



WFP Ukraine

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In 2024 to date, a total of **59,969 mt** of food and **USD 85.7 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	Instit. Feeding	Multi-Purpose Cash	Compl. Social Benefits	Market-based Trans. support	School Feeding		
2024												
January	13,287	21,194,156	284,630	7,089	727,468	498,725	873	639,969	212,535	52,459	2,423,748	
February	12,332	21,942,666	303,136	10,453	649,959	505,605	569	700,109	220,312	57,906	2,448,049	
March	14,296	20,473,544	267,200	1,844	785,790	471,438	-	672,692	220,410	59,192	2,478,566	
April	10,282	11,464,741	364,141	2,125	645,942	172,147	707	391,210	159,823	60,243	1,796,338	
May	9,771	10,634,977	302,411	9,603	625,721	211,213	4,954	366,661	144,986	-	1,665,549 ¹	

Key Highlights

- **Emergency power outages** across Ukraine and continued attacks are increasing displacement and the need for humanitarian assistance.
- WFP reached **more than 40,000 people** with in-kind double distribution in May (70% in Kharkiv and 30% in Donetsk regions), in preparation for potential access challenges.
- WFP has supported **Kharkiv evacuees** with over 10,000 food rations, and cash to over 1,500 evacuees.
- On 28 May, a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding was signed between WFP, FAO, and the State Emergency Service of Ukraine to strengthen cooperation for the agricultural mine action project.
- 2025 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan planning has started with the first inter-cluster discussions on 28 May.

Situation Update

Prolonged emergency power shutdowns have become a daily ordeal throughout Ukraine, with the latest large-scale attacks on energy infrastructure on 1 June. While nationwide rolling blackouts were implemented in May, following a

series of attacks since April, the newly tightened power schedule raises alarm for potential worsening of shortages, as need spikes in late summer and does not bode well for the difficult winter period.

In May, the new coordinated offensive on Ukraine has centred on Ukraine’s northeastern Kharkiv region. Sixteen close-to-border towns have become either occupied or contested since, further reducing humanitarian access. Displacement is increasing, as nearly 12,000 people have been evacuated from the Kharkiv region so far.

On 15 May, WFP participated in the coordination meeting organized by the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration to assist coordination of emergency response in Kharkiv region. Chaired by the Minister of temporarily occupied territories, the meeting was also attended by OCHA, IOM, UNICEF, international and national NGOs, as well as volunteer groups. WFP has provided **10,203 rations** of in-kind assistance (9,964 ready-to-eat rations and 239 30-day rations) **to evacuees at the central Kharkiv city transit centre** in May. **Over 1,500 evacuees** also received the first cash assistance transfers after data cleaning and de-duplication.

Donetsk region in the south, and Sumy and Chernihiv regions in the north have also become hotspots under the

¹ This number will increase, once the pending payments for the School Meal Programme are processed.

new offensives on Ukraine; Voluntary evacuation is taking place in a few towns in Sumy.

WFP Ukraine Response

In May, WFP reached **1.7 million people** in need, mostly along the frontline.

In response to the **Kharkiv region evacuation**, WFP through its local partner, Peaceful Heaven of Kharkiv, implemented the pre-verification for all self-evacuees arriving at the transit centre. Self-evacuated households with any of its members previously registered for in-kind distribution between February-April 2024 from the six most affected areas were able to register immediately for both in-kind and multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) provided at the transit centre. Since 16 May, the MPCA registration part has been carried out by other Cash Working Group partners.

Between 20-24 May, a Rapid Displacement Survey was carried out by WFP in partnership with IOM, to better understand the circumstances of evacuees. Most respondents still remained within Kharkiv region with uncertainty on further movement. Food was identified as the most urgent need for IDPs with preference towards cash.

On 6 June, WFP briefed Germany on the status of the operation focusing on the Kharkiv response and the results of the complementary social benefit programme.

