

WFP Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries

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Highlights

WFP reached over 2.7 million displaced and conflict-affected people with food and cash throughout Ukraine.

WFP transferred an amount of USD 9.1 million to close to 144,000 internally displaced people, mostly in western Ukraine.

WFP's Ukraine emergency response is currently funded at 46 percent. Timely funding is urgently needed to avoid immediate pipeline breaks.

In Numbers



2.7 million
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)



5.4 million
people displaced to neighbouring countries (UNHCR, 29 April 2022)



197 WFP staff
on the ground in Ukraine and neighbouring countries

WFP Emergency Response

Since the beginning of the conflict, WFP has reached 2.7 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

Conflict and insecurity continue to aggravate food insecurity and malnutrition across the country, devastating the livelihoods and wellbeing of vulnerable people. The revised UN Flash Appeal (March - August) estimates that some 10.2 million people across Ukraine are in need of food and livelihood assistance, showing an increase of over 350 percent compared to the estimate of the initial UN flash appeal of 2.25 million people.

These findings resonate with the WFP's latest food security survey, which concluded that **one in every three households in Ukraine are now food insecure**. In eastern and southern parts of the country, which have witnessed the most intense impacts of the fighting, more than 50 percent of the population of Luhanska (56 percent) and Kharkivska (50 percent) were found to be severely to moderately food insecure. Other Oblasts like Khersonska, Donetsk, Chernihivska also have about 45 percent of their populations facing high food insecurity.

Displacement has also taken a heavy toll on the food security of vulnerable populations, hampering access to nutritious food. About 54 percent of the internally displaced people (IDPs) are food insecure compared to 23 percent of resident populations who are still in their homes. IDPs in the eastern and southern parts of the country are the most food insecure—62 percent in the east and 59 percent in the south are severely to moderately food insecure.

About 35 percent of the population employ coping strategies such as reducing the number of meals eaten per day, the portion size of meals, restricting adult consumption to feed children, borrowing food, or eating less preferred foods. More than 50 percent of the population in Luhanska, Khersonska, and Chernihivska are using such coping strategies. Separated families have higher levels of food insecurity. On average, 48 percent of separated families are food insecure compared to 29 percent of non-separated.

Amid these rising needs, humanitarian access remains impeded by ongoing fighting, hampering the delivery of the much-needed assistance to the vulnerable people in hard-to-reach areas.

WFP Response

Overall, WFP has assisted **over 2.7 million conflict-affected and displaced people** across Ukraine with food and cash since the beginning of the conflict.

Food and Nutrition Support

WFP continues to support bakeries to produce bread, reaching around 1.3 million people mostly in Kharkiv, as well as Chernihiv, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Poltava and Sumy among other cities. Rapid response rations are also delivered in highly constrained contexts or for those fleeing from conflict, assisting nearly 920,000 vulnerable people in Kharkiv, Kyiv and Dnipro in addition to other cities, to help them meet their 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 close to 290,000 residents and IDPs to sustain their access to nutritious food for up to 30 days.

The conflict in Ukraine and resulting displacement have placed children at increased risk of malnutrition and in dire need for protection. According to UNICEF, 2.8 million children are estimated to be internally displaced in Ukraine. In response, children's food and nutrition security is one of the key pillars of WFP's emergency assistance. Infant cereals were distributed to around 6,160 children aged 6 to 23 months in Chernihiv and Dnipro to support their growth and development.

The provision of food assistance has been closely coordinated with local administrations to facilitate the affected population's access to essential services. Where resources and capacities are stretched and might affect access to food in collective centers for IDPs, hospitals, and food banks, WFP aims to provide commodities through institutional feeding modalities to address critical gaps at the city and community levels.

Cash Assistance

WFP maintains an agile and adaptive emergency response, combining food and cash to respond to the diverse needs and contexts of the cities and oblasts across Ukraine. 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. Multi-purpose cash (valued at USD 75 per person per month) is currently distributed through Western Union and other financial service providers. Cash has been provided in local currency to over 144,000 displaced people in Vinnytsia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv and other cities, with an overall transfer value of USD 9.1 million.

WFP provides cash to IDPs in Vinnytsia city and 20 hromadas through local authorities, catering mostly to new arrivals. Currently, around 27,040 IDP households have registered for the cash support. Zhytomir city has provided cash assistance self-registration tokens to the majority of the registered 2,300 IDPs and is continuing to register new arrivals. The programme has been expanded to 15 hromadas in the Zhytomir oblast to cover an additional 40,000 IDPs. Local authorities have started distribution of self-enrolment tokens on 27 April. Overall, in Zhytomir oblast, 1,137 IDP

households are currently registered. Where cash is unfeasible, WFP is deploying value voucher programming with established retailers. Vouchers (worth USD 50 per person) were distributed to around 5,000 displaced persons (1,677 households) in Lviv and Chernivtsi.

