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# WFP Ukraine Limited Emergency Operation

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As of 30 August, a total of **79,765 mt** of food and **USD 233,590,545** 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 1-30*	21,798	33,851,295	931,814	32,071	1,050,901	14,210	48,318	560,215	2,637,529

## Key Highlights

- For the reporting period in August, WFP assisted over **2.6 million beneficiaries** with food and cash assistance.
- A nine-trucks inter-agency convoy delivered 1,500 WFP food boxes for one month to remaining vulnerable families in the hard-hit town of Orikhiv in Zaporizhzhia, only 8km from the frontline.
- This month, WFP reached the milestone of **USD 200 million of cash** distributed since March to families displaced by the conflict, seeking safety across Ukraine.
- The second WFP shipment of humanitarian food assistance under the Black Sea Grain Initiative is underway with WFP's chartered vessel, MV Karteria, being loaded with Ukrainian wheat in Chornomorsk Port, destined for much needed hunger relief in Yemen.

\*This Situation Report #25 is an updated version of the 29 August issue and takes advantage of the reconciled reporting cycle to include updated figures as of 30 August.

## WFP Ukraine Response

Six months since the start of the conflict in Ukraine, WFP continues to step up its efforts, assisting over 2.6 million conflict-affected people in August to date, amid an escalation of fighting deteriorating an already dire situation.

Food distributions are concentrated in the east and south of the country, where fighting and supply chain disruption make food inaccessible to families who have remained in Ukraine's frontline areas. In August, more than 816 mt of food commodities were delivered to cooperation partners (CPs) in Donetsk oblast, of which 73 percent were delivered to the hard-to-reach areas in Kramatorsk, Druzhkivka and Dobropillya.

On 17 August, a nine-trucks inter-agency convoy delivered 1,500 WFP food boxes to the hard-hit town of Orikhiv, located in Zaporizhzhia only 8 km from the frontline, to feed remaining vulnerable families for one month.

Last week, WFP and UNICEF in partnership with Red Cross Ukraine delivered food, medicine and hygiene kits to 18,000 Ukrainians living in the frontline areas of Kurakhove, Mariinka, and Selidove.

### Cash Assistance

WFP disbursed around **USD 33 million of cash assistance** to over **560,000 beneficiaries** during the reporting period of August. This month, WFP reached the milestone of USD 200 million of cash distributed since March to families displaced by the war, seeking safety across Ukraine. August also marked a shift in WFP's targeting approach for cash assistance, from status-based targeting of internally displaced to targeting based on vulnerability criteria. This transition allows WFP to reinforce its operational focus towards reaching the most in-need vulnerable groups and is enabled by WFP's collaboration with the Ministry of Social Policy, as developed and agreed during the month of August. The transition explains the dip in cash beneficiaries for August as the targeting approach was recalibrated and beneficiary list reissued. For September, WFP plans to reach 1.7 million people with cash and vouchers, continuing to target the most vulnerable groups.

Wherever food is available & markets are functioning, cash brings choice & dignity for affected communities, & helps local economies recover. Up to five individuals per household receive a monthly cash transfer equal to 2,220 UAH (USD 75) 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 block-chain technology to ensure deduplication of beneficiaries.

### In-Kind Assistance

In August, WFP reached more than 2 million people through a combination of General Food Distribution (GFD), Institutional Feeding (IF), Ready-to-Eat and other in-kind assistance. Food distribution targets 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.

In August, WFP is providing 4,000 mt of mixed commodities under institutional feeding, in collaboration with local authorities at the oblast level. Local institutions such as hospitals, other medical centres, orphanages, and other community-based centres are being supported.

During the last two weeks, 600 food parcels were delivered to representatives of LGBTQI+ community with additional vulnerabilities, such as disability, chronic diseases, elderly people, IDPs, extreme poverty, and those with a status of single care provider. Beneficiaries of two LGBTQI+ shelters were supported with a food assistance in Kyiv and Dnipro.

