



WFP Ukraine

External Situation Report #65 | September 2025

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WFP RESOURCES

SIX-MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIRED

October 2025-March 2026, based on the needs-based plan

USD 337 M

IN NUMBERS



2,543 MT of food distributed



USD 8.8 million cash disbursed



648,522 beneficiaries reached

WFP OPERATIONAL PRESENCE



WFP OPERATION:	Ukraine Interim country strategic plan (2025–2027)
WFP UKRAINE STAFF:	290
WFP UKRAINE OFFICES:	3
WFP UKRAINE COOPERATING PARTNERS	11

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WFP emergency response phase:
CORPORATE ATTENTION

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Since September, WFP has adopted a strategic shift from targeted assistance to blanket coverage in areas with access challenges.
- WFP transitioning from in-kind food assistance (30-day rations) to monthly sectoral cash assistance for approximately 68,000 recipients in select communities.
- WFP hosted a joint Nordic-Baltic donor mission representing six countries between 22-26 September 2025 to showcase field operations and strengthen partnerships.



SITUATION UPDATE

- **The security situation in Ukraine continues to deteriorate.** On 4 September, a hospital in Kostiantynivka sustained severe damage following an attack involving three guided bombs. Preliminary reports indicate that approximately 372 Institutional Feeding (IF) kits were destroyed.
- On the night of 27–28 September, **Ukraine experienced its third largest combined missile and drone strike of the war, with a total of 643 projectiles launched.** In Kyiv City, the attack resulted in four civilian fatalities and at least 40 injuries, including children. According to Kyiv region Military Administration, the strikes left more than 2,500 residents without gas and approximately 580 without electricity.



WFP UKRAINE RESPONSE

WFP assisted an estimated 648,522 people in September through various activities.

GENERAL FOOD AND CASH ASSISTANCE

- Due to escalating insecurity across several frontline regions—characterized by restricted access and diminished essential services—WFP and its partners have faced significant challenges in reaching vulnerable populations. Hence, **WFP has adopted a strategic shift from targeted assistance to blanket coverage** in communities in Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, and Kharkiv region.
- Additionally, recent monitoring and assessments—alongside signs of market stabilization—have informed the **phasing out of bread distributions in select areas.** Assistance has been redirected to **communities exhibiting weaker market functionality and heightened access challenges.** Due to insecurity, **three bakeries**, previously located in Donetsk region, **have decided to relocate** and **WFP is now working on a plan to have the Donetsk region's targeted beneficiaries still covered by small bakeries that have capacity** and are willing to deliver in other nearby areas.

- WFP's partners have **finalized the verification for more than 224,000 recipients of sectoral cash assistance across 33 communities** of Dnipro, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, Kherson regions. **Verification continues in two communities in Donetsk and Dnipro regions for around 40,000 people due to ongoing security concerns.**
- As of September, **WFP began transitioning its in-kind food assistance (30-day rations) to sectoral cash assistance of UAH 1,200 (USD 29) per person per month for approximately 68,000 recipients in select communities** across Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, where markets are functioning.

HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION

- Plans are underway for an official handover of 90 hectares of mine-cleared land, in coordination with the Kharkiv regional Government. **Six farm plots and eight households in Kamianka will receive certificates.** Since 2023, the FAO/WFP project has supported *Fondation suisse de déminage* (FSD) cooperating partner's operations in the area, complemented by continued livelihood assistance through FAO and WFP's Quick Impact Self-Reliance Project.

QUICK IMPACT SELF RELIANCE PROJECT (QISP)

- In September, WFP provided **cash assistance to 1,621 households—reaching approximately 4,215 individuals—with a total disbursement of around USD 1.1 million.** Of this, 927 households (2,410 beneficiaries) located in mine action settlements received USD 0.6 million. Additionally, WFP **distributed agricultural kits to 407 households** (about 1,058 beneficiaries), valued at approximately **USD 286,103.** Within this group, 68 households (177 beneficiaries) in mine action settlements received kits worth USD 47,801.



CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS CLUSTER (FSLC)

- FSLC continues coordination of emergency response to the mass evacuations from the frontline regions. In September, Cluster's partners provided almost **8,000 evacuees from Donetsk and Kharkiv regions** with hot meals and ready-to-eat rations by WFP in four transit centres.
- The Building Blocks platform has demonstrated significant progress in preventing duplicate assistance, thanks to increased partner engagement and data sharing. So far in 2025, **deduplication efforts prevented USD 10.3 million in overlapping across different assistance modalities** – in-kind food, sectoral cash, multi-purpose cash, livelihoods and agricultural grants. Deduplication of in-kind food assistance prevented in overlapping the most share of almost 37 percent from the total amount of costs.
- In collaboration with FAO, the FSLC hosted the **Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) 2026 peer review workshop**, bringing together 36 partners from eight prioritized frontline regions, ensuring strong technical expertise and diverse field

perspectives. The workshop aimed to build consensus around the 2026 People in Need (PiN) figures, and severity classification. Through joint analysis and discussion, **partners reached a consensus-based outcome, which will be submitted to OCHA as part of the HNRP process. This initiative not only strengthened inter-agency collaboration but also reinforced the FSLC's commitment to evidence-based planning and inclusive coordination.**

LOGISTICS CLUSTER

- In response to identified needs through gap survey and direct bilateral requests from humanitarian organisations, **the Logistics Cluster made available a common warehouse in Kharkiv** from 15 September for 6 months with possible extension funding permitting. The first cargo, 5.5 m³ of hygiene kits from a partner, Project HOPE, arrived on the opening day.
- The Logistics Cluster **facilitated five Inter-Agency Convoys to nine locations across Donetsk and Kherson regions, delivering meals ready-to-eat (MRE), hygiene and first aid kits, shelter materials, winterization kits and portable power stations on behalf of 12 organizations.** The Cluster also supported one WFP-led convoy to Vesele in Dnipropetrovsk region, delivering food kits to the frontline area.

EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLUSTER (ETC)

- Due to security concerns, **ETC removed Very High Frequency equipment from the Broadcasting Radiocommunications and Television Concern (BRT) TV tower in Orly and will reduce VHF equipment in Kramatorsk while maintaining coverage in the area.**



DONOR RELATIONS AND ADVOCACY

- **In collaboration with the Copenhagen Office, WFP Ukraine hosted a joint Nordic-Baltic donor mission representing six countries** between September 22-26, 2025. The mission provided donors with frontline exposure to Ukraine's humanitarian crisis, WFP's operational response, and the direct impact of their funding on vulnerable populations.



RESOURCING UPDATE

- WFP in Ukraine faces a significant funding gap, with the operation's needs-based plan **funded at 11 percent** for the next six months (until March 2026), requiring **USD 337 million** to sustain operations.