In Numbers

3.7 million people affected (OCHA)
3.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance (Humanitarian Response Plan 2016)
1.5 million people food insecure (WFP Food Security Assessment)

Highlights

1. During March 2016, WFP along with its cooperating partners (CPs) provided food assistance to 96,400 people under Emergency Operation (EMOP) 200765.

2. New requirements for humanitarian organizations operating in NGCAs are hampering humanitarian assistance from reaching people in these areas.

3. WFP requires USD 27.5 million in Ukraine from April until September.

Situation Update

1. An escalation of security incidents along the contact line and political instability during March and early April has increased concerns for the humanitarian situation of civilians. Currently, the availability of clean water for over 300,000 people living in the Donetsk area is at risk. The Humanitarian Coordinator in Ukraine has called on all parties in the conflict to respect civilian installations.

2. The Government of Ukraine has requested all pensioners to re-register, in order to confirm their Internally Displaced Person (IDP) status. The Luhansk Pension Fund in the GCA has already suspended pensions to 47 percent of pensioners registered as IDPs. This leaves safe and free movement across the contact line critical, not only the humanitarian community, but also people trying to verify their status.

Funding Update

Global Humanitarian Funding
USD 298 million (HRP)
WFP Share of Appeal USD 56.8 million (19%)

EMOP 200765 Budget
USD 91.3 million (November 2014—June 2016)

Funding Requirements
WFP USD 27.5 million (April—Sept 2016)
Food Security Cluster USD 75 million
Logistics Cluster USD 3.1 million (HRP 2016)

Food Assistance

1. Under its EMOP, WFP together with its NGO partners, provide food assistance to IDPs, returnees and residents in conflict-affected eastern Ukraine with monthly food parcels (1,600 kcal per day), or cash-based transfers (CBTs). Each beneficiary of CBTs is entitled to receive UAH 450 (approximately USD 20) per month for three months.

2. The ongoing operation is supporting people residing in two oblasts affected by the conflict: Donetsk and Luhansk. The use of CBTs or in-kind assistance depends on context-specific needs, considering the degree to which an area is affected by the conflict.
In line with WFP’s commitment to addressing gender and protection issues, WFP’s beneficiary targeting is informed by food security assessments and secondary data. Targeting criteria include pregnant and nursing mothers, single women, households headed by women, children aged 6-24 months, the elderly, people with disabilities, and large households.

Women and girls represent 62.2 percent of the total number of beneficiaries reached in March, reflecting targeting criteria outlined above.

Since the beginning of EMOP 200765 in November 2014, WFP has assisted 646,547 people with food assistance.

In March 2016, WFP reached 96,400 people under the EMOP, of whom 43,510 received food parcels and 52,890 received CBTs. The total reached in March included 53,640 people in GCAs and 42,760 in NGCAs. During this period 24,650 children received WFP food assistance, including 6,520 children under five.

The significant influx of IDPs has affected the capacity of hospitals and social institutions to support the increasing number of patients. WFP supports food insecure people in hospitals and social institutions with monthly in-kinds entitlements (2,100 kcal per day).

Logistics

In March, WFP delivered 140,000 food parcels (over 2,000 mt of food) to NGO partners for distribution. This included 40,000 food parcels for GCAs and 100,000 food parcels for distribution in NGCAs.

Clusters

Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- During March 2016, FSC partners reached 490,000 people with activities aimed at improving access to food.
- In an effort to forecast interventions for the coming three months and minimise gaps, FSC partners have shared their plans in order to enable the FSC to better coordinate activities.

Logistics Cluster (LC)

- In early March, the LC facilitated transport of 171.6 mt (273.9 m3) of shelter items to the NGCA, Luhansk, in support of UNHCR. However, movement is now stalled pending authorisation to operate within the NGCAs.
- The LC remains prepared to assist humanitarian actors to deliver humanitarian assistance to people in need, with 260 mt (1,200 m3) of humanitarian items in the Logistics Cluster warehouse in Dnipropetrovsk ready to be delivered.

Partnerships

- WFP works with four key NGO partners: Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), People in Need (PIN), Mercy Corps and Save the Children.
- On 30 March, WFP and UNHCR signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Luhansk to rehabilitate shelters and address food security in 25 villages in Luhansk oblast.
- An agreement has been signed with the Kiev International Institute of Sociology (KIIS) for data collection informing food security.

Resourcing Update

- WFP requires USD 27.5 million in Ukraine from April until September.

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