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External Situation Report #53

September 2024

In Numbers

- 7,720 mt** distributed to beneficiaries.
- USD 10.9 million** cash disbursed.
- 1.5 million** beneficiaries reached.
- 3.7 million** Internally displaced people.

Highlights

- There is an alarming rise in violence against aid workers and facilities, with three attacks in September 2024. Drones targeting distribution points continue to disrupt crucial assistance.
- Approximately 15 percent of Ukraine's population will be food insecure in 2025, with frontline regions most affected.

Situation Update

- The [Humanitarian Access Snapshot](#), reports a concerning increase in attacks against humanitarian personnel and facilities. Between 9-24 September 2024, three separate attacks targeted distribution centres, including those operated by WFP, resulting in death, injuries, damage and disruption to aid efforts.

WFP Response

- The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and WFP signed a partnership agreement to implement the school meals program for the 2024/2025 academic year. As part of the program support, WFP will transfer 30 percent of the cost of meals for over 160,000 primary school students (grades 1-4) in 14 regions of Ukraine: Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Chernivtsi, Dnipropetrovsk, Khmelnytskyi, Kyiv, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Poltava, Sumy, Ternopil, Vinnytsia, and Zakarpattia. Similar regional-level agreements will be signed with the Zaporizhzhia and Kharkiv city councils to provide a portion of the cost of school meals for children studying in underground schools in Zaporizhzhia and Kharkiv.
- The humanitarian situation in Sumy region has worsened due to increased shelling and airstrikes, resulting in infrastructure damage and civilian casualties. In response, WFP is actively engaged in the Cash Working Group's rotation mechanism for Sumy region, supporting the registration and provision of Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) to evacuees and individuals whose homes have been damaged, as well as supporting public institutions by providing in-kind assistance in the region.
- WFP published a new Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) report for its in-kind food assistance program. The latest round of PDM data, collected in June 2024, aligns with previous findings, indicating consistent and stable food consumption among assisted households.

While the report cannot definitively establish impact, it reveals that over half of the interviewed households have received continuous WFP assistance for the past six months. Furthermore, the frequency of food-based coping strategies has remained relatively unchanged since January 2024, with households primarily adopting less preferred or less expensive options. The report highlights assisted households' ongoing challenges as the full-scale invasion enters its third year. Despite food assistance, many continue to rely on livelihood coping strategies, underscoring their persistent struggle to meet essential needs.

- Under the Grain from Ukraine initiative, in September, WFP has shipped 440 mt of vegetable oil to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), 23,000 mt of maize to Malawi and Mozambique, 440 mt of vegetable oil for Mozambique, and shipments of food for Palestine are ongoing.

WFP Assistance

WFP reached 1.5 million people in September through various activities tailored to their needs.



Cash

- WFP disbursed over USD 10.9 million to more than 553,000 people in need through various cash-based assistance modalities.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- **In-Kind Food Assistance:** In September, WFP provided in-kind food assistance to over 907,000 Ukrainians. 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 September, WFP reached over 2,200 people, while overall WFP has reached over 92,350 people in the Donetsk region since March and over 32,400 people in Kharkiv region since April. WFP plans to reach over 11,000 people in October with a new round of double distributions.



Supply Chain

- In September, WFP dispatched over **7,700 mt** of food to cooperating partners (CPs) in Ukraine. WFP's pipeline remains well-stocked in preparation for the winter with an additional **32,604 mt** of food commodities, including **11,056 mt** of food currently available in storage facilities and **21,548 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)

- In preparation for the 2025 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP), the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster evaluated the number of People in Need (PiN), which will serve as the reference for humanitarian organizations operating in the food and livelihood assistance sector in 2025. **Nearly 5 million people**, or 15 percent of Ukraine's population, are vulnerable to food insecurity and require food and livelihood assistance. People in need of food assistance are mostly concentrated in the frontline areas in the east and south, where Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Luhansk Odesa, and Zaporizhzhia regions account for 40 percent of the total PiN figure for food.
- **Deduplication Efforts:** The Increased participation of 65 Food Security and Livelihoods partners in intersectoral deduplication helped to identify

individuals potentially receiving multiple forms of assistance. Deduplication efforts resulted in total savings of nearly UAH 1.46 billion (approx. approximately USD 35.2 million) during the nine months' distributions by preventing unintended overlaps.



Logistics Cluster

- In response to the Pokrovsk emergency, the Cluster continues to actively support humanitarian and governmental organisations with the ongoing evacuation efforts from the Pokrovskiyi district by facilitating access to transport and storage services in the east and addressing coordination gaps.
- The Logistics Cluster received 717 m³ of relief items from eight partners and stored 2,557 m³ of cargo for 14 partners. They dispatched 309 mt of humanitarian goods to 17 locations across seven regions, with the cargo comprising food security items (40 percent), shelter materials (36 percent), WASH supplies (17 percent), and other essentials (7 percent).
- Five Inter-Agency Convoys delivered 45 mt of aid to frontline areas in three oblasts. In 2024 to date, the cluster has supported 33 such convoys, delivering 372 mt of relief to 26 locations in four regions.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC continued its planned expansion of the Very High Frequency (VHF) radio network across eight priority locations along Ukraine's frontline to facilitate more robust security communications services for responders in high-risk areas. In September, the ETC facilitated the deployment of the VHF network in Kehychivka.

Resourcing Update

- WFP faces a significant funding gap. Currently funded at 30 percent for the next six months (until March 2025), WFP's needs-based plan requires an additional **USD 292 million** to sustain operations.

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