



WFP Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries

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Highlights

WFP reached nearly 3.46 million displaced and conflict-affected people with food and cash throughout Ukraine.

WFP and the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine signed a Memorandum of Understanding to scale up cash transfers to half a million people across the country.

WFP's Ukraine emergency response is currently funded at 51 percent. Timely funding is urgently needed to avoid immediate pipeline breaks.

In Numbers



3.46 million (cumulative)
conflict-affected people assisted by WFP



10.2 million
people in need for food and livelihood assistance
(UN Flash Appeal, April 2022)



7.7 million
internally displaced persons (IOM, 21 April 2022)



5.8 million
people displaced to neighbouring countries (UNHCR, 6 May 2022)



215 WFP staff
on the ground in Ukraine and neighbouring countries

WFP Emergency Response

Since the beginning of the conflict, WFP has reached 3.46 million people with in-kind and cash assistance. This month, WFP is scaling-up to reach 4 million people and plans to reach up to 6 million people by June. WFP continues to monitor the movements of people from Ukraine into neighbouring countries, particularly to Moldova, where WFP assistance continues to scale up to accommodate surging needs. In addition, WFP is providing logistics and emergency telecommunications services to the humanitarian community, facilitating the timely provision of assistance inside and outside of Ukraine.

WFP Funding Requirements 590M

(March - June 2022)

Basic Assistance (in-kind, cash, capacity strengthening)	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

Preliminary results from WFP's latest food security assessment show that over one third of Ukraine's population is food insecure, resulting from inadequate food consumption, harmful coping strategies and income losses. The ongoing conflict continues to reduce access to food and markets throughout the country, particularly in southern and eastern parts. Luhansk oblast in eastern Ukraine registered the highest prevalence of food insecurity.

Over a third of all respondents reported that they had no income, or that they relied on assistance as their main source of income. Moreover, more than two-thirds of households relied at least once in the previous week of the assessment on consumption-based coping strategies to cope with food shortages. On average, one in two families were eating less preferred food daily. One in five households, on almost a daily basis, were reducing meal portion, the number of meals eaten, or restricting adult consumption so children can eat. The use of these coping strategies is more prevalent in the eastern, southern and northern areas of the country. Furthermore, one in four of the households reported having to borrow to cover their essential needs.

Oblasts receiving internally displaced people (IDPs) were increasingly recording acute food needs. Almost one third of IDPs had to abandon their valuable assets as a result of displacement.

Supply chain disruption, induced by ongoing fighting, has reduced the availability of food and rendered market functioning unpredictable. Prior to the conflict, 98 percent of grain exports from Ukraine were transported via the Black Sea. Alternative export routes have insufficient infrastructure to be an immediately viable replacement.

WFP continues to appeal to all parties to allow food exports from seaports, which is necessary to move food in and out of the country, increase food access, while also maintaining Ukraine's economy and people's livelihoods. In addition to disrupting food access inside Ukraine, the conflict also curbs food availability, impacting millions of acutely food-insecure people worldwide.

WFP Response

Overall, WFP has assisted **nearly 3.46 million conflict-affected and displaced people** across Ukraine with food and cash since the beginning of the conflict. WFP maintains an agile and adaptive emergency response, combining food and cash when suitable to meet the diverse needs and particular contexts of Ukraine's cities and oblasts. In oblasts and cities where markets and the financial system are functional, WFP provides cash and vouchers to support those who lost their incomes and livelihood opportunities.

Food and Nutrition Support

WFP continues to call for continuous, unimpeded access to families trapped in hard-to-reach, embattled cities in Ukraine. On 4 May, WFP delivered food to the civilians evacuated from Mariupol's Azovstal steel plant to Zaporizhzhia, through the safe passage operation coordinated by the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Some 1.8 mt of High Energy Biscuits (HEBs), 1.8 mt of canned meat, 560 kg of infant cereals, 2.8 mt of water and 4.1 mt of food rations (2.9 kg) were prepositioned in Zaporizhzhia to support 1,200 people for ten days and 280 children, for a month.

WFP continues to support bakeries to produce bread, reaching close to 1.9 million people mostly in Kharkiv, as well as Sumy, Poltava, Chernihiv, Odesa, and Mykolaiv among other cities. WFP has now distributed more than two million loaves of bread across eight cities in Ukraine, equivalent to 1,113 mt. This daily bread distribution is supplemented with canned meat in Kharkiv and Dnipro. Bread distribution in Chernihiv, Mykolaiv, Odessa, Poltava, Sumy and Zaporizhzhia represent 60 percent of the total bread distributed since 6 April.

Rapid response rations (RRRs) were also delivered in highly constrained contexts or for those fleeing from conflict, assisting close to 980,000 vulnerable people in Kharkiv, Dnipro and Kyiv in addition to other cities, to help meet immediate food needs. General Food Distribution (GFD) has been scaled up in areas where supply chains are disrupted but commercial transport is still functional, assisting over 380,000 residents and IDPs to sustain their access to nutritious food for up to 30 days.

Child nutrition remains at the core of WFP's emergency response in Ukraine, through an integrated approach whereby nutrition commodities are distributed along GFD and RRRs. A total of 166 mt of complementary cereal has been procured to date out of which 31.36 mt were distributed to around 15,680 children aged 6 to 23 months in Poltava, Dnipro, Chernihiv and Zaporizka to support their growth and development. The remaining quantities are in-stock, transit or expected to deliver soon and will be dispatched to partners for distribution, with the aim of scaling up to an estimated 67,500 children in May and double this target in June.

