



# WFP Ukraine

External Situation Report #56 | December 2024

SAVING LIVES  
CHANGING LIVES



## WFP RESOURCES

### SIX MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIRED

USD 198 M

January-June 2025, based on the Needs Based Plan

## IN NUMBERS



**6,444 MT of food distributed**



**USD 16.6 million cash disbursed**



**1.5 million beneficiaries reached**

## WFP OPERATIONAL PRESENCE



<b>WFP OPERATION:</b>	Ukraine transitional interim country strategic plan (2023–2024)
WFP UKRAINE STAFF:	310
WFP UKRAINE OFFICES:	6
WFP UKRAINE COOPERATING PARTNERS:	16

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WFP emergency response phase:  
**CORPORATE ATTENTION**

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP expands its complementary cash assistance to an additional 60,000 people within the eight regions across the frontline between December 2024 and March 2025.
- WFP signed an agreement with the Kharkiv City Administration to implement the School Meal Programme for 49 underground schools in the city.
- Under the Grain from Ukraine initiative, 500 mt of Ukrainian wheat flour was delivered on 31 December by trucks to the WFP warehouse in Sarmada, Syria.



## SITUATION UPDATE

- The war continues in Ukraine, with heavy clashes on the ground and massive country-wide aerial strikes. The overall pace of frontline developments in the eastern regions slowed down in December compared to November due to the harsh weather conditions. Still, **nearly 170 frontline locations remain inaccessible** hampering **WFP to deliver** vital humanitarian aid to around **24,000 beneficiaries**.
- In December, Ukraine endured the 13<sup>th</sup> large-scale combined drone and missile attack of the year targeting energy infrastructure, with strikes on power plants and gas storage facilities. Given the extensive damage already sustained and the winter conditions, there remains a significant risk of prolonged power cuts.



## WFP UKRAINE RESPONSE

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

### GENERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE

#### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP reached **almost 809,000** 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 7,600 beneficiaries** with double distributions in the Donetsk region and provided around **3,500 ready-to-eat (RTEs) food rations to evacuees** from Donetsk and Kharkiv in centralized transit centres.

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

- In December, WFP received requests from local administrations for emergency food assistance for two communities in the Sumy region, close to the border. The distributions are planned for early 2025, upon completion of beneficiary registration.

## Cash Based Transfers

- WFP disbursed over **USD 16.6 million to more than 720,000 people** through various cash-based assistance modalities.
- In December, an **additional 23,000 people from four communities in the Mykolaiv and Donetsk regions started receiving sectoral cash assistance**. Nearly 254,000 beneficiaries received UAH 1,500 (equivalent to USD 36) per person, per month through sectoral cash.
- WFP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Policy, provides **complementary cash assistance to nearly 50,000 people who are ineligible for pensions and persons with disabilities from an early age, including children with disabilities**. In December, WFP assistance was also distributed through the national mail service provider UkrPoshta. Recognizing the continuous challenges to meet basic needs, WFP support is expanded to assist **an additional 60,000 people within eight regions across the frontline between December 2024 and March 2025**.

## SOCIAL PROTECTION

- WFP signed a new tripartite agreement with the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and the State Enterprise “Information and Computing Center of the Ministry of Social Policy”, under which **WFP will provide USD 400,000 to further support the modernization of the Unified Information System of the Social Sphere (UISSS)**. Since 2022, WFP has provided USD 3.6 million for the UISSS enhancement, thanks to the generous contributions of BHA and FCDO. The UISSS implementation has transformed social assistance applications, cutting processing time from 2.5 months to 2.5 days. By eliminating paper applications (estimated at 1,300 mt), the digital system has reduced bureaucracy, prevented corruption and generated savings of UAH 70 billion (USD 1.67 billion) for the state budget, while trained staff ensure efficient service delivery.

## SCHOOL FEEDING

- WFP signed an agreement with the Kharkiv City Administration to **implement the School Meal Programme for 49 underground schools in Kharkiv** for the 2024-2025 academic year. As part of the emergency support, WFP will transfer 50 percent of the cost of meals **for over 4,500 primary school students** (grades 1-4) in the city.

## HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION

- Since the beginning of 2024, WFP has supported **over 13,000 direct beneficiaries under the Humanitarian Mine Action programme** through clearance, marking, fencing and confidence-building programmes.

## GRAIN FROM UKRAINE

- WFP received new contributions (USD 5.2 million) to support Syria with 3,900 mt of wheat flour under the Grain from Ukraine initiative. As a result, the first batch of **500 mt of Ukrainian wheat flour was delivered on 31 December by trucks to the WFP warehouse in Sarmada, Syria**, with the remaining 3,400 mt planned for delivery in 2025.



## CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

### FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS CLUSTER (FSLC)

- In December, the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster reached over 150 participants from 48 organizations with information support through one national and six subnational coordination meetings.
- The Cluster convened 30 representatives from nine organizations in priority regions in subnational winterization meetings, facilitating the avoidance of duplication of assistance and enabling more effective utilization of available funds.
- The Cluster continues to actively coordinate support for evacuees from the frontline areas. In the Kharkiv transit centre, FSLC partners provided 1,321 people with hot meals and RtE rations. In the Pokrovsk transit centre in the Donetsk region, 1,489 people were supported with hot meals and RtE rations and registered for multi-purpose cash assistance.

### LOGISTICS CLUSTER

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster **received 965 m<sup>3</sup> of relief items** on behalf of ten partners. **538 mt of humanitarian commodities were dispatched** on behalf of 19 organisations to 17 locations across Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Odesa, Sumy and Zaporizhzhia regions.
- The Cluster supported **six inter-agency convoys (IACs) and a WFP-led convoy** with cargo consolidation and transport facilitation, delivering in total 97 mt of aid on behalf of 13 humanitarian organizations to seven locations in Donetsk Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions. The Humanitarian Coordinator and newly arrived Head of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) joined the IAC to Lyman on 16 December.

### EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLUSTER (ETC)

- In response to the advancing frontline near the town of Pokrovsk in the Donetsk region, the ETC extracted the very high frequency (VHF) equipment from the Pokrovsk TV tower site. Previously, an alternative site in Kehychivka was made operational to ensure continuous VHF connectivity in the vicinity of the frontline areas within the region.
- The Cluster, in close cooperation with the International NGO Safety Organisation, started integrating an additional channel into the existing VHF infrastructure, facilitating NGOs access to ETC Security Communications System services.
- The ETC supported the United Nations Department for Safety and Security operational capacity during their critical missions and inter-agency operations in high-risk areas with 12 additional Remote Site on Vehicle kits.



## RESOURCING UPDATE

- WFP faces a significant funding gap. Currently funded at 51 percent for the next six months (until June 2025), WFP's needs-based plan requires an additional **USD 198 million** to sustain operations.