



WFP Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries

External Situation Report #8

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Highlights

WFP reached over 770,000 crisis-affected people inside Ukraine with food and cash assistance since the beginning of the conflict.

WFP prepositioned close to 40,000 mt of various food commodities in Ukraine and neighbouring countries to meet the growing needs of the conflict-affected and displaced people in Ukraine.

In Numbers

12 million of Ukraine's population in need of humanitarian assistance (UN Flash Appeal)

3.7 million people displaced to neighbouring countries (UNHCR)

6.4 million internally displaced persons (IOM)

34,000 m² warehouse capacity in Ukraine and neighbouring countries

154 WFP staff on the ground in Ukraine and neighbouring countries

Situation Update

One month into the conflict, WFP estimates around 45 percent of the people in Ukraine are worried about finding enough to eat. Food is one of the top three concerns, along with safety and fuel for transportation. One out of five people in Ukraine might be already using some food-coping strategies like reducing size and number of meals and eating less food, and adults sacrificing meals or eating less so children can eat.

Moreover, the country's food supply chain is broken. The existing systems that feed the tens of millions trapped inside Ukraine are falling apart. The ongoing conflict is triggering a massive displacement and exacerbating humanitarian needs. Demand for basic commodities is spiking while food reserves are dwindling and the supply is decreasing due to the disruption in local production.

Fuel shortages, and scarcity of drivers and trucks are limiting the ability of farmers to deliver their produce to the markets. Major Ukraine ports have been closed while commercial ships are increasingly threatened by naval attacks, limiting market activity. Attacks near airports and railway facilities have also been reported, while civilian infrastructure has been severely damaged by heavy fighting. Humanitarian assistance delivery to conflict-hit and hard-to-reach areas is constrained by these logistics challenges, in addition to the lack of humanitarian partners on the ground.

WFP is deeply concerned that families in encircled areas are having ever greater problems finding food. For instance, the encircled city of Mariupol is running out of its last reserves of food and water. No humanitarian aid has been allowed into the city since it was encircled on 24 February. The only way to reach Mariupol is through humanitarian convoys which until now have not made it through. Kharkiv, Kyiv, Odessa, Dnipro, and Sumy are partially encircled but can be reached through commercial transport.

WFP's emergency response

In response to the Ukraine crisis, WFP aims to assist **3.1 million crisis-affected people and IDPs** on the move inside Ukraine with in-kind and cash distribution, as well as 300,000 refugees and asylum seekers from Ukraine in neighbouring countries. Logistics and emergency telecommunications services are provided to the humanitarian community to ensure a timely assistance inside and outside of Ukraine.

WFP Funding Requirements USD 590 million

WFP Net Funding Requirements (March 2022 – June 2022)

Basic Assistance (in-kind, cash, capacity strengthening)	USD 518 million
Assistance in Neighbouring Countries	USD 49 million
Logistics Cluster	USD 19.4 million
ETC Cluster	USD 2.9 million
On-demand Services	USD 0.5 million

WFP Ukraine Response

WFP is ramping up its emergency assistance across Ukraine to respond to the increasing needs of the conflict-affected people. To meet the growing needs, WFP is building its operation inside Ukraine from the ground up. WFP is establishing operational bases inside Ukraine, in Lviv, Vinnytsia, Dnipro and in more locations to supply and organize humanitarian convoys into conflict areas.

To date, WFP assisted a total of **770,000 vulnerable people** with cash and food assistance throughout Ukraine. Some 1,272 mt of food were distributed through cooperating partners in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Sumy and Zaporizhzhya (5-days Rapid Response, 15-days food basket, and bread). By the end of March, WFP is gearing up its cash and food assistance towards helping around 1 million beneficiaries and up to 2.5 million by the end of April.

In addition, in the areas where food is available and retail shops are operating normally, WFP has been testing cash or vouchers as a means of support. Value voucher distribution is continuing in Lviv for 1,000 beneficiaries, while another 1,000 people will be assisted with value vouchers in Chernivtsi in the upcoming days.

WFP will continue to place increasing emphasis on developing partnerships with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to ensure the efficiency of the life-saving assistance delivery. Additional agreements were concluded with nine local partners for cash and food distribution for around **1.8 million beneficiaries**, while more are under negotiation.

WFP is building up stocks of rapid response food packages in Dnipro, in the east of Ukraine, and in Vinnytsia and Kropyvnytskyi, in the centre-west of the country for inter-agency crossline convoys to the embattled cities and for pick-up by WFP partners to support the IDPs fleeing encircled cities.

WFP dispatched 2.2 mt of canned meat for 2,475 beneficiaries in the first United Nations inter-agency convoy, which reached Sumy with 130 metric tons of ready-to-eat meals and canned food, medical supplies and bottled water for 35,000 people on March 18.

