



# WFP Ukraine

## External Situation Report #40

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In 2023 to date, a total of **91,869 mt** of food and **USD 187,159,556** of cash has been delivered.

Year/ Month	Transfers		Beneficiaries					Total Beneficiaries	
	Food Delivered (MT)	Cash Transfer Value (USD)	Bread	Rapid Response Rations	General Food Distribution				
					30-Day Ration	Suppl. Feeding	Instit. Feeding	Cash-Based Transfer	
<b>2023</b>									
January	20,741	43,638,960	395,658	410,753	1,100,545	5,374	372,848	731,406	3,016,585
February	20,702	45,847,318	261,770	375,747	1,179,649	55,450	403,080	766,825	3,042,521
March	16,479	43,228,961	690,230	215,999	852,222	49,633	478,867	723,874	3,010,825
April	13,957	39,023,190	422,236	309,345	706,251	6,230	296,098	658,078	2,398,238
May	14,128	15,421,127	378,820	249,662	714,758	-	293,405	263,563	1,900,208
June	5,862	-	145,530	145,793	268,394	-	194,817	-	754,534

### Key Highlights

- On 6 June, **the same day of the Kakhovka dam collapse**, WFP started **delivering food** to the flood-affected people **immediately**.
- By 15 June, 148,000 rations have been distributed to flood-affected people for the flood response.
- Additional means of transport, such as boats, currently in Kherson oblast, are awaiting safety guarantees to be mobilized for humanitarian operations to ensure that more affected people receive relief assistance.

### WFP Ukraine Response

Fierce fighting is continuing with the start of counteroffensives in Ukraine. As the whole country remains on high alert, the destruction of the Kakhovka dam from last week brought on additional challenges to the people already under significant and prolonged duress.

#### Kakhovka Dam Flood Response

On 06 June, the Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant (HPP) (known as Kakhovka Dam) on the Dnipro River in Kherson

oblast was severely damaged by explosions, causing water from the reservoir to flow uncontrollably downstream. As a result, 46 towns and villages in the same oblast and 31 more in the Mykolaiv oblast flooded. Hundreds of thousands of people on both sides of the frontline have been forced to flee their homes or move to higher ground in their immediate proximity. Thousands have lost access to basic services or to food and drinking water.

Through our existing partnerships with Tarilka, Ukrainian Red Cross Society, ADRA, Samaritan's Purse, Team4UA, and CO "100% Life", **WFP started delivering food to the flood-affected people immediately on the same day** to meet the surge needs, with the support of the local authorities. Within 48 hours, over 7,000 rapid response rations designed to cover food needs for 5 days were distributed for immediate relief. So far, WFP contributed **148,000 rations** to the overall Kakhovka dam flood response and this number increases daily.

Among the total number of rations distributed, 127,878 were rapid response rations and 10,514 were 30-day rations delivered in affected areas: 12 hromadas in Kherson (121,792) and 2 hromadas in Mykolaiv (16,600) oblasts. Other

regular in-kind food distributions continued in the same oblasts to leave no one behind.

Additional support has been delivered as part of the inter-agency convoys to the flood-affected people in need. Eight interagency convoys have taken place as of 15 June, with some of them still ongoing, and many more planned for the coming days. To date, WFP provided more than 6,000 rations (mix of 5-day rapid response rations and 30-day rations) for the convoys. A typical rapid response ration includes bread, canned meat, and canned beans, while 30-day ration also includes flour, pasta, oil, oats, sugar, and salt.

WFP has been working to get all necessary means of transportation, including all-terrain vehicles, to ensure the affected people receive the multi-sector relief assistance they need. Since 10 June, boats have also been made available for aid deliveries to flooded areas.

The impact of the flood continued to be assessed and monitored. Flooding and fast-moving water pose additional safety risks as mines and explosive ordnances can move to new areas; the flood water will affect tens of thousands of hectares of agricultural land in southern Ukraine, while according to the Ukrainian Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food, 500,000 hectares of land are left without irrigation. The flood is expected to affect even areas far from the dam, as the loss in irrigation systems will reduce the overall production in southern Ukraine, the most productive part of the country.

Anticipating the water levels to recede further in the coming days and rehabilitation efforts to continue, WFP is monitoring the situation closely, ready to adjust assistance best suited for the evolving needs. WFP is continuously engaging with its partners and authorities on the emergency response to the destruction of the Kakhovka dam.

