



# WFP Ukraine Limited Emergency Operation

## External Situation Report #27

23 September 2022

To date, a total of **94,599 mt** of food and **USD 235,316,515** of cash has been delivered.

Month	Transfers		Rations/Transfers to Beneficiaries					Total Beneficiaries	
	Food Delivered (MT)	Cash Transfer Value (USD)	Bread	Rapid Response Rations	General Food Distribution		Cash-Based Transfer		
					30-Day Ration	Suppl. Feeding	Instit. Feeding		
March	2,343		600,000	221,095	175,277			1,000	997,372
April	4,244	9,195,450	1,180,776	665,551	178,277	6,440		143,286	2,174,330
May	10,205	64,411,875	724,255	197,302	221,502	44,835	169,013	846,431	2,203,338
June	18,787	66,585,675	744,945	38,819	897,327	50,599	57,372	924,148	2,713,210
July	22,387	59,546,250	781,372	144,053	920,032	63,391	164,759	860,142	2,933,747
August	23,319	33,851,295	967,819	32,071	1,134,716	20,500	48,318	560,215	2,763,639
September to date	13,313	1,725,970	362,087	123,356	717,362	53,780	140,067	33,217	1,429,869

### Key Highlights

- In September to date, WFP assisted over **1.4 million beneficiaries** with food and cash assistance.
- WFP is one of the first responders in **newly accessible areas** in Kharkiv, Luhansk and Kherson oblasts, having already reached **almost 100,000 heavily war-affected residents** with food assistance.
- On 16 September, the WFP Representative and Country Director in Ukraine formally received his accreditation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, fully recognizing WFP as a UN organization in Ukraine.
- On 23 September, the fourth WFP-chartered vessel, BC Vanessa departed from Odesa Sea port, loaded with 30,000 mt of wheat destined for Afghanistan further supporting humanitarian efforts.
- While the current funding forecast estimates a shortfall of USD 434 million until December 2022, WFP is prioritizing prevention of a drastic decrease in assistance level, as humanitarian needs are expected to soar during the imminent winter season.

### WFP Ukraine Response

As the devastating war in Ukraine continues and the winter season nears, WFP is continuing its focus on bringing crucial support to the conflict-affected people in need. The number of people experiencing moderate to severe food insecurity in Ukraine is expected to be significantly higher than the previously estimated figure of 9.3 million people, as WFP through the food security cluster engages in the Humanitarian Needs Overview process.

In September to date, almost 1.4 million conflict-affected people have been assisted with food and cash transfers. Food distributions remains close to the contact lines in the eastern and southern parts of the country, where fighting and supply chain disruption make food inaccessible to families who have remained.

WFP Dnipro field office conducted an assessment, along with representatives from local administrations in Ukraine, of the people in need living closest to the contact line. The month-long assessment concluded on 14 September, mapping people who fit WFP vulnerability criteria (the elderly, people with disabilities, female-single-headed households, and low-income households) within proximity to the front line. The

review found that in Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipro, and Zaporizhzhia oblasts, nearly 2.2 million people live within 30km of the front line and meet at least one of these criteria, in need of assistance.

### Assistance in Newly Accessible Areas

WFP has already reached almost 100,000 beneficiaries in more than 50 newly accessible cities and villages of Kharkiv (Including Balakliia, Kupiansk, Iziium), Kherson (including Visokopillia, Osokorivka), and Luhansk (Bilohorivka, Svatove) regions with more than 540 mt of food including Bread, Rapid Response Ration, and 30-Day Ration.

WFP conducted a security and access assessment mission to multiple towns in the newly accessible areas in Kharkiv oblast on 15 September, which facilitated the first interagency mission to Shevchenkove to take place on the following day. In detail, on 16 and 17 of September, convoys handling 555 mt of hygiene, medicine, bedding kits, and other essential goods for shelter successfully arrived to Shevchenkove, Kharkiv oblast.

In parallel, WFP dedicated convoys are consistently delivering much needed food commodities to villages and facilitating other humanitarian agencies; On 16 September, 87.5 mt (5,000 boxes) were delivered to Savyntsy and Balakliia in Kharkiv oblast. Most recently on 23 September, another WFP dedicated convoy planning to deliver 104 mt (6,000 boxes) to Velikiy Burluk hromada.

### Cash Assistance

In September to date, WFP disbursed over **USD 1.7 million in cash assistance** to over **33,000 beneficiaries**. The majority of cash distribution is taking place between now until the end of the month as per the September implementation plan. Cash beneficiaries receive UAH 2,220 per month for three months.

This month, WFP cash assistance priority is to support the following groups of people: the low-income households directly affected by the conflict, internally displaced people with disabilities, people with disabilities in the 11 most conflict-affected oblasts in Ukraine, and the elderly with access to functioning markets to utilize cash, either residing in or originating from 2 of the most conflict-affected oblasts.

