



# WFP Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries

## External Situation Report #10

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### Highlights

WFP dispatched 25 mt of food benefitting around 6,000 conflict-affected people with the third interagency convoy reaching Sumy safely on 31 March.

WFP Ukraine team has assisted one million displaced and conflict-affected people with food and cash in the eastern, northern and southern oblasts of Ukraine.

WFP Ukraine emergency response is currently funded at 27 percent. Timely funding is urgently needed to avoid an immediate pipeline break.

### In Numbers



**1 million** conflict-affected people assisted by WFP



**12 million** people in need (UN Flash Appeal)



**6.4 million** internally displaced persons (IOM, 16 March)



**4.1 million** people displaced to neighbouring countries (UNHCR)



**173 WFP staff** on the ground in Ukraine and neighbouring countries

### WFP Emergency Response

In response to the Ukraine crisis, WFP aims to assist **3.1 million crisis-affected people and IDPs on the move** inside Ukraine with in-kind and cash distributions, as well as **300,000 refugees and asylum seekers** from Ukraine in neighbouring countries. Logistics and emergency telecommunications services are provided to the humanitarian community to ensure a timely assistance inside and outside of Ukraine.

### WFP Funding Requirements 590M

(March - June 2022)

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| Basic Assistance<br><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  |

### WFP Response

Five weeks since the start of clashes, safety, food and fuel for transportation continue to be the main essential needs of the displaced and conflict-affected people inside Ukraine. Cities in the north, east and south of Ukraine remain the most impacted, while access to Mariupol is hampered by ongoing fighting. The disruption of supply chains induced by the conflict is increasing the prices of food commodities and diminishing availability in markets.

In this rapidly deteriorating context, WFP is rolling out an unprecedented up-scale of much-needed emergency assistance, building on its unique operational experience and network of partners. Currently, WFP's team on the ground reached **one million displaced and conflict-affected people** in the eastern, northern and southern oblasts of Ukraine. Ten agreements were signed with four local and six international organizations to extend the outreach of the operation towards the hard-to-reach and most affected people, while more are under discussion.

WFP is also working closely with the humanitarian community to deliver aid to the encircled cities and oblasts. A total of 25 mt of food was dispatched on the third UN-organized inter-agency convoy, benefitting around 6,000 vulnerable people in Sumy on 31 March. WFP's partner, the Ukrainian Red Cross, ensured the delivery of the aid to the beneficiaries.

While Ukraine was not initially characterized as a "nutrition emergency", there are significant concerns about the potential for the nutritional status of the most vulnerable populations to deteriorate quickly. WFP is supporting children aged 6-23 months with an integrated nutrition package that includes optimal Infant Feeding in emergency (IFE) information and awareness, locally/regionally purchased nutritious foods (infant cereal or alternative), and specialized nutrition products with the aim of saving lives, ensuring the nutritional security of at-risk populations and preventing malnutrition.

WFP's approach is to ensure that these vulnerable young children have access to appropriate complementary food in

this difficult context- recognizing that caretakers know how to feed their children if provided with the means to purchase nutritious foods or nutritious products, such as infant cereal, that can provide nutrient-dense foods appropriate for small stomachs. The goal is to ensure that households with young children have access to food appropriate for them. This will save lives and support their normal growth and development.

The nutritional status of pregnant and breastfeeding women is also being closely monitored, and WFP is engaged with the nutrition cluster to determine if additional specific nutrition support is required for this population. Moreover, WFP is fully involved in discussions on the specific needs of People Living with HIV (PLHIV), also a potentially vulnerable group due to the interplay of antiretroviral therapy (ART) adherence and food. WFP is working closely with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) to determine the required level of support.

There is growing concern over the situation of older people inside Ukraine, as they have a specific vulnerabilities and food requirements. Estimates indicate that the majority of the elderly are not leaving their homes or facilities, choosing to or compelled instead to shelter in place. Partners are supporting WFP to understand the scope and scale of the needs of these individuals.

A strong partnership with key humanitarian actors (including UNICEF, UNHCR, WHO, UNAIDS, etc.) is a key success factor of the emergency nutrition response and WFP is striving to collaborate to ensure alignment across the various responses.

## Neighbouring Countries

**WFP Moldova** continues the rollout of the cash assistance programme for Moldovan families hosting refugees. In a meeting chaired by Congresul Autorităților Locale din Moldova (CALM), the WFP Head of Office briefed 420 mayors and representatives of Moldovan Municipalities, civil society organizations and local authorities on WFP's cash assistance approach. Details were provided on eligibility criteria, targeted beneficiaries, transfers mechanisms, as well as the support required from local representatives to identify Moldovan hosting families eligible to receive cash assistance from WFP.

Six partnerships agreements were concluded with ACTED, Catholic Relief Services, Solidarités International, Helvetas, Samaritan's Purse and World Vision International for the implementation of the cash assistance programme for host communities.

The first cash payment was successfully piloted for **33 eligible households** (28 households in Stauceni, Chisinau and five households in Inesti and Telenesti), of which 70 percent are headed by women.

As chair of the Moldova Food security sub-working Group, WFP reached **12,303 refugees** - through Cooperating Partners - with hot meals (three per day) in 100 centers across 32 different localities/regions. WFP coverage is growing exponentially countrywide and new agreements were signed with HelpAge and Solidarités International for the provision of hot meals in refugee accommodation centers.

## WFP UKRAINE Operational Overview

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## Supply Chain



WFP continues to build up its food stocks inside Ukraine, reaching close to **40,000 mt of bulk food**, wheat flour and food rations, mostly sourced locally inside Ukraine and regionally from Turkey.

Timely and sustained passage of humanitarian cargo is a necessary prerequisite for effective humanitarian response. The Government of Poland has facilitated dedicated lanes at border crossings (where feasible) and special customs clearance processes in support of the humanitarian response efforts in Ukraine.

Meanwhile, the Government of Ukraine is facilitating both efficient clearance for the entry of food commodities and timely border crossings on return journeys to Poland, thereby supporting the necessary pace and frequency of humanitarian operations.

Following the success of three humanitarian convoys to date, WFP and partners are aiming for two inter-agency convoys per week going forward, initially prioritizing Mariupol and Sievierodonetsk to assist.

## Funding Outlook



Overall, WFP requires a total of **USD 590 million** for its emergency response to the Ukraine 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 increase in view of planned scale up to address exacerbating humanitarian needs.

To date, WFP has received USD 158 million in confirmed contributions, rendering its current response **funded at 27 percent**. Timely and adequate funding is urgently needed to sustain WFP operations inside Ukraine and to avert an immediate pipeline break.

## Logistics Cluster



To better support the needs of partners who work with medical commodities in the Ukraine response, the Logistics Cluster is launching the Medical Logistics Working Group. This Group will be chaired by UNFPA and provide space for partners to share best practices, consolidate information and advocate for needs of their organisations. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday 4 April.

## Emergency Telecommunications Cluster



Over the course of two missions to Ukraine, a Telecommunications Specialist from WFP's Fast IT and Telecommunications Emergency Support Team (FITTEST) assessed the ICT and cyber-security requirements of a potential shared office location in Lviv and supported the assessment of a UNHCR premises in Vinnytsia.

Mobile network coverage, as a part of the security telecommunications system for humanitarians operating in these areas, was also assessed in the areas visited. The ETC is following up with UNDSS on plans for the establishment of Security Operations Centres (SOC) in Ukraine.

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