### Cash Assistance

Under the cash assistance programme, WFP disbursed more than **USD 15.4 million in cash assistance to over 260,000 people in need** in May. WFP cash assistance programmes continue to serve the most vulnerable population affected by the armed conflict in areas where food is available in grocery stores, which promotes rehabilitation of local market conditions. The programme remains consistent with the previous month. Up to five individuals per household receive a monthly cash transfer equal to 2,220 UAH (USD 60) through banks, facilitated by the money transfer company, Western Union (WU). Cash transactions are redeemed at banks via WU codes sent to beneficiaries' mobile phones. WFP continues to use block-chain technology to ensure deduplication of beneficiaries, so that these essential cash resources are used effectively.

WFP is also preparing to launch a **complementary social benefit programme** in support of the Government's pension fund reform. The results were positive from the capacity assessment of the Pension Fund of Ukraine (PFU), conducted on 5 May, in functional areas of Protection, Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM) and Monitoring. As a result, a Memorandum of Understanding is currently being finalized. This programme will enable WFP to transition

recipients of humanitarian cash assistance to Government-led longer-term social benefit assistance. Once started, up to 300,000 additional people will benefit, in line with the Transitional Framework of the United Nations in Ukraine under the second strategic priority to strengthen national systems and build resilience.

### School Feeding

On 8 June, the Embassy of France and WFP visited a school in Hostomel of Kyiv oblast which has been supported by WFP's school feeding pilot programme, engaging with the school children receiving nutritious school meals, as well as school officials and the parents. The pilot supported by the Government of France, commenced in February 2023 in 58 school in the Kyiv oblast.

All schools in the pilot are now closed for a break (last one closed on 9 June), and preparations for a scale-up are underway to align with the start of the next school year in September. WFP aims to serve 150,000 children in up to 450 school, in the following 11 oblasts: Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Chernivtsi, Khmelnytskyi, Kyiv, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Poltava, Ternopil and Zakarpattia oblasts. In close consultation with the Ministry of Education and Science, and the Ministry of Social Policy, the oblasts that meet the following criteria were prioritized: oblasts with the highest proportion of schools open for in-person education, most severe food insecurity, and the highest proportion of internally displaced people (IDPs) presence. Schools with the highest vulnerability will be selected per each oblast.

As a first step required for the scale-up, on 1 June, the **Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine signed the special resolution**, which will enable oblasts and schools in their respective hromadas to receive WFP assistance. The resolution was previously approved by Ministry of Economy, and all oblasts of Ukraine, indicating an interest from local administrations in the short or medium term in the project.

### In-Kind Assistance

While a big focus is on the flooding response in the south of Ukraine, the regular in-kind food distributions are continuing.

WFP reached over **1.6 million people** in May and almost **0.6 million people** in June so far through a combination of bread, rapid response rations, 30-day rations, and institutional feeding. In-kind assistance is designed to serve people living in hard-to-reach areas, where markets are inaccessible due to the ongoing hostilities, damaged infrastructure, mine contamination, or limited power supply.

On 13 June, WFP facilitated the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO)'s visit to two general food distribution sites and one institutional feeding location in Zaporizhzhia city. The visit supported their overall donor assessment of operational environment for humanitarian delivery.

On 8-9 June, WFP held a training for relevant staff and cooperating partners (CPs) on digital application, Partner Connect, a tool to digitally record distribution data and generate automated daily reports. The training is part of the

ongoing effort to improve accuracy and efficiency of the last-mile reporting between WFP and our partners.

### Accountability to Affected Populations

With the support from WFP, CPs have been training their field staff on the topics of Protection, Gender, and Accountability to Affected Populations, following training of trainers (TOTs) held by WFP in April. The series of training have been ongoing since 25 April to wrap this week.

During the last two weeks, WFP's toll-free hotline received 21,792 calls (18,586 calls during the working hours), of which 14,692 calls came from the unique phone numbers. In total, 15,788 of all calls were processed by the hotline operators. 80.5% of the processed cases were closed as First Case Resolution (FCR), while the remaining 19.5% were referred to relevant programme focal points. Almost all (96.1%) of the processed calls were CBT-related (i.e. requests for information on amount of cash assistance, and dealing with Money Transfer Control Number codes), while the remaining (3.9%) requested information about in-kind food support programme and value vouchers, in terms of entitlements, timing and location.

## WFP Supply Chain and Support to Food Systems

In June, over 3,700 mt of food has been dispatched to CPs, while further 40,620 mt of food commodities are in the pipeline (16,502 mt of food in storage, and 24,118 mt of food in transit or pending supplier delivery).

