



WFP Ukraine Limited Emergency Operation

External Situation Report #23

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To date, a total of **57,023 mt** of food and **USD 199,676,025** of cash has been delivered.

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		
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 to date	21,443	59,483,025	777,172	139,659	873,799	45,939	160,099	860,142	2,856,808

Key Highlights

- In July, WFP has served over **2.8 million beneficiaries** with food and cash assistance to date.
- On 22 July, an agreement to unblock exports of grain from Ukraine (three seaports of Odesa region) was signed in Istanbul by the representatives of Ukraine, Russia, Turkey and the United Nations. On 1 August, the first ship carrying grain under the agreement left the southern port of Odesa.
- WFP Odesa Field-Office opened on 1 July, increasing WFP outreach in the South of the country for the three Oblasts of Odesa, Mykolaiv and Kherson. In July, 370,000+ people were supported with cash and food, including nearly 200,000 in frontline oblast of Mykolaiv.

WFP Ukraine Response

In July so far, WFP served over 2.8 million beneficiaries. WFP continues to work hand in hand with local partners on the ground to assess needs, align assistance and expand its outreach to the most in need in remote and hard-to-reach areas. Around two thirds of the total number of beneficiaries reached so far in July received food assistance in the form of ready to eat foods and more substantial rations of dry goods.

Food distribution is concentrated in the east of the country, most affected by the conflict. On 21 July, four WFP trucks reached Sloviansk to deliver food to 2,000 families currently living in the city.

Displaced people seeking safety across the country, receive mainly cash. WFP served around 860,000 people with cash worth over USD 59 million in July to date, using block-chain technology, to ensure deduplication of beneficiaries. As of August, up to five individuals per household receive a monthly cash transfer equal to 2,220 UAH (USD \$75) through banks, facilitated by the money transfer company Western Union (WU). Cash transactions are redeemed at banks via WU codes sent to mobile phones.

The CBT team conducted a rapid assessment on the appropriateness of and operational feasibility of value vouchers in Chernihiv and Sumy Oblasts while the preparation to roll out the e-voucher pilot project is ongoing. The purpose of the vouchers is to help retailers return to their communities. It will be temporary, and replaced with cash transfers. WFP cash and in-kind distribution teams are also working closely to facilitate the

transition of approximately 64,000 beneficiaries from food assistance to value voucher.

WFP Odesa Field-Office

As WFP has further strengthened its programme capacities in Odesa and Mykolaiv oblasts, the team visited six sites with different approaches. In some sites, registration and distribution were on different days while they were simultaneous in others. Overall, the six sites were managed efficiently, ensuring fast and safe delivery of food. Monitoring found that beneficiaries present at the sites seemed generally satisfied with the assistance.

In line with WFP's commitment towards reducing the impact of its operations on the environment, Odesa team will start to equip some of its food distributions partners with reusable bags, starting from this week. The bags were also found to be very practical by beneficiaries.

In **Odesa**, the WFP team met with the oblast authorities on 19 July to give them an overview of WFP's activities and achievements in the area since the start of the response. Both parties discussed the feasibility of cash vs food assistance as well as the School Feeding pilot initiative and the potential re-opening of schools. It was agreed to share data on needs by hromada, in order to ensure that WFP targets the most vulnerable in all areas of intervention.

Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)

The Head of Protection, Gender and AAP joined a two-day mission to Sumy Oblast on 22-23 July to assess the feasibility of introducing value vouchers to support food insecure conflict-affected communities. During the mission, the cross-functional team had the opportunity to meet with the local authorities in Konotop, and the social department in Romny. In both cities, the team conducted a market assessment and consulted community members. In Konotop, they also visited a food distribution operated by the cooperating partner (CP), ADRA. Preliminary analysis of first-hand information collected through: Kyiv International Institute of Sociology (KIIS) with social service providers and distribution personnel, direct observations at the distribution site, focus group discussion with female elderly beneficiaries, and household interviews with elderly women who benefit from social services; confirmed the need to strengthen capacities of CPs on the respect of humanitarian principles and WFP's visibility requirements during distributions. It also showed the importance of tailoring communication channels, assistance modalities and delivery mechanisms to address the specific needs of particularly vulnerable groups, especially elderly, persons with disabilities and people belonging to minority groups.