The provision of food assistance has been closely coordinated with local administrations to facilitate the affected population's access to essential services. In collective centers for IDPs, hospitals, and food banks, WFP provides commodities through institutional feeding

modalities to address critical gaps at the city and community levels.

Cash Assistance

To scale-up cash assistance, WFP and the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 4 May to assist up to 500,000 IDPs registered under the Government's social protection system. The agreement with the Government will support people displaced by the conflict in Ukraine and further expansion of cash assistance.

To date, WFP has transferred nearly **USD 12.5 million to more than 186,000 Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in 14 oblasts**. Eligible families receive between USD 75 to USD 225 per month, according to household size. Families apply using WFP's online enrolment system and receive cash assistance within 48 to 72 hours after enrolment. Two-thirds of the USD 75 Multi-Purpose Cash (MPC) transfer value caters to people's food needs. WFP is planning to reach 2.8 million people with cash assistance by July. Cash allows people to purchase food and satisfy a variety of needs in a volatile environment. By spending cash directly, families support their local economy. Vouchers (worth USD 50 per person) were distributed to 6,000 displaced persons (1,677 households) in Lviv and Chernivtsi.

In collaboration with City Social Services in Vinnytsia, WFP supported 2,330 families (approximately 6,000 people) with persons with disabilities and older people living alone.

WFP is further exploring with UNFPA to see how WFP's food assistance could be leveraged to reach pregnant and breastfeeding women with food assistance in maternal health facilities in conflict-affected areas.

WFP is training newly recruited staff on humanitarian principles including protection to ensure WFP assistance strengthens the affected populations safety and dignity. In addition, WFP is coordinating with inter-agency Accountability to Affected Population (AAP) task force to ensure alignment in WFP's approaches to community feedback mechanism (CFM). humanitarian response.

Neighbouring Countries

Moldova hosts more than 90,000 refugees from Ukraine, majority of them hosted by Moldovans, others renting empty apartments and hotel rooms and the remaining at the Refugee Accommodation Centres (RACs) across the country. Although the number of refugees arriving in Moldova has decreased, WFP continues to assist refugees settling in RACs with hot meals. WFP also provides cash to families hosting refugees, whose monthly expenses are increasing significantly due to having larger households.

To date, WFP Moldova has provided 257,535 hot meals (three meals per day) to refugees in 97 reception centers across 31 localities/regions. This represents an average of 1,861 people reached per day.

As part of the cash assistance for host communities programme in Moldova, 8,205 eligible households were registered for assistance. Of these, two thirds have received their cash transfers (valued at USD 190) via Western Union.



A WFP hotline is operational, and 1,254 calls were received as of 4 May. The majority of callers were women (75 percent), living in Chisinau. Most calls (88 percent) were made to request information on registration.

Supply Chain



Some 7,618 mt of food commodities have been handed over to cooperating partners in Ukraine. A further 98,690 mt of food commodities were in the pipeline (9,213 mt of food in storage, 5,661 mt of food in transit, and 83,816 mt of food pending supplier delivery).

The first WFP Roll-On-Roll-Off vessel voyage of the Ukraine operation successfully arrived in Constanța (Romania) on 1 May 2022, loaded with 109 trailers containing more than 2,375 mt of pasta and rice. Following offloading, the RoRo is being reloaded with chassis for the return journey to Turkey, ahead of an upcoming second voyage.

WFP continues to provide management services and cargo dispatch in the Government of Moldova's warehouse in Varta, collaborating with commercial partners DHL and DB SHENKER. From 2 to 4 May, WFP dispatched five shipments delivering 13 pallets of assorted humanitarian cargo to Refugee Accommodation Centres (RACs) and municipalities on behalf of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection (MLSP). On 4 May, WFP managed the transportation of 7.2 mt of assorted humanitarian cargo from Leuseni border crossing point to Varta warehouse, on behalf of the MLSP.

Funding Outlook



Overall, WFP requires a total of **USD 590 million** to resource the emergency response to the 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 grow as a result of increasing humanitarian needs.

To date, WFP has received USD 303 million in confirmed contributions, rendering its current response **funded at 51 percent**. Timely and adequate funding is urgently needed to

Photo caption: Siemon received cash assistance from WFP Moldova to help him with utilities and food for the seven refugees he is hosting at home.

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sustain WFP operations inside Ukraine and to avert an immediate pipeline break.

With more than USD 82 million of confirmed contributions, the private sector represents a major contributor to the response. So far, four foundations and 31 corporations have made significant donations to the emergency response, including one foundation donating multiple times and demonstrating the trust in WFP's work. In addition, record numbers of individuals have contributed through WFP's corporate website and through WFP's ShareTheMeal application.

Logistics Cluster



Since the onset of the Ukraine crisis, the Logistics Cluster has held 21 coordination meetings to strengthen information sharing among humanitarian actors. Over 150 partners have attended the meetings to date. In addition, the cluster has handled a total of 10,000 m³ of humanitarian cargo on behalf of 22 partner organisations across both Poland Ukraine.

Fuel shortages across the country are impacting the operational capacity of humanitarian organisations, particularly those operating light vehicles. The Logistics Cluster is coordinating with WFP, as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster, as well as supporting Fuel Relief Fund with information sharing on upcoming fuel provision services.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster



The ETC is providing secure internet connectivity services powered by an ETC partner Cisco Crisis Response to staff from ten humanitarian organisations, including UN agencies and INGOs, in two interagency office locations in Dnipro and Lviv.

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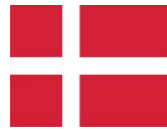
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www.wfp.org/emergencies/ukraine-emergency

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