As part of its accountability to affected populations, WFP continues to engage with populations in need remotely and through partners. WFP has also established contacts with local organizations working with marginalized groups including persons with disabilities and gender diverse groups to understand barriers related to food assistance. This should help WFP to tailor food assistance to support the needs of diverse groups in vulnerable situations. As a result of this collaboration, WFP has assisted more than 20,000 women, men, older people, persons with disabilities, including more than 2000 Roma individuals, with bread in Zaporozhia through its partner. WFP has established Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) focal points to lead efforts on prevention and response. WFP is also part of the inter-agency PSEA task force, streamlining efforts and promote protection through all aspects of the humanitarian response.

Neighbouring Countries

Executive Director, Beasley, visited Moldova on 24-27 April, where he met with Moldova Prime Minister to discuss WFP support to Ukrainian refugees and host communities in the country, and also signed the MoU with the Government, formalizing WFP's presence in country.

To date, WFP Moldova has provided 212,004 hot meals (three meals per day) to refugees in 94 reception centers across 31 localities/regions. This represents an average of 1,805 people reached per day.

As part of the cash assistance for host communities programme in Moldova, 5,490 eligible households were identified eligible for assistance. Of these, 3,332 households have been self-registered and almost all households (97 percent) have received their cash transfers. In-person registration is also ongoing through the Government enrolment tool link, reaching nearly 2,340 individuals.



The WFP hotline is operational and 900+ calls were received as of 25 April. Callers remain predominantly women (76 percent), living in Chisinau. Most of the calls (92 percent) request information on registration for assistance.

In Moldova, a value voucher programme is launched for refugees intending to stay in the country. Vouchers (worth 1,000 MDLs per person) will be distributed by WFP cooperating partners, ACTED and HelpAGE, at border-crossing points and refugee accommodation centers. Linella, a leading food retailer, was recently contracted and an additional value voucher programme with a second leading food retailer is forthcoming. On 27 April, 2,000 value vouchers have been issued and printed by Linella supermarket, for distribution.

Supply Chain



Some 5,322 mt of food commodities have been handed over to cooperating partners in Ukraine to date. A further 100,929 mt of food commodities were in the pipeline (6,773 mt of food in storage, 4,651 mt of food in transit, and 89,505 mt of food pending supplier delivery).

Considering the short window of time to reach coastal areas if/when a ceasefire is agreed, WFP has positioned a Roll-on/Roll-off vessel in the Black Sea to access coastal areas of Ukraine and enable timely delivery of cargo into coastal cities such as Odesa, if security conditions allow. In this respect, WFP's first Roll-On Roll-Off ('RoRo') voyage departed from Kasaru, Turkey and is expected to arrive in Constanta (Romania) on 1 May. Following unloading, more than 2,375 mt of rice and pasta will be transported into Ukraine.

The reluctance of some drivers to enter encircled cities and conflict affected areas continue to affect humanitarian access to the hardest-hit areas in Ukraine. In response, WFP is currently exploring options to secure the necessary driver capacity to ensure timely delivery of life-saving assistance to the hard-to-reach areas.

WFP's fuel contingency planning is ongoing against the backdrop of reasonable fuel supplies across much of Ukraine, except some fuel company-mandated fuel rationing. WFP continues to collaborate closely with fuel companies to pre-empt any significant deterioration in fuel supply for humanitarian operations.

Furthermore, **WFP Moldova** continue to provide management services and cargo dispatch in the Government of Moldova's warehouse in Varta, collaborating with commercial partners in order to do so. WFP continues to work with other agencies to streamline common warehouse services and assess gaps/needs which may be addressed by a virtual warehouse system.

Funding Outlook



Overall, WFP requires a total of **USD 590 million** to resource the emergency response to the Ukraine crisis and 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 270 million in confirmed contributions, rendering its current response **funded at 46 percent**. Timely and adequate funding is urgently needed to sustain WFP operations inside Ukraine and to avert an immediate pipeline break.

Logistics Cluster



On 26 April, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 78 mt of humanitarian cargo from Dnipro to Mykolaiv on behalf of six partners, in support of last mile deliveries to Ukraine's southern areas.

