



# Ukraine

## Humanitarian Situation Report No. 53

### Highlights

- In December, over one hundred cease fire violations were recorded daily along the 'contact line';
- Under the umbrella of UNHCR, UNICEF delivered 160 tons of education supplies and materials for schools and kindergartens in Luhansk, NGCA;
- Due to destroyed powerlines, Siverskyi Donets-Donbass Channel, which supplies bulk water to more than four million people in Donetsk Oblast, has temporarily reduced water supply by 50 per cent;
- UNICEF's continuous supply of chemicals used for water treatment ensures access to safe drinking water for more than two million people in Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts on both sides of the 'contact line.'

01-31 December 2016

**580,000**  
# of children affected out of  
**3,700,000**  
# of people affected  
(HAC January 2016)

**Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)**

**230,106**  
# of children out of  
**1,656,662**  
# of people registered as IDPs  
(Ministry of Social Policy, 5 December 2016)

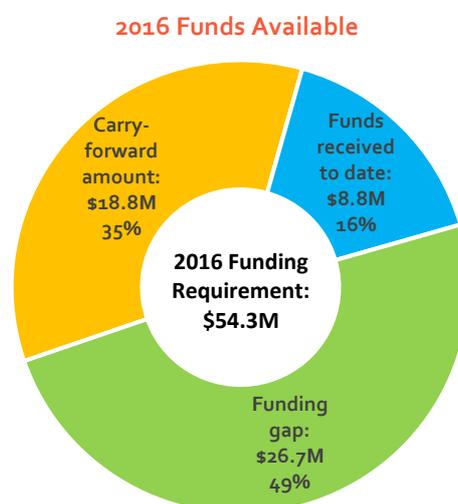
**UNICEF Appeal 2016**

**US\$ 54.3 million**

### UNICEF's Response with Partners

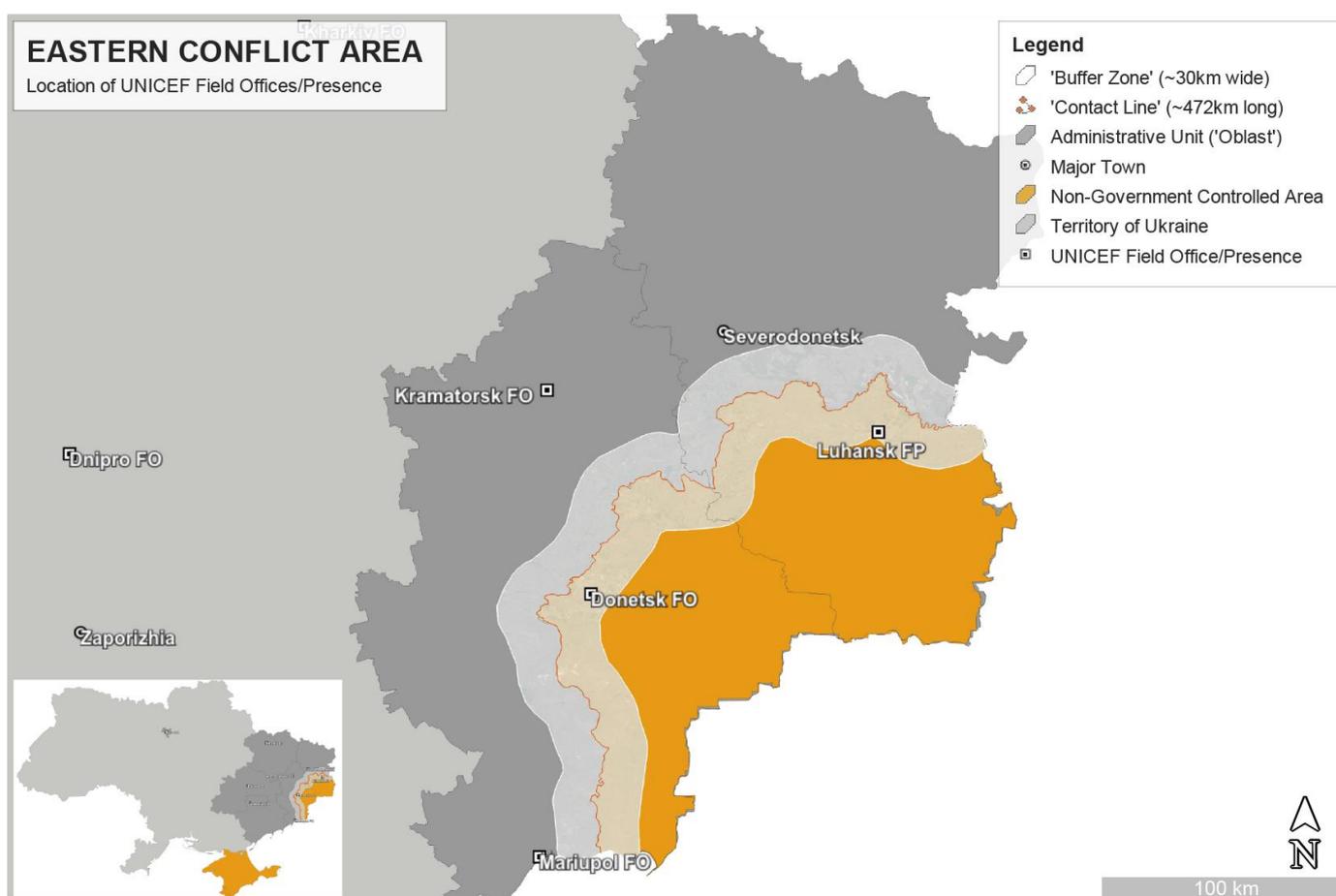
	UNICEF		Sector/Cluster	
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)
Nutrition	80,000	43,879	80,000	50,000
Health	402,000	1,165	-	-
WASH	1,500,000	2,895,135	2,112,500	4,657,182
Child Protection <sup>1</sup>	800,000	769,589	470,000	331,377
Education	169,000	146,446	187,200	192,615
HIV & AIDS	30,000	33,240	30,000	33,240

