



WFP Ukraine

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To date, a total of **168,445 mt** of food and **USD 451,976,819** of cash has been delivered.

Year/ 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		
2022									
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	19,905	44,023,225	525,609	142,686	1,094,566	74,780	239,751	738,317	2,815,709
October	17,897	42,838,826	583,292	98,335	894,272	70,227	340,976	714,995	2,702,097
November	18,359	50,517,300	383,316	338,964	929,644	-	299,436	841,978	2,793,338
December	17,867	50,682,804	243,840	433,703	1,033,844	194,499	256,517	843,575	3,005,977
2023									
January	13,131	30,324,120	263,843	266,871	737,193	5,439	204,179	506,228	1,983,753

Key Highlights

- This week, the WFP Regional Director, and the WFP Representative and Country Director in Ukraine discussed cooperation strategies with several high-ranking Ukrainian and other government officials in the east and south of Ukraine.
- On 20 January, in an interagency convoy, enough **food for over 800 people has been delivered to Soledar**, a heavily destroyed small strategic town in eastern Donetsk region.

- Discussions on a joint demining project move forward between WFP, FAO, and Fondation Suisse de Deminage (FSD), as a crucial part of phasing out the need for humanitarian assistance for thousands of farmers.
- On 22 January, WFP chartered vessel, **MV Amira Hana** left carrying **30,000 mt of wheat** in support of the humanitarian response in Ethiopia.

WFP Ukraine Response

As the war enters a new phase with an expectation for even more intense battles, there is a general sense of unease with heightened security concerns. Dnipro residents in particular

were forced to come to terms with the aftermath of a deadly missile attack on an apartment building, which was part of a renewed round of attacks on Ukrainian cities on 14 January, the first time in nearly two weeks.

In these circumstances, it is the resilient spirit of the Ukrainian people and unwavering support from our partners that allow our food and cash assistance for the people in need to continue without a delay. In addition, WFP continues to look for ways to **join hands with the Government of Ukraine and other partners to further boost the long-term resilience of the people** for eventual hand-over.

On 19 January, WFP Regional Director for Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) participated in the high-level visit at the port of Chornomorsk organized by the German embassy in Ukraine. Attended by the German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, and Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine – Minister for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine, a WFP chartered vessel was berthing at the port. The *Grain from Ukraine initiative* is a good example of effective collaboration between the Government of Ukraine, different Government partners including Germany and WFP, towards supporting farmers and the recovery of the Ukrainian economy.



Left to right: Svenja Schulze, German Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development, Oleksandr Kubrakov, Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration/ Minister of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine, Matthew Hollingworth, WFP Representative and Country Director in Ukraine, and Corinne Fleischer, WFP Regional Director for Middle East and Northern Africa in Chornomorsk port on 19 January. ©WFP/ Antoine Vallas

Demining for Food Systems

Demining to restore food systems is another significant collaboration on the horizon to strengthen resilience of local and national food systems and economies. Discussions took place during the last two weeks between WFP, FAO and Fondation Suisse de Deminage (FSD) on revitalizing local livelihoods in deconflicted areas through land clearance including demining for small-sized farmers and local producers.

Aimed at **helping phase out the need for humanitarian relief for thousands of farmers**, the project is based on a three-phased approach. The first phase is targeting and transparent prioritization of farmers with a focus on small-

size farmers regaining their livelihoods. The second phase is demining work consisting of non-technical assessments, unexploded ordnance (UXO) and mine clearance and post clearance soil-assessments. The final step is land rehabilitation, where FAO will provide seeds, machinery or access to credit and WFP could link farmers to WFP's procurement.

Assistance in Newly Accessible Areas

In January, to date, an estimated **241,211 people** have been served by WFP with bread, rapid response rations, and 30-day food rations in the newly accessible areas of the following oblasts: 113,323 in Kherson, 110,179 people in Kharkiv, 12,200 in Mykolaiv, 4,409 in Donetsk, and 1,100 in Luhansk oblasts.

On 20 January, **WFP delivered 9.4 mt of food for over 800 people in Soledar**, as part of the UN inter-agency convoy. Soledar is a contested town in eastern Donetsk oblast where Ukrainian forces acknowledged a temporary controlled pullback, following some of the most intense fighting in recent weeks. In another interagency convoy on 7 January during a brief unilateral ceasefire, WFP delivered humanitarian aid to people in Orikhiv, Zaporizhzhia oblast, a town previously inaccessible due to its close proximity to the frontline.

