



WFP Ukraine Limited Emergency Operation

External Situation Report #26

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To date, a total of **83,641 mt** of food and **USD 233,590,545** of cash has been delivered.

Month	Transfers		Rations/Transfers to Beneficiaries					Total Beneficiaries	
	Food Delivered (MT)	Cash Transfer Value (USD)	Bread	Rapid Response Rations	General Food Distribution		Cash-Based Transfer		
					30-Day Ration	Suppl. Feeding	Instit. Feeding		
March	2,343		600,000	221,095	175,277			1,000	997,372
April	4,244	9,195,450	1,180,776	665,551	178,277	6,440		143,286	2,174,330
May	10,205	64,411,875	724,255	197,302	221,502	44,835	169,013	846,431	2,203,338
June	18,787	66,585,675	744,945	38,819	897,327	50,599	57,372	924,148	2,713,210
July	22,387	59,546,250	781,372	144,053	920,032	63,391	164,759	860,142	2,933,747
August	23,319	33,851,295	967,819	32,071	1,134,716	20,500	48,318	560,215	2,763,639
September to date	2,355	0*	193,065	0*	90,516	7,280	20,429	0*	311,291

*Major CBT and RRR distributions for the September cycle have not taken place yet, in line with the month's distribution plan.

Key Highlights

- During August, WFP assisted almost **2.8 million beneficiaries** with food and cash assistance.
- On 7 September, a shelling took place targeting a distribution site in a small village of Mala Tokmachka in the Zaporizka oblast, killing and injuring civilians who were lining up to receive aid.
- Humanitarian convoy reached frontline city of Chasiv Yar in Donetsk oblast delivering 152 mt of water, nutrition, and medicaments.
- On 6-7 September, in Odesa, WFP hosted a delegation from Sweden Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss with regional and local authorities the implementation of the Black Sea Initiative and the support of Sweden to WFP operations in Ukraine.
- On 30 August, WFP-chartered vessel departed from the Ukrainian Sea Port of Yuzhny (Pivdennyi) with 37,000 mt

of wheat grain destined for the agency's humanitarian response in Yemen. This was the second maritime shipment of WFP food assistance to leave Ukraine since the beginning of the conflict.

WFP Ukraine Response

The war is continuing with more devastating attacks taking place. On 7 September, a distribution site in Mala Tokmachka, in Zaporizka oblast was shelled. The centre that was hit had been used by local authorities to distribute assistance for civilians since the war started. Both the Humanitarian Coordinator, Denise Brown, and the WFP Emergency Coordinator, Matthew Hollingworth condemned the attack that killed and injured vulnerable civilians who were queuing to receive aid.

Despite the ongoing war in Ukraine, WFP continues mobilize its potential, assisting almost 2.8 million conflict-affected

people in August, and quarter of a million in the first week of September with food and cash transfers.

Food distributions are concentrated in the east and south of the country, where fighting and supply chain disruption make food inaccessible to families who have remained in Ukraine's frontline areas. On 6 August, an inter-agency convoy took place to hard-to-reach settlement of Chasiv Yar in Donetsk oblast. During this mission 6 trucks delivered 152 mt of aid in total: nutrition, water, hygiene, and medical kits.

Moreover, heavily shelled frontline town of Toretsk (Donetsk oblast) was reached by 9 cargo trucks as part of an interagency convoy on 26 August.

In addition, to ensure adequate nutritional intake for children, an emergency school feeding pilot intervention targeting 100,000 children is planned in collaboration with UNICEF, where WFP will provide direct cash support to schools across Ukraine.

WFP is discussing possible ways to incorporate winter planning in the assistance. As humanitarian needs are expected to increase when the winter season approaches, WFP is planning its outreach of CBT to be significantly lower than previous months intentionally, to prevent a drastic funding shortfall in those months when the assistance will become even more crucial. The current forecast estimates a funding shortfall of USD 442 million.

Cash Assistance

In August, WFP disbursed around **USD 33 million of cash assistance** to over **560,000 beneficiaries**. Since last month, in coordination with the Ministry of Social Policy, WFP has shifted cash assistance targeting priorities aiming directly at the most vulnerable population, as a result of the higher transfer value of the revised Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance, as well as resourcing constraints.

For September, WFP cash assistance program prioritizes providing support to the following groups of people: the low-income households affected by the conflict, internally displaced people with disability, people with disability in the 11 most conflict-affected oblasts in Ukraine, and pensioners with access to functioning markets to utilize cash, either residing in or originating from 2 of the most conflict-affected oblasts.

