



WFP Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries

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Highlights

WFP reached close to 2.3 million displaced and conflict-affected people with food and cash throughout Ukraine.

WFP delivered life-saving food assistance as part of the fifth humanitarian interagency convoy, reaching Chernihiv for the first time and assisting around 4,550 conflict-affected people.

WFP's Ukraine emergency response is currently funded at 40 percent. Timely funding is urgently needed to avoid immediate pipeline breaks.

In Numbers



2.3 million

conflict-affected people assisted by WFP



12 million

people in need (UN Flash Appeal, March 2022)



7.7 million

internally displaced persons (IOM, 21 April 2022)



5.1 million

people displaced to neighbouring countries (UNHCR, 23 April 2022)



198 WFP staff

on the ground in Ukraine and neighbouring countries

WFP Emergency Response

To date, WFP has assisted 2.26 million people with in-kind and cash distributions to date in response to the crisis. WFP is scaling-up to reach 4 million people in May and up to 6 million people in June. WFP continues to monitor the movements of people from Ukraine into neighbouring countries, particularly in Moldova, where WFP assistance is targeting 30,000 refugees in April and preparing 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 <small>(in-kind, cash, capacity strengthening)</small>	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

The humanitarian situation in Ukraine continues to deteriorate, as a result of ongoing hostilities chiefly taking place in eastern and southern oblasts. Over a quarter of Ukraine's population is currently displaced internally or in neighbouring countries. According to the latest assessment of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), around 60 per cent of those displaced are women. More than half of those displaced expressed their need for food. Over one quarter of internally displaced families with children under the age of five reported difficulties in feeding their children since the start of the conflict.

As hostilities intensify, the basic needs of people stranded in hard-to-reach areas increase, while also hampering efforts to establish humanitarian corridors to both evacuate civilians and deliver life-saving assistance. The most urgent and critical needs are in these locations with high levels of insecurity, disrupted food supply and retail capacities, and limited or sporadic humanitarian access. Logistics challenges are also increasing, constraining the access to the encircled and partially encircled oblasts of Ukraine. The limited availability of trucks and drivers willing to move to frontline areas are delaying the delivery of humanitarian assistance to some of the hardest-hit areas.

Lack of access to conflict zones is the biggest obstacle to providing life-saving food assistance. WFP continues to appeal for continuous, unimpeded access to families trapped in hard-to-reach, embattled cities, who face critical shortages of food, water and other essential supplies.

WFP Response

Overall, WFP assisted close to **2.3 million conflict-affected and displaced people** across Ukraine with food and cash assistance, since the beginning of the conflict. To improve access in hard-to-reach locations, WFP is working in coordination with humanitarian partners to deliver life-saving food assistance through humanitarian convoys. For instance, to assist around 4,550 conflict affected people, WFP dispatched some 71.5 mt of food commodities (32.5 mt of rations, 3 mt of infant cereals, 15 mt of wheat flour and 5 mt

of yellow split peas), as part of the fifth humanitarian inter-agency convoy which reached Chernihiv on 20 April for the first time since the beginning of the conflict. Distributed rations will assist 3,000 vulnerable residents while infant cereals will feed 1,680 children aged 6-23 months for 30 days.

WFP continues to engage commercial transporters to deliver rapid response rations to hard-to-reach areas, in partnership with local non-governmental organization (NGO) partners. In addition, WFP has established partnerships with city administrations and bakeries to ensure the continued availability of bread for vulnerable populations. WFP and partners have distributed bread to over 1.1 million conflict-affected people, mostly in Kharkiv as well as Chernihiv, Odesa, Mykolaiv and Sumy among other cities.

In conflict-affected areas, where populations are more accessible but retail markets remain compromised, WFP is working with local and international NGO partners and local institutions to scale up monthly General Food Distribution (GFD) that provide sustained food access to residents and IDP populations for up to 30 days. GFD has been delivered to around 220,000 vulnerable people to support their food access.

Local administrations are a key player in providing essential services to the affected populations, including the provision of food assistance. 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.

Ensuring children's food and nutrition security is a central aspect of WFP's response in Ukraine. For many families, infant feeding represents a major challenge as it is time consuming, labour intensive and requires the preparation of meals that contain over 30 different nutrients necessary for children growth and development. WFP is paying special attention to the needs of children aged 6 to 23 months, by providing supplemental food to households that are unable to access nutrient-rich diets or special infant cereals. Over 6,000 children were assisted in Dnipro with infant cereals to support their nutritional needs.

