



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	9.7 m (27%)	19.4 m (92%)

*July – December 2017

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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 food which was procured in country.

A significant reduction of level of food insecurity in eastern Ukraine has been the result of key joint efforts and work of national and international partners, including the Government of Ukraine at national and local level, UN agencies, NGOs, and the donor community. 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

Highlights

- WFP Ukraine is facing severe funding constraints. USD 17 million is urgently required to ensure the provision of food assistance to food insecure people living in eastern Ukraine through to the end of 2017.
- The May Food Security and Livelihood Cluster's analysis highlights the serious impact conflict has had on the economy with the level of poverty by actual cost of living seeing an increase in both Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts.
- Until the end of December 2017, WFP plans to reach over 80,000 food insecure people with a mix of in-kind and cash-based transfer (CBT) assistance in both government-controlled (GCA) and non-government controlled areas (NGCA).

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, during the next six months.

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 June, the Cluster facilitated joint humanitarian convoys to the most difficult-to-access locations in the NGCA enabling the delivery of over 7.5 MT of medicines to Donetsk city, and 34,000 food parcels to be further distributed to those in need in both Luhansk and Donetsk NGCA. However, as of June, due to critical funding level, the contracting of transport to NGCA will be under the responsibility of each agency and organization. USD 600,000 are urgently required to continue the implementation of free-to-use common services.

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)

30,000
People Assisted
June 2017

63%



37%



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Caption: In kind food assistance to conflict affected population in Donetsk GCA

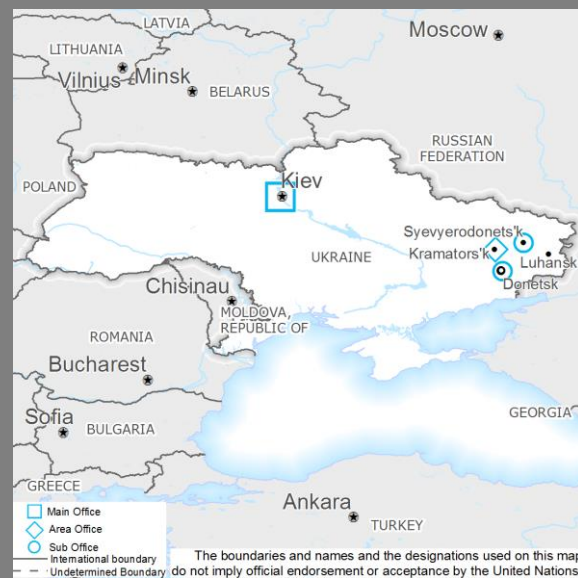
Operational Updates

- Since November 2014, when WFP began its emergency operation, until the end of June 2017, WFP provided in-kind food assistance and cash-based transfers to **970,000** people among the most vulnerable and food insecure people. Between January and June 2017, WFP and its cooperating partners assisted some **120,000** people with in-kind food entitlements and CBT.
- WFP together with partners continues the implementation of livelihood recovery activities that started in May through the Food for Training (FFT) and Food for Asset (FFA) projects in GCA. The conflict affected internally displaced population, people living with chronic diseases, people with disabilities and single mothers with limited or no means for survival are among those targeted.
- FFT activities focus on topics such as “Healthy and balanced nutrition” and “Vitamins and Nutrition during crisis” which also comprise information on family food budget, healthy lifestyle and importance of physical exercise.
- Consultations with the heads of local communities in GCA are ongoing to identify potential FFA projects, including projects on rehabilitation of sewage pipes system. WFP and partners are selecting people for a project on rehabilitation of fruit orchards, and are exploring the possibility to provide equipment for processing and storage of the harvest in order to contribute to the improvement of food security of the people in the area.
- WFP’s support to people living with HIV is ongoing in GCA aiming to increase their adherence to antiretroviral therapy and prevention. WFP plans to support 6,500 people with food assistance via e-vouchers.
- Distributions of in-kind food assistance are ongoing in NGCA. A convoy with 20,000 food parcels has arrived to Donetsk city to be distributed in two rounds to 10,000 vulnerable people through WFP cooperating partner.
- In Luhansk NGCA, WFP through its cooperating partner is finalizing the distribution of food entitlements to 28,000 people including chronically ill people and families with children under 12 months old.

Resourcing

- WFP’s operation is facing substantial funding constraints, being only 27 percent funded, equivalent to USD 9.6 million. As a result, WFP Ukraine reduced the number of targeted beneficiaries, and within available resources will provide assistance to 80,000 people through its relief and early recovery activities. In order to support food insecure people, WFP urgently requires USD 17 million through to December 2017.

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 in eastern Ukraine are estimated to be food insecure, and additional

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).