At those locations where food is accessible in shops and markets, cash assistance will help local businesses recover as it supports the revitalization of local markets. Up to five individuals per household receive a monthly cash transfer equal to 2,220 UAH (USD 60) through banks, facilitated by the money transfer company, Western Union (WU). Cash transactions are redeemed at banks via WU codes sent to beneficiaries' mobile phones. WFP continues to use blockchain technology to ensure deduplication of beneficiaries.

### In-Kind Assistance

In September to date, WFP reached more than **1.4 million people** through a combination of Bread, Rapid Response Ration, and General Food Distribution (GFD) comprising a 30-day ration, Supplementary Feeding (Infant Cereal) and Institutional Feeding. Founded on strong partnerships with

its cooperating partners in country, WFP continues to enhance targeting, monitoring, and reporting, including by responding to people's concerns provided via our call centre.

Food distributions continue to target mainly the hard-to-reach areas along the contact line where markets are not functioning, as it represents the only viable modality to maintain acceptable levels of food security. New populations in need are becoming accessible, as the conflict dynamics evolve, and the frontlines move. WFP is responding with assistance in newly accessible areas through NGO and government partners.

In **newly accessible areas** in Kherson, Luhansk, and Kharkiv oblasts, **almost 100,000 heavily war-affected residents** have already been supported by WFP with food assistance in September.

Despite Kherson oblast continuing to be a challenging location to access, WFP reached almost 33,000 beneficiaries through its partners. At the same time, 500 people have been reached with in-kind support in Luhansk villages of Bilohorivka and Svatove. This is the first distribution in Luhansk in some time, as the whole oblast had been inaccessible.

In the town of Iziium in Kharkiv oblast, as soon as the area became accessible as of 11 September, WFP started distributing bread within one week.



*In the heavily damaged town of Iziium, Kharkiv oblast, the war-affected people are happy to receive bread from WFP in partnership with ADRA. @ ADRA*

Bread assistance continues to be one of the strongly preferred types of support among communities in the eastern and southern regions of Ukraine. Engaging with local bakeries, WFP is working to increase the local production volume. In September thus far, nearly 350,000 people were reached with bread distribution.

As part of the in-kind assistance, WFP also supports the Ukrainian government and local authorities via an institutional feeding (IF) program, primarily in hard-to-reach and frontline areas. A 19.92 kg basket with rice, yellow split peas, and vegetable oil are provided under this program. Approximately 100,000 people will be reached through IF in Kharkiv oblast alone, including newly accessible areas of the oblast.

## Accountability to Affected Populations

The Research, Assessment, and Monitoring team carried out its monthly assessment of the 30-day ration under the General Food Distribution modality, based on a sample of 253 beneficiaries from 51 food distribution sites in 9 oblasts, where 73% of respondees were women. The findings demonstrated high satisfaction with both quality (96%) and quantity (94%).

WFP's partners are currently disseminating leaflets about the Community Feedback Mechanism during distributions, and sharing longer-term distribution plans. These efforts allow the partners to inform the beneficiaries in advance about distributions and entitlements. WFP continues to work on refining the geographic and beneficiary targeting to ensure that the assistance levels meet the needs of the population.

WFP's toll-free hotline received 36,970 calls during 5-23 September. In detail, 72% of the processed cases were closed as First Case Resolution (FCR), while the remaining 28 % were referred to relevant programme focal points. Almost all (98%) of the processed calls were CBT-related (with the most reported issues being requests for information about WFP's programmes, amount of cash assistance, MTCN codes), while the remaining (2%) requested information about in-kind food support programme and the voucher programme, in terms of entitlements, timing, location and others assistance/service delivery issues.

## WFP Supply Chain and Support to Food Systems

Almost 93,000 mt of food has been delivered to CPs to date in Ukraine since March, of which over 9,000 mt in 3 weeks of September alone. A further 90,000 mt of food commodities are in the pipeline (18,321 mt of food in storage, 4,400 mt of food in transit, and 67,707 mt of food pending supplier delivery).

### The Black Sea Grain Initiative

During 10-23 September, WFP has been able ship 60,000 mt of wheat from Ukraine for food assistance in Africa and Asia; On 23 September, the fourth WFP-chartered vessel, BC Vanessa departed from Odesa Sea port, loaded with 30,000 mt of wheat destined for Afghanistan, and on 17 September, the third WFP-chartered vessel (Ikaria Angel) departed from the Ukrainian Black Sea Port of Chornomorsk, loaded with 30,000 mt of wheat destined for WFP's humanitarian response in Ethiopia. WFP plans to continue regular maritime shipment of WFP food assistance from Ukraine to support global humanitarian efforts.

According to the operational update from the Joint Coordination Centre of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, as of 22 September, the total tonnage of grain and other foodstuffs exported from the three Ukrainian ports is 4,350,399 mt. A total of 403 voyages (212 inbound and 191 outbound) have been enabled so far.

Although Ukraine's export capacity is expected to increase

significantly with the resumption of cargo shipping, leading to a decrease of grain prices in the global market, WFP is continuing to explore alternative corridors (e.g. via the Danube River), as the opening of these seaports is still short of meeting the country's full export level, prior to the conflict.

