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## WFP Ukraine

### External Situation Report #52

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## In Numbers

**9,700 mt** dispatched for distribution.

**USD 9.7 million** cash disbursed.

**1.6 million** beneficiaries reached.

**3.7 million** Internally Displaced People.

## Highlights

- The WFP Regional Director visited Ukraine in August where she observed WFP demining operations in Kharkiv and a small WFP-supported bakery providing fresh bread to people living in front line locations.
- WFP facilitated a Grain from Ukraine shipment for Mozambique and Malawi from Pivdenny port. A further WFP shipment of 25,000 mt of wheat also left the port of Odesa for Yemen.

## Situation Update

- The security situation in Donetsk region has deteriorated significantly. Russian Forces (RF) have made territorial gains, including advances towards Pokrovsk, a city now within artillery range. Humanitarian operations in the region have been curtailed due to security concerns. In addition to Pokrovsk, Russian forces have progressed in the Vuhledar, Kurakhove, and Toretsk areas. These developments pose significant challenges to humanitarian access and the safety of civilians.
- In early August, a military operation was initiated at the border between the Kursk and Sumy regions. Following the escalation of tensions, local authorities mandated the evacuation of approximately 6,000 individuals, including children and their guardians, from nearby settlements in the Sumy region. Access restrictions were also imposed within a 20-km radius of the border. In anticipation of displacement, humanitarian organisations prepared food supplies to support those affected.
- By late August, Ukraine experienced a significant escalation in aerial attacks, targeting critical infrastructure across multiple areas. As a result, emergency power outages were implemented. Increasing disruptions on electricity for households and businesses across the country require WFP and its personnel to plan accordingly and ensure contingencies are in place to ensure business continuity.

Pivdennyi port near Odesa. A vessel carrying over 23,000 mt of maize is bound for Mozambique and Malawi to support WFP's drought relief efforts, targeting approximately 1.1 million people. This marked a crucial milestone as Malawi became the newest country to benefit from the initiative, receiving its first maize shipment. Representatives from the Ukrainian Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food, the Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority, and the French Embassy in Ukraine attended the vessel departure. The cargo was generously funded by France, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, Sweden, and Portugal.



## Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **In-Kind Food Assistance:** WFP provided in-kind food assistance to almost **1.1 million** Ukrainians in August. This targeted approach delivers a combination of bread, rapid response rations, 30-day rations, and institutional feeding to meet the specific needs of various populations. WFP prioritises in-kind assistance for those living where traditional market access is disrupted, including regions facing ongoing hostilities, damaged infrastructure, landmine contamination, or limited power supplies. Most of WFP's in-kind support goes to frontline communities.
- **Double Distributions:** WFP continues to provide double distributions in areas where access is challenging. In August, WFP reached 41,000 people with double distributions, while overall, WFP has reached 89,810 people with double distributions in the Donetsk region since March and 32,416 in Kharkiv since April. WFP plans to reach almost 6,500 people in September with a new round of double distributions.

## WFP Response

- **Grain from Ukraine:** a new shipment under the "Grain from Ukraine" Initiative departed from the



## Supply Chain

- In August, WFP dispatched over **9,700 mt** of food to cooperating partners (CPs) in Ukraine. WFP's pipeline remains well-stocked in preparation for the winter with an additional **37,700 mt** of food commodities, including **11,550 mt** of food currently available in storage facilities and **26,140 mt** in transit or awaiting final supplier delivery. WFP's proactive supply chain approach helps to sustain food assistance for people in need throughout Ukraine.

## Clusters and Common Services



### Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC)

- **Deduplication Efforts:** Through interagency deduplication, a potential duplicate of around 33,400 beneficiaries (4.3 percent) for In-Kind General Food Distribution (GFD) and almost 8,000 beneficiaries (3.2 percent) for Cash-for-Food have been identified and reconciled. The Increased participation of Food Security and Livelihoods partners in intersectoral deduplication helped to identify individuals potentially receiving multiple forms of assistance, including Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) or other food aid programmes. Deduplication efforts in August resulted in savings of nearly 12 million UAH (USD 0.3 million) for Cash for Food. The GFD deduplication report is expected to yield potential savings of 43 million UAH (USD 1 million) during September distributions by preventing unintended overlap.
- The Food Assistance Working Group (FAWG), with support from nutrition specialists, developed [guidelines](#) for a harmonized 30-day in-kind food assistance to ensure the nutritional adequacy and cultural acceptability of food distributions.
- To mitigate the anticipated seasonal surge in food insecurity during the upcoming winter months, the FSLC issued a special bulletin titled "[Winter Resilience: Addressing Ukraine's Critical Food Needs](#)." The bulletin outlines the urgent need to scale up regular food assistance programs to ensure the well-being of vulnerable populations.



## Logistics Cluster

- In August, the Logistics Cluster received and stored **639 m<sup>3</sup>** of humanitarian relief items on behalf of twelve partners. As of 31 August, the cluster was managing **2,507 m<sup>3</sup>** of humanitarian cargo for 15 partners. During this period, 218 mt of humanitarian commodities, including WASH supplies, health items, logistics equipment, shelter materials, and other essential items, were dispatched to twelve locations in Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Odesa, and Sumy regions. The Logistics Cluster facilitated four Inter-Agency Convoys, transporting **49 mt** of life-saving aid to Kurakhove, Oleksandro-Kalynove and Tsukuryne in Donetsk region and to Vysoke in Kherson region. The cluster has supported 31 such convoys in 2024, delivering **356 mt** of relief items to 25 locations across four regions.



### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC has responded to the International Safety Organisation (INSO)'s request to extend the VHF radio network for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) use. The equipment for the expansion is being tested and piloted for integration into the existing VHF network managed by the ETC. More testing will be conducted in September using the repeater in Kyiv. Previously, the VHF network established by the cluster was only available for use by UN agencies.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP faces a significant funding gap. Currently funded at 35 percent for the next six months (until February 2025), WFP's needs-base plan requires an additional **USD 266.1 million** to sustain operations. The funding priorities remain food procurement for the emergency response, continuation of the Complementary Social Benefits programme, and pilots of quick impact livelihood programmes in areas in recovery. Additionally, with the changes to the frontline and intensified hostilities, WFP calls for support towards its emergency response for rapid response and cash interventions.

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