In addition to the Kharkiv region, emergency response plans have been developed for Donetsk and Sumy regions.

Preparations for the Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan 2025 have been initiated by OCHA involving inter-cluster discussions. The very first discussion was held on 28 May about the Joint and Intersectoral Analysis Framework (JIAF) strategy, which will form the basis for the 2025 HNRP.

Cash-Based Assistance

WFP's cash programmes and its cash transfer mechanism continue to provide reliable and timely support to those in need. In May, WFP disbursed over **USD 10 million to more than 516,000 people in need through various cash-based assistance modalities**.

On 20 May 2024, the Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine joined WFP's donor briefing, sharing their reflection on the collaboration with WFP that resulted in significant achievements from the **complementary social benefit programme**, supporting groups at most risk such as the elderly retirees and people living with disabilities. During the meeting, WFP presented the preliminary findings from the post-distribution monitoring on the programme, which indicated that people receiving support have decreased the use of various negative coping strategies – including spending their savings, borrowing money, and reducing necessary expenses on health. Overall, beneficiaries have maintained their food security over time. The Minister called on the donor community to continue investing in the programme as it helps to address emergency and poverty needs. The briefing was attended by representations of 16 embassies.

Under the **School Meal Programme (SMP)**, WFP covers 30

percent of the financial requirements to provide hot meals to primary school children aged 6 to 11, through monthly reimbursements to schools. The initiative is aimed to alleviate the financial strain on local administrations and parents, whose resources were stretched due to the ongoing war. Currently 14 regions are included in the programme for the 2023-2024 academic year, which started in September.

In May, the SMP completed transfers for April to all 13 regions participating in the programme as well as pending payments to Khmelnytskyi region for the previous months (February and March) of this year.

Although schools in Dnipropetrovsk region included in SMP submitted re-imbusement documents for February and March of 2024, the school meal programme agreement with the Dnipropetrovsk regional administration has not been signed since January 2024. WFP has now provided the officials with a letter, confirming WFP's commitment to reimburse schools included in the programme in Dnipropetrovsk region in the next (2024-2025) academic year. For the next academic year, WFP is exploring options to provide funds directly to communities from the centralized payment mechanism or transfer funds through PrivatBank.

WFP is continuing to support the participating schools in June, despite the official conclusion of 2023-2024 academic year in May. Many schools are continuing to catch up for days of interruption during the academic year due to the conflict and/or weather conditions, as well to provide summer camps for children.

In-Kind Food Assistance

WFP reached almost **1.1 million people** in May 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 not functional due to ongoing hostilities, damaged infrastructure, mine contamination, or limited power supply. The vast majority of WFP in-kind assistance is provided in areas near the frontline with the most severe needs.

Double distributions of 30-day rations continued in several frontline areas where potential access constraints are anticipated due to worsening security conditions. In May, **40,164 beneficiaries were reached with double distributions** in Derhachivska, Lymanska, Tsyrukunivska, Velykoburlutska, and Vilkhuvatska communities of Kharkiv region, and in Hrodivska, Illinivska, Marinska, Ocheretynska, and Selydivska communities of Donetsk region. In addition, in the last week of May, CO Network cooperating partner gained access to Vovchanska hromada (excluding the town itself) and reached 4,366 people with single 30-day rations' distributions. A new round of double distributions for almost 14,000 people in Illinivska, Kurakhivska, Novohrodivska, Velykonovosilkivska, and Vuhledarska communities of Donetsk region is planned for June.

Accountability to Affected Populations

WFP ensures accountability to affected populations (AAP) through close monitoring of its activities.

Between 20 and 22 May, WFP interviewed evacuees from both organized and self evacuations at the central transit centre of Kharkiv city, to ensure Protection, Gender, and AAP requirements are followed during the registration of evacuees for multi-purpose cash and in-kind ration distributions. Discussions were also held with Relief and Coordination Centre and other partners on the ground. Dormitories where evacuees from the organized evacuations are staying were visited to assess the living conditions and how the assistance provided by WFP and other humanitarian actors meets their needs until they start to receive MPCA transfers.