WFP is aiming to diversify the composition of its food baskets to include eight commodities (wheat flour, pasta, oil, canned meat, oats, canned pulses, sugar, and salt) tailored to local preferences and meeting the nutritional requirements of the conflict-affected people. WFP is multiplying its negotiations with local authorities to support over 1.8 million vulnerable people in September with 18,000 mt of food, mainly in

Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, Mykolaiivska, and Odeska oblasts. The agency also invited bakeries – through a tender process - to express interest for collaboration in WFP operational areas. Moreover, WFP is expanding its market-based interventions where markets are functioning and ground developments allow, ensuring a smooth transition from in-kind to fully market-based assistance.

### WFP engagement with Ukraine Government

WFP Ukraine continuously reinforces its collaboration with the Government of Ukraine, ensuring complementarity and seeking efficiencies in the provision of lifesaving assistance. In line with its new strategy, WFP started transitioning from food to vouchers distribution in deconflicted areas. As this is being rolled out, WFP met with Oblast authorities in Chernihiv to discuss this change and assess any additional gaps / needs.

In mid-August, WFP met with the Office of the First Lady to discuss the possible collaboration around school meals targeting schools in the most conflict affected areas.

On 16 August, WFP conducted a mission to Ternuvate, Zaporizhzhia oblast to assess the needs of war affected population in localities near the frontline. The mission met with WFP's local partners to ensure proper coordination of reception and distribution of humanitarian aid.

### Accountability to Affected Populations

A recent outcome monitoring survey conducted by Kiev International Institute of Sociology (KIIS), WFP's third-party monitoring partner, found that almost all (98 percent) of beneficiaries were satisfied with the quantity and quality of food received. Beneficiaries also commended WFP distribution processes and confirmed feeling safe at distribution points. The analysis flagged the need to raise awareness of the community feedback mechanisms (CFM) and distribution timings. WFP's partners are currently disseminating leaflets about the CFM during distributions, and longer-term distribution plans – recently established – should allow the partners to inform the beneficiaries better in advance about the 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.

Systematic monitoring of cash-based programmes both in-house and with the third-party monitoring company has kicked off. WFP programme is currently conducting voucher distribution monitoring visits to multiple sites in Chernihivska and Sumska oblasts. The next round of process and outcome monitoring among cash and value voucher beneficiaries is expected to start in early September.

WFP's toll-free hotline received almost 26,000 calls during the reporting period. In detail, 64 percent of the processed cases were closed as First Case Resolution (FCR), while the remaining 36 percent were referred to relevant programme focal points. Almost all (98 percent) 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

percent) requested information about the voucher programme, in terms of entitlements, timing, location and others assistance/service delivery issues. WFP closed 7600 open cases during the reporting period.

## WFP Supply Chain and Support to Food Systems

Over 79,000 mt of food has been delivered to CPs to date in Ukraine since March. A further 70,100 mt of food commodities are in the pipeline (24,000 mt of food in storage, 11,700 mt of food in transit, and 34,400 mt of food pending supplier delivery).

### The Black Sea Grain Initiative

As of 24 August, under a deal brokered by the UN and Türkiye last month, a total of 845,496 mt of grain and other foodstuffs has been exported from the three Ukrainian ports, "Odesa", "Chornomorsk" and "Yuzhnyi".

Black Sea Grain Initiative/Joint Coordination Centre - operational update: As of 25 August, the total tonnage of grain and other foodstuffs exported from the three Ukrainian ports is 845,496 metric tons. A total of 87 voyages (48 inbound and 39 outbound) have been enabled so far.

WFP's chartered vessel, **MV Karteria**, arrived in Chornomorsk Port on 23 August and is currently being loaded with 30,000 mt of wheat, the second WFP shipment of humanitarian food assistance under the Black Sea Grain Initiative. After loading, it will proceed to Yuzhny port where about 7,000 mt of wheat will be loaded. The vessel will then move to Türkiye where the wheat will be milled and further shipped to Yemen.

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, 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 (>175,800 mt) amounts to USD 94 million, of which USD 41.8 million worth was used for humanitarian programmes in-country, and USD 52.2 (>133,000 mt) million worth was exported to other WFP operations in Ethiopia and Yemen, through Romanian and Ukrainian ports.

In addition, cash-based transfers of USD 233.6 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 13.8 million within the country. The total monetary investment value into Ukraine so far is estimated to be around USD 330-350 million.