Between 15 and 18 January, a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden visited bread and food distribution sites in Mykolaiv, Donetsk and Kharkiv oblasts. The delegation was partially joined by its counterparts at the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) on the day trip to Iziom in Kharkiv oblast. While discussing the current needs and priorities to effectively address food insecurity in war-affected areas of Ukraine, local authorities emphasized the hindered access to farms caused by landmines and UXOs as a major challenge in the recovery process among the newly accessible areas.

The same issue was raised again on 18 January, when WFP Regional Director for MENA visited Snihurivka town in Mykolaiv oblast, a town which became accessible in mid-November 2022, still reliant on bread and food assistance to meet its food needs. Noting the visible damages and potential thousands of hectares of contaminated land alongside the road in Mykolaiv, the Governor of Mykolaiv requested for capacity and technical support to conduct a large-scale demining.

Research, Assessment and Monitoring

WFP assesses markets in newly accessible areas as they recover, to assess appropriateness of assistance modalities. According to the recently finalized rapid market assessment for the newly accessible town of Vovchansk in Kharkiv oblast, markets are still only partially functioning as the security risks remain high in the area. Overall the town is deemed not yet ready for a large-scale cash support.

Data analysis and first outputs from the multi-sector needs assessment (concluded on 21 December in collaboration with REACH) is ongoing. The anonymized raw data has been published for use by other humanitarian actors in Ukraine.

Cash Assistance

Under the cash assistance program, WFP disbursed over **USD 30 million in cash assistance** to **506,000 people in need** in January, to date. WFP cash assistance programs 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. WFP's cash program 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.

The second phase of the improvement to the Unified Information System for the Social Sphere (UISSS) is progressing. Continuing the support to the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, the impact of the enhancement to disability payments and integration of different benefit registries are being monitored at local levels.

In addition, WFP is participating in the Perekhid initiative, aimed at linking and managing the transition from humanitarian cash to social protection, along with other partners such as Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UNICEF and other humanitarian actors. A task force is currently being put together, to which WFP in coordination with European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) will provide technical expertise.

In-Kind Assistance

In January, to date, WFP reached almost **1.5 million people** through a combination of bread, rapid response rations, and General Food Distribution (GFD) comprising 30-day rations, Infant cereal and institutional feeding. Distribution of Infant cereal has resumed last month, following its routine food safety inspection. 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.

Negotiations and contracting for 9 new cooperating partners in Ukraine are ongoing. The WFP proposal, being discussed with potential future partners, would mean majority of General Food Distribution is distributed by local civil society organizations.

Accountability to Affected Populations

During the last two weeks, WFP's toll-free hotline received 43,999 calls, of which 32,245 came from the unique phone numbers. 48% of the processed cases were closed as First Case Resolution (FCR), while the remaining 52% were referred to relevant programme focal points. Almost all (99.7%) 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 (0.3%) 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

During October-December, around 87% of total food commodities have been procured locally (72,000 mt out of 83,300 mt). Overall, since the start of WFP operations in Ukraine in February 2022, **168,445 mt of food** has been delivered via Cooperating Partners (CPs) to people affected by war and in need living across the country. In January, to date, 13,131 mt of food has been dispatched to CPs, while a further 67,700 mt of food commodities are in the pipeline (16,400 mt of food in storage, and 51,300 mt of food in transit or pending supplier delivery).

Overland Transport

Since 1 January, 119 trucks were in transit to Ukraine from Poland, carrying 2,144 mt (canned meat) of cargo to Ukrainian warehouses for further kitting and dispatching.

An additional 560 trucks delivered 11,300 mt (sugar, pasta, canned pulses, wheat flour, oat flakes, and vegetable oil) to the warehouses directly from Ukrainian suppliers.

Food safety and Quality control

WFP conducts regular monitoring to ensure the food provided to people in need meets the food safety and quality standards. On 12 January, food safety and quality specialists conducted a mission to Mykolaiv to assess the facilities of a wheat flour supplier. Recommendations were prepared and shared with the supplier the following day, to better guide staff hygiene requirements and other control measures. Previous recommendations made to suppliers in Dnipro in December 2022, and its positive improvement to the suppliers' production conditions have been recorded.

Power Needs Assessment of WFP Food Suppliers

The energy needs assessment of WFP suppliers has been extended to additional flour mills and bakeries. As of 20 January, six suppliers across the country have been assessed. The results will provide insight as WFP explores potential support in providing temporary power supply solutions. Further studies on energy efficiency of mills and bakeries are planned to strengthen Ukrainian value chain.