Promotion of data transparency and operational efficiency has been an important focus area for WFP Supply chain. WFP has been continuously working on improving systems to migrate from offline to live real-time dispatch and inventory data management system, PRISMA. It has been further tailored to Ukraine operations in-house since August 2022 as a dedicated team continues to monitor and further develop and fine-tune the tool. Such innovative tool was presented during a training session in Cairo to wider supply chain professionals in WFP on 8 June, as a good example to further improve commodity accounting practices.

### Fortified Wheat Flour Production in Ukraine

During the first half of May, a proposal was made to the Ukrainian Millers Association with 60 attendees, to start producing fortified wheat flour in country. The common practice has been to ship the raw grain outside for processing before they are distributed through WFP global operations.

This has led to a signing of the first contract on 02 June, with one of the Ukrainian food commodity suppliers to produce 2,880 mt of fortified wheat flour.

### Mine Action for Food Systems & Livelihoods

As part of the UN-wide effort to assist small farmers and rural families through mine action, WFP with FAO and its technical partner, Fondation suisse de déminage (FSD) started mine action related activities in late May 2023 with

the Kharkiv oblast. The activities, supported by the Government and international partners, prioritise release of agricultural land for productive use by surveying potentially contaminated areas. The planned activities also include demining where required, and providing technical support to rehabilitate soils.

On 15 June, working alongside the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, OCHA Ukraine, and the Kharkiv authorities, WFP, FAO, and FSD reviewed equipment and tested rollers over different types of unexploded ordnances.

On 31 May, the UN Resident Coordinator and Representatives of WFP and FAO in Ukraine visited Izium in Kharkiv oblast to discuss the way forward with the authorities.

On 29 May, five non-technical survey (NTS) teams have completed both their theoretical and on-the-ground trainings. The NTS teams will start identifying lands for clearance, following an in-person livelihoods assessment carried out by FAO in Izium, in coordination with the local authorities. In addition, since 23 May, two Explosive Ordnance and Risk Education (EORE) teams started delivering both online and in-person external educational sessions also including the public.

### The Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI)

Nearly one month has passed since the latest 60-day extension of the Black Sea Grain initiative on 17 May.

Continuing food exports from Ukraine remains of utmost importance to WFP as grain represents most of the traditional food basket globally – without it, severe challenges are expected to supply affordable grain to communities in countries facing acute food insecurity. WFP remains committed to procuring grain and other foodstuff in Ukraine and exporting it through the Black Sea Ports.

Meanwhile, short BSGI extensions are raising concerns as lack of certainty presents longer-term implications for the agricultural sector; limited agricultural investments can be activated and farmers are discouraged from planting.

The latest vessel movement was on 14 May; MV Deniz M left the Odesa port carrying 30,000 mt of wheat for Sudan. Another WFP vessel, MV Manta Hacer is currently being loaded with 30,000 mt of wheat for Sudan at the port of Odesa.

To date, **21 WFP-chartered vessels transported over 625,000 mt of wheat** through various Black Sea ports supporting Ethiopia (42%), Yemen (24%), Afghanistan (21%), Sudan (5%), Somalia (4%) and Kenya (4%).

As the future of BSGI remains unclear beyond the next extension deadline of 18 July, WFP continues to explore alternative corridors via the Danube River as part of contingency planning. Prior to the BSGI, WFP transported total 90,000 mt of wheat through this port.

According to the latest operational figures published by the Joint Coordination Centre, as of 13 June, **the total tonnage of grain and other foodstuffs** exported from the three Ukrainian ports is **31,556,982 mt**. Of this amount,

8.7 million mt is wheat representing 28 percent of the total amount and ranking as the second most exported commodity, just after corn, which represents 51 percent of the total exported.

### Investment in Ukraine's Economy

So far, the total monetary investment value into Ukraine's economy by WFP is estimated to be over **USD 970 million**. Much of this investment is attributed to cash assistance, strengthening individual purchasing power, and allowing Ukrainians to spend in their domestic markets. The estimated value of the locally procured food is another big contributor, distributed in Ukraine and globally. Approximately 30% was spent for in-country humanitarian programmes, while the rest was utilized to support WFP operations in Ethiopia, Yemen, Afghanistan, Somalia, and Kenya through Romanian and Ukrainian ports. Additional investments into the local economy continue through logistics contracting, field level agreements with CPs, and other goods and services within the country.

