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WFP Ukraine

Situation Report #28

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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

- In June, WFP delivered food assistance to some 30,000 people in both government-controlled (GCA) and non-government controlled areas (NGCA) of Donetsk and Luhansk.
- WFP is in critical need of funding support: US\$ 19.4 million is urgently required in order to continue providing food assistance.
- May Food Security and Livelihood Cluster's analysis highlights the serious impact conflict has had on the economy with increased level of poverty by actual cost of living in GCA of both Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts.

Situation Update

- While the security situation remains volatile with hostilities occurring in variety of forms and scale, the humanitarian situation remains a concern. Supply and access to clean water, gas, and electricity is at risk for millions in eastern Ukraine as public infrastructures continue to be targeted. According to OSCE, damages to water treatment facilities, chemical plants and agricultural enterprises continuously hit by shelling bear a serious threat to the environment.
- As stated in [UN OCHA Ukraine Humanitarian Overview Needs and Response Analysis](#) more than 7,000 km² of land close to the 'contact line' remains contaminated by mines and explosive remnants of war, putting civilians at risk and preventing access to agricultural land. Disruptions in water supply and unstable irrigation is likely to result in reduced harvest production, increasing risk of food insecurity of the most vulnerable.
- The Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and IDPs stated that due to the closure of industrial enterprises in NGCA another 300,000 people will temporarily remain without work and this may result in a new wave of IDP's.
- Bureaucratic impediments restrict access to pensions and social benefits to elderly, female-headed households, people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups. Over 600,000 IDPs face suspension of social payments and pensions, until they revalidate their IDP certificates.

WFP Response

- Since November 2014, when WFP began its emergency operation, until the end of June 2017, WFP provided in-kind food assistance and cash-based transfers to 970,000 people among the most vulnerable and food insecure people in conflict-affected regions of Donetsk and Luhansk with locally purchased monthly food entitlements, and cash or vouchers.
- Between January and June 2017, WFP and its cooperating partners assisted some 120,000 people with in-kind food entitlements and CBT.
- Since January, under the Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO 200953), WFP continues to address the food needs of the most vulnerable people in eastern Ukraine while gradually supporting early recovery activities aiming at enhancing local livelihoods, increasing income, and rehabilitating productive assets. People who are

People assisted
June 2017



Global Humanitarian Funding

Overall: US\$ 214 million (Humanitarian Response Plan 2017)

WFP Funding Requirements 2017

PRRO 200953*	USD 19.5 m
Logistics Cluster	USD 1.5 m
Food Security Cluster	USD 65.2m

*PRRO 6-months net funding requirements July-December 2017.



Photo: WFP team visits an IDP centre where conflict-affected people receive WFP assistance. Druzhkivka, Donetsk Oblast/ WFP/Tatiana Stoliarenko

identified as moderately food-insecure, are engaged in food assistance-for-training and food assistance-for-assets activities, which are tailored to the local context and based on available funding.

- As identified by WFP's food security monitoring systems, WFP prioritizes the following categories for general food assistance (GFA) in 2017: 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), people living with a disability, and unaccompanied minors.



Food Assistance

- In June, WFP assisted **over 19,000 conflict-affected people** residing in Donetsk and Luhansk NGCAs, which are estimated to be the regions with the highest number of food insecure people. People received food entitlements, each calculated to cover their food needs for one month.
- In June, WFP continued its **early recovery activities** engaging over 4,400 people in food assistance-for-training (FFT) and food assistance-for-assets activities (FFA). About 170 people have been engaged in FFA activities, such as minor repair and asset creation. Another 4,270 people have been engaged in food FFT activities. They participated in trainings aimed to improve their resilience, such as "Balanced Nutrition" and "Nutritional needs in a situation of limited resources".
- WFP's support to people living with HIV** is ongoing in GCA aiming to increase their adherence to antiretroviral therapy and prevention. WFP is reaching over **6,000** people with food assistance via e-vouchers.
- Women are considered to be more vulnerable due to lack of employment and their traditional household and care-giving responsibilities. Therefore, **59 percent** of those who received assistance by WFP in May were **women and girls**.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC)

- The FSLC was established to coordinate the assistance provided by humanitarian partners to the people affected by the crisis in Ukraine.
- Since the start of 2017, 821,000 conflict-affected people benefited from food, agriculture and livelihoods provided by FSLC partners, both Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) and non-HRP partners.
- In June, FSLC partners provided food assistance to over 95,150 people. Some 77,500 beneficiaries received in-kind food, whereas more than 17,700 were supported with cash transfers. Up to 41,800 people of those are NGCA residents, while another 53,350 are living in GCA.
- In May, the FSLC presented the preliminary findings of recent cluster analysis on GCA secondary data. The findings highlight the serious impact conflict on the socio-economic situation in eastern Ukraine with the level of poverty by actual cost of living, seeing an increase from 20 percent in 2013 to 74 percent in 2015 in Luhansk GCA, and from 22 to 66 percent in Donetsk GCA (FSLC/WFP/UCSR 2017). Analysis Summary Report expected to be available

on <http://fscluster.org/ukraine> in coming weeks.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster assists all humanitarian agencies and cooperating partners with coordination and information management, with focus on identifying logistics bottlenecks and providing a forum for humanitarian actors to address challenges.
- In June 2017, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the delivery of over 7.5 mt of medicines to Donetsk and 34,000 food parcels to be distributed in Luhansk and Donetsk NGCA.

Partnerships

- In order to reach people residing in the most insecure areas of Donetsk and Luhansk, 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.
- WFP signed agreements with seven local and international NGOs: Adventist Development and Relief Agency (DRA), Donbass Development Centre (DDC), People in Need (PIN), Mariupol Youth Union, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Responsible Citizens (RC) and CO Network, as well as with two UN agencies (UNICEF and UNHCR). Throughout 2017, WFP will work in partnership with these organizations to provide assistance to those most in need and not attended by other food assistance actors by engaging them in assets-building and training programs complimented by food support (increasingly cash based transfers).

Funding

- With a planned budget of US\$ 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, prioritise its assistance and stretch the resources available targeting some 80,000 people with multiple rounds of food assistance (from two to eight depending on the vulnerability status and the programme people are enrolled into). Lack of funds is likely to severely restrict the provision of critical food assistance to those most vulnerable and early recovery activities aimed at enhancing people's resilience to shocks.
- WFP is grateful for the generous contributions received from the Governments of Germany (US\$ 3.4 million), and Italy (US\$ 800,000) made in 2017. Additional funding is urgently required to enable WFP stand by its commitment of creating livelihoods and providing food assistance 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 (July-Dec 2017) (in USD)	People Reached (June)	Female	Male
PRRO 200953 (Jan-Dec 2017)	35.7 m	9.7 m	19.4 m -	29,957	17,647	12,310
Food parcels				19,445	11,269	8,176
Cash-based transfers				10,512	6,378	4,134