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In 2024 to date, a total of **7,058 mt** of food and **USD 0.9 million** of cash has been delivered.

Year/ Month	Transfers		Beneficiaries										Total Beneficiaries	
	Food Delivered (MT)	Cash Transfer Value (USD)	In-Kind Food Assistance					Cash-Based Assistance						
			Bread	Rapid Resp. Rations	30-Day Ration	Suppl. Feeding	Instit. Feeding	Multi-Purpose Cash	Value Vouchers	Compl. Social Benefits	Market-based Trans. support	School Feeding		
2023														
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	729,730	25,000	-	-	12,095	3,042,521	
March	16,479	43,228,961	690,230	215,999	852,222	49,633	478,867	681,435	30,344	-	-	12,095	3,010,825	
April	13,957	39,023,190	422,236	309,345	706,251	6,230	296,098	630,595	15,388	-	-	12,095	2,398,238	
May	14,128	15,421,127	378,820	249,662	714,758	-	293,405	235,163	16,305	-	-	12,095	1,900,208	
June	10,111	4,889,854	359,819	265,577	499,267	-	272,865	83,615	-	-	-	2,982	1,484,125	
July	9,554	9,705,780	389,831	75,207	503,500	-	262,300	165,046	-	-	-	-	1,395,884	
August	9,232	9,191,032	157,045	102,638	510,981	-	252,742	102,267	-	268,629	-	-	1,394,302	
September	10,233	7,878,650	144,780	80,667	608,040	-	222,231	79,960	-	261,499	-	22,706	1,419,883	
October	10,433	4,235,923	159,010	101,322	599,621	-	231,000	-	-	259,587	27,317	23,384	1,401,241	
November	12,025	12,006,410	153,789	67,473	667,078	-	338,529	54,547	-	313,539	40,892	22,704	1,658,551	
December	13,584	16,634,231	305,543	53,665	750,313	-	499,210	27,705	-	374,228	197,891	10,688	2,219,243	
2024														
January	7,058	883,682	96,278	65	378,887	-	290,083	-	-	60,305	-	-	825,618	

Key Highlights

- Civilian casualties are increasing as a result of the intensified attacks started at the end of 2023, according to [OHCHR](#).
- In December 2023, **more than 60,000 beneficiaries without bank accounts were supported under the complementary social benefits programme** through a local mail service provider.
- Recipients of the complementary social benefits cash assistance are experiencing food insecurity 2.5 times higher than the general population of Ukraine, according to the baseline survey data.

- Eight oblasts have received funds under the school feeding programme as of 12 January, for September, October, and November of 2023.

Situation Update

For the second time since the full-scale invasion, the people of Ukraine rang in the new year with back-to-back barrages of aerial attacks. Populated areas in main cities across Ukraine, including Kyiv and Kharkiv were targeted causing damages to residential buildings and civilian infrastructure. The largest attack of the war on Ukraine was logged on 29 December 2023.

The wave of attacks from late December 2023 into early

January 2024, resulted in [increased civilian casualties](#), reversing the steady downward trend observed in 2023. Beyond the Kharkiv oblast, which has been under incessant daily air strikes, other Eastern and Southern oblasts such as Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Sumy and Odesa continue to bear the brunt of the intense aerial campaign.

The recent assaults coincided with the onset of extremely cold weather across Ukraine, exacerbating the already challenging circumstances, particularly affecting vulnerable people. Military activity grinds on, as the hardships of the local frontline communities continue. The estimated corresponding humanitarian needs for Ukraine in 2024 is 7.3 million, among which **3.4 million people are targeted in need of food security and livelihoods support**, according to the [Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan for 2024 in Ukraine](#), launched on 15 January 2024 in Geneva.

The food insecurity and needs, however, vary depending on locality (in particular proximity to frontlines), as well as demographics of the population. According to the baseline survey for WFP's complementary social benefit assistance programme¹, the surveyed beneficiaries experience much higher food insecurity (50 percent) than the general population of Ukraine (20 percent from the 2023 MSNA), driven by strained longer-term coping capacity.

WFP Ukraine Response

Tailoring assistance to needs in differing circumstances, WFP continues to refine its **market-based approach**, with the current focus on winter response targeting 2.4 million people every winter month. In-kind food assistance is concentrated along the frontline, where there are the most severe needs.

Cash-Based Assistance

WFP's cash programmes and its cash transfer mechanism continue to provide reliable and timely support to those in need. The transfer mechanism and other support algorithms are not only used for WFP initiatives, but also utilised to support other humanitarian actors to reach beneficiaries, presenting an opportunity for strengthened inter-agency collaboration. For example, WFP supported UNESCO in 2023 to provide assistance to Ukrainian journalists. As well in 2024, WFP's Building Blocks, a mechanism to deduplicate beneficiaries, will contribute to overall inter-cluster coordination. As part of the deduplication taskforce, the tool will support deduplication efforts in the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC) and Shelter Cluster.

In December 2023, WFP disbursed almost **USD 17.5 million** through various cash-based assistance modalities to **nearly 600,000 people in need**. This includes more than 60,000 beneficiaries without bank accounts, assisted with cash through a local mail service provider. These beneficiaries received double transfers to cover their needs for both December 2023 and January 2024. WFP also extended its Market-based Transitional Support programme to multiple

oblasts in December, reaching almost 200,000 beneficiaries across Ukraine.

In the last week of 2023, WFP commenced **the first payments under the school feeding programme for the 2023-2024 academic year**. The programme covers 30 percent of the financial needs of the participating schools to serve daily hot meals to children. The current programme is running for the 2023-2024 academic year, started in September. As of 12 January, eight oblasts have received funds for September, October, and November 2023, following the finalization of agreements and vendor registration completed in late 2023. The incremental changes under this programme for corresponding months are reflected in the distribution overview as the payments continue to be made. For the months starting from December 2023, all payments will be made in the subsequent month.

According to the decree, signed by the Ministry of Education on 8 January, 305 new schools, including 100 schools from 3 new oblasts (Dnipropetrovsk, Sumy, Vinnytsia) will take part in the winter expansion of the School Feeding Programme. Since 27 December, trainings for the new schools have been commenced in Mykolaiv, Sumy, and Vinnytsia oblasts. The programme is now active in a total of 14 oblasts: Cherkasy, Chernivtsi, Chernihiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Khmelnytskyi, Kyiv, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Poltava, Sumy, Ternopil, Vinnytsia, and Zakarpattia.

In-Kind Food Assistance

So far, WFP reached over **620,000 people** in January 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 a local market is deemed not functional, due to ongoing hostilities, damaged infrastructure, mine contamination, or limited power supply. The vast majority of the food assistance is provided near the frontline areas.

This month, 14 cooperating partners (CPs), among which 11 are Ukrainian national NGOs, started food distributions in their areas of responsibilities, following the signing of the Field Level Agreements (FLAs) with WFP in late 2023.

Accountability to Affected Populations

Making sure Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (PSEA) matters are adequately addressed at the Cluster level, in December, WFP supported FSLC to survey the national cluster partners during the Annual PSEA Risk Management Survey and the Gender with Age Marker (GAM) Questionnaire. The partners were also briefed on PSEA in Kherson, Mykolaiv and Odesa oblasts.

During the last two weeks, WFP's toll-free hotline received 49,965 calls (46,755 during the working hours), of which 17,963 came from unique phone numbers. In total, 9,052 calls were processed by the hotline operators. Over 84.1 percent of processed cases were closed as First Case

¹ The baseline survey was carried out remotely on 772 randomly selected beneficiaries in October 2023.

Resolution (FCR) without referral, while the remaining were referred to relevant programme focal points. Almost all (99.2 percent) of the processed calls were CBT-related, such as requests for information on the amount of cash assistance and dealing with Money Transfer Control Number codes. The remaining (0.8 percent) requested information about in-kind food support programme, in terms of entitlements, timing, and location.

WFP Supply Chain and Support to Food Systems

So far, in January, over 9,000 mt of food was dispatched to CPs. By 12 January, an additional 42,483 mt of food commodities are in the pipeline (19,578 mt of food in storage, and 22,905 mt of food in transit or pending supplier delivery).

There is a growing interest in restoring food systems among the donor community. As a result, several meetings took place during the first week of 2024 with various Government and Private partners.

Agricultural Mine Action Project

Heavy land mine contamination remains a critical concern among farmers and rural communities in Ukraine. Hence, FAO and WFP are jointly **helping restore livelihoods and revitalize rural communities affected by mines and explosive remnants of war**. The project works to release agricultural lands and provides key agricultural resources and inputs, prioritizing Ukraine's breadbasket regions including Kharkiv, Mykolaiv and Kherson oblasts.

Due to the harsh weather conditions, all field activities including non-technical surveys (NTS) and land clearance were suspended. Explosive Ordnance Risk Education sessions resumed on 8 January.

On the same day, the second locally manufactured roller was handed over to WFP, following inspection by WFP technical partner, Fondation Suisse de déminage (FSD). The first locally manufactured roller was handed over in November 2023. By procuring locally manufactured equipment, the project also aims to augment the local technical capacity and support the local economy.

In the late December 2023, the residents of the Donetsk and Topolske villages of Kharkiv oblast were briefed on the ongoing agricultural mine action project. The methodology of household plot selection for clearance was also discussed. The community expressed the need to prioritize plots owned by families with children, as well as displaced families willing to return once the lands are cleared.

Ahead of the expected project expansion to Mykolaiv oblast in 2024, a map analysis of the oblast is planned. During the second half of December 2023, approaches of mapping the potentially contaminated territories, as well as the results from the completed mapping including analysis of the economic losses for Kharkiv oblast were elaborated with federal and regional Government authorities.

Discussions are ongoing with other UN agencies and NGOs on potential cooperation and a joint approach on the project

implementation.

Grain Movement

WFP continues to facilitate grain movement whenever possible, with the latest Grain from Ukraine (GFU) shipment heading for Nigeria. On 30 December 2023, MV FUAT SEZGIN departed from the Samsun port in Türkiye to Nigeria, with 25,000 mt of Ukrainian grain from the WFP Global Commodity Management Facility (GCMF) stock. The vessel is expected to arrive in Nigeria at the end of this month. In parallel, Ukrainian grain is being collected to replenish the GCMF. As of 12 January, over 21,440 mt of grain have been uplifted from various Ukrainian silos. More shipments are being arranged to support Sudan with 30,500 mt of Ukrainian grain. Similar to the shipment to Nigeria, WFP's GCMF stocks in Türkiye will facilitate this grain movement.

WFP continues to purchase Ukrainian grain for other countries in need globally, with the latest procurement of 25,000 mt in December 2023.

On 12 January, Country Director a.i. met with representatives from the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the President's Office to discuss food exports including the ongoing shipment of bulk wheat to Nigeria and planned delivery of wheat flour to Sudan.

On 11 January, Türkiye, Bulgaria and Romania signed the Mine Counter-Measures Task Group Black Sea (MCM Black Sea) Agreement to jointly tackle the mine threat in the Black Sea. On 28 December, a bulk carrier vessel en route to the Danube River port to load grain hit a mine in the Black Sea, injuring crew on board and stranding the ship.

Investment in Ukraine's Economy

So far, WFP's total monetary investment into Ukraine's economy is estimated at **USD 1.1 billion**, with about USD 42.4 million invested during the last month. Much of this investment is attributed to cash assistance, strengthening individual purchasing power, and allowing beneficiaries to support the domestic market. The estimated value of the locally procured food is another big contributor, distributed in Ukraine and globally. Additional investments into the local economy continue through logistics contracting, FLAs with CPs, and other goods and services purchases within the country.

Inter-Agency Humanitarian Response Coordination

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC)

In December 2023, nearly 3.2 million people were reached by FSLC partners through food and livelihood assistance across Ukraine. Kharkiv (over 640,000 people), Donetsk (over 570,000 people), Kherson (over 515,000 people), Zaporizhzhia (almost 370,000 people) and Dnipropetrovsk (almost 330,000 people) are the top five oblasts with the greatest assistance provided.

By 12 January, the FSLC received expressions of interest from 24 organizations for the first 2024 Standard Allocation under the Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund (UHF). Proposals will be

screened before the final endorsement by the Humanitarian Coordinator planned for early February.

On 11 January, around 70 participants joined the Food Assistance Working Group meeting, which was held in Dnipro to enhance the engagement of operational partners in the eastern region where nearly 70 percent of the food assistance is being distributed.

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-charge to the user.

On 3 and 4 January, a routine physical inventory check of the Logistics Cluster stocks was conducted in the Dnipro common storage and in Chornomorsk warehouse. The results are aligned with the tracking system with no anomalies.

On 31 December, the end-of-year online Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) survey has been completed with the Cluster having reached 89 percent of partner's satisfaction rate for Coordination and Service Provision, well above the target of 80 percent.

Between 25 December 2023 and 7 January 2024, 303 m³ of humanitarian relief items were received in common storage on behalf of four partners (equivalent to 6 truckloads). As of 7 January, the Cluster is storing 1,885 m³ of humanitarian cargo (53 percent WASH, 36 percent shelter, 4 percent education and 7 percent other cargo) on behalf of 11 partners (equivalent to 40 truckloads).

Of the relief items transported, cargo was consolidated, and transport facilitated for three inter-agency convoys, delivering 47 mt of relief items on behalf of eight partners through nine WFP trucks to Kivsharivka and Kupiansk-Vuzlovyyi both in Kharkiv oblast, and to Toretsk in Donetsk oblast.

In 2023, in total 3,227 mt of relief items were delivered on behalf of 12 partners through 107 inter-agency convoys (consisting of 442 WFP-managed truckloads of aid) to 120 locations across Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Sumy and Zaporizhzhia Oblasts.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

The ETC continues to support enhanced coordination of humanitarian action through provision of technological solutions.

Internet Connectivity

So far, secure internet connectivity services have been provided to 14 humanitarian organisations including UN agencies and INGOs in humanitarian inter-agency workspaces in Lviv, Kharkiv and Odesa.

To extend internet connectivity to bomb shelters and invincibility points in Mykolaiv oblast, ETC is supporting installation and set-up of a local internet service in Novyi Buh. As of 26 December, installation has been completed at all 8 invincibility points. The service is currently pending the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between ETC and the local administration.

Technical support is provided to WFP and other UN agencies in their assessment and installation of the Remote Site on Vehicle (RSoV) solution. The RSoV capacity was successfully tested on 31 December 2023, during the very last inter-agency convoy of 2023 to the frontline town of Kupiansk-Vuzlovyyi in Kharkiv oblast.

Very High Frequency (VHF) and Radio

As of 12 January, all handheld and mobile radios were reprogrammed for all UN agencies.

By 22 December 2023, the security communications system was fully setup at the back-up Security Operation Center (SOC) in UNDSS premises in Lviv, according to the recommendations by the Security Management Team (SMT) on the Business Continuity Plan (BCP). The backup SOC in Lviv will allow UNDSS to monitor very high frequency (VHF) network if the main SIOC in Kyiv is not available or accessible.

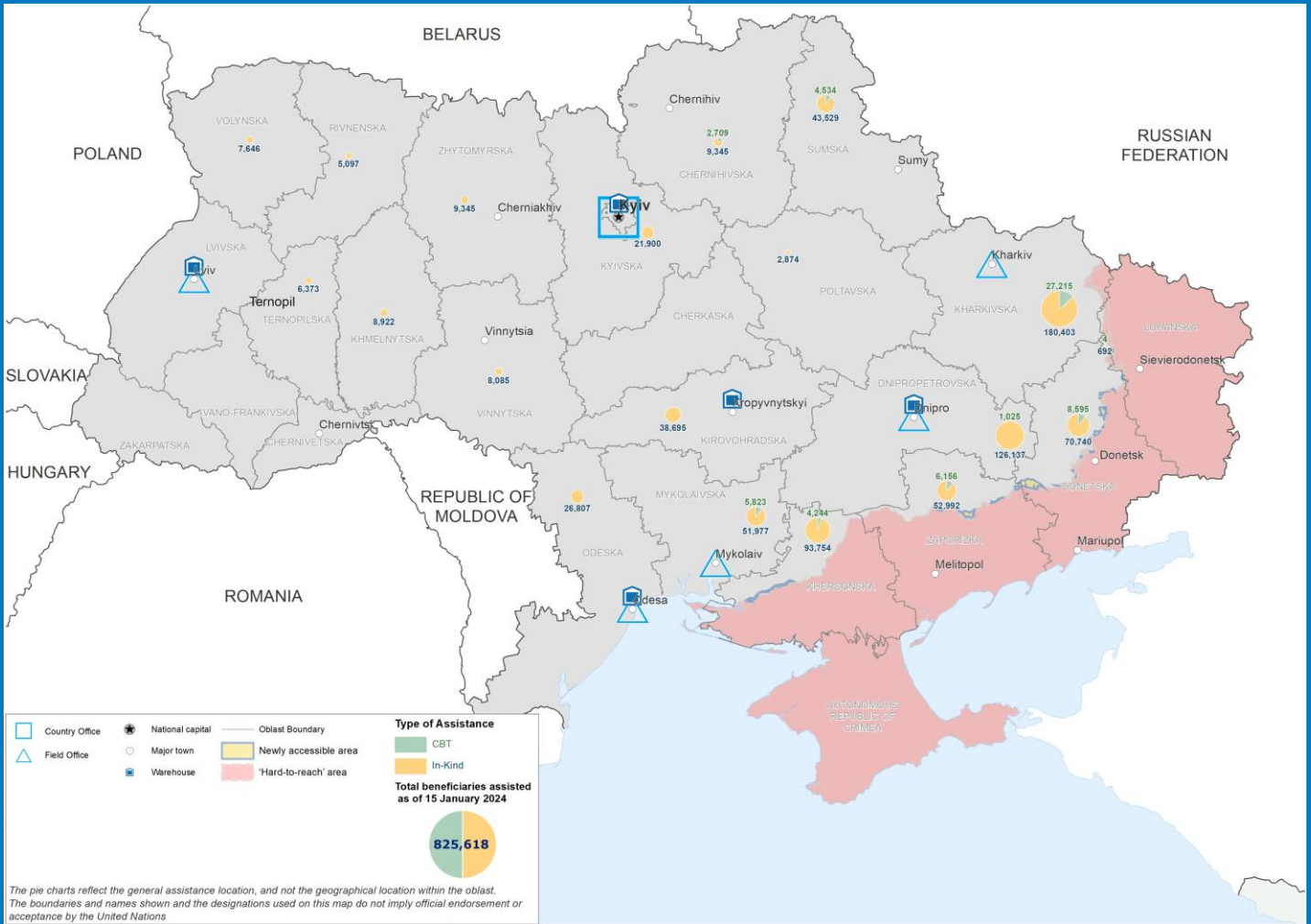
Funding Outlook

Thanks to the generosity of 30 donors and partners, WFP continues to provide lifesaving food and cash assistance to conflict-affected and most vulnerable people, as well as support the humanitarian community with common logistics and telecommunication services.

In 2023, WFP Ukraine received funds from 45 various entities including over 20 distinct private donors. This included the first-ever contribution from the Government of Lithuania to WFP operations globally.

Currently funded at 54 percent, WFP requires an additional **USD 180 million** for the next six months until July 2024 to sustain its operations. The funding priorities remain food procurement for the emergency response, as well as support for national social safety nets and agricultural mine-action.

WFP UKRAINE Assistance – January Overview



WFP would like to thank its partners for their timely support to WFP Ukraine

