating their livelihoods. Weak social protection schemes also call for strong development actions to address unemployment and constant increase of food prices, which has ultimate impact on the life of the most vulnerable in the east of the country.

Country Background & Strategy



In May 2017, Ukraine has entered into its fourth year of conflict. Fighting and sudden escalation of the hostilities indicate the unpredictability of the conflict. [OHCHR](#) estimates that total number of civilians killed since the start of the conflict (14 April 2014 to 15 November 2017) to be over 2,500 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.

According to [HRP 2018](#), 1,200,000 people 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, Italy and USA .

Cooperating Partners:

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

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