



Highlights

- Despite an apparent stabilisation of the situation in September and a proposed disengagement of the parties from hotspot areas, the security situation in Eastern Ukraine deteriorated significantly in October, resulting in the highest levels of ceasefire violations reported so far this year. Furthermore, civilian fatalities increased during the past months, now standing at more than 9,500 since the start of the conflict in April 2014.
- In October, WFP provided food assistance (with food or cash based transfers) to 34,994 people in eastern Ukraine, a hard-to-reach area. This included 22,129 (63 percent) women and girls and 12,865 (37 percent) men and boys.

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WFP Assistance

Emergency Assistance to Civilians Affected by the Conflict in Ukraine	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
EMOP 200765** Nov 2014 - Dec 2016	127.7 m	54.5 m (43%)	29.2 m (84%)

*November 2016 - April 2017

**Project ending in December, new project under preparation.

WFP's Emergency Operation in Ukraine provides food assistance to internally displaced people (IDPs), returnees and people who are suffering as a result of the conflict in eastern Ukraine (Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts). Many of them have not only lost homes and livelihoods, but also access to land to grow food.

WFP prioritizes the most vulnerable - mainly elderly people, single mothers, and large families. WFP provides monthly food parcels and cash-based transfers (CBT) to ensure access to sufficient food to vulnerable populations. The type of assistance depends on local conditions such as availability of food at local markets and whether financial institutions are functioning.

WFP's food basket includes: pasta, wheat flour, beans, sugar, salt, buckwheat, canned sardines and vegetable oil equivalent to approximately 1,600 kcal per person per day. People who receive CBTs are provided with UAH 550 (approximately USD 20 per month), calculated to cover the food needs of one person for one month. WFP gives special attention to patients in hospitals who receive a minimum daily requirement of 2,100 kcal per person per day.

WFP takes into account gender inequalities when assessing food needs and programming assistance. Women in Ukraine are considered to be more vulnerable due to lack of employment options and their traditional household and care-giving responsibilities.

Logistics Cluster

The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate joint humanitarian convoys to the hard-to-reach locations in NGCA. In total, more than 627 mt/1,069 m³ of humanitarian assistance was delivered to Donetsk in October 2016.

Logistics Cluster Support to the Humanitarian Response in Ukraine	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)
SO 200821 Mar 2015 - Dec 2016	4 m	3.7 m (93%)

Food Security Cluster (FSC)

According to recent assessments conducted and discussions with stakeholders, information reflects that pockets of severe food insecurity are scattered over Donetsk and Luhansk regions. These localized needs should be addressed to avoid a deterioration of food security levels of these vulnerable population.

The number of people in need of food assistance is estimated at 600,000 as it will be reflected in the 2017 Humanitarian Needs Overview.

The main vulnerable groups targeted by the FSC (with the precondition that their income is below the average minimum subsistence wage) are: individuals without any regular income, individuals eligible for social benefits but unable to receive them due to various reasons, people with chronic disease and people with disabilities, elderly people (over 60), specific authorized institutions, host communities and students.

In Numbers

3.7 million people affected by the conflict (OCHA)

600,000 food insecure people

34,994
People Assisted
October 2016



Main Photo

Credit: WFP/ Krystyna Kovalenko
Caption: Lyudmila and her granddaughter Sasha, IDPs in Kurakhovo, Donetsk region GCA received WFP vouchers.



Operational Updates

- According to media reports, the leaders of Ukraine, Germany, France, and Russia, or the Normandy Four, met in Berlin, Germany on 19 October and agreed to draft a 'road map' which would help to implement the 2015 Minsk peace agreement for eastern Ukraine. However, the details of the plan still need to be worked out by the countries' foreign ministers by the end of November.
- The [latest WFP Ukraine Market Update](#) covering August-September 2016 reports that agriculture production continues to decline in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts (Government Controlled Areas). Overall agricultural production in Ukraine in January-September 2016 increased by 0.9 percent; however, in Donetsk oblast it decreased by 4.9 percent and in Luhansk by 5.7 percent.
- Following a re-prioritisation plan, due to funding constraints, WFP is prioritizing: elderly people not staying with their relatives, women-headed households with more than two children, chronically ill people (people living with Tuberculosis (TB), HIV or cancer) and people living with a disability. These affected people are found to be the most vulnerable to food insecurity.
- From October until December 2016, WFP plans to reach 60,000 food insecure people with 140,000 food parcels (equivalent to approximately 1,800 mt), providing at least two monthly rounds of assistance.
- Since October, WFP in-kind food assistance to health and social institutions was suspended as a measure to prioritize resources.

Challenges

- The winter (which starts in November and ends in March) is forecasted to be one of the coldest ones for the past twenty years. During these months, when temperatures drop drastically, individual energy requirements will increase (by 100 kcal per person per day) and people who are the most vulnerable to food insecurity will require more food to fulfil their daily requirements. Additionally, availability and access to food continues to be affected by the current ban on commercial food supplies to Non-Government Controlled Areas (NGCA).

Partners

- WFP currently works with seven key NGO partners providing food assistance to affected populations: Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), AICM (Aide International a la Cooperation Medicale), Donbass Development Center, Mercy Corps, People in Need (PIN), Responsible Citizens and Save the Children.

Country Background & Strategy



The humanitarian crisis in Ukraine remains a protracted humanitarian emergency. Since the conflict began almost three years ago, fighting has never ceased completely. To date, 22,231 people have been injured and 9,574 people have been killed, among them are 2,000 civilians. While humanitarian agencies are fully committed to helping the most vulnerable, a political solution to the conflict is the only way to stop human suffering.

As a food exporting nation, food availability is normally not a concern in most of Ukraine; however, recent political and economic constraints further threaten food security in affected areas. The significant devaluation of its national currency (estimated as much as 50 percent) has seen consumer prices growing at a faster pace than household income, limiting family purchasing power and general access to food.

WFP assists people affected by the crisis in eastern Ukraine through its Emergency Operation, providing food assistance to the most vulnerable groups including IDPs, returnees, host families and those trapped in conflict hotspots.

WFP has been present in Ukraine since 2014.

Population: **45.6 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **81 out of 188**

Income Level: **Lower middle**

2014 Gender Inequality Index: **57 out of 155**

Donors

Canada, CERF, Denmark, ECHO, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Switzerland, and USA.