### Investment in Ukraine's economy

WFP continues to prioritize scaling-up the procurement of food, locally sourced from Ukraine. Overall, the estimated value of the locally procured food amounts to nearly 400,000 mt (USD 172 million) of food commodities, distributed in Ukraine and globally (mainly in Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia). Of the total, USD 44 million was used for humanitarian programmes in-country, and USD 128 million (close to 350,000 mt) was exported to other WFP operations in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, and Yemen, through Romanian and Ukrainian ports.

In addition, cash-based transfers of more than USD 235 million have been injected into the local economy strengthening individual purchasing power and allowing Ukrainians to spend in their domestic markets. Additional investments into the local economy continue through logistics contracting, valued at USD 14 million within the country. The total monetary investment value into Ukraine so far is estimated to be more than USD 421 million.

### Overland Transport

108 trucks were in transit to Ukraine by road over the past week, including 20 trucks from Romania, 28 from Poland, 24 from Italy, and 36 trucks from Türkiye carrying in total 2,639 mt (canned meat, rice, cereals, and pasta) of cargo to Ukrainian warehouses.

### Fuel

Uninterrupted delivery of humanitarian aid to the most conflict affected regions of Ukraine requires stable access to fuel to keep the trucks running. WFP currently procures fuel cards from WOG and OKKO suppliers and will launch a new local tender in the September-October period. Although the current contracts are sufficient to cover all fuel needs for WFP fleet and its partners, WFP is currently coordinating with another supplier to establish a parallel regional fuel SC line while also searching for ways to increase fuel storage capacity. Such efforts will lead to putting a reliable system of steady fuel supply in place, minimizing risk of disruptions in delivering assistance.

The WFP team is exploring solutions to contract a fuel storage for emergency needs at the Dnipro Field Office which is near the frontline and will service its dedicated fleet.

### Working Together with the Ukrainian Government

The Government of Ukraine announced the donation of 50,000 mt of wheat to WFP operations in Ethiopia and Somalia, while France and Germany will help to provide support to cover some of the costs associated with the delivery of these humanitarian cargos.

On 16 September, the WFP Representative and Country Director in Ukraine formally received his accreditation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, strengthening the legal framework for WFP to operate in the country.

On 15 September, the Country Director met with the Deputy Prime Minister for Reintegration of Temporarily Occupied Territories, who appreciated WFP's humanitarian assistance work in Ukraine. In this meeting, WFP received a request to support approximately 3,000 geriatric patients from Donetsk oblast currently residing in hospitals. Upon receiving further information, these beneficiaries can be incorporated into WFP's institutional feeding program.

## Clusters Update –International Humanitarian Response

### Food Security and Livelihoods cluster (FSLC)

During the last two weeks, 23 partners of FSLC reached over 2.4 million people with multiple rounds of food assistance and livelihood support (agricultural inputs, trainings) across Ukraine. Areas with the highest beneficiaries reached by partners are Kharkiv, Donetsk and Mykolaiv oblasts, respectively.

Cluster partners are actively delivering assistance to the newly accessible areas of the Kherson and Kharkiv oblasts in coordination with the respective oblast authorities.

In addition, Cluster partners provided livelihood agricultural and non-agricultural grants and assets in Cherkasy oblast for 3,500 beneficiaries (1,500 IDPs).

### Logistics Cluster

Between 5 and 18 September, the Logistics Cluster supported 34 partners through coordination, information management activities and common logistics services.

As of 18 September, the Logistics Cluster stored 4,430 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian cargo on behalf of 14 partners across four common storage sites across Ukraine. On 15 September the Cluster has moved to a new warehouse in Chornomorsk (storage capacity of approximately 2,500 m<sup>2</sup>) to further strengthen capabilities to assist conflict affected people of Ukraine.

### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

WFP TEC team continues to provide support to UN staff and has resolved a total of 1,170 ICT-related cases for humanitarian personnel across Ukraine since the Ukraine IT Service Desk launch on 29 April.

As of 16 September, the ETC is providing secure internet connectivity services to 265 staff from twelve humanitarian organizations including UN agencies and INGOs in two humanitarian interagency workspaces in Dnipro and Lviv.

Since the launch on 20 June of the ETC Chatbot “vBeztpesi” (вБезтпесї in Ukrainian, which translates to “safe spaces”), a total of 12,004 users in Ukraine have accessed information relating to humanitarian assistance, reflecting a steady

increase of usership. After the internal review is complete, the Chatbot will soon be made available in English.

## Funding Outlook

WFP thanks all donors who have generously supported the people of Ukraine through the Limited Emergency Operation (LEO). WFP Ukraine LEO has been extended to 31 December 2022 with increased overall requirements of nearly USD 2 billion targeting 4.7 million beneficiaries to meet humanitarian needs.

During the reporting period, WFP Ukraine has received another generous contribution from the United Kingdom (USD 13.9 million) and a contribution of USD 275,845 from private donors.

Humanitarian needs will only increase during the traditionally challenging winter period compounded by the ongoing war. The current estimated funding shortfall until December 2022 is **USD 434 million**.

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