

WFP Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries

External Situation Report #11

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Highlights

WFP Ukraine team continues to assist over 1 million internally displaced and conflict-affected people in encircled and hard-to-reach cities and oblasts inside Ukraine with much needed food and cash.

WFP Ukraine emergency response is currently funded at 27 percent. Timely funding is urgently needed to avoid an immediate pipeline break.

In Numbers



1 million
conflict-affected people assisted by WFP



12 million
people in need (UN Flash Appeal)



7.1 million
internally displaced persons (IOM, 1 April)



4.3 million
people displaced to neighbouring countries (UNHCR)



195 WFP staff
on the ground in Ukraine and neighbouring countries

WFP Emergency Response

In response to the Ukraine crisis, WFP has assisted over 1 million people with in-kind and cash distributions to date and is scaling up to reach 2.3 million people by the end of April, a further 4 million in May and up to 6 million in June.

In addition, WFP is assisting the growing flows of 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 590M

(March - June 2022)

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

WFP Response

According to a WFP remote survey, over one third of Ukraine's population is reporting some level of food insecurity. A growing number of people are worried about not having enough food in the coming days and have started to rely on negative coping strategies, such as reducing the size of meals, consuming less preferred food daily or sacrificing meals for their children to eat.

This trend is particularly high in the east, north and south of the country, and especially among internally displaced people (IDPs), estimated now at 7.1 million people according to the International Organization for Migration. IDPs are reporting that they depend significantly on humanitarian assistance to meet their food needs. With ongoing conflict, over one quarter of Ukraine's population displaced and constrained humanitarian access, needs are rising exponentially, requiring meaningful humanitarian response to prevent a further deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the country.

In this unparalleled context, WFP teams on the ground in Ukraine are delivering critical assistance to over one million conflict-affected people, prioritizing women, girls, minority groups and other vulnerable people. Deliveries have been mainly read-to-eat rapid response rations (five days RRR) to meet the immediate food needs of the affected people in highly insecure areas. WFP is also supporting bakeries to ensure continued bread availability in hard-to-reach and hardest-hit cities, such as Kharkiv, where people are stranded. Many people in these locations report a lack of financial or physical resources to move west, and are thereby relying almost entirely on external aid.

On 5 April, WFP, through its partner the Ukrainian Red Cross, managed to successfully deliver food (five days RRR) to close to 12,000 residents in dire conditions in Chernihiv, considered one of the worst-affected cities in northern Ukraine. [OCHA](#) report indicates that Chernihiv – with a population of 130,000 people – is significantly destroyed, lacks essential supplies (water, gas, electricity) and has been inaccessible for aid delivery following the destruction of the

main bridge connecting it to Kyiv.

WFP is multiplying its efforts with the hope of reaching as many people in need as possible on the frontlines and inside encircled cities and oblasts. A fourth humanitarian inter-agency convoy, consolidated by the Logistics Cluster, arrived on 5 April in the city of Sievierodonetsk in eastern Ukraine's Luhanska oblast, carrying 33 mt of WFP food commodities (20 mt of wheat flour and 13 mt of food rations) to assist around 17,000 people in addition to relief items from other humanitarian actors.



Given the multidimensional nature of the Ukraine crisis, WFP is maintaining an agile emergency response, using the most appropriate and context-specific assistance modality and delivery mechanism – combining in-kind with cash – to address surging needs. In areas less affected by the conflict, receiving increasing flows of IDPs with limited livelihood opportunities, decreased income and strained purchasing power, WFP is providing cash-based transfers – including commodity and value vouchers – to ensure effective demand and to prop-up food supply chains through injection of cash, building on functioning markets and financial systems.

On 1 April, WFP started multipurpose cash assistance (USD 75 per person) through Western Union (in local currency), reaching 2,723 displaced families (6860 individuals) in Vinnytsia and Chernivtsy with a total amount of USD 453,000. This brings WFP total beneficiaries of cash and vouchers to 8,860 in Ukraine. Moreover, WFP is monitoring market dynamics and endeavors to work with the private sector to address critical gaps in the supply chain (lack of fuel, transportation, labor capacities, access) and ease any logistics bottlenecks that would result in localized food shortages.

Neighbouring Countries

As chair of the Moldova Food security sub-working Group, as of 4 April, WFP Moldova - through cooperating partners - reached **19,848 refugees** with hot meals (three per day) in 107 centers across 33 different localities/regions.

WFP's cash assistance pilot for host communities is also making steady progress. The agency has developed, with UNHCR, a joint communications strategy to inform the Moldovan population, civil society and Ukrainian refugees about their complementary cash assistance approach for refugees and host communities in Moldova.

WFP Cash Assistance to Moldovan Families Hosting Refugees

Ioana's phone pinged on Thursday evening. She had received an SMS informing her that 3,000 Moldovan Lei – around USD 190 – was ready for collection at the bank.

The local mayor's office invited her, only three days beforehand, to register for a unique programme. There, she received instructions on enrolling for cash assistance from WFP. She was eligible for cash as she had been hosting seven refugees from Ukraine in her home for over a week.

"I've been hosting them because it's the right thing to do. I have space, and they needed it," Ioana explained.

Over 300,000 refugees have crossed the border into Moldova since February. Many continued their journey into Europe, but around 100,000 people have remained. Most of them accepted offers from Moldovan households for accommodation. The warmth and hospitality shown by the Moldovans are extraordinary.

Moldova has a low gross domestic product rate and high poverty indicators. Absorbing additional people into households has had a financial toll on Moldovan hosts. That is why WFP has started to provide cash assistance for those families. They are free to withdraw it and spend it as they deem most necessary.



"I'll spend the money on electricity and gas bills," explained Ioana.

Utility prices in Moldova are sky-high. In January, gas prices increased by 17.5 percent, making lives for families in winter even more expensive, even without additional guests.

The consequences of the conflict in Ukraine are radiating outwards, pushing food prices up and triggering a wave of collateral hunger around the world, threatening food security for millions of families across the globe.

"Now they've gone back to Odessa to check if their house is ok. I don't know if they will end up coming back here, though," said Ioana.

Now, there's some financial respite for the generous hosts of Moldova like Ioana, whose doors are always open.

Supply Chain



Close to 40,000 mt are prepositioned inside Ukraine to assist the dire needs of conflict-affected and displaced people. Around 46% of WFP food commodities (wheat flour, yellow split peas and vegetable oil) are purchased locally, in Ukraine, while the remaining 54% is sourced elsewhere including Poland, Romania and Turkey.

Fifteen containers carrying 230 mt of High-Energy Biscuits are being transported from Katowice, Poland to Dnipro, Ukraine.

Considering the short window of time to reach coastal areas if and when a ceasefire is agreed, a ship is being positioned in the Black Sea to access coastal areas of Ukraine in a timely manner. Meanwhile, the Government of Ukraine is facilitating both efficient clearance for the entry of food commodities and timely border crossings on return journeys to Poland, thereby supporting the necessary pace and frequency of humanitarian operations.

Funding Outlook

Overall, WFP requires a total of **USD 590 million** for its emergency response to the Ukraine crisis to assist 3.1 million crisis-affected people in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. In response to surging needs, WFP is **preparing to further scale up operations to support up to six million people by June**. Funding requirements are expected to significantly increase given the planned scale up to address exacerbating humanitarian needs.

To date, WFP has received USD 158 million in confirmed contributions, rendering its current response **funded at 27 percent**. Timely and adequate funding is urgently needed to sustain WFP operations inside Ukraine and to avert an immediate pipeline break.

Logistics Cluster



Common transport and storage services are being facilitated throughout Ukraine by the Logistics Cluster. Partners willing to request services can do so by reaching out to ukraine.clustercargo@wfp.org and submitting a Service Request Form.

The Logistics Cluster is consolidating cargo in view of inter-agency convoys dispatching humanitarian relief from WFP warehouse in Dnipro to hard-to-reach areas in eastern Ukraine.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster



ETC continues to deploy its expertise to Ukraine to support the rollout of the ETC Chatbot as a mean of communication between humanitarians and the affected community, and to engage with partners on other opportunities to provide services to the affected population.

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