As of 27 April, the Logistics Cluster has handled a total of 8,200 m³ of aid across both Poland and Ukraine as part of the overall response efforts.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster



The ETC updated budget of USD 3.72 million in the revised UN Flash Appeal, is currently 56 percent funded until the end of August. The budget covers ETC support to five common operational locations inside Ukraine including security communications, Security Operations Centre (SOC) setup, data connectivity, ETC Chatbot, and helpdesk services.

The ETC team is currently based in Lviv with its communications equipment prepositioned to better support the deployment of connectivity and security communications services in Ukraine. The team assessed the site of an inter-agency humanitarian workplace hosted by lead UN agencies in Dnipro and completed the setup of a secure network using the cyber security solution provided by ETC partner.

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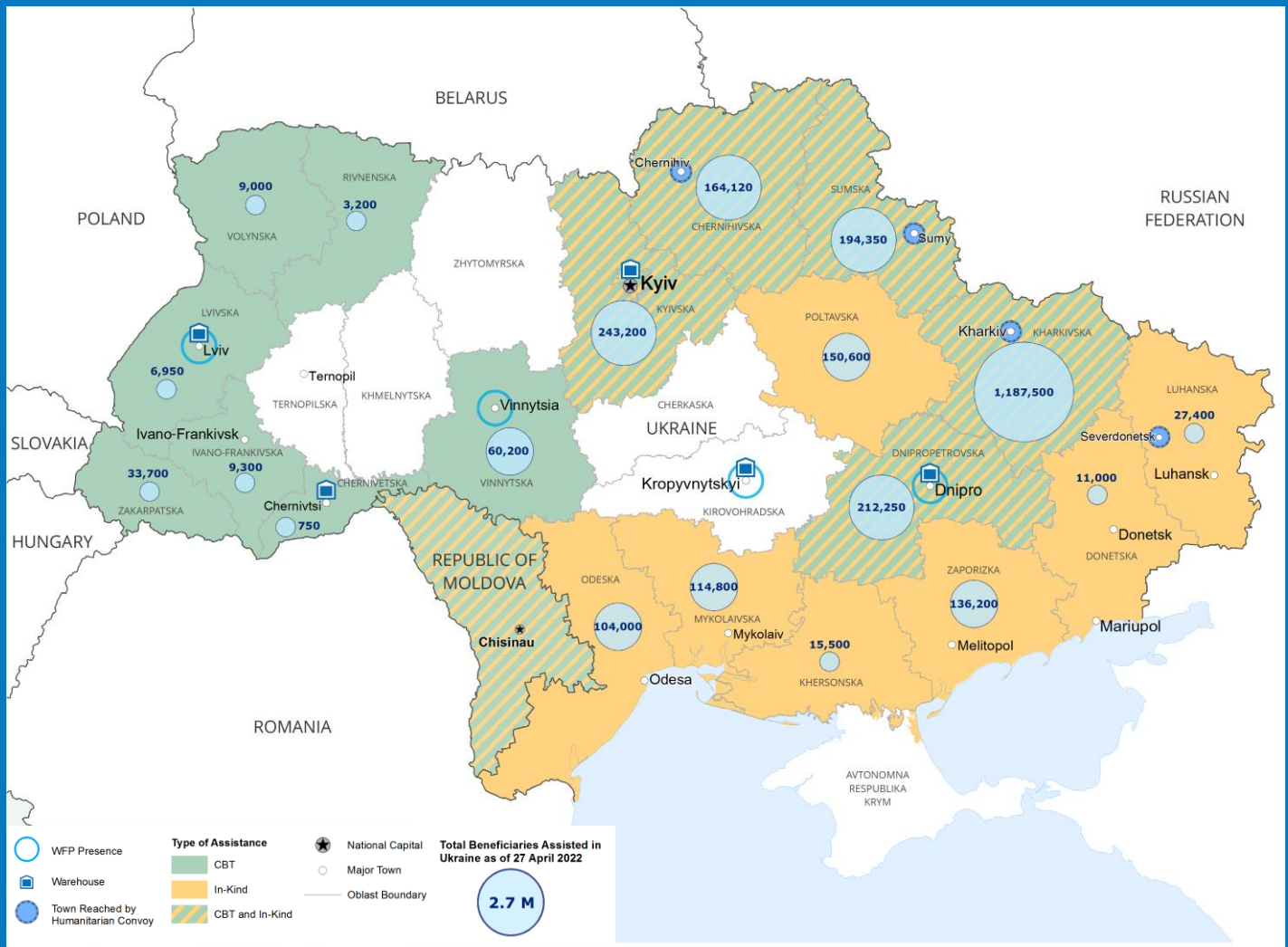
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WFP UKRAINE Assistance Overview



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