<sup>1</sup> The numbers include children and their families who received psychosocial support services (PSS) and Mine Risk Education (MRE).



## Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Limited humanitarian access to and within the non-government-controlled areas (NGCAs) of eastern Ukraine remained a concern in December. The intensified hostilities along the 'contact line' continued to pose a serious risk to life, safety and security of civilians, especially children. The cumulative impact of the armed conflict combined with winter weather conditions continued to erode the coping capacity of local communities, increasing the vulnerability of children. An increase in the number of attacks on infrastructure (i.e. electricity, water, gas) resulted in interruption of vital services that affects millions of people in both Government and non-Government Controlled Areas. The growing concern is the public's uninterrupted access to drinking water as water treatment facilities situated on the contact line became a prevailing target during the reporting period, particularly in Donetsk Oblast.



## Humanitarian Leadership & Coordination

The WASH Cluster continued with its water risk assessment, which aims to identify and estimate costs of priority repair work to prevent or mitigate a large-scale failure of water delivery in Donetsk Oblast. The WASH Cluster also established a technical working group to improve humanitarian response by adapting the content of hygiene supplies to the current needs of the affected population. As part of the Education Cluster's priorities, education personnel from the conflict-affected areas received training in humanitarian aid processes, Education-in-Emergencies (EiE), and schools as protective environments. In December, a total of 30 specialists from Luhansk Oblast participated in this training. Following a capacity building survey organized for the participants, EiE needs analysis and response planning were identified as priority topics for capacity building in 2017.

## Humanitarian Strategy

UNICEF continues to address the needs of the most vulnerable children by ensuring their access to education, safe learning spaces, child protection community-based services and immediate psychosocial support. By working closely with partner organizations, schools, community centers and through mobile teams, the programme supports primary health care and child protection services in conflict-affected areas. Treatment of adults and children with HIV and prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission is also one of the main objectives of UNICEF in the existing programme. Access to safe drinking water is ensured through the provision of critical treatment chemicals, rehabilitation of infrastructure, and creation of alternative sources of safe drinking water. To achieve more effective humanitarian response, UNICEF also facilitates coordination through its leadership of the Education and WASH Clusters, and its participation in the Child Protection Sub-cluster and Nutrition Working Group. Additionally, it contributes to the Health Cluster as well as the HIV/Tuberculosis/Opioid Substitution Treatment (HIV/TB/OST) and Mine Action Sub-clusters. Collaboration is ongoing with the government at all levels as well as with United Nations agencies, international NGOs and local partners.

## Summary Analysis of Programme Response

HIV treatment supplies arrived in the non-government controlled areas of Luhansk Oblast, in mid-December, concluding the shipment of ARV and HIV medicines necessary for the uninterrupted treatment of 16,000 patients for the first half of 2017. In GCA, UNICEF continued with the provision of water treatment chemicals ensuring access to safe drinking water for more than 2.2 million people in Donetsk and Luhansk Oblast, with over 40 per cent of beneficiaries situated in NGCA.<sup>2</sup> The ongoing distribution of hygiene supplