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WFP Ukraine

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WFP RESOURCES

SIX-MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIRED

November 2025-April 2026, based on the needs-based plan

USD 333 M

IN NUMBERS



2,583 MT of food distributed



USD 8,3 million cash disbursed



702,853 beneficiaries reached

WFP OPERATIONAL PRESENCE



WFP OPERATION:	Ukraine interim country strategic plan (2025–2027)
WFP UKRAINE STAFF:	274
WFP UKRAINE OFFICES:	3
WFP UKRAINE COOPERATING PARTNERS	11

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WFP emergency response phase:
CORPORATE ATTENTION

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- As winter nears, attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure—crippling 60% of gas production—have triggered widespread power outages, especially in major cities. This has intensified the humanitarian and economic crisis, driving inflation, raising business costs, and straining national recovery efforts. Immediate international aid is crucial to support civilian resilience and stabilize the economy.
- Due to funding shortfalls, WFP Ukraine is phasing out some activities, reducing transfer values, and limiting all assistance to areas within 50 km of the front lines.



SITUATION UPDATE

- The intensifying aerial campaign in Ukraine is systematically dismantling the country's critical infrastructure. With the latest major air strike on the night of 21-22 October, at least six civilians were killed and 55 injured, power substations, hydropower and thermal power plants, oil and gas sites, and Odesa's port were targeted. Since October, strikes have damaged 60 percent of gas production capacity and over 60 percent of power generation facilities, forcing widespread emergency blackouts across Kyiv, Poltava, and other major cities. As winter approaches, these assaults threaten mass displacements and an acute humanitarian crisis. Economists warn of mounting business costs, rising inflation, and a blow to the country's GDP.
- On 14 October, a clearly marked UN humanitarian convoy came under attack in Kherson Oblast. Two WFP fleet trucks were directly hit and destroyed—marking the first confirmed destruction of WFP vehicles and the second attack on an inter-agency convoy since the full-scale war began. The incident affected cargo belonging to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the national NGO South Development Strategy. Two other trucks successfully delivered supplies from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and returned safely to Odesa.



WFP UKRAINE RESPONSE

WFP assisted an estimated 702,853 people⁽¹⁾ in October through various activities.

GENERAL FOOD AND CASH ASSISTANCE

- WFP continues providing emergency in-kind (GFD-30) and cash for food assistance in frontline areas. In

(1) Including an estimated number of children supported under the School Meals Programme.

From October, WFP applied a change in the calculation methodology of the total number of people being reached monthly to enable clearer understating of the level of response in the view of the current funding situation.

areas where markets cannot operate normally, in-kind food assistance will be provided, reflecting the impact of the deteriorating security situation. Where markets remain accessible, even close to the frontlines, WFP continues to provide cash.

- Due to continued assaults on Ukraine's infrastructure, there are **urgent concerns about escalating humanitarian needs, including widespread winter displacement driven by critical shortages in electricity, gas, heating, and water**. In response, **WFP and the broader UN system are proactively pre-positioning supplies and reinforcing service continuity** to ensure timely, effective support reaches those most at risk. This effort is part of a **broader winter preparedness strategy**, especially vital as ongoing disruptions to energy, water, and transport services—particularly in frontline and adjacent regions—continue to threaten aid delivery across Donetsk region and surrounding areas.
- **WFP Ukraine latest monitoring report for the School Feeding Programme (academic year 2024-2025)** highlighted that **WFP's support helped schools meet national nutrition reform standards**. Parents and staff expressed strong support for the programme. **Winterization assistance – the provision of fuel cards and kitchen equipment – was introduced for the first time in 2025, with schools finding it useful** but requesting for more equipment. Despite wartime challenges, schools remain committed to feeding students, showing the programme's vital role in education and wellbeing.
- WFP's Ukraine Representative met with representatives from the ministry of Social Policy, Family and Unity of Ukraine, **to discuss joint efforts to strengthen the targeting and delivery of social assistance—particularly for populations living along the frontline**. The meeting emphasized the complementarity between humanitarian support and national systems and outlined next steps to improve coordination and data-sharing for more responsive, needs-based assistance.

HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION

- WFP participated in **the annual Ukraine Mine Action Conference (UMAC 2025)**, held in Tokyo. The event convened representatives from 57 countries, the European Union, United Nations, and other leading international organizations **to explore how mine action contributes to Ukraine's recovery and long-term resilience**. During the conference, **over USD 80 million in new international support was announced for humanitarian demining efforts in Ukraine**. On the sidelines, **WFP held bilateral meetings with partners from Japan as well as delegates from France, Belgium, and the Minderoo Foundation** to present the joint WFP/FAO programme on demining and livelihoods—highlighting how integrated approaches can accelerate safe access to land and sustainable recovery.
- **As part of its commitment to advancing localization, the project continues to work in close coordination with national mine action authorities, including the State Emergency Services of Ukraine**

(SESU), to share data and better target communities affected by Explosive Ordnance. It is also deepening its partnership with the Kharkiv Regional Mine Action Coordination Centre (RMACC), to enhance regional response capacity through increased technical cooperation and support.

LIVELIHOODS

- In October, WFP and FAO agreed to further cooperate on the **expansion of the Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) for Markets Initiative** – strengthening local value chains through enabling food marketplaces, where smallholders may sell their produce. With the support of FAO, an additional MSU was installed and became operational in Doroshivka of Mykolaiv region to support local households and particularly women farmers.
- WFP led a mission to Mykolaiv and Kherson regions with its Director of Private Partnerships and a representative from the Innovation Accelerator **to explore ways to leverage private financing to boost agriculture and businesses in Ukraine**.



CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS CLUSTER (FSLC)

- In 2025, September marked the highest month to date in terms of food assistance delivered by FSLC partners to affected populations: over 1.6 million people – almost 91 percent of the monthly target – were supported.

LOGISTICS CLUSTER

- The Logistics Cluster **facilitated three Inter-Agency Convoys (IACs)** to locations across Kherson Oblast, providing **cargo consolidation and transport via WFP fleet trucks**. These convoys delivered meals ready-to-eat (MREs), dignity kits, hygiene and first aid supplies, shelter materials, winterization kits, and portable power stations **on behalf of eight partner organizations**. Additionally, one IAC to Mezheva in Dnipropetrovska Oblast was supported through cargo consolidation for WHO, Angels of Salvation, and UNFPA, with onward transport managed by OCHA fleet assets.

EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLUSTER (ETC)

- In October, **ETC presented a new interlinking system for Ukraine's very-high frequency (VHF) network**. The solution, **designed to extend range and improve reliability**, has already implemented at VHF repeater sites in Odesa, Mykolaiv, Luch, and Velyka Oleksandrivka of Kerson region.
- The ETC installed a second VHF equipment kit at the WFP premises in Dnipro and integrated it with the UNDSS Security Information Operation Center, **launching a secure communication channel for the UN Security Group and wardens, and reinforcing coordination in high-risk zones**.



RESOURCING UPDATE

- WFP in Ukraine faces a significant funding gap, with the operation's needs-based plan **funded at 10 percent** for the next six months (until April 2026), requiring **USD 333 million** to sustain operations.