

# WFP Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries

## External Situation Report #6

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### Highlights

WFP reached over 330,000 crisis-affected people inside Ukraine with food assistance since the beginning of the conflict. Food delivery to cooperating partners is being scaled up, reaching over 900 mt over the last days.

WFP participated in the first interagency humanitarian convoy aiming to deliver relief supplies to the most vulnerable people inside Ukraine.

### In Numbers

-  **12 million**  
people affected by the crisis
-  **30 percent of Ukraine population**  
in need of life-saving assistance
-  **3.2 million**  
people displaced to neighbouring countries
-  **6.4 million**  
internally displaced persons
-  **142 WFP staff**  
deployed in Ukraine and neighbouring countries

### WFP Operations

WFP teams in Ukraine and neighbouring countries continue to scale up cash and food assistance to meet the dire needs of the displaced and crisis-affected people in Ukraine. Additional agreements were concluded with local partners for cash and food distribution for around **one million and half beneficiaries**, while more are under negotiation.

In **Kharkiv**, WFP doubled its bread distribution through partners, reaching 77.7 mt for around 260,000 crisis-affected people. In **Kyiv**, following the delivery of 26 mt of high-energy biscuits, WFP partners delivered around 325 mt of vegetable oil, 478 mt of wheat flour to nearly 70,000 vulnerable persons. In **Dnipro**, some 2.2 mt of mixed canned was also distributed through partners to the most vulnerable people.

**WFP Moldova** delivered successfully hot meals for 300 people at the Mold Center refugee reception site. The team contracted a second caterer (Parsec), to provide three hot meals per day for 2000 refugees. In response to the Government request, WFP will cover and coordinate the delivery of hot meals in all refugee reception centers in Moldova. Further cash-based interventions are being designed to target 30,000 households among the host communities.

**WFP Slovakia** team conducted a three-day assessment mission to the border area with Ukraine and to the city of Uzhhorod in Western Ukraine, close to Slovakia border. The city is receiving growing flows of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in need of food and shelter while supplies of diesel and gasoline are limited. There is a highly organized government response, supported by dedicated volunteers but further support from WFP in coordination with the different districts of the oblasts hosting IDPs may be required to sustain assistance. In response, WFP Slovakia team along with WFP Hungary team are engaged in preparedness activities for a cross-border cash-based transfers and food assistance to support IDPs in the Zakarpatska Oblast.

### WFP's emergency response

In response to the Ukraine crisis, WFP aims to assist **3.1 million crisis-affected people and IDPs** on the move inside Ukraine with in-kind and cash distribution, as well as 300,000 refugees and asylum seekers from Ukraine in neighbouring countries. Logistics and emergency telecommunications services are provided to the humanitarian community to ensure a timely assistance inside and outside of Ukraine.

### WFP Funding Requirements USD 590 million

WFP Net Funding Requirements  
(March 2022 – June 2022)

Basic Assistance (in-kind, cash, capacity strengthening)	USD 518 million
Assistance in Neighbouring Countries	USD 49 million
Logistics Cluster	USD 19.4 million
ETC Cluster	USD 2.9 million
On-demand Services	USD 0.5 million

## Supply chain



WFP purchased around 24,500 mt of different food commodities inside and outside Ukraine to support vulnerable people inside Ukraine and is discussing the procurement of an additional 30,000 mt of food supplies to continue to expand its emergency response across the country.

WFP participated in humanitarian inter-agency convoys facilitated by OCHA to deliver life-saving humanitarian assistance to displaced populations trapped inside Ukraine. WFP dispatched 2.2 mt of canned food in this first convoy that took place on 15 March. Further convoys might be scheduled to take place in the coming days.

Since the beginning of the conflict, all Ukrainian ports have been blocked. Over 100 merchant ships of different nationalities remain unable to leave the area. A number have also reportedly endured massive damage and human loss. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is investigating with member states the possibility to establish 'blue maritime corridors' for vessels to leave or to have ship crews evacuated through land corridor.