In oblasts and cities where markets and the financial system are functional, WFP continues to provide 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 providers. Cash has been provided in local currency to over 87,000 displaced people in Vinnytsia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lutsk and other cities, with an overall transfer value of USD 5.4 million.

Where cash is unfeasible, WFP is deploying value vouchers through established retailers. Vouchers (worth USD 50 per person) were distributed to around 6,000 displaced persons (1677 households) in Lviv and Chernivitsi. Options for expanding the range of financial service providers are being explored.

To preserve market functionality, WFP builds on a flexible combination of its own market monitoring as well analysis and market intelligence flowing from strategic partnerships with the private sector, national think tanks and other institutions. WFP recognises that leveraging the extensive existing in-country economic and market analysis expertise is crucial to a comprehensive and flexible understanding of market dynamics. These initiatives will enable near-real time monitoring of market dynamics, flexible adaptation of modality choice and identification of supply gaps to be remedied.

Recognising the leading role of local actors in meeting the needs of vulnerable populations, WFP's emergency response promotes localization by delivering food and cash assistance through a network of local humanitarian organizations. At present, partnership agreements were signed with five local and six international NGOs, enabling WFP to extend the operation's outreach to hard-to-reach areas and the most affected people. These agreements cover food distributions, integrated nutrition packages for children aged 6 to 23 months, voucher distributions and cash transfer enrolment and monitoring for 2.4 million beneficiaries. Further beneficiaries are reached through cash transfers in collaboration with local authorities. In building strategic partnerships with key actors, WFP is prioritizing NGOs which have extensive local networks in the country and can accelerate access to crisis affected populations. Further partnerships are under discussion.

Neighbouring Countries

To date, WFP Moldova has provided 170,988 hot meals (three meals per day) to refugees in 90 reception centers across 30 localities/regions. This represents an average of 1,593 people reached per day.



Under the cash assistance for host communities programme, in-person registration and enrolment began at five locations in Chisinau, through WFP's cooperating partner, World Vision, using a government-developed enrolment tool. WFP continues to receive lists of eligible households from the municipalities for self-registration. Overall, 2,389 households are self-registered and the majority (97 percent) received their transfers (USD 190). More than half (64 percent) of the recipients are women. A remote post-distribution monitoring process for the cash assistance program began targeting 267 households. WFP is also undertaking a perception survey to measure the satisfaction with the program and address any challenges.

Supply Chain



Some 3,789 mt of food commodities have been handed over to cooperating partners in Ukraine to date. A further 81,404 mt of food commodities were in the pipeline (4,952 mt of food in storage, 984 mt of food in transit, and 75,469 mt of food pending supplier delivery).

Bread distribution has now been extended to Chernihiv, with expansion to Donetsk and Luhansk under consideration. Some 404 mt (amounting to 846,051 loaves) have been distributed in seven cities across Ukraine: Chernihiv, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Odesa, Poltava, Sumy and Zaporizhzhya. Concurrent distribution of canned meat continues in Dnipro and Kharkiv.

In Moldova, WFP continues to manage the warehousing and dispatch of cargo at the government's warehouse in Varta, together with commercial partners DHL and DB SHENKER. Since beginning of logistics support operations in Moldova, WFP has managed shipments to over 150 different destinations across Moldova.

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 238 million in confirmed contributions, rendering its current response **funded at 40 percent**. Timely and adequate funding is urgently needed to sustain WFP operations inside Ukraine and to avert an immediate pipeline break.

Logistics Cluster



The fifth humanitarian inter-agency convoy departed Dnipro for Chernihiv, arriving on 20 April. The Logistics Cluster facilitated cargo consolidation and access to a dedicated fleet of trucks, carrying 159 mt of humanitarian cargo on behalf of four partners.

As of 19 April, the Logistics Cluster has handled a total of almost 7,300 m³ of aid on behalf of 14 partner organisations. Based on identified needs, the Cluster has also expanded its common storage services available to the humanitarian community by facilitating access to a warehouse in Odesa. Additional storage services are also planned for Ternopil capacity.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster



The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC), along with its partners, emergency.lu and Cisco Crisis Response, continue to ship and deploy cyber security infrastructure solutions and equipment (rapidly deployable VSAT) at the interagency humanitarian workspaces in Lviv and Dnipro in Ukraine to secure the networks and provide backup connectivity for the humanitarian community.

All ETC equipment from the Rzeszow warehouse is being shipped to the WFP warehouse in Lviv.

WFP would like to thank its partners for their timely support to WFP Emergency Response in Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries



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