



WFP Ukraine

Situation Report #21

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In Numbers

3.7 million people affected (OCHA)

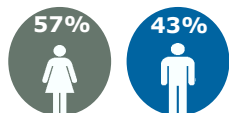
3.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance (OCHA)

600.000 people food insecure

Highlights

- In September, WFP provided food assistance to **55,484** people among the most vulnerable population affected by the conflict in eastern Ukraine.
- 57 percent of those supported by WFP in September were women, who are considered to be more vulnerable due to a lack of employment opportunities and their traditional household and care-giving responsibilities.

People assisted
September 2016



Funding Update

Global Humanitarian Funding

USD 298 million (HRP 2016)

Funding Requirements

EMOP 200765 USD 27.8 million (Nov 2016 – April 2017)*

Food Security Cluster USD 56 million (HRP 2016)

Logistics Cluster fully funded until end of 2016

*Figures include projected requirements for the new proposed PRRO starting in January 2017.



EMOP 200765: Emergency assistance to civilians affected by the conflict in eastern Ukraine

Photo: Twin sisters and their younger sister whose family received food assistance from WFP after their house was destroyed by shelling. Donetsk region, Ukraine WFP/Krystyna Kovalenko

Situation Update

- The approaching winter will leave the people affected by the crisis even more vulnerable as their needs are growing. Lacking adequate shelter and resources to keep homes warm in winter, particularly in front line areas and in Non-Government Controlled Areas (NGCA), people are expected to be in higher need of immediate humanitarian assistance.
- A renewed ceasefire was announced on 01 September, and though there has been a significant de-escalation in the conflict, incidents of breaches continue to be reported, in particular along the contact line. Since a ceasefire was agreed on 1 September, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) reports a decrease in the level of violence. While fighting continues in hotspots, its intensity decreased. There have been occasional flare-ups showing the volatile situation.
- On 21 September in Minsk, the Trilateral Contact Group (representatives from Ukraine, Russia and OSCE) agreed on the withdrawal of troops from three small towns at the front line in eastern Ukraine. Under the terms of the agreement, armed forces from both sides are banned from entering the three areas, which are 4 square km each in size. The withdrawal must start within a month and be completed within three days. Renewed commitments by parties to the conflict to respect the two-year-old Minsk ceasefire agreement have offered some relief for people living in eastern Ukraine.
- The leaders of Ukraine, Germany, France, and Russia, or the Normandy Four, met in Berlin on 19 October and agreed to draft a 'road map' which would help to implement the 2015 Minsk peace agreement for eastern Ukraine.

WFP Response

- WFP Ukraine provides food to IDPs, returnees and people who are suffering as a result of the conflict in eastern Ukraine (Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts). Many of them have not only lost homes, but also access to land to grow food. WFP provides monthly food parcels and cash-based transfers (CBTs) to vulnerable populations to ensure they have access to sufficient food. The type of assistance depends on local conditions such as availability of food at local markets and whether financial institutions are functioning.
- WFP's food basket includes: pasta, wheat flour, beans, sugar, salt, buckwheat, canned fish and vegetable oil

equivalent to 1,600 kcal per person per day. People who receive CBTs are provided with UAH 550 (approximately USD 20), calculated to cover the food needs of one person for one month. WFP gives special attention to patients in hospitals who receive a minimum daily requirement of 2,100 kcal per person per day.



Food Assistance

- As a result of lack of funding, WFP revised its operational plan since July: the number of people targeted has been decreased based on available resources, in order to provide assistance to a higher number of people during the winter months (starting November) when heating and other utilities costs are high and the most vulnerable population becomes even more vulnerable. Geographically, WFP will continue to prioritize areas where people have less access to food: NGCA and the buffer zone, while the most vulnerable population in the government-controlled area (GCA) will still receive assistance.
- Due to funding constraints, WFP will only be able to assist a total of 180,000 people compared to the initial plan of 280,000 people until the end of 2016. WFP prioritizes the following groups: elderly people not staying with their relatives, single-headed households with more than two children, persons living with chronic diseases, persons living with Tuberculosis, HIV or cancer, and people with disabilities. The number of rounds of food assistance per person is being halved (two monthly rounds instead of four).
- WFP provided food assistance to **55,484** people among the most vulnerable population affected by the conflict in eastern Ukraine in September.
- WFP takes into account gender inequalities when assessing food needs and programming assistance. Women are considered to be more vulnerable due to a lack of employment options and their traditional household and care-giving responsibilities. Therefore, **57 percent** of those who received assistance by WFP in September were women and girls.



Logistics

In September, 11,000 food parcels were delivered to WFP NGO partner Donbass Development Center (DDC) to be distributed to the vulnerable population of Donetsk NGCA.

Clusters



Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- In September, FSC partners provided assistance to 66,334 people with projects aiming at improving access to food. In total, FSC partners provided assistance to 482,156 people.
- Since January 2016, 14,929 families were provided with livestock, and 8,039 households were involved in small business creation activities.

- Most of the FSC partners are decreasing their activities due to funding constraints and restricted access to NGCA where people are the most vulnerable.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate joint humanitarian convoys to the most hard-to-reach locations in NGCA. On 22 September, the Logistics Cluster successfully facilitated a convoy of approximately 275 mt/353 m3 of Shelter cargo to PIN in Donetsk (NGCA).
- The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate humanitarian assistance delivery by offering storage space for common cargo in Dnipro warehouse on a free-to-user basis for consolidation of cargo before forwarding humanitarian goods to NGCA.

Resourcing Update

WFP is facing a serious shortfall of USD 27.8 million to provide food assistance during the cold winter months until April 2017.

Partnerships

WFP currently works with seven key NGO partners: Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), AICM (Aide internationale a la Cooperation Medicale), Donbass Development Center, Mercy Corps, People in Need (PIN), Responsible Citizens and Save the Children.



Story: Still ongoing, the conflict continues to affect civilians

Tatiana and her husband, who have five young children, live near the contact line, in the city of Toretsk in Donetsk oblast. As a result of the conflict, their house was shelled and destroyed one night in July while the family was sleeping. They managed to escape in time by jumping out of windows, with their children in their arms. The conflict took away everything they had: shelter, clothes, money, valuables and pets. It also destroyed their source of income as the family was growing hazelnuts in the backyard garden to sell them at the local market. Since their house was destroyed, Tatiana and her family have been living with their neighbours in a small house in precarious conditions. WFP was the first humanitarian organization to provide humanitarian assistance to the family. Every month, Tatiana and her family receive a food parcel with basic food items that help the family sustain during the time of conflict.

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WFP Operation

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*	People Reached (September)**	Female	Male
EMOP 200765 November 2014- December 2016	127.7 m	54.5 m	27.8 m	55,484	31,894	23,590
Food parcels				52,134	29,780	22,354
Cash-based transfers				3,350	2,114	1,236

*Figures include projected requirements for the new proposed PRRO starting in January 2017