With this adjustment in targeting, the programme aims to maintain consistent and reliable assistance to the families most in-need, and circumvent discontinuing the support despite the change in assistance level.

At those locations where food is accessible at the shops and markets, cash assistance will help local businesses recover as it supports the reactivation of local markets. Up to five individuals per household receive a monthly cash transfer equal to 2,220 UAH (USD 75) 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.

In-Kind Assistance

In August, WFP reached approximately 2.2 million people through a combination of General Food Distribution (GFD), Institutional Feeding (IF), Ready-to-Eat and other in-kind assistance. Food distribution targets mainly the hard-to-reach areas along the contact line where markets are not functioning, as it represents the only viable modality to maintain acceptable levels of food security.

In August, WFP has provided 4,000 mt of mixed commodities under IF, in collaboration with local authorities at the oblast level. Local institutions such as hospitals, other medical centres, orphanages, and other community-based centres are being supported. Furthermore, IF will continue to be a key activity withing WFP operation with a plan to serve 500,000 people per month.

In addition, the finalization of Field Level Agreements (FLA) with CPs for the September to December period of this year is progressing. A sound placement of the FLAs is a key factor in achieving ambitious plan for in-kind operations. Proposed new FLAs will include strengthening of targeting, protection, gender, feedback mechanisms, monitoring, and reporting.

Bread operations continue to be one of the strongly preferred types of support among communities in the eastern and southern regions of Ukraine. In August, nearly one million people were reached with bread distribution.

WFP has contracted 9 bakeries to work closely with CPs for the distributions of bread and canned goods. Currently, the focus is on engaging with more local bakeries, to increase the local production volume.

New populations in need are becoming accessible to reach with assistance, as the conflict dynamics evolve and the frontline moves. WFP is responding with assistance in newly accessible areas in Kharkiv and Kherson through government and NGO partners. Rapid Response Rations will be delivered to villages in Kharkiv this week to reach 20,000 people. In addition, the Memorandum of Understanding with Kharkiv oblast has been extended to provide assistance through Institutional Feeding with an estimated reach of 100,000 people. WFP is looking to secure adequate resources to appropriately respond with food and cash assistance to include those who newly became accessible, and respond swiftly to fast changing developments.

WFP hosts overseas delegation

On 6-7 September 2022, WFP hosted a delegation from Sweden Ministry of Foreign Affairs along with the Swedish Ambassador to Ukraine, and travelled to Odesa. The delegation met with the Governor, the city authorities, and the head of the Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority to discuss the implementation of the Black Sea Initiative.

The visit comes at an opportune time as the Government of Sweden makes a welcoming announcement to allocate more funds to Ukraine and to support the humanitarian procurement and shipping of wheat.

Accountability to Affected Populations

WFP's partners are currently disseminating leaflets about the

Complaints and Feedback Mechanism during distributions, and sharing longer-term distribution plans. These efforts allow the partners to inform the beneficiaries better in advance about the distributions and entitlements. WFP continues to work on refining the geographic and beneficiary targeting to ensure that the assistance levels meet the needs of the population.

WFP's toll-free hotline received 21,160 calls during the reporting period. In detail, 62 percent of the processed cases were closed as First Case Resolution (FCR), while the remaining 38 percent were referred to relevant programme focal points. Almost all (97 percent) of the processed calls were CBT-related (with the most reported issues being requests for information about WFP's programmes, amount of cash assistance, MTCN codes), while the remaining (2 percent) requested information about the voucher programme, in terms of entitlements, timing, location and others assistance/service delivery issues.

WFP engagement with the stakeholders in Ukraine

On 29 August, WFP met with local authorities and I/NGO partners, to discuss humanitarian needs and further operational activities during its mission to Mykolaiv city.

Furthermore, on 1 September, WFP met with the CEO of the Ukrainian Milling Union and both the CEO and the President of Ukrainian Grain Association. These meetings provided a framework for close cooperation in information sharing on food systems and the operational planning of local food purchases by WFP for its food assistance in Ukraine and around the world.

WFP Supply Chain and Support to Food Systems

Almost 83,000 mt of food has been delivered to CPs to date in Ukraine since March. A further 94,000 mt of food commodities are in the pipeline (23,712 mt of food in storage, 19,840 mt of food in transit, and 50,448 mt of food pending supplier delivery).