During the last two weeks, WFP's toll-free hotline received 10,744 calls (10,123 during the working hours), of which 7,782 came from unique phone numbers. In total, WFP hotline operators processed 7,978 calls. Over 84.2 percent of processed cases were closed as First Case Resolution (FCR) without referral, while the remaining were referred to relevant programme focal points. Almost all (98.3 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 requested information about in-kind food support programme, in terms of entitlements, timing, and location.

WFP Supply Chain and Support to Food Systems

In May, WFP dispatched almost 9,800 mt of food to CPs. By 5 June, an additional 33,473 mt of food commodities are in the pipeline (18,781 mt of food in storage, and 14,692 mt of food in transit or pending supplier delivery).

Local Food Systems

The local bakery project is an initiative to increase contributions to the local economy within WFP's humanitarian operations by further increasing engagement with local bakeries. In May, 12 small bakeries in 5 regions (Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, and Zaporizhzhia) supplied 31 percent of the total bread needs for the month, with the same coverage rate expected in June. For the second half of June, Food Safety and Quality assessment missions are planned to potential bakeries identified in Kherson region.

WFP is also strengthening the capacity of the small bakeries by supplying them with additional equipment. In May, 2,110 bread trays were distributed out of the total 2,900 procured. The remainder will be distributed to future new bakeries.

The capacity assessment from the past few months revealed additional needs for dough machines, baking equipment, and slicing and packing machines. WFP plans to provide such equipment support equivalent to USD 860,000.

Agricultural Mine Action Project

Heavy landmine 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. The project has been operational in Kharkiv region, while expansion in Mykolaiv is in progress.

In May, mine action activities in Kharkiv region were briefly prohibited for a few days until 14 May, following launch of the Russian offensive in the north of Kharkiv region. Also, WFP delivered four vans to its technical partner, Fondation suisse de déminage (FSD) for the project operations.

On 28 May, a tripartite **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** for the implementation of this WFP-FAO joint-agricultural mine-action project was signed between WFP, FAO, and **the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU)**, aimed at strengthening technical cooperation through data exchange.

Since the start of the project in 2023, seven teams have completed 404 non-technical survey (NTS) reports for the total of 5,242 ha. Out of those, 26 land plots (1,032 ha) were declared free from explosive ordinance, 267 land plots (total 2,818 ha) defined as suspected hazard area (SHA), and 111 plots (1,392 ha) as confirmed hazard area (CHA). From the SHA and CHA land plots, 5.3 ha have been cleared with 53 hazards identified. Mechanical ground preparation was done for 7.5 ha, and confidence building using mine rollers was performed for 2.1 ha. So far, Explosive Ordinance Risk Education has reached almost 30,850 beneficiaries through 890 sessions conducted in the project area of Kharkiv region.

Food Exports

WFP continues to facilitate food export whenever possible. So far, 3,330 mt of yellow split peas have been delivered to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, and Mauritania under the Grain from Ukraine (GFU) initiative. Additional procurement and deliveries are ongoing.

On 29 May 2024, in the annual consultations between WFP and Norway, WFP Country Director a.i. discussed the activities inside Ukraine as well as the collaboration around Grain from Ukraine.

On 15 May, a vessel carrying 1,000 mt of wheat flour for WFP operations in Palestine sailed off from Türkiye and is expected to arrive in Aqaba in mid-June.

Investment in Ukraine's Economy

So far, WFP's total monetary investment into Ukraine's economy is estimated at **USD 1.16 billion**, with about USD 21.2 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, agreements with NGO partners, and other goods and services purchases within the country.

Inter-Agency Humanitarian Response Coordination

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC)

In April, around 1.7 million people were reached by the FSLC partners across Ukraine. Top five regions for assistance provided are Donetsk (almost 327,000 people), Zaporizhzhia (almost 324,000 people), Kharkiv (almost 261,000 people), Dnipropetrovsk (over 193,000 people), and Mykolaiv (over 186,000 people) regions.

