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WFP emergency response phase: CORPORAATE ATTENTION

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP disbursed USD 19.4 million to almost 787,000
 people through various cash-based assistance
 modalities.
- Under the Grain from Ukraine initiative, WFP delivered 4,849 mt of wheat flour to Syria to support local bakeries to provide bread to food insecure people.
- WFP distributed fuel cards (1,000 litres each) to 79 schools in frontline regions to maintain generator operations and sustain essential school activities at times of power outages.

SITUATION UPDATE

 As Ukraine commemorated the third anniversary of the full-scale war, the security situation continued to deteriorate, with daily nationwide drone attacks utilizing advanced technology becoming commonplace. Ground operations in Eastern Ukraine have significantly slowed, with minimal territorial changes reported in recent weeks. Due to the worsening security conditions, WFP has lost operational access to Pokrovsk (11,000 food-insecure people) and eight villages of the Kostiantynivka community (nearly 1,200 food-insecure people) in the Donetsk region.

WFP assisted an estimated 1.5 million people in February through various activities.

GENERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP reached over 728,000 food-insecure Ukrainians through rapid response rations, 30-day rations, institutional feeding and bread to meet the specific needs of various populations. Most of WFP's in-kind support goes to frontline communities.
- In February, WFP reached 2,079 beneficiaries with double distributions in the Donetsk region.

DOUBLE DISTRIBUTIONS: WFP continues to provide double distributions in areas where access is challenging, especially along the frontline.

Cash-Based Transfers

 WFP disbursed USD 19.4 million to almost 787,000 people through various cash-based assistance modalities. Out of those, nearly 488,000 people were provided with social top-ups valued at USD 7.2 million.

GRAIN FROM UKRAINE FOR UKRAINE

 To date, WFP has collected approximately 14,000 mt of wheat (representing 88 percent of the planned quantities) from silos in the frontline regions. Milling operations have begun at facilities in Dnipro and Kyiv, with the initial **500 mt of processed wheat flour** already dispatched from Dnipro to WFP warehouses in Kropyvnytskyi and Kyiv.

FOOD EXPORTS

 By the end of February, 4,349 mt of wheat flour arrived in Syria from Tekirdag, Türkiye, under the Grain from Ukraine initiative, to complement the 500 mt previously delivered. The combined 4,849 mt of wheat flour will enable local bakeries to produce bread for food-insecure Syrian populations, with distributions scheduled to commence after the conclusion of Ramadan.

SCHOOL FEEDING

 Through the School Meals Programme winterization project, initiated in partnership with United Nations Children's fund (UNICEF), WFP distributed fuel cards (1,000 litres each) to 79 schools in frontline areas to maintain generator operations at times of power outages. This support ensures continuous electricity for essential functions during blackouts. Additional assistance in the form of kitchen appliances for these schools is planned for future implementation as part of the comprehensive support package.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS CLUSTER

- The FSLC released a <u>Special Bulletin on the 2025</u> <u>Needs and Response Plan</u> in English and Ukrainian languages. This document establishes the strategic framework, key objectives, and priority areas to guide humanitarian interventions throughout 2025 in the food security and livelihood sectors.
- At the national coordination meeting, the Cluster shared results from a survey that assessed the impact of USAID's funding freeze on partner organisations' operational capacity and workforce in Ukraine¹. Among 43 respondents, most organizations operate in ten war-affected regions, with the majority (22) do not receive direct USAID funding. Agricultural and off-farm livelihood programmes were identified as the most severely impacted areas (52 percent of responses each), while food distribution activities were less affected (mentioned by only 17 percent). The survey also revealed that 43 percent of responders have experienced challenges related to staffing and human resources management.
- The FSLC facilitated coordination meetings at national and sub-national levels, notably held the first coordination meeting in the Donetsk region in Kramatorsk since the full-scale invasion. The Cluster is the only functional coordination structure

for food and livelihood assistance in the region.

LOGISTICS CLUSTER

- The Logistics Cluster chaired two coordination meetings at the national level (Kyiv) and sub-national level (Dnipro), with 38 humanitarian organisations in discussions on humanitarian access challenges, logistics common services, and training opportunities.
- The year's first Logistics Cluster Induction training was conducted in Kharkiv with 25 participants from 8 national NGOs, 12 international NGOs, and the Ukrainian Red Cross. Additionally, in collaboration with the DHL Academy of Humanitarian Logistics, the Cluster launched a webinar series to strengthen humanitarian logistics capabilities in Ukraine, with 98 logistics professionals registered in the inaugural Health and Safety session.
- February saw a marked increase in transport users and destinations reached, with 377 m³ of relief cargo dispatched on behalf of 21 organisations to 23 locations across eight regions.
- In common warehouses, 1,363 m³ of relief items were received from eight partner organisations, with total stock on hand of 2,800 m³ of humanitarian supplies on behalf of 15 partners as of 28 February.
- The cluster supported eight Inter-Agency Convoys through cargo consolidation and transport facilitation, and delivered Food, Health, Protection, Shelter, and WASH items on behalf of 14 humanitarian organisations to the Donetsk, Kharkiv and Kherson regions.
- In collaboration with OCHA and UNDSS, the Cluster conducted a joint Convoy Operational Planning and Logistics Assessment (COPLA) mission to Borova (Kharkiv region) to assess road conditions and access routes, potential offloading sites and the security situation.

EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLUSTER

- The ETC continued to facilitate NGOs' access to the very high frequency (VHF) network. February activities included installation of telecommunications equipment at remote sites and activation of dedicated VHF channels in Luch (Kherson region) and Kharkiv.
- The Cluster launched the third phase of Ukraine's VHF network coverage expansion project to address any coverage gaps and extend VHF services in Shostka, Barvinkove, Kryviy Rih, and Velyka Oleksandrivka in the first half of 2025.

RESOURCING UPDATE

 WFP faces a significant funding gap. Currently funded at 31 percent for the next six months (until August 2025), WFP's needs-based plan requires an additional USD 254 million to sustain operations.

¹ The survey was designed to consider both the subnational and national level of engagement of organisations; several respondents could represent one organisation at different response levels.