Logistics contracting

In a preparation for 2023 field level agreements, WFP Supply Chain team has been analysing the food transfer modality budget to achieve a high overall logistics efficiency in fuel consumption, routing, warehousing, and transportation rates.

The Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI)

On 22 January, WFP chartered vessel **MV Amira Hana** left to ports of Djibouti, loaded with **30,000 mt of wheat for Ethiopia**. Meanwhile, on 15 January, another WFP chartered vessel, **MV Anthelia** sailed from Chornomorsk, carrying **15,900 mt of wheat** in support of the humanitarian

response in **Afghanistan**.

To date, WFP chartered vessels transported **over 426,000 mt** of wheat through various Black Sea ports supporting Ethiopia (39%), Afghanistan (25%), Yemen (23%), and Somalia (13%).

According to the latest operational figure published by the Joint Coordination Centre, as of 18 January, **the total tonnage of grain and other foodstuffs** exported from the three Ukrainian ports is **17,821,511 mt**. A total of 1,310 voyages (650 inbound and 660 outbound) have been enabled so far.

As the grain price in the global market is heavily influenced by the level of Ukraine's export, the importance of keeping the Black Sea corridor operational has been hailed by the international community. The continued export of grain is also an important activity for the local economy, keeping the grain flow allows farmers to be self-reliant.

Investment in Ukraine's Economy

So far, the total monetary investment value into Ukraine's economy is estimated to be over **USD 740 million**. Majority 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 (mainly in Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia). Approximately 30% was spent for in-country humanitarian programmes, while the rest was utilized to support WFP operations in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Yemen, and Sri Lanka 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.

The positive ripple effects from the localization of WFP's emergency bread program are already observed in the regeneration of the local economy. By buying bread from bakeries located in the frontline and newly accessible areas, WFP supports people involved in the supply of bread (the baking and production, and the delivery of the bread) to have employment guarantees. For example, thanks to the partnership with WFP for humanitarian supply of bread, a local bakery in Mykolaiv which initially struggled has recovered, and now supplies a big supermarket chain, which in turn is accelerating the return of businesses to the local market system.

Inter-Agency Humanitarian Response Coordination

Food Security and Livelihoods cluster (FSLC)

During December 27 to January 9, **over 806,800 people** were reached with in-kind food parcels (58%), emergency rations (38%), hot meals (3%), and livelihood activities across (1%) across Ukraine.

The biggest amount of assistance was provided in three oblasts: Kharkiv (over 164,500 people), Donetsk (over

136,700) and in Kherson (around 133,400 people).

In 2022, 52 food requests from local authorities and volunteer groups were successfully facilitated throughout the year, reaching almost 200,000 people.

Logistics Cluster

The Logistics Cluster continues to support humanitarian organisations engaged in the humanitarian response by providing logistics coordination and information management, and by facilitating access to common logistics services free-of-cost to the user. The first 2023 Logistics Cluster national coordination meeting was held on 11 January, with over 40 participants attending from 30 organisations.

Between 2 to 15 January, 343 m³ of humanitarian relief items were received in common storage on behalf of six partners, and 226 m³ of cargo were released to eight partners. As of 15 January, the Logistics Cluster is storing 3,038 m³ of humanitarian cargo (early recovery, education, food security, general operations, general programme, health, logistics, nutrition, protection, shelter, telecommunications, WASH) on behalf of 12 partners.

During the reporting period, 225 mt of humanitarian commodities (food security, general programme, health, logistics, protection, shelter, and WASH) were dispatched on behalf of eight partners to nine locations across Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, Khersonska, Mykolaivska, Odeska and Zaporizka oblasts.

Of the relief items transported, cargo was consolidated, and transport facilitated on behalf of five partners, for three inter-agency convoys which delivered 52 mt to Novoraisk and Nova Kamianka in Khersonska oblast on 5 January, 20 mt to Orikhiv in Zaporizka oblast on Christmas Day 7 January seizing the opportunity of the unilateral ceasefire, and 32 mt to Kupiansk in Kharkivska oblast on 12 January.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

On 13 January, the ETC began the installation of a VHF base station in the UNDSS Security and Information Operations Centre (SIOC) in Lviv in line of the strategy for improving VHF coverage.

Since the launch of the ETC Chatbot "vBezpezi" (вБезпеці in Ukrainian, which translates to "safe spaces"), on 20 June, 17,684 unique users in Ukraine have accessed information relating to humanitarian assistance. The latest statistics are available on the [monitoring tool](#).