## Overland Transport

51 trucks were in transit to Ukraine by road over the past week, including 32 trucks from Romania with rice and canned meat, 19 from Poland with infant cereals and canned meat, carrying 971 mt to Ukrainian warehouses in total.

## Clusters Update –International Humanitarian Response

### Food Security and Livelihoods cluster (FSLC)

In the first two weeks of August, FSLC partners reached over 2.7 million people with multiple rounds of food assistance and livelihood support (agricultural inputs, trainings) across Ukraine. Oblasts with the highest beneficiaries reach by partners are, respectively, Kharkivska, Donetska and Zaporizka.

Furthermore, partners prioritize providing assistance into Donetska oblast as access constraints grow by the day. As heavy fighting continues to be reported in northern and central areas of the Donetsk Region, in the direction of Bakhmut and around Avdiivka and Pisky. The Ukrainian authorities ordered the mandatory evacuation of people from the region at the end of July. Of 277,207 people reached, 78 percent received General Food Distribution kits (17kg), 20 percent emergency rations (bread), and 2 percent received hot meals.

In addition, the Cluster partners reached newly displaced persons from Donetska to Kirovohradska oblast (1,500 people so far) with emergency response rations. Food packs are distributed at the train station and provided upon passengers' arrival.

The Cluster continues to liaise with partners on addressing requests from oblast authorities. Last week, the Cluster received three new requests to assist over 6,000 in Kharkivska, Donetska and Kyivska Oblasts.

### Logistics Cluster

As of 22 August, Logistics Cluster has handled 34,111 m3 of humanitarian cargo. A total of 32 partners have been supported with common services, with 403 service requests in progress or completed. The main sectors supported include shelter, WASH and early recovery.

During 8–22 August, the Logistics Cluster dispatched relief items to Dnipropetrovska, Mykolaivska and Odeska oblasts on behalf of nine partners. Also, on 17 August Logistics Cluster consolidated the cargo and facilitated access to nine WFP fleet trucks for the inter-agency convoy, transporting 344 m3 of cargo on behalf of six humanitarian organisations to Orikiv, Zaporizka oblast.

### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

WFP TEC team continues to provide support to UN staff and has resolved a total of 1,022 ICT-related issues for humanitarian personnel across Ukraine since the Ukraine IT Service Desk launch on 29 April.

As of 22 August, the ETC is providing secure internet

connectivity services to 270 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 “vBezpezi” (вБезпеці in Ukrainian, which translates to “safe spaces”), a total of 10,599 users in Ukraine have accessed information relating to humanitarian assistance, reflecting a steady incline of usership.

## Neighbouring Countries\*\*

### Moldova Update

Currently, there are approximately 89,962 Ukrainian refugees in Moldova while 83 percent of the Ukrainians who entered the country since February, have left.

### Cash assistance for host communities

Since 22 August, the first cycle of cash payments has been ongoing to 2999 households, while 6986 households are under verification for eligibility. To be eligible, households must host at least one refugee for a minimum of one week. Payments vary based on the number of refugees hosted: 1 to 4 refugees hosted – 3900 Lei/ household; 5 or more refugees hosted – 4800 Lei/ household. These eligibility criteria will remain for the subsequent rounds and will be adjusted based on monitoring of evolving needs.

As chair of the Moldova Food Security Sub-Working Group, since the start of implementation (15 March), WFP and CPs – with signed FLAs – have delivered 890,736 hot meals (3 per day) in 31 different localities/regions and 41 centres. This represents an average of 2,111 people per day.

*\*\*WFP has an operational presence in Moldova and a small number of staff located in Poland, and Romania, to support Ukraine with supply chain corridor support for food commodity movement and liaison with national authorities. By the end of August, WFP will close its offices in Poland: Krakow and Rzeszow.*

## 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 recently to 31 December 2022 with increased overall requirements of nearly USD 2 billion targeting 4.7 million beneficiaries to meet surging humanitarian needs. An emergency school feeding pilot intervention has been included, targeting 100,000 children.

During the reporting period, WFP Ukraine has received several contributions from private donors which increased the overall amount received from the private sector to USD 106.5 million. In addition, WFP Ukraine has received another generous contribution from France (EUR 1 million) which will focus on prevention of malnutrition through WFP's General Food assistance.

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