WFP's toll-free hotline received more than 14,000 calls during the reporting period. Around half of all the processed calls were addressed through the Interactive Voice Record (IVR) system, while the remaining were channelled to operators. Seventy percent of the cases processed were closed as First Case Resolution (FCR), while the remaining required further actions and were referred to relevant programme focal points. Almost all the processed calls are CBT-related, with the most reported issues being requests for information

about WFP's programmes, amount of cash assistance, and Money Transfer Control Number codes.

WFP Supply chain and support to Food Systems

Over 54,000 mt of food has been delivered to CPs to date in Ukraine since March. A further 60,000 mt of food commodities are in the pipeline (26,100 mt of food in storage, 10,100 mt of food in transit, and 24,100 mt of food pending supplier delivery). A total of 18,462 mt of food has been handed over to partners as of 29 July.

Grain Export

On 22 July, the agreement to unblock exports of grain from Ukraine (seaports of Odesa, Pivdenny and Chornomorsk) was signed in Istanbul by the representatives of Ukraine, Russia, Turkey and the United Nations. On 1 August, the first ship carrying approximately 26,000 tonnes of grain left the southern port of Odesa under the UN-backed agreement between Ukraine, Russia, and Türkiye. WFP is planning to purchase, load and ship an initial 30,000 metric tons of wheat out of Ukraine on an UN-chartered vessel. WFP will have more details in the coming days.

Though the export capacity is expected to be increased significantly with this announcement, and grain prices fell on the global market as a result, WFP is continuing to explore alternative corridors, as the opening of these seaports is still short of meeting the full export level prior to the conflict.

Investment in Ukraine's economy

WFP continues to prioritize local procurement of food from Ukraine. Overall, the estimated value of the locally procured food (>86,000 mt) amounts to USD 55.6 million, of which USD 32.3 million worth was used for humanitarian programmes in-country, and USD 23.3 (>56,000 mt) million worth was exported for other WFP operations, through Romania. In addition, cash-based transfers of USD 199.6 million have been injected into the local economy strengthening individual purchasing power and allowing Ukrainians to spend in their domestic markets. Additional investments into local economy continue through logistics contracting within the country. The total monetary investment value into Ukraine so far is estimated to be around USD 250-280 million.

Overland transport

36 trucks were in transit to Ukraine by road over the past week, including 25 trucks from Poland, five from Bulgaria and six from WFP Headquarters. Also, 710 Maersk containers were in transit with rice and pasta.

Dedicated fleet

A fleet of ten WFP-owned trucks crossed into Ukraine from Poland in early July. The Dnipro-based trucks, each with a 10 mt capacity, are the first dedicated truck capacity in WFP's Ukraine response to maximize WFP's agility to reach cooperating partners in Ukraine's eastern regions.

Contracting

WFP contracting unit updated and standardized Tariffs for overland and inland transport carriers in Poland and Romania as of 18 July 2022. The systemic improvements in contracting with transporters will support WFP's robust Supply Chain operations.

Fuel Shortages

With fuel capacity within Ukraine being affected by the conflict, WFP's supply chain is working to have **flexible fuel capacity** to react swiftly to changing needs. WFP Ukraine has approved the use of the services of AEG, the international supplier as an additional supply option based outside the country. This will allow for a dedicated fuelling station in Dnipro.

Clusters Update – Supporting the international humanitarian response

Food Security and Livelihoods cluster (FSLC)

In the first two weeks of July, 45 Cluster partners reached 1.8 million people with multiple rounds of food assistance and livelihood support (agricultural inputs, trainings) across all 24 oblasts.

