



WFP Ukraine

Situation Report #20

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In Numbers

3.7 million people affected (OCHA)

3.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance

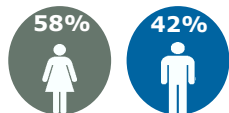
1.1 million people food insecure

Highlights

- WFP is experiencing a serious lack of financial resources: USD 23.3 million are urgently needed to provide food assistance to people affected by the conflict until the end of 2016.
- WFP has prepared a prioritisation plan identifying the most vulnerable. This means that WFP will be able to reach only 100,000 people compared to the initial plans of 280,000 people.

People assisted

July 2016



Funding Update

Global Humanitarian Funding

USD 298 million (HRP 2016)

Funding Requirements

WFP USD 23.3 million (Aug–Dec 2016)

Food Security Cluster USD 75 million

Logistics Cluster USD 3.1 million (HRP 2016)

Situation Update

- According to the latest [OCHA Bulletin](#), the level of violence in the conflict area in eastern Ukraine remained high throughout July while civilian casualties and damages to critical civilian infrastructures hit a one year record. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded in July the highest number of conflict-related civilian casualties (8 fatalities and 65 injuries) in a single month since August 2015. Since the beginning of the conflict, 22,137 people have been wounded and 9,553 killed; some 2,000 of the fatalities were civilians.
- Displaced people continue to report the lack of livelihoods as a key concern. A shortage of employment opportunities and the general economic situation facing Ukraine has particularly affected the displaced, forcing many to live in inadequate housing such as collective centres and other temporary accommodation. At present, there are 271 such collective centres housing over 10,000 people. Other internally displaced people (IDPs) stay with host families, volunteers and in private accommodation, though affordable private accommodation is often in poor condition. The lack of livelihoods and adequate housing greatly restrict the affected population's possibilities in finding lasting solutions and stability.

WFP Response

- WFP in 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 and livelihoods, 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, 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.



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

Photo: Two brothers, part of a family with ten children, who receive food from WFP, in Donetsk region. WFP/Deborah

Resourcing Update

- WFP is facing a serious shortfall of USD 23.3 million to cover operational needs until December 2016.



Food Assistance

- By supplying food parcels and CBTs to those affected by the conflict in eastern Ukraine, in July, WFP met the needs of **37,313** people in both government controlled and non-government controlled areas (NGCA).
- WFP takes into account gender inequalities when assessing food needs and programming assistance. Women are considered to be more vulnerable due to lack of employment options and their traditional household and care-giving responsibilities. Therefore, **58 percent** of those reached by WFP in July were women and girls.
- Given that WFP is lacking funding and available food stocks are running low, WFP prepared a prioritization plan to ensure that the most vulnerable population affected by the conflict will receive food assistance in case no funding is received in the coming months. This means that WFP will be able to assist 100,000 people compared to initial plans of 280,000 people. Under this plan, WFP will prioritize the following groups: elderly people (living alone or as a couple) not staying with their relatives, women-headed households with more than two children, chronically ill people (people living with Tuberculosis, HIV or cancer) and disabled people.
- Geographically, WFP will continue to prioritize areas with the worst food security levels: NGCA and the buffer zone, while the most vulnerable population in the government-controlled area (GCA) will still receive assistance. The number of rounds of food assistance per person will be halved: people assisted will receive two monthly rounds instead of four, over a period of five months.



New Hope

Before the beginning of conflict, Tatiana (single mother of two from Gorlovka, Donetsk region, NGCA) divorced her husband and became a single provider for her two children. She was still employed, however, her salary was paid irregularly. Since January 2016, remuneration was cut off completely and she was unable to receive social payments. The city was severely destroyed and is being shelled even now leaving no other working opportunities. By March, Tatiana used all her savings and had no money left to buy food for her children. Being at the edge of despair, she has started thinking of taking her children to the orphanage to at least make sure they were regularly fed. As a single unemployed mother, Tatiana was prioritized for food

assistance by WFP. Every month, she receives a food parcel to ensure and her children's basic food needs are covered. WFP assistance has given Tatyana and her family not only food but also hope that helped her go through very tough times.



Logistics

In July, 932 food parcels (15.18 mt) were dispatched to NGCA in the East of Ukraine. These will be distributed by NGO partners to the conflict-affected people in the hospitals.

Clusters



Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- In July, FSC partners provided assistance to 57,043 people with projects aiming at improving access to food. In total, FSC partners provided assistance to 524,745 people.
- Since January 2016, 9,359 households received inputs, mainly livestock inputs, and 2,234 households were involved in asset creation activities.



Logistics Cluster

The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate joint humanitarian convoys to the most hard-to-reach locations in NGCA. In total, more than 1,089 mt/1231 m3 of humanitarian assistance have been delivered to Donetsk and Luhansk. This included a convoy of approximately 137 mt/178 m3 of shelter cargo in Donetsk (NGCA) on 21 July and approximately 563 mt/471 m3 to Luhansk (NGCA) on 27 July - the largest (in terms of volume and weight) for the last few months.

Partnerships

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

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WFP Operation

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Reached (July)**	Female	Male
EMOP 200765 November 2014- December 2016	127.7 m	53.5 m	23.3 m	37,313	21,287	16,026
Food parcels				35,605	20,178	15,427
Cash-based transfers				1,708	1,109	599

*Note multiyear funding included, without USD 50 million

**In July, the number of targeted beneficiaries has been decreased as per the re-prioritization plan based on available resources.