In response to the evacuation of affected people from the north of Kharkiv region, FSLC presented the Preparedness and Response Plan, coordinating Cluster's partners in the region. By the end of May, the capacity for 50,000 food rations was identified from six partners (half of the rations are pre-positioned in Sumy region).

On 30 May, at the monthly cluster coordination meeting attended by 100 participants, the development, and institutionalization of Standards for Evidence-based Agricultural Development (SEADS) were discussed. The cluster also briefed the participants on activities in Kharkiv and Sumy regions, as well as resilience and livelihood in the Ukrainian agriculture sector.

On 27 May, the [Ukraine FSLC Newsletter January-April 2024](#) was published. The bulletin provides an update on the escalation of conflict, partners' response in Eastern Ukraine, and progress on deduplication and harmonization efforts. It also informs readers on the developments from the Food Assistance and Livelihoods Technical Working Groups, highlights from a dedicated meeting on taxation issues, as well as other FSLC related activities.

On 18 May, in a monthly Food Assistance Working Group meeting, the Cluster announced a call to join the In-kind Food Basket Task Force, to harmonize food basket contents from different humanitarian actors in Ukraine.

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 1 June, the Logistics Cluster presented its activities at the 10 National Forum for Interaction and Development held at the Kyiv City Council where over 50 organisations attended in-person, including representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the Kyiv City Council, and various national and international organisations.

The Logistics Cluster joined the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) meeting organised by OCHA in Kyiv to discuss the Preparedness and Response Plans for Donetsk, Kharkiv, and Sumy regions.

Between 20 May and 2 June, 517 m³ of humanitarian relief items were received in common storage on behalf of eight partners (equivalent to 11 truckloads). As of 2 June, the Cluster is storing 1,822 m³ of humanitarian cargo (54 percent shelter, 33 percent WASH, 4 percent protection, and 9 percent other cargo) on behalf of 16 partners (equivalent to 39 truckloads).

During the same period, 61 mt of humanitarian commodities (53 percent shelter, 46 percent WASH, and 1 percent health)

were dispatched on behalf of eight partners to seven locations across Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, and Mykolaiv regions.

Of the relief items transported, cargo was consolidated, and transport facilitated for one inter-agency convoy, delivering 10 mt of relief items on behalf of four partners through two WFP trucks to Toretsk in Donetsk region.

By 2 June 2024, 187 mt of relief items were delivered on behalf of 11 partners through 19 inter-agency convoys (consisting of 39 WFP-managed trucks) to 19 locations across Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

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

Security communications services

Between 13 – 17 May and 20 – 24 May, ETC facilitated two five-days training sessions on Telecommunications Security Standards {TESS+} in Ukraine for 36 participants from 12 UN agencies.

Very High Frequency (VHF) and Radio

As Ukrainian Broadcasting, Radiocommunications & Television Concern (BRT) still focuses on the recovery works at their sites damaged in recent aerial attacks, a new BRT-recommended supplier for the VHF repeater installation was selected in May.

ETC continues providing support to UN agencies in programming and reprogramming of VHF radios, maintenance of the Remote Sight on Vehicle (RSOV) solution, holding regular radio-check exercises.

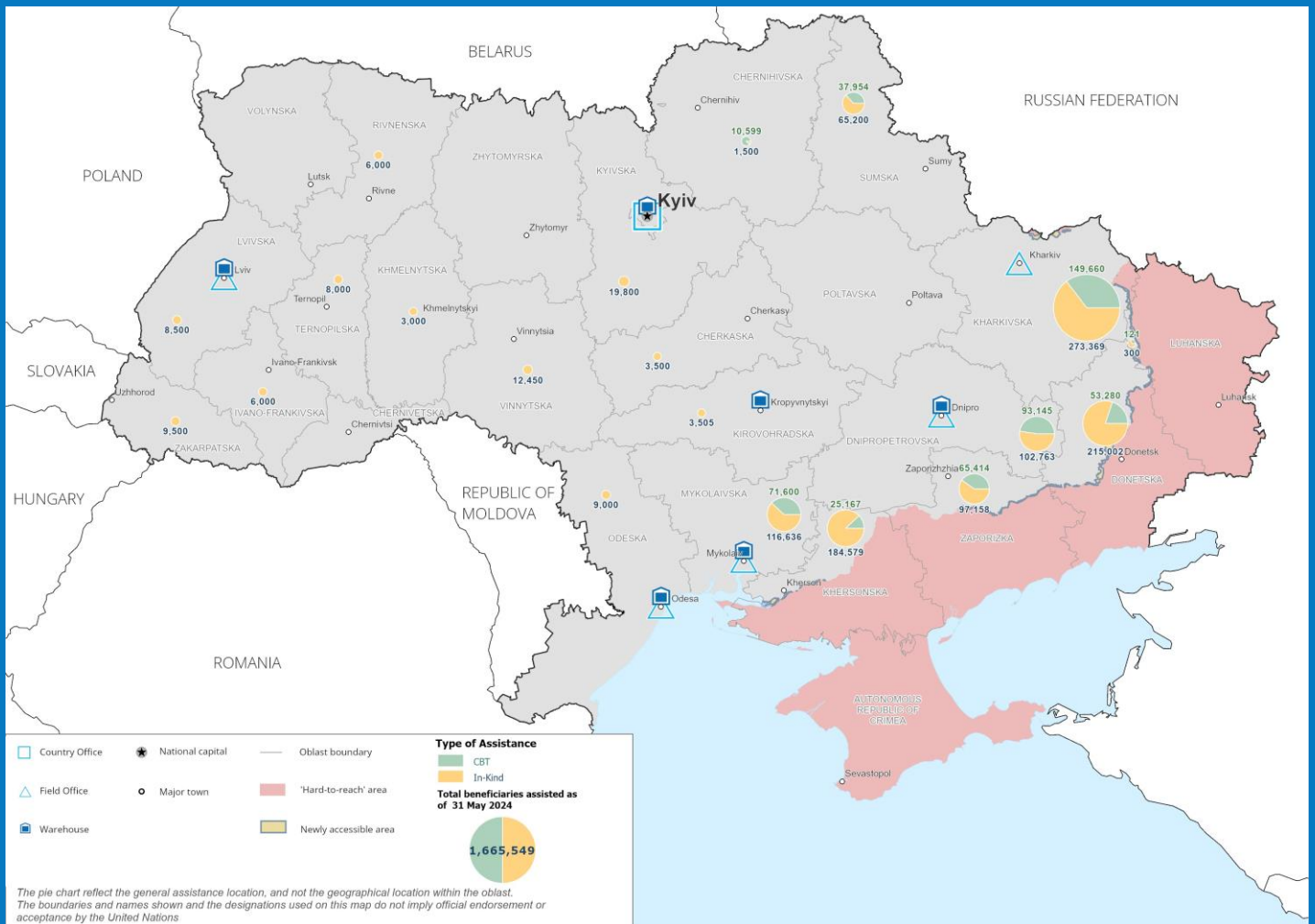
Funding Outlook

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.

During the reporting period, WFP received generous contributions from the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), Iceland and Norway which were critical in sustaining WFPs scope of work in Ukraine.

Currently funded at 27 percent, WFP requires an additional **USD 274.8 million** for the next six months until November 2024 to sustain its operations. The funding priorities remain food procurement for the emergency response, continuation of the Complementary Social Benefits programme, as well as to pilot livelihood programmes in areas in recovery. Additionally, with the changes to the frontline and intensified hostilities, WFP is also calling for support towards its emergency response for rapid response and cash interventions.

WFP UKRAINE Assistance – May Overview



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