## Inter-Agency Humanitarian Response Coordination

### Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC)

In May, about 2.66 million people were reached by the FSL Cluster partners through food and livelihood assistance across Ukraine. Nearly 2.53 million people were reached with food assistance, while over 130,000 individuals received livelihoods support. Kharkiv, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, and Mykolaiv are the top 4 oblasts with the greatest assistance reach, in that order.

Several coordination meetings took place in the last week with cash working group and local authorities, but also involving Kakhovka dam response. In addition to ad-hoc meetings held on 6 and 8 June to coordinate the dam response among UN agencies and Clusters in Dnipro field office, on 9 June, 43 participants discussed at the Food Assistance Working Group (FAWG) meeting, Kakhovka dam response, exchanged information, and reviewed the latest food assistance.

On 02 June, FSL Cluster joined a Food Distribution Point (FDP) monitoring mission to Pokrovsk and Myrnohrad towns in Donetsk oblast. During the mission, it was identified that there is no water supply in these towns, while other social services such as banks, post offices, pharmacies, shops are fully operational and General Food Distribution (GFD) assistance is provided on a scheduled basis,

[FSL interactive dashboard](#) is now available in both English and Ukrainian.

### Logistics Cluster

The Logistics Cluster continues to support humanitarian organisations by providing logistics coordination and information management, and by facilitating access to common logistics services free-of-cost to the user.

The Logistics Cluster held two coordination meetings since 29 May: a subnational east-related coordination meeting in Dnipro, and another in Kyiv, bringing attendees from 38 humanitarian organisations together.

The Logistics Cluster Team joined the river transport assessment mission together with WFP, which started on 8 June, and is still ongoing.

Between 29 May and 11 June 2023, 983 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian relief items were received in common storage on behalf of seven partners (equivalent to 21 truckloads), and 136 m<sup>3</sup> of cargo were released to four partners (equivalent to 3 truckloads). As of 11 June, the Logistics Cluster is storing 3,480 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian cargo (49% Shelter, 40% WASH, 5% Health and 5% other cargo) on behalf of 13 partners (equivalent to 74 truckloads).

During the same period, 296 mt of humanitarian commodities (70% WASH, 21% Shelter, 7% Food Security and 2% other cargo) were dispatched on behalf of nine partners to 17 locations across Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa and Zaporizhzhia oblasts.

Of relief items transported, cargo was consolidated, and transport facilitated for six inter-agency convoys, delivering 160 mt of relief items on behalf of seven partners through 22 WFP trucks. Each of the three inter-agency convoys went to Preobrazhenka, Zolochiv and Borova in the Kharkiv oblast, respectively. Additional three inter-agency convoys were concluded as part of the Kakhovka dam flood response (Bilozerka, Ostriv and Kherson city in the Kherson oblast).

By 11 June, 2,048 mt of relief items were delivered in 2023, on behalf of 10 partners through 53 inter-agency convoys (252 WFP trucks) to 49 locations across Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia oblasts.

### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

Currently, the ETC is providing secure internet connectivity services to 310 staff from 14 humanitarian organizations including UN agencies and INGOs in humanitarian interagency workspaces in Dnipro, Lviv and Odesa.

On a several field missions held from 29 May to 05 June, ETC tested the vehicle set-up and assessed the mobile and satellite phones' coverage for the Remote Site on Vehicle (RSoV) project, which includes a pilot mobile Very High Frequency (VHF) radio solution for UN armoured vehicles in high-risk areas.

Later, on 08 June, in response to the destruction of Kakhovka HPP, the Cluster prepositioned RSoV to Mykolaiv. ETC staff were deployed to Mykolaiv and Odesa to support the humanitarian response to the Kherson oblast flooding crisis.

ETC also provided data connectivity and worked on power back-up system and cabling in Lviv common UN premises hosted by WHO. These premises will serve as a workplace for critical staff in case of a major incident or evacuation.

ETC continues to focus on providing support to expand VHF network through trainings and management of call signs and VHF equipment. In addition, on 31 May, the Cluster team installed equipment for monitoring the VHF network and the

satellite phone communications in the temporary RSOC in Kyiv UNDSS office. Team also supported UNDSS in assessing a potential RSOC office location in Kyiv.

The ETC Chatbot, “vBezpetsi” (вБезпеці in Ukrainian, which translates to “safe spaces”), was deactivated on 01 June. By the deactivation date since its launch on 14 June 2022, a total of 19,496 unique users benefited from the service, accessing information relating to humanitarian assistance.

## Funding Outlook

WFP requires a total of USD 1.257 billion for this year, to implement T-ICSP in line with identified needs. Thanks to the generosity of all partners, WFP continues to provide lifesaving food and cash assistance to conflict-affected most vulnerable populations, as well as support the humanitarian community with common logistics and telecommunication services.

This year, so far, 14 different funding sources have allocated funds towards WFPs operations. Along with contributions which have been confirmed in late 2022, WFP is currently funded at 37 percent of the needs-based plan. Further flexibility and predictability in funding is required to enable WFP to sustain its operation as WFP requires an additional **USD 366 million** to sustain its operations in Ukraine until November 2023. The main funding priorities remain emergency assistance for multi-purpose cash and voucher assistance, as well as support to national social safety nets and demining of agricultural land.

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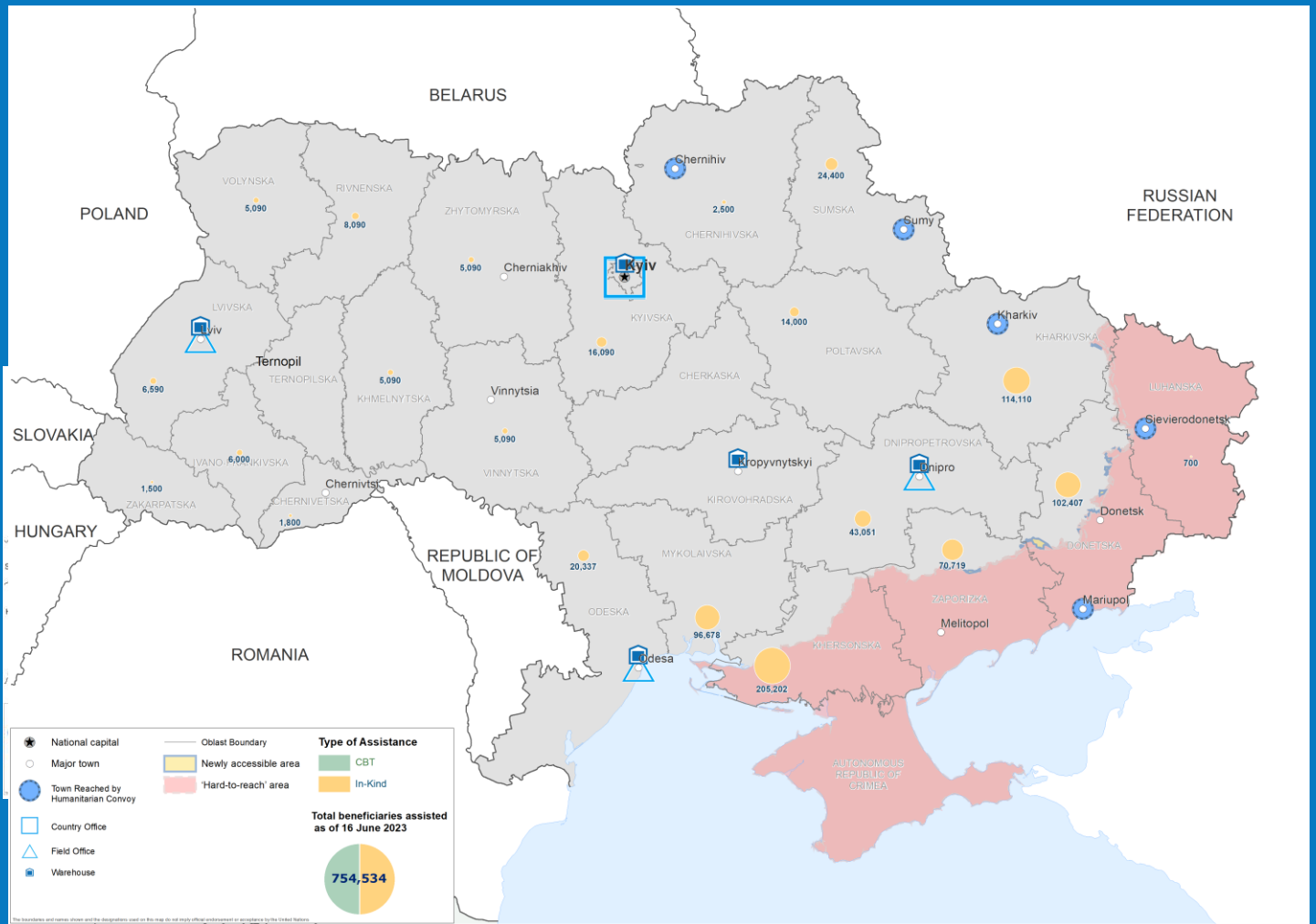
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