



WFP Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries

External Situation Report #13

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Highlights

WFP reached over **1.5 million** displaced and conflict-affected people with food and cash in the eastern, northern and southern oblasts of Ukraine

WFP delivered life-saving food assistance in the recently opened up city of Bucha and other areas in Kyiv oblast for the first time.

WFP Ukraine emergency response is currently funded at 36 percent. Timely funding is urgently needed to avoid an immediate pipeline break.

In Numbers



1.56 million (estimated) conflict-affected people assisted by WFP



12 million people in need (UN Flash Appeal, March 2022)



7.1 million internally displaced persons (IOM, 1 April 2022)



4.8 million people displaced to neighbouring countries (UNHCR, 15 April 2022)



186 WFP staff on the ground in Ukraine and neighbouring countries

WFP Emergency Response

In response to the Ukraine crisis, WFP has assisted 1.4 million people with in-kind and cash distributions to date. Efforts are underway to scale-up to 2.3 million people by the end of April, a further 4 million in May and up to 6 million in June. WFP is also monitoring the growing influx of refugees and asylum seekers from Ukraine into neighbouring countries, particularly in Moldova where WFP assistance is targeting 30,000 refugees in April and preparing to scale up to accommodate surging needs. Logistics and emergency telecommunications services are being provided to the humanitarian community to ensure 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

Situation Update

The food security situation continues to deteriorate across Ukraine. Immediate food needs are reported in cities experiencing hostilities and in areas hosting growing flows of internally displaced persons (IDPs). Agricultural production and food provision are also severely affected by the conflict as per recent [FAO assessment](#). The shortage of agricultural labourers and inputs, destruction of food systems assets and infrastructure and the reduced access to arable land will likely limit domestic production and food availability in Ukraine markets over the coming few months.

Several cities in the east and south of Ukraine remain inaccessible due to the active conflict. This includes Mariupol where over 120,000 people are stranded, unable to leave the city for several weeks and are in urgent need for food, water and other basic necessities. During a three-days visit to Ukraine this week, WFP Executive Director [called for unimpeded access](#) to families trapped in conflict areas and encircled cities in Ukraine, citing lack of access as the biggest obstacle to WFP's life-saving operations.

Supply constraints are challenging timely delivery of humanitarian assistance in some of the hardest hit areas. These include the limited availability of trucks, reluctance of drivers to travel across frontline areas as well as the dwindling fuel supplies. In response, WFP is looking into innovative solutions such as using Uber as a transport mechanism. Alongside, securing additional warehouse capacity and prepositioning humanitarian commodities strategically close to areas with ongoing military operations is underway.

The conflict in Ukraine is also unleashing a [three-dimensional crisis](#) on food, energy and financial markets. Soaring staples prices, energy price hikes and supply shortage are increasing pressure on households worldwide, in the poorest countries in particular, likely to push up to [323 million people](#) into acute levels of food insecurity. The Heads of the WFP, World bank and the International Monetary Fund [urged](#) to support vulnerable countries through grants to cover their financing needs, facilitate unhindered trade and invest in sustainable food production and nutrition security.

WFP Response

WFP continues to accelerate its efforts to reach the people in need in encircled and partially encircled cities and IDPs across the country. The agency is also strengthening its footprint on the ground by establishing offices in Vinnitsya, Kropyvnytskyi, and Dnipro, with plans to expand to Kyiv.

Over **1.5 million conflict-affected and displaced people** inside Ukraine have been reached with food and cash to date. Rapid response (ready-to-eat) rations (RRR) remain WFP's main modality in highly constrained contexts such as Kyiv, Luhanska and Zaporizka oblasts. This week, WFP succeeded to [deliver food](#) to the recently opened up city of Bucha in norther Ukraine (Kyivska oblast) to assist close to 2,000 vulnerable people. Over the last few weeks, the city of Bucha experienced substantial civilian casualties and severe destruction of its critical infrastructure. WFP expanded its food delivery to other encircled and partially encircled urban areas surrounding Kyiv, reaching around 40,000 crisis-affected people.



WFP is also scaling up monthly general food distributions to ensure sustained food access to residents and IDPs in conflict-affected areas where commercial transport is functional but retail markets are compromised. WFP is also working through bakeries to ensure the continued availability of bread (with canned meat) for vulnerable populations in Kharkiv and Dnipro, and extending its efforts to Odesa, Sumy and Poltava. Plans are underway to extend the project to further locations across the country, including Mykolaiv (south) and Zaporizhzhia (south-east).

Building on its extensive cash experience in conflict settings, WFP provided multi-purpose cash assistance (USD 75 per person) in local currency to over 40,000 IDPs in western Ukraine through Western Union to support their access to basic necessities (total cash volume of USD 2.6 million). Food vouchers are now being distributed through established retailers to over 2,000 beneficiaries in Kyiv. areas where cash is not feasible due to liquidity or market concerns. Overall, WFP aims to reach 2.8 million with cash assistance across Ukraine by July.

The deployment of cash and in-kind modalities provides WFP

with the ability to adapt to evolving contexts in the country and shift between modalities based on viability of markets. The potential for complementarity and coordination with national social protection mechanisms is being explored to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian cash transfers over the long-term.

In recognition of the leading role of local actors in meeting the needs of vulnerable populations in Ukraine, WFP emergency response in Ukraine strives to promote localization through delivering food and cash assistance through a network of local humanitarian organizations. At present, partnership agreements were signed with four local and six international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to extend the outreach of the operation towards the hard-to-reach and most affected people, while more are under discussion. These agreements cover food distributions, voucher distributions and cash transfer enrolment and monitoring for around 1.6 million beneficiaries. Additional beneficiaries are reached through cash transfers in collaboration with local authorities. In building strategic partnerships with key actors, WFP is prioritizing NGOs which have extensive local networks in the country and can accelerate access to crisis affected populations.

Neighbouring countries

To date, WFP Moldova has provided 122,025 hot meals (three meals per day) to refugees in 64 reception centers across 30 localities/regions. This represents an average of 1,414 people per day.



Under the cash assistance for host communities programme, SMS messages were being sent daily with links to the self-enrolment survey to the beneficiary lists received by WFP from cooperating partners and municipalities. Overall, since the beginning of the cash programme, out of 1,684 households identified for registration, close to 85 percent received their transfers; 68 percent are headed by women. The WFP hotline is operational and nearly 300 calls were received as of 14 April. Callers remain predominantly middle-aged women (75 percent), living in Chisinau. Majority of the calls (84 people) request information about how to register for assistance.

Supply Chain



Some 3,000 mt of food commodities have been handed over to WFP cooperating partners in Ukraine to date, with a further 57,729 mt of food commodities currently in the pipeline as WFP continues to focus on building up its food stocks in Ukraine. Around 38 percent of WFP food supplies to Ukraine are procured locally and regionally from Turkey. Almost the entire amount of the 11,800 metric tons of wheat flour procured – 97 percent – has been sourced in Ukraine.

Planning for an interagency humanitarian convoy, scheduled to depart on 16 April from Dnipro to Chernihiv, is underway. WFP intends to dispatch 40 mt of food commodities (20 mt of rations, 15 mt of wheat flour and 5 mt of yellow split peas) as part of the convoy.

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 with the aim of supporting up to six million people by June**. Funding requirements are expected to significantly increase in view of planned scale up to address exacerbating humanitarian needs.

To date, WFP has received USD 213 million in confirmed contributions, rendering its current response **funded at 36 percent**. Timely and adequate funding is urgently needed to sustain WFP operations inside Ukraine and to avert an immediate pipeline break.

Logistics Cluster



The Ukraine Logistics Cluster has updated its Concept of Operations, available [here](#).

Logistics challenges identified by partners in a recent survey include transport solutions, access, customs procedures, coordination, information management, and storage capacity.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster



WFP's Telecommunications Specialists are currently assessing ICT and connectivity needs of several interagency sites and opportunities to provide emergency telecommunications services to the affected population in Dnipro, Vinnytsia and Kopyryvynyski. Efforts are also underway to enhance cyber security infrastructure for the interagency humanitarian workspace in Lviv

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