The Black Sea Grain Initiative

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According to the operational update from the Joint Coordination Centre of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, as of 9 September, the total tonnage of grain and other foodstuffs exported from the three Ukrainian ports is 2,463,991 metric tons. A total of 237 voyages (129 inbound and 108 outbound) have been enabled so far.

Although Ukraine's export capacity is expected to increase significantly with the resumption of cargo shipping, leading

to a decrease of grain prices in the global market, WFP is continuing to explore alternative corridors (e.g. via Danube River), as the opening of these seaports is still short of meeting the country's full export level, prior to the conflict.

Investment in Ukraine's economy

WFP continues to prioritize scaling-up the procurement of food, locally sourced from Ukraine. Overall, the estimated value of the locally procured food (>236,000 mt) amounts to USD 109 million, of which USD 42 million worth was used for humanitarian programmes in-country, and USD 67 (>194,000 mt) million worth was exported to other WFP operations in Ethiopia and Yemen, through Romanian and Ukrainian ports.

In addition, cash-based transfers of USD 233 million have been injected into the local economy strengthening individual purchasing power and allowing Ukrainians to spend in their domestic markets. Additional investments into the local economy continue through logistics contracting, valued at USD 14 million within the country. The total monetary investment value into Ukraine so far is estimated to be more than USD 350 million.

Overland Transport

64 trucks were in transit to Ukraine by road over the past week, including 8 trucks from Romania, 22 from Poland, 34 trucks from Türkiye (previously delivered to Ukraine by sea) carrying 1,289 mt (canned meat, rice, and pasta) of cargo to Ukrainian warehouses in total.

Fuel

Uninterrupted delivery of humanitarian aid to the most conflict affected regions of Ukraine requires stable access to fuel to keep the trucks running. WFP currently procures fuel cards from WOG and OKKO suppliers and will launch a new local tender in the September-October period. Although the current contracts are sufficient to cover all fuel needs for WFP fleet and its partners, WFP is currently coordinating with a Romanian supplier "AEG fuels" to establish a parallel regional fuel SC line meanwhile also searching for ways to increase fuel storage capacity. Such efforts will lead to putting a reliable system of steady fuel supply in place, minimizing risk of disruptions in delivering assistance.

Clusters Update –International Humanitarian Response

Food Security and Livelihoods cluster (FSLC)

During the last two weeks, 23 partners of FSLC reached over 2.7 million people with multiple rounds of food assistance and livelihood support (agricultural inputs, trainings) across Ukraine. Oblasts with the highest beneficiaries reach by partners are, respectively, Kharkivska, Donetsk and Dnipropetrovska.

The west of Ukraine continues to receive a growing wave of IDPs from the east due to the upcoming winter period, and the mandatory evacuation of people from the frontline

regions. Those displaced people receive food and CBT support in coordination with the Cluster.

The Cluster continues to liaise with partners on addressing requests from oblast authorities. Within the past week, the Cluster received requests to assist over 4,000 people, and successfully met requests to reach out to almost 35 thousand people with food kits.

At the same time Cluster partners are actively developing plans to make an aid delivery to the de-occupied regions in Khersonska oblast.

Logistics Cluster

As of 4 September, Logistics Cluster has handled 38,900 m³ of humanitarian cargo. In addition, since 22 August Cluster received 744 m³ of humanitarian cargo for storage. Currently, 4,922 m³ of relief items are stocked in the Logistics Cluster warehouses.

On 31 August, Logistics Cluster closed the storage services in Lviv and Rzeszow (Poland) accordingly to the schedule.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

WFP TEC team continues to provide support to UN staff and has resolved a total of 1,120 ICT-related issues for humanitarian personnel across Ukraine since the Ukraine IT Service Desk launch on 29 April.

As of 2 August, the ETC is providing secure internet connectivity services to 293 staff from twelve humanitarian organizations including UN agencies and INGOs in two humanitarian interagency workspaces in Dnipro and Lviv.

Since the launch on 20 June of the ETC Chatbot “vBeztpesi” (вБезпечи in Ukrainian, which translates to “safe spaces”), a total of 11,887 users in Ukraine have accessed information relating to humanitarian assistance, reflecting a steady incline of usership. After the internal review is complete, the Chatbot will soon be made available in English.

Funding Outlook

WFP thanks all donors who have generously supported the people of Ukraine through the Limited Emergency Operation (LEO). WFP Ukraine LEO has been extended recently to 31 December 2022 with increased overall requirements of nearly USD 2 billion targeting 4.7 million beneficiaries to meet surging humanitarian needs.

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