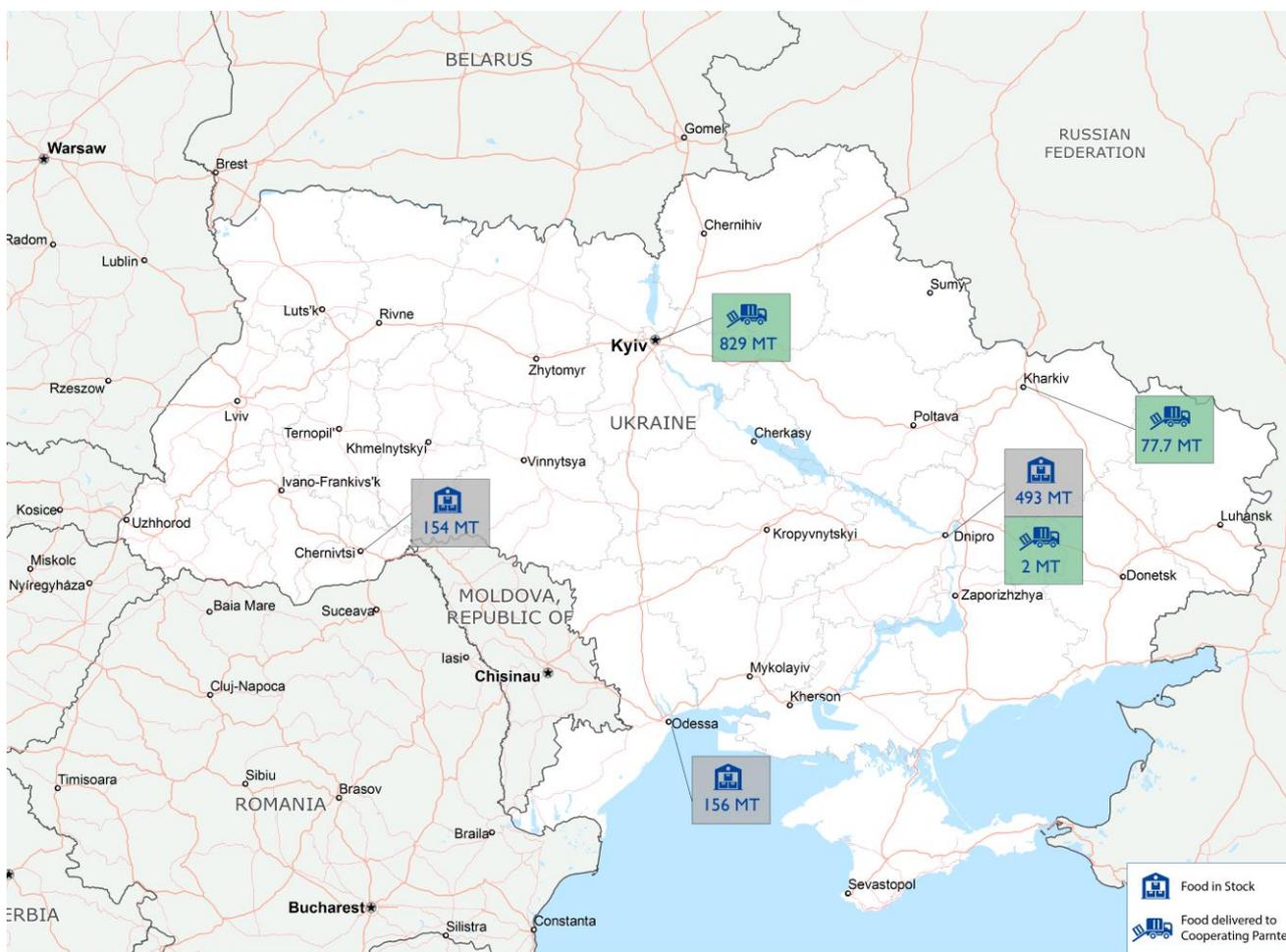
In Kyiv, the curfew enforced from the afternoon of 15 March to the morning of 17 March slowed down WFP operations. Nevertheless, the food distribution continued to satisfy growing humanitarian needs. Some 325 mt of vegetable oil has been delivered at the city from Kropyvnytsky via rail, with a further 107 mt expected imminently.

In Dnipro, WFP stored around 493 mt of various food commodities (mixed canned food, pasta, wheat flour and various dry food) in its warehouse, coming from neighbouring countries. In Chernivtsi, around 154 mt of various food types (chickpeas, bulgur, lentils, rice, white sugar and salt) arrived from Bucharest, Romania.

Some 18.4 mt of infant cereal were procured from Belgium today and are expected to be delivered to WFP warehouse in Warsaw, Poland in the coming days.

Currently, WFP has nine warehouses fully operational in Ukraine and the neighbouring countries: 4 in Ukraine (Kyiv, Lviv, Chernivtsi and Dnipro), 3 in Poland (Warsaw, Lublin and Rzeszow) 1 in Romania (Bucharest) and 1 in Moldova (Chisinau). Additional warehouses are under negotiation.

## WFP Food Supplies inside Ukraine



## Funding Outlook

To meet increasing needs, WFP requires a total of USD 590 million to scale up its emergency response to the Ukraine crisis through June 2022, with USD 541 million needed for humanitarian assistance inside Ukraine and USD 49 million for activities in neighbouring countries.

Swift confirmation of contributions is of critical importance to enable WFP to mobilize timely assistance to affected people amidst a volatile security situation.

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## Logistics Cluster



The Logistics Cluster continues to exchange information and provide updates to partners through a series of coordination calls at the Global, Poland, and Ukraine level. On 16 March, the Logistics Cluster hosted the fifth Global Coordination Call on Ukraine.

The Logistics Cluster has created a WhatsApp group for those responding from Romania. Those interested can [join here](#).

## Emergency Telecommunications Cluster



Two staff from the ETC partner, emergency.lu, trained ETC team in Krakow on the use of their GATR and RANGER rapidly deployable VSAT solutions. The VSATs will be used to provide connectivity to humanitarians in Ukraine.

A Telecommunications Specialist from WFP's Fast IT and Telecommunications Emergency Support Team (FITTEST) is programming a radio repeater at the warehouse in Rzeszow and preparing it to be deployed in Lviv to establish a back-up security communications system for humanitarians in the city.



Photo Caption: WFP Bread Distribution through partners in a Kharkiv metro subway station, Ukraine. © WFP