



WFP Ukraine

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World Food Programme

SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES



WFP RESOURCES

SIX MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIRED

November 2024-April 2025, based on Needs Based Plan

USD 338m

IN NUMBERS



6,825 MT of food distributed



USD 12.4 million cash disbursed



1.5 million beneficiaries reached

WFP OPERATIONAL PRESENCE



WFP OPERATION: [Ukraine transitional interim country strategic plan \(2023-2024\)](#)

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WFP emergency response phase: **CORPORATE ATTENTION**

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Escalating attacks on Ukrainian territory have sharply increased civilian casualties and infrastructure damage, affecting seaports and essential services. With winter approaching, the situation is anticipated to further challenge civilians and hinder humanitarian efforts.
- WFP expands its complementary cash assistance programme to 50,000 individuals during the winter.
- WFP spearheads the coordination of the 2024-2025 winterization activities at both national and subnational levels.



SITUATION UPDATE

- The situation along the frontline continues to deteriorate, particularly with recent advances in the Donetsk and Kharkiv regions, leading to an increased number of people displaced from their homes as hostilities escalate. October witnessed a significant surge in attacks, with a record-setting launch of over 2,000 drone strikes targeting civilian and critical infrastructure in Ukraine. The intensified aerial assaults on seaports have resulted in civilian casualties and damage to vessels, raising further concerns about the sustainability of food exports and potential implications for global food markets.



WFP UKRAINE RESPONSE

WFP assisted an estimated 1.5 million people in October through various activities.

GENERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP reached **848,000** Ukrainians through a combination of bread, rapid response rations, 30-day rations, and institutional feeding to meet the specific needs of various populations. **Most of WFP's in-kind support goes to frontline communities.**
- WFP reached **11,000 beneficiaries** with double distributions in the Donetsk region.

DOUBLE DISTRIBUTIONS: WFP continues to provide double distributions in areas where access is challenging, especially along the frontline.

Cash Based Transfers

- WFP disbursed almost **USD 12.4 million** to **608,000 people** in need through various cash-based assistance modalities.
- WFP expands its complementary cash assistance programme to **50,000 new beneficiaries during winter**. This assistance is targeted at people who

are ineligible for pensions, people with disabilities (including children), and individuals receiving less than UAH 3,250 in social benefits who reside in conflict-affected areas. Additionally, WFP continues to provide multi-purpose cash assistance to evacuees in Pokrovsk (Donetsk region), Sumy region, and Kupiansk (Kharkiv region), with 2,000 beneficiaries receiving support in October.

SCHOOL FEEDING:

- WFP signed an agreement with Zaporizhzhia City Military Administration to implement the School Meal Programme for **71 underground schools in Zaporizhzhia** for the 2024-2025 academic year. As part of the emergency support, WFP will transfer 50 percent of the cost of meals for over 14,000 primary school students (grades 1-4) in the city.

RESILIENCE AND LIVELIHOODS:

- WFP's livelihood programme **supported 2,857 beneficiaries** in Mykolaiv and Kharkiv regions. This support included non-food item distributions and capacity-building assistance, totalling USD 813,543.

HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION

- WFP has **expanded its mine action and livelihoods programme from Kharkiv to Mykolaiv and Kherson** regions to clear more land for future livelihood planning and implementation. Satellite mapping for these regions is completed, and additional partners, including HALO trust, Mines Advisory Group (MAG), and Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), have been engaged to boost clearance capacity.



CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS CLUSTER (FSLC)

- WFP **spearheads the coordination of the 2024-2025 winterization activities at the national level**. This effort involves systematic data collection and information sharing with key humanitarian partners such as the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Estonian Refugee Council (ERC), Save the Children, and Help e.v., facilitated through the ActivityInfo planning module. Two specialised working groups have been established to strengthen regional implementation and prevent duplication, focusing on Eastern and Southern Ukraine.
- WFP and partners continue to support evacuation efforts across Kharkiv and Donetsk regions. **In Kharkiv, over 3,300 individuals were evacuated** and received food assistance, including hot meals and food kits. In Donetsk, **over 1,800 people were evacuated** and provided with hot meals and food kits and registered for cash assistance. Most

evacuees were relocated to western regions outside the scope of the Humanitarian Needs Response Plan.

- The FSLC initiated a **comprehensive deduplication process for livelihood activities** in October, focusing on small grants (up to USD 5,000) and startup grants (up to USD 20,000).
- The Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC) released a report detailing the results of a deduplication exercise conducted between January and October 2024. Data from 1.16 million households showed that the FSLC identified and **addressed 84,000 duplicate cases, resulting in cost savings of UAH 1.74 billion (approximately USD 42 million)**. This initiative successfully prevented a 4.2 percent overlap between the Cash for Food and MPCA programs, ensuring more efficient resource allocation and improved humanitarian assistance targeting.

LOGISTICS CLUSTER

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster managed significant humanitarian aid operations, handling **1,422 m³** incoming and **1,212 m³** outgoing relief items for 13 partners while maintaining **2,482 m³** of storage for 14 partners. The Cluster coordinated the delivery of **566 mt** of aid to 15 locations across seven regions. This included six Inter-Agency Convoys transporting **75 mt (418 m³)** of supplies to five near-frontline locations, supporting nine organizations, plus a separate WFP convoy to Pokrovsk, Donetsk region, delivering **9 mt** of cargo.

EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLUSTER (ETC)

- The ETC **piloted a solution for the UN VHF security communication services**, enabling humanitarian responders in critical regions of the country to have a separate and reliable radio communication channel.
- The ETC team, in partnership with the United Nations Department for Safety and Security (UNDSS), **upgraded the Kyiv Security Information Operations Centre (SIOC)** to boost secure communications.



RESOURCING UPDATE

- WFP faces a significant funding gap. Currently funded at 18 percent for the next six months (until April 2025), WFP's needs-based plan requires an additional **USD 338 million** to sustain operations.