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### Highlights & Immediate Priorities

- Resource mobilization, total needs next four months: USD 570 million
- 102 staff called forward and on their way to the region
- Logistics Cluster staging area set up in Poland to receive humanitarian cargo of partners
- Food parcels from Turkey expected to arrive in Romania today for entry into Ukraine

## 1. Situation Update, including security

### 1.1 Security and Access

- Russian Forces continue their advances towards major cities in Ukraine, specifically Kyiv and Kherson.
- The number of people fleeing from their homes continues to grow by the hour. An average of 100,000 people per day have crossed international borders since 24 February, and as of 2 March, a total of 934,726 people have crossed towards Poland, Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Slovakia and other countries, according to UNHCR.
- Temporary relocation of 15 WFP employees from Kyiv to Moldova under a joint UN/ICRC convoy completed.

### 1.2 Operational, Political, Socio-Economic Developments

#### Operational Developments (WFP & Interagency)

- On 1st March, the United Nations and humanitarian partners launched a coordinated emergency “Flash Appeal” for a combined USD 1.7 billion to urgently deliver humanitarian support to people in Ukraine and refugees in neighboring countries.
- Around USD 1.1 billion of this is part of the Flash Appeal, which aims to assist 6 million people, including 3.1 million internally displaced people in Ukraine for an initial three months.
- An interagency Regional Refugee Response Plan (3RP) for the Ukraine situation asks for a preliminary USD 550.6 million to help refugees in the region.

#### Political Developments

- The UN General Assembly overwhelmingly adopted a resolution on Wednesday demanding that Russia “immediately, completely and unconditionally withdraw all of its military forces from the territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders.” A total of 141 countries voted in favor of the resolution, five countries - Belarus, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (more commonly known as North

Korea) Eritrea, Russia and Syria - voted against it, while 35 abstained.

- President Putin issued orders to the Ministry of Defense to put the Russian Nuclear Deterrent Forces on special combat alert.
- Ukraine's Finance Ministry also sought to reassure international investors that it will not default on its existing debts.

### Socio-Economic Developments

- Risks linked to the escalated conflict in Ukraine may be extreme for global markets.
- Ukraine, the fifth largest producer of wheat globally, transports 85 percent of its exports via the Black Sea. The conflict, growing sanctions and instability in the Black Sea region will likely severely impact global supplies and push up prices.
- A significant proportion of those commodities goes to countries vulnerable to food insecurity where WFP has operations; for example:
  - Lebanon imports more than 50 percent of its wheat from Ukraine;
  - For Yemen the proportion is 22 percent;
  - In Tunisia, it is 42 percent.
- Over the past ten years, Ukraine has also grown to become WFP's largest supplier of food commodities by volume:
  - From just 29,000 metric tons in 2011 - to over 880,000 metric tons in 2021
  - 789,000 metric tons of wheat grain - over half WFP's global supply - and 91,000 metric tons of split peas

## 2. Operations Update

- WFP has now activated a Corporate Scale-Up for Ukraine from March to June 2022.
- A Limited Emergency Operation (LEO) will address the following:
- Over the next four months, WFP Ukraine LEO plans to reach **3.15 million persons** through in-kind food distributions (50%) and Cash-Based Transfers (50%) with a budget around **USD 570 million**.

### Activities:

- WFP is setting up teams in the region: Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland to facilitate the delivery of food and cash assistance into Ukraine and to support the refugees in those countries as needed
- The WFP led Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications clusters will be activated
- Staff deployment is ongoing
- Various food commodities are being sourced and transported to the border to prepare for delivery into Ukraine

## 3. Resourcing and Pipeline

### Four-month overview (March to June 2022)

- **Total needs: USD 570 million**
- **Available resources:**

WFP has been using its internal advance mechanisms to ensure that assistance could be urgently provided on the ground and has engaged donors to mobilize additional resources.

## 4. Procurement and Logistics

### 4.1 Supply Chain and Logistics

- Trucks carrying 400 mt of dry rations have been dispatched from Turkey, with shipments expected to arrive in Romania over the next two days.
- An airlift of 35 mt of WFP High Energy Biscuits will land in the south of Poland on 3 March.
- 12 mt of locally procured ready to eat rations have been sourced in Poland and are ready to be distributed across the border
- WFP warehouses have been established within Ukraine (Kyiv, Lviv and Chernivtsi), in Poland (Warsaw, Lublin and Rzeszow), in Moldova (Chisinau) and in Romania (Suceava).
- Access into Ukraine and guarantee of safety for transporters and staff operating inside the country is proving to be the main logistical challenge for humanitarian operations currently.

## 5. Support Services

### 5.1 Human Resources

WFP employees on the ground right now:

Poland: 18

Ukraine: 15 (evacuated to Moldova)

102 identified to deploy across the region this week

## 6. Clusters & Working Groups

### 6.1 Logistics Working Group (LWG)

- Formal activation of the Logistics Cluster is still pending but has prepared for a regional 'Whole of Ukraine' approach. As such, the Logistics Cluster has deployed a team of four staff to Poland to coordinate with humanitarian actors on the ground. With WFP Supply Chain, LWG will set up the logistics framework for the response, and as the response develops, further deployments are expected to other countries neighboring Ukraine as partner needs dictate.

### 6.2 Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- Formal activation of the ETC is still pending but teams have started to deploy.

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