

WFP Ukraine

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WFP RESOURCES

SIX MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIRED

USD 291 M



WFP OPERATIONAL PRESENCE



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CORPORAATE ATTENTION

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Amid intensified attacks, WFP continues to provide emergency food and cash assistance, reaching 1.1 million people in April, including to evacuees, residents of frontline communities and people affected by attacks.
- Between January and April 2025, deduplication efforts through WFP's blockchain platform Building Blocks helped prevent unintended overlaps, saving USD 2.7 million (UAH 114.5 million).

SITUATION UPDATE

- Humanitarian workers face extreme risks. Intensified hostilities along the entire frontline resulted in a severe access constraints with 38 security incidents reported near front lines between January and late April, leaving three aid workers dead and 21 injured. Many communities have been suspended or cut off from vital aid due to unsafe access. WFP, its partners, and its infrastructure were targeted or directly impacted by the conflict 27 times since the beginning of September 2024.
- The first quarter of 2025 saw a sharp rise in civilian • casualties, with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) documenting 2,641 killed or injured, nearly 900 more than the same period in 2024 and over 600 more than early 2023. The violence intensified in April, with 848 verified casualties in just 24 days, a 46 percent increase compared to April 2024. Among the deadliest attacks in April were missile strikes on Sumy, Kryvyi Rih, and Kyiv, with the Sumy strike killing 36 people, the highest civilian death toll in a single attack since 2023. Other attacks claimed additional lives and caused dozens of injuries. Offensive ground operations escalated in Kharkiv, Sumy, and Chernihiv regions, with coordinated assaults aimed at establishing a strategic buffer zone in the northeast of Ukraine.

• WFP assisted an estimated **1.1 million people** in April through various activities.

GENERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE

- WFP provided emergency food assistance to over 559,000 food-insecure Ukrainians through in-kind assistance, particularly, 30-day rations, rapid response rations, and bread – and cash to 567,000 people to help cover their monthly food needs.
- In the Sumy region, WFP, in response to the local authorities' request, provided **nearly 4,000 beneficiaries** in communities located close to the border with emergency food assistance (30-day rations).

- WFP continued to provide one-time cash assistance of UAH 10,800 (approx. USD 260) to more than 2,400 people affected by attacks and evacuees in Donetsk, Kharkiv, Odesa, and Sumy regions, to cover their basic multi-sectoral needs for three months.
- WFP provided USD 5.1 million in cash assistance to supplement government benefits for over 316,000 vulnerable pensioners, people without a right to pension and persons with disabilities, in frontline regions.

GRAIN FROM UKRAINE FOR UKRAINE PROJECT

 WFP continues milling operations and pasta production with nearly 2,000 mt of fortified wheat flour and over 1,400 mt of pasta produced and dispatched to WFP warehouses by the end of April.

HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION

 On 29 April, WFP as a part of collaboration with the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU) handed over a medical vehicle to the SESU Medical Centre. The vehicle is designed to provide prompt emergency medical care in conditions of increased danger, such as mine action clearance, and will support national efforts on the rehabilitation of Ukraine's territories contaminated with mines and explosive ordnance.

ADVOCACY AND FUNDRASING

 From 21 to 25 April, WFP Country Director visited Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, and Oslo to highlight Ukraine's humanitarian crisis and thank Nordic countries for their support. High-level officials praised WFP's strategic planning, flexibility, and ability to scale operations efficiently. They also welcomed WFP's efforts to direct resources where most needed. The visit identified opportunities to boost Nordic funding for Ukraine by accessing new government funds, engaging more with the private sector, and increasing awareness of WFP's broader role in Ukraine beyond the Grain from Ukraine initiative.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS CLUSTER (FSLC)

- Between January and April 2025, interagency deduplication efforts across Food Assistance and Livelihoods activities helped prevent unintended overlap across different modalities, saving USD 2.73 million (UAH 114.5 million). This included USD 2.64 million (UAH 110.5 million) savings for In-Kind Food Assistance & Sectorial Cash for Food and USD 95,277 (UAH 4 million) savings for Off-farm Livelihoods assistance.
- In the framework of the Ukraine 2025 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) reprioritisation exercise, the FSLC implemented target adjustments under the Strategic Objective 1 – fulfilling food and nutrition needs of the affected populations. The target for the In-kind Food Assistance was reduced by 17 percent (from 885,000 to 734,000 people), and the target for Sectoral Cash Assistance was reduced by 26 percent (from 900,000 to 670,000 people).

Respective **budget adjustments** draw up to **11 percent reduction** (from USD 156 to 139 million) for In-kind and **16 percent** (from USD 224 to 188 million) from Sectorial Cash modalities of assistance.

The FSLC finalised processing its partners' data on the assistance provided to the vulnerable population, which showed significant improvement in March compared to the first two months of 2025. Over 1.5 million people were reached with food assistance by 41 implementing partners, with a monthly target gap reduced to nearly 270,000 beneficiaries. Almost 165,000 beneficiaries received livelihood assistance, reaching nine percent of the cumulative 2025 reprioritised target.

LOGISTICS CLUSTER

- April recorded the highest volume of humanitarian cargo 747 mt transported since the beginning of 2025. Of the relief items transported, cargo was consolidated, and transport facilitated for four Inter-Agency Convoys, delivering 48 mt of relief items through eight WFP fleet trucks and one commercial truck on behalf of nine organisations to Donetsk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions.
- The Logistics Cluster chaired its monthly national and sub-national coordination meetings, totalling 74 participants representing 38 organisations. The main topics discussed were humanitarian access updates, an overview of energy insecurity, common logistics services, logistics gaps, partners' updates, and a short overview of the Cluster activities in the first quarter of 2025.
- Between 23 and 24 April, 30 participants from 22 organisations, including UN agencies, INGOS, NNGOS and the Red Cross, attended the Logistics Cluster Induction (LCI) training in Kyiv. The training was held in Ukrainian to focus on strengthening the capacity of the national logistics staff.

EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLUSTER (ETC)

 ETC continues to work on the improvement and expansion of the Very High Frequency (VHF) coverage in close to frontline areas in Ukraine, which would provide humanitarian actors with a reliable channel for security communications during their missions. Following two assessment missions held in April to the potential sites in Barvinkove and Kryviy Rih, ETC prepared and dispatched the equipment for installation and provided technical specifications to the installation company.

RESOURCING UPDATE

• WFP in Ukraine faces a significant funding gap, with the operation currently funded at 20 percent for the next six months (until October 2025). WFP requires an additional **USD 291 million** to sustain operations.