The Cluster participated in three humanitarian interagency coordination meetings with local governors, mayoral offices, and the Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister in Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia. Topics discussed include improved coordination with local administration focal points on needs assessments, winterization plans, Ukraine Humanitarian Fund allocations, and localization strategies for promoting national partner humanitarian response and strengthening their capacity.

The Cluster continues to receive food assistance requests from local administrations, civil society organisations and non-governmental organizations. As of 22 July, there are over 575,900 people across 20 oblasts, currently outside partner pipelines. The FSLC continues to match requests with partners' capacities. However, gaps remain in the provision of timely support.

Logistics Cluster

Between 22 and 28 July, the Logistics Cluster handled 847 m³ of humanitarian cargo. Also, the cluster received 836 m³ of humanitarian cargo for storage. Currently, the Logistics Cluster has 9,050 m³ of humanitarian cargo stored in warehouses. Since the onset of the operation, the Logistics Cluster has handled (i.e., stored and/or transported) 25,454 m³ of humanitarian cargo on behalf of 32 partner organizations. To date, shelter, health, nutrition, WASH, early recovery, CCM, protection, telecommunications and food security sectors items were handled by the Logistics Cluster.

A **gaps and needs analysis exercise** has been conducted, which will further define the strategy of the cluster going forward. Main adjustments to the strategy include an increase of information management products and

coordination efforts, an increase in common logistics services for hard-to-reach areas, and a decrease in cross-border services. The full report is available [here](#).

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

WFP TEC team continues to provide CT support to UN staff and has resolved a total of 750 ICT-related issues for humanitarian personnel across Ukraine since the Ukraine IT Service Desk launch on 29 April, which represents a 5 percent increase.

As of 25 July, the ETC is providing secure internet connectivity services to 258 staff from twelve humanitarian organizations including UN agencies and INGOs in two humanitarian interagency workspaces in Dnipro and Lviv, an 8 percent increase from previously reported.

Since the launch of the ETC Chatbot, *vBezpezi* (вБезпеці in Ukrainian, which translates to "safe spaces") on 20 June, a total of 9,107 users in Ukraine have accessed information relating to humanitarian assistance, a 6 percent increase.

Neighbouring Countries*

Moldova Update

Currently, there are approximately 91,028 refugees in Moldova while 83 percent of the Ukrainians who entered the country since February, have left.

Cash assistance for host communities: the third round of cash transfers registrations started on 18 July with the aim to complete it over two weeks. All registrations are being done through the UAHelp.md portal. Meetings with mayors and local authorities concluded this week to inform them about the details of the third round. The new eligibility criteria include the requirement to host at least one refugee for a minimum of one week. The payments will vary based on the number of refugees hosted: 1 to 4 refugees hosted – 3900 Lei/ household; 5 or more refugees hosted – 4800 Lei/ household.

The second round of cash payments is in progress. Based on registration data, 10,979 households were registered for cash assistance in the second round so far and 8,210 eligible households received transfers. In total, WFP is planning to conduct up to four rounds of transfers together with partners, depending on funding availability.

The WFP hotline is operational and over 4,056 calls were received as of 25 July. Callers remain predominantly women (73 percent), of an average age of 44. Most cases (85 percent) request information about how to register for assistance.

WFP is also providing three hot meals per day to refugees living in roughly 93 Refugee Accommodation Centers (RAC) in 31 locations. Since the beginning of implementation in March, WFP delivered 734,235 hot meals, to an average of 1,937 individuals daily.

WFP Moldova Emergency Coordinator, Douglas Mercado, met with the representatives of the World Bank in Moldova to explore potential for collaboration, as well as the representatives of Finland and Austria to explore the

possibility for support.

**WFP has an operational presence in Moldova and a small number of staff located in Poland, and Romania, to support Ukraine with supply chain corridor support for food commodity movement and liaison with national authorities. By the end of August, WFP plans to close its offices in Poland: Krakow and Rzeszow.*

Funding Outlook

WFP thanks all donors who have generously supported the people of Ukraine through the Limited Emergency Operation. The extension of the LEO operation is being drafted and will extend the operation to 31 December 2022. The total budget is expected to be just under USD 1 billion.

