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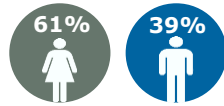
In Numbers

- 4.4 million** people affected (OCHA)
- 3.8 million** people in need of humanitarian assistance (OCHA)
- 620.000** people food insecure
- 300.000** internally displaced persons (GCA) (HNO 2017)

Highlights

- According to the latest Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis, the overall number of food insecure people in Donbass is estimated to be 620,000 people. Among those, nearly 38,000 are internally displaced persons (IDPs).
- WFP is experiencing lack of funding which may prevent it from providing food relief to people in eastern Ukraine and scale down implementation of early recovery activities, which are planned to enhance local livelihoods and strengthen resilience to shocks.

People assisted February 2017



Global Humanitarian Funding

Overall: USD 298 million (HRP 2016)

WFP Funding Requirements 2017

PRRO 200953*	USD 16 m
Logistics Cluster	USD 1.5 m
Food Security Cluster	USD 65.2m

*PRRO 6-months net funding requirements April-September 2017.

Situation Update

- A spike of hostilities, which started in the end of January, continued in February and resulted into increased humanitarian needs. Insecurity peaked up again across eastern Ukraine, generating additional civilian casualties and humanitarian needs in several locations. Since the beginning of the year, [OHCHR verified 111 civilian casualties](#) (20 deaths and 91 injuries), compared to 51 in November-December 2016.
- The ongoing fighting continued to pose indirect threat to civilian population who depends on centralized water, electricity and heating supply. Outdated but critically important civilian infrastructures, including chlorine gas facilities of the "Donetsk Filter Station", endured more direct hits this month.
- On 25 January, a group of veterans of the current conflict launched a blockade of railway communications between government-controlled (GCA) and non-government controlled (NGCA) territories, demanding the release of prisoners of conflict by de facto authorities. According to the latest [OCHA Humanitarian Bulletin](#), the economic impact of the blockade is likely to affect ordinary Ukrainians in many locations. At least half a million of jobs are at risk and negative repercussions are likely to affect some 1.5 million people - family members of former employees of energy enterprises included, and fuel social tensions.

WFP Response

- Since November 2014, WFP has been providing food assistance through locally purchased monthly entitlements cash or vouchers to internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees and other people affected by conflict in the eastern Ukraine regions of Donetsk and Luhansk. Under its Emergency Operation EMOP 200765, WFP has provided food assistance to 850,000 people in these regions until December 2016.
- In January 2017, WFP started its Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation PRRO 200953. It will continue to address food needs of the most vulnerable people in



eastern Ukraine throughout 2017 while gradually supporting early recovery activities aiming at enhancing local livelihoods, increasing income, diversifying crops, and rehabilitating productive assets. People who are identified as moderately food-insecure, meaning they struggle to find or buy enough food on a daily basis to lead a healthy life, will be engaged in food assistance-for-training and food assistance-for-assets activities, which will be tailored to the local context and based on available funding.



Supply Chain

- Taking into account weather conditions in the country during winter months, when food needs are the highest, WFP has prepositioned 29,000 food parcels in the warehouse in Dnipro to be distributed to people in need. In February, all food parcels were transferred to WFP partner ADRA to assist people with restricted access to food in GCA.



Food Assistance

- In February, WFP in partnership with NGOs Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), People in Need (PIN) as well as partner-agency UNHCR Ukraine has provided food support to 35,503 conflict-affected people residing in both government and non-government controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. These include elderly people without support of relatives, families with one parent, people with disabilities and people with chronic diseases (HIV, Tuberculosis, and cancer). The food entitlements were provided in response to emergency food needs caused by escalations of conflict and critically low winter temperatures. Distributions were closely coordinated with local authorities and the humanitarian community on the ground.
- Women are considered to be more vulnerable due to lack of employment options and their traditional household and care-giving responsibilities. Therefore, 61 percent of those who received assistance by WFP in February were women and girls.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster

- According to the February [Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis](#), the overall number of food insecure people in Donbass is estimated to be 620,000 people. Among those, nearly 38,000 are IDPs.
- Women continue to be much more vulnerable than men, with 14.8 percent and 5.5 percent of average poor and borderline level of food consumed accordingly. Most of them are single mothers. Elders living alone and people with chronic diseases are

another very vulnerable category.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster assists all humanitarian agencies and cooperating partners with coordination and information management which focuses on identifying logistics bottlenecks and providing a forum for humanitarian actors to address challenges.
- During February, the Logistics Cluster facilitated five humanitarian convoys to the most hard-to-reach locations in NGCA consisting of WASH, Shelter, Medicines and Education items of total amount of 1437mt/ 3271 m3, for five partners (UNHCR, IOM, AICM, UNICEF and DDC).

Partnerships

- In order to reach people residing in the most insecure areas of Donetsk and Lugansk, both GCA and NGCA, WFP partners with international and local NGOs that share WFP's vision and goals and have capacity in eastern Ukraine.
- In January, WFP announced a call for new partners for 2017 to be able to meet the needs of the affected population in eastern Ukraine under the PRRO in 2017. In February, WFP has been engaged into evaluation of applications, selection of partners and drafting agreements.

Funding

- WFP is grateful to all the donors that have contributed or pledged support to WFP operations in support of the people of Ukraine. In particular, WFP wishes to thank the Governments of Germany and Italy for their 2017 contributions, enabling WFP to continue its assistance to vulnerable populations in Ukraine through WFP's Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation 200953.
- WFP urgently needs USD 30 million to provide much-needed food assistance in eastern Ukraine until December 2017. Without additional funding, WFP will be forced to prioritise the number of people it will be able to assist, reduce the number of months during which it will be able to assist people with food and scale down implementation of early recovery activities.

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WFP Operation						
	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 months Net Funding Requirements (Apr-Sep 2017) (in USD)	People Reached (February)	Female	Male
PRRO 200953 (Jan-Dec 2017)	35.7 m	7 m	16 m	35,503	21,663	13,840
Food parcels				35,503 ¹	21,663	13,840
Cash-based transfers				- ²	-	-

¹ WFP Ukraine distributed stock transferred from EMOP as winterization measure, while new Field Level Agreements (FLAs) for PRRO 2017 are being prepared.

² WFP finalized all CBT distributions under EMOP in December 2016, providing two rounds of assistance, covering December and January. New FLAs for PRRO 2017 are being prepared.