



WFP Ukraine Country Brief

Highlights

- The Food Security and Livelihood Cluster (FSLC) remains concerned about the worsening food security and socio-economic situation in Donbas as a result of the ongoing conflict. Underfunding and unmet humanitarian food security and livelihoods needs continue to put at risk the most vulnerable food insecure groups.
- WFP Operation is facing substantial funding constraints being only 27 percent funded. In order to support food insecure people, WFP requires USD 15.8 million through to December 2017.
- WFP Ukraine continues consultations with Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food and other respective institutions regarding WFP activities in the coming months.

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%)	18.8 m

* August 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 to almost 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, with the available resources WFP plans to reach over 80,000 food insecure people with multiple rounds (from two to eight depending on the vulnerability status and the activities people are involved in) of in-kind and CBT assistance in both GCA and NGCA. WFP will assist conflict-affected

food insecure people through distribution of about 2,400 metric tons (MT) of food and about USD 2.5 million through CBT, through to December 2017.

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.

In July, the Cluster facilitated joint humanitarian convoys to the most hard-to-reach locations in NGCA enabling the delivery of over 5.6 MT of medicines to Luhansk city (NGCA) and over 145 MT of food parcels to be further distributed in Luhansk oblast (NGCA). Currently it has been noticed that requests for delivery of medicines to NGCA has a tendency to increase. Due to critical funding level, the contracting of transport to NGCA continues to be under the responsibility of each respective agency and organization.

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)

26,500
People Assisted
July 2017



Main Photo Credit: Photo © WFP/ Pieter Jan
Caption: Food assistance in Krasnohorivka, GCA, close to contact line



July 2017

Operational Updates

- WFP together with its cooperating partners continue the implementation of Food for Training (FFT) and Food for Assets (FFA) activities in GCA, including skill based qualification trainings and rehabilitation of community infrastructure objects. Up to 8,000 participants are supported with WFP electronic food vouchers or cash transfers for up to 6 months.
- Within the Global Memorandum of Understanding between FAO and WFP and as a part of an early recovery strategy for the most vulnerable population in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, WFP Ukraine started a cooperation with FAO, which is providing agricultural inputs for small plot holders near the contact line in combination with trainings on animal breeding techniques or crop production. WFP selected 2,500 people, among the most food insecure people preliminary targeted by FAO, to support them with cash assistance while raising the poultry in targeted locations. Selected participants who attended the trainings provided a positive feedback on the food assistance received by WFP via cash transfers for food.
- Some 12,000 food entitlements have been delivered to PIN, WFP cooperating partner in Luhansk NGCA. Over July-August period this assistance will be distributed to 12,000 food insecure chronically ill persons residing in the area.
- Distributions of 20,000 food entitlements are ongoing in Donetsk oblast NGCA through DDC, WFP cooperating partner, to those in critical need of food.
- While providing assistance WFP is prioritizing people that are identified as most vulnerable to food insecurity: elderly people (living alone or as a couple) with no support of their relatives, female-headed households with children, chronically ill people (people living with Tuberculosis, HIV or cancer) and people living with disabilities.
- WFP held consultations with representatives of Ministry for Temporary Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons of Ukraine and the Social Protection Department in Kramatorsk on existing social safety nets, and on options for emergency response in autumn and winter period.

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 July eight organisations from the cluster, including WFP, completed data collection for the first joint cluster Food Security Assessment (FSA) in Ukraine. Currently focus group discussions are ongoing. 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. The highest levels are seen in Donetsk oblast NGCA. In both Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts of GCA early analysis of FSA data also suggests a noticeable deterioration in food security levels. Final and detailed joint FSLC FSA findings for both NGCA and GCA are expected in August.

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).