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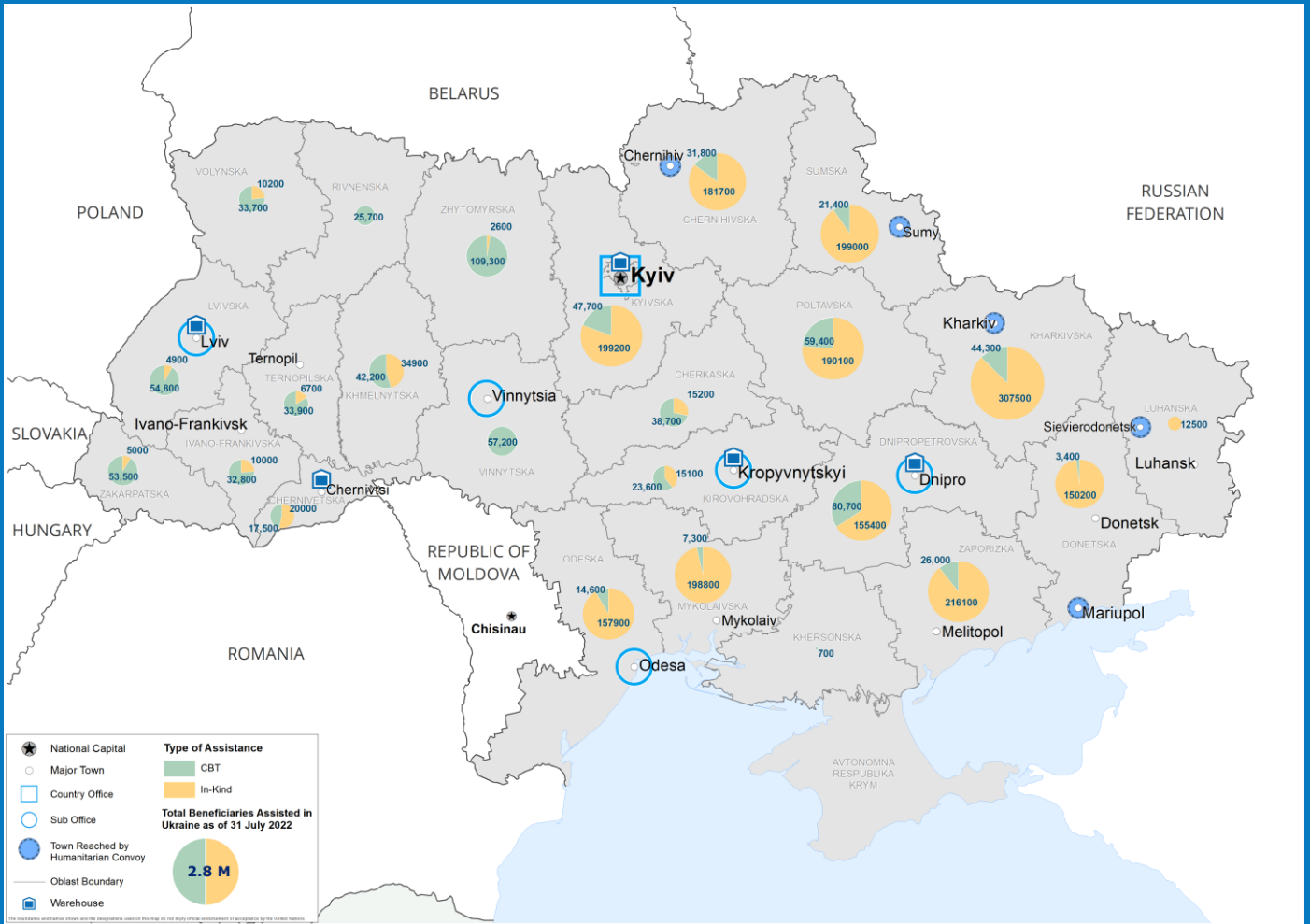
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