



World Food Programme



WFP Ukraine

Situation Report #25

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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

- Food parcels that were sealed in warehouse in Donetsk NGCA, were transferred to WFP-cooperating partner Donbass Development Centre (DDC) and will be distributed in the coming months (June-July).
- WFP is in critical need of funding support (USD 16 m) in order to continue providing assistance to the most food insecure population in eastern Ukraine and implement Food-for-Assets and Food-for-Training activities, scheduled to start during the second quarter of 2017.

Situation Update

- In March, the de facto authorities imposed 'external control' over all Ukrainian business entities located in non-government-controlled areas (NGCAs) of eastern Ukraine, including the electricity company, DTEK. The exceptions were the public utility company, Voda Donbassa, the largest water company in eastern Ukraine and the telecommunication company, MTS. In response to this, the Government of Ukraine enacted a 'State of Emergency' in the Energy sector through an executive order and, soon after, a ban on all trade has come to an effect across the so-called 'contact line' that separates government-controlled areas (GCAs) from NGCAs. Although the measures did not have an immediate impact on UN operations on both sides of the 'contact line' - humanitarian convoys are normally exempt from the measures - such developments were widely considered and expected to have resulted in a 'freezing of the conflict'. Notwithstanding the flare-ups of hostilities, including shelling of critical civilian infrastructure that resulted in the recurring interruption of water services, the intensity of hostilities was on a lower scale compared to the previous two months.
- The largest food assistance operation, the Rinat Akhmetov Foundation (RAF), has been banned from NGCA. RAF has provided food assistance to approximately 500,000 people in eastern Ukraine since the beginning of conflict in 2014.

WFP Response

- Since November 2014, WFP has been providing food assistance through General Food Assistance (locally purchased monthly food entitlements, and 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

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 May-October 2017.



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, those who face difficulties to 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.

- WFP food security monitoring systems identified five categories of most food insecure conflict-affected beneficiaries, which WFP will prioritize for general food assistance (GFA) in 2017. These include elderly people (living alone or as a couple) not staying with their relatives, households headed by women with more than two children, chronically ill people (people living with Tuberculosis, HIV or cancer), people living with a disability and unaccompanied minors.



Food Assistance

- Around 13,000 food parcels were planned to be distributed in Luhansk NGCA by UNHCR in March, however the distributions were suspended. UNHCR is expected to receive a renewed registration to operate in the Luhansk People's Republic and distribute the food.
- In November 2016, due to suspension of operational capacities of WFP cooperating partner People in Need (PIN), around 64,000 food parcels remained undistributed in Donetsk NGCA. In March 2017, the situation has been successfully resolved due to joint efforts of WFP and its partners. Within the coming three months, WFP, in partnership with NGO Donbass Development Centre (DDC), will distribute these food parcels among the food insecure people in Donetsk NGCA.
- In-kind food assistance provided by WFP in 2017 was carry-over stock from EMOP, prepositioned by WFP for winterisation purposes. Assistance through cash-based transfers and food vouchers will be resumed with start of implementation of early recovery activities in late spring-beginning of summer.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC)

- According to the February Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis, the total number of food insecure people in Donbass is approximately 620,000 people, of which 38,000 are IDPs. People with poor and borderline levels of food consumption is estimated at 7.3 percent in GCA, 9.2 percent for IDPs residing in GCA and 15.2 percent among the general population in NGCA. The analysis also reveals that across all

areas observed, women continue to be much more vulnerable than men (14.8 percent and 5.5 percent of average poor and borderline level of food consumed accordingly).

- Given the situation in NGCA, following the blockade of one of the biggest food security assistance providers, RAF, FSLC initiated work to ascertain the capacity of organisations to fill a potential gap. This capacity remains limited.



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.
- On 02 March, a joint AICM and UNICEF humanitarian convoy delivered 3.8 mt of humanitarian assistance, and on 30 March an AICM convoy distributed 0.4 mt of health items. In total the Logistics Cluster successfully facilitated the delivery of more than 4.3 mt of humanitarian assistance to Donetsk NGCA in March.

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 goals to provide life-saving humanitarian assistance and have capacity to assist in eastern Ukraine.
- In March, WFP has finalized selection of cooperating partners for 2017 among which are Adventist Development and Relief Agency (DRA), People in Need (PIN), DDC, Responsible Citizens (RC), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and NGO Network.

Funding

- With a planned budget of USD 35.7 m WFP aimed to assist 220,000 food insecure people in eastern Ukraine in 2017. However, due to low funding contributions, WFP had to review its implementation plan and prioritise its assistance, targeting 70,000 people.
- WFP is grateful for the generous contributions received from the Governments of Germany and Italy made in 2017, these have been used to assist those in need of food assistance in eastern Ukraine. Additional funding is urgently required to enable WFP stand by its commitment of creating livelihoods and providing food to those in need in eastern Ukraine.

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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 (March)	Female	Male
PRRO 200953 (Jan-Dec 2017)	35.7 m	7 m	16 m	-	-	-
Food parcels				- ¹	-	-
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.