Funding Outlook

WFP thanks all donors who have generously supported the people of Ukraine. As of 19 January, WFP received over USD 371 million in funding against its Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (2023 – 2024). New contributions confirmed from France (USD 6.1 million) and private donors (USD 11 million) have been directed to sustaining WFP's emergency operations during the ongoing winter season.

WFP continues to appeal to its partners for additional

resources to avoid pipeline breaks currently expected in April 2023.

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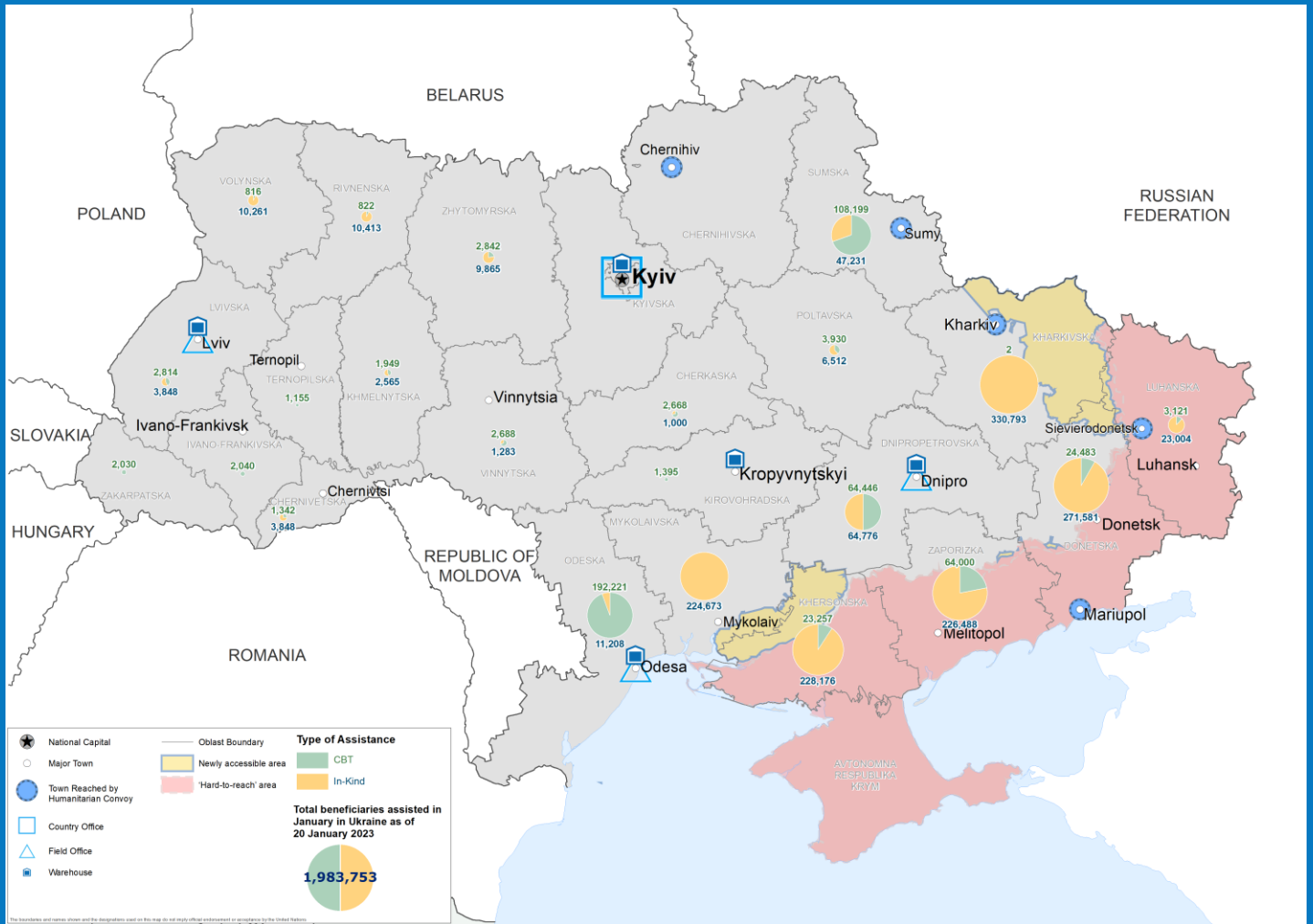
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