Highlights

- In July a second Budget Revision (BR) of EMOP 200765 was approved. Under the BR the EMOP plans to provide food assistance to 575,000 people in need and introduce nutrition products for 20,000 children under two years.

- Despite complete closure of humanitarian corridor to the non-government controlled areas of Donbas in July, WFP managed to distribute 11,500 food parcels from the emergency stocks. WFP is out of emergency stocks in non-government controlled areas. New deliveries are required to secure further distribution.

Situation Update

- In OCHA’s situation update dated 10 July, OCHA reported over 1.4 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) registered in Ukraine.

- The food supply in non-government controlled areas has become limited and the continuing crisis decreased people abilities to access food. The cost of food in Ukraine has shown an increase of 52 percent in June 2015 compared to June 2014. Data collected recently through the Kiev International Institution of Sociology shows that the insecurity is more severe in non-government controlled area compared to levels of the Multi-Sector Needs Assessment in the same region. Nearly 40 percent of the interviewed beneficiaries found as food insecure, comparing to 14 percent in March.

- De facto authorities from non-government controlled areas required all humanitarian agencies to register their operations. This led to subsequent closure of the humanitarian relief corridor (Volnovakha – Bugas) with no possibility to deliver humanitarian cargo since 9 July. The Humanitarian community led by OCHA is now negotiating a possible solution with both the Ukrainian Government and de facto authorities.

WFP Response

- Under its Emergency Operation, from November 2014 to July 2015, WFP has reached 161,000 individuals. As of 31 June 2015, around 99,000 people received food parcels and more than 62,000 people received food vouchers.

- WFP is preparing a Food Security Assessment covering both government-controlled areas and non-government controlled areas. WFP will engage Kiev International Institute of Sociology to carry out the data collection. The results of the assessment will be available in the beginning of September.

- The final agreement for WFP accreditation in Ukraine is under endorsement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In numbers

- 5 million people in need of humanitarian assistance (OCHA)
- 1.3 million people in need of food assistance (Multi-Sector Needs Assessment)
- 1.4 million people displaced (OCHA)

Achievements to date since November 2014

- 161,000 people reached
- 99,000 received food parcels
- 62,000 received vouchers

Funding Update

Total Budget: USD 56 million
Net shortfall (July-December): USD 29.5 million
Food Assistance

- In July, WFP reached 11,500 people with food parcels and 6,500 people through market-based vouchers in eastern Ukraine (each voucher is 450 Ukrainian Hryvnia/USD 20).

- WFP continues to support IDPs in government controlled areas through cash and voucher transfers and people in non-government controlled area through food distribution. The targeting criteria enabling to define the most vulnerable groups are established jointly by the members of the Food Security Cluster (document available on FSC website).

- Closure of the entrance to non-government controlled areas did not influence the ability of WFP to provide food assistance to parts of Donbas in July. The distributions were secured from the emergency stocks in non-government controlled areas.

Clusters

Food Security Cluster

- The FSC partners reached more than 64,000 beneficiaries with food aid parcels and vouchers in Donetsk, Luhansk, and Dnipropetrovsk regions in June.

- In the buffer zone about 16,000 farmers will receive livestock fodder from members of the FSC. Priority will be given to female headed households.

Webpage: [http://foodsecuritycluster.net/countries/ukraine](http://foodsecuritycluster.net/countries/ukraine)

Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster organizes convoys once a week to cross from the government controlled areas into the non-government controlled areas.

- Since March 2015, the Logistics Cluster has facilitated the movement of more than 400 mt of humanitarian cargo to the non-government controlled areas. Over 100 mt of the humanitarian items have been transported during the reporting period.

- Since 19 June, four convoys were organized with a total of 24 trucks transporting WFP food and 14 trucks of Logistics Cluster, transporting food and non-food items from other agencies.

Webpage: [http://www.logcluster.org/contact](http://www.logcluster.org/contact)

Partnerships

- WFP currently works with three key NGO partners: ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency), People in Need (PIN) and Mercy Corps.

Resourcing Update

- The revised budget of WFP’s EMOP is USD 56 million with increases of the project requirement by USD 34.5 million.

- The funding shortfall through December is 53 percent (USD 29.5 million) as of the end of July. Unless sufficient funding is secured, WFP’s ability to provide life-saving support in Ukraine will be significantly hampered.

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