



# WFP Ukraine Situation Report #19

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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 facing a serious lack of financial resources: USD 23.9 million are urgently needed to provide food to people affected by the conflict for the coming months and in particular during the crucial winter months - starting from November.
- WFP will have to reduce the number of monthly food parcels per person (initially planned for four months) or to decrease the number of people receiving aid. It is estimated that 200,000 people might be cut off from WFP assistance when prioritization measures are taken because of lack of funds.

## Beneficiaries



## Funding Update

### Global Humanitarian Funding

USD 298 million (HRP 2016)

### Funding Requirements

**WFP** USD 23.9 million (July—Dec 2016)

**Food Security Cluster** USD 75 million

**Logistics Cluster** USD 3.1 million (HRP 2016)

## Situation Update

- On 18 July, seven Ukrainian soldiers were killed, another 14 wounded, as was reported by Ukrainian military spokesman Andriy Lysenko. It is the highest daily death toll since 24 May 2016.
- The situation is expected to further deteriorate. Both parties strive to gain territory in the buffer zone and in several locations have been moving their positions closer to one another in the past weeks. Shelling has become more frequent and occurs daily at and in the vicinity of checkpoints, adding to the risks faced by thousands of civilians crossing the 'contact line' every day. Several cases of civilians' deaths have been reported, among them children playing outdoors.
- Despite increased violence and the difficulties of movement, the number of people crossing the contact line increased again in June. The Border Guard Service recorded 816,000 people crossings, almost 100,000 (or 12 percent) more than in May. People travel across the 'contact line' in order to visit relatives, buy food and other goods, receive social payments and look after their properties.

## WFP Response

- WFP's Emergency Operation in Ukraine provides food to internally displaced people (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. Among them WFP prioritizes the most vulnerable - mainly elderly people, single mothers, and large families. WFP provides monthly food parcels and cash-based transfers to ensure access to sufficient food to vulnerable populations. The type of assistance depends on local conditions such as availability of food at local markets and whether financial institutions are functioning.

## 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.



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

Photo: Two little girls at WFP distribution in Slovyansk, Donetsk oblast, Ukraine. WFP/Tatiana Stoliarenko



## Food Assistance

- WFP's food basket includes: pasta, wheat flour, beans, canned meat and fish, sugar, salt, buckwheat, and vegetable oil to the value of 1,600 kcal per person per day. People who receive CBTs are provided with UAH 450 (approximately USD 20), calculated to cover the food needs of one person for one month. WFP also gives special attention to patients in hospitals who receive a minimum daily requirement of 2,100 kcal per person per day.
- The needs of affected people constantly grow as long as the situation in eastern Ukraine is changing. To better understand and always be ready to meet evolving needs, WFP conducts regular assessments and adapts its assistance accordingly. As such, a new Food Security Assessment report was published on 11 July. It displays which areas are most affected by the conflict and identifies the most vulnerable groups of people. Moreover, the assessment revealed that households headed by women and elderly people are more vulnerable to food insecurity, especially those living in NGCA. The main source of income for more than 50 percent of households are social benefits (pensions, unemployment benefits, social payments to children and mothers and IDPs). Having no other sources of income, nearly 50 percent of households reduce health expenditures, spend their scarce savings, sell their assets or buy food on credit. These people often eat less food, skip meals or buy cheaper quality food, putting their health at risk.
- WFP takes into account gender inequalities when assessing food needs and programming assistance. Women are considered to be more vulnerable due to lack of options to secure sustainable livelihood and their traditional household and care-giving responsibilities. Therefore, 63 percent of those reached by WFP in June were women and girls.



## Logistics

- In June – July, 21,016 food parcels (342 mt) were dispatched to government controlled area in the East of Ukraine to be distributed by NGO partners to the conflict-affected people in the hospitals.
- In July, 932 food parcels (15.18 mt) were dispatched to non-government controlled area in the East of Ukraine to be distributed by NGO partners to the conflict-affected people in the hospitals.

## Clusters



### Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- In June, FSC partners managed to meet the needs of 149,482 people with activities aiming at improving access to food - twice as much as the month of May. Overall, all FSC partners reached 535,146 people.
- In order to restore livelihoods and engage people in early recovery activities, since January 2016, 8,084 households have been provided with livestock, and 1,100 households were involved in assets creation activities.
- Access to NGCA continues to be a major obstacle to humanitarian partners delivering assistance to affected population. The FSC continues to request further advocacy for humanitarian access.



### Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate humanitarian assistance delivery, offering storage space in Dnipropetrovsk warehouse before delivering humanitarian goods to NGCA.
- To date, cargo in the Logistics Cluster-facilitated warehouse in Dnipropetrovsk includes Early Recovery, Education, Food, Health, Protection, Shelter, WASH supplies amounting to 82.17 mt/530.75 m3 from Danish Refugee Council, Save the Children, UNICEF and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

## Resourcing Update

- If no additional funding is confirmed by August 2016, WFP will face a serious funding shortfall to cover food needs of conflict-affected people. Urgent contributions in the amount of USD 23.9 million are required to ensure WFP can continue delivering food to those in the Eastern Ukraine who have lost access to it.

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## WFP Operation

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Reached (June)	Female	Male
<b>EMOP 200765 November 2014- December 2016</b>	127.7 m	53.5 m	23.9 m	141,682	79,360	62,322
Food parcels				110,877	60,197	50,680
Cash-based transfers				30,805	19,163	11,642

*\*Note multiyear funding included, without USD 50 million*