Protection remains a priority for WFP operations in Ukraine. WFP is engaging affected populations remotely and through partners. Our teams are working with established protection actors inside Ukraine and coordinating with the Protection Cluster to ensure complementarity of food assistance with the operational responses of protection-mandated agencies.

WFP has made contact with the Ukrainian Commissioner for Human Rights (the Ombudsman's Office) to explore potential collaboration and support needed for the existing hotline run by the office. This should help identify food assistance requirements of vulnerable populations across different contexts (contested and encircled areas; occupied; and displaced communities).

Neighbouring Countries

In **Moldova**, the Government issued a decree on 25 March to establish the official permanent presence of WFP in the country to support emergency operations for the management of the refugee crisis.

WFP is beginning to implement its operational plan for Moldova aiming to support refugees in the country with food and cash assistance in addition to the logistics support to the Government and the humanitarian community.

WFP is ensuring that all food needs in the Moldovan refugee accommodation centers are being met via contracts with caterers, cooperating partners or coordination with other food security actors via the Food Security Working Group.

A second Field Level Agreement (FLA) with the NGO, People in Need (PIN), has been finalized for the delivery of hot meals in refugee accommodation centers, in addition to an FLA signed earlier with ACTED. An additional two FLAs with Helvetas and Solidarite Internationale are under review.

Moldova team conducted a beneficiary enrolment and verification training for PIN field staff to register refugees into the CBT programme for host families.

WFP is also working with the Moldovan Government, UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), International Organization of Migration and the European Union Civil Protection Team (EUCPT) to assess the impact of a large-scale refugee influx and develop a preparedness plan should the security situation in Southern Ukraine deteriorate.

As chair of the Moldova Food security sub-working Group, WFP has contributed by developing a tracking tool to map and streamline the delivery of hot meals to refugee reception centers on a daily basis through cooperating partners (CPs). Since 21 March, WFP and CPs reached **13,580 individuals** with hot meals (3 per day) in 28 different localities/regions and 112 centers.

WFP Moldova dispatched four trucks of cargo consisting of non-food items on 23 March, from the Moldcoop warehouse, which were delivered to different reception centers in Chisinau. With this, WFP will have dispatched seven trucks from Government warehouses and is expecting new requests this week.

In **Romania**, WFP and the Logistics Cluster are engaging with various government entities to provide support to national response plans and streamline processes to get food into Ukraine. To date, 13 WFP trucks carrying 266 metric tons of food reached Ukraine from Romania.

Supply chain



To date, WFP has prepositioned close to **40,000 mt** of various food commodities (wheat flour, vegetable oil, split peas, canned food and High Energy Biscuits (HEBs)) in Ukraine (Chernivtsi, Dnipro, Kyiv, Kharkiv, Odessa, Poltava) and neighbouring countries (Poland and Romania) for distribution by partners and city administration over the coming days to support those whose lives have been turned upside down by the conflict.

A total of 223 mt of HEBs are expected to arrive via rail in Dnipro on 26 March, coming from Katowice, Poland. An additional 16 mt will travel via road to Ukraine. Some 132 mt of wheat flour departed by rail from Pervomayskyi arrived in Kyiv on 24 March.

Some 18.4 mt of infant cereal from Brussels has been dispatched to Rzeszow, Poland, to be further dispatched to Dnipro later next week.

An agreement has been signed with Uber to facilitate last mile delivery in a number of locations in Ukraine. Piloting will be conducted in Dnipro (eastern Ukraine) and Vinnytsia (central Ukraine) to assess the viability of the concept, which, if successful will be rolled out elsewhere. Uber will provide WFP with the names of transport companies and a dedicated platform accessible for WFP and transport companies under contract.

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Funding Outlook



To meet increasing needs, WFP requires a total of **USD 590 million** to scale up its emergency response to the Ukraine crisis through June 2022, with USD 541 million needed for humanitarian assistance inside Ukraine and USD 49 million for activities in neighbouring countries.

With confirmed funding to date, WFP has enough food until the end of April. Funds are urgently needed to purchase food for May deliveries, with a lead time of four weeks.

Logistics Cluster



The Logistics Cluster Ukraine continues to facilitate access to transport and storage services in Poland and Ukraine. The Cluster is currently in the process of mapping partners' activities in Ukraine, and would ask partners to complete this [five-minute survey](#) to understand the partners' current activities/capacities in Ukraine in order to further adjust the Logistics Cluster support to the humanitarian community. The Logistics Cluster Ukraine published its [fourth Situation Report](#) and updated its Concept of Operations ([ConOps](#)).

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster



A Telecommunications Specialist from WFP's Fast IT & Telecommunications Support Team (FITTEST) deployed to Lviv this week, is engaging with ICT counterparts from agencies on the ground.

On 24 March, he travelled to Vinnytsia to assess the existing IT and security communications setup and identify needs for ETC support.

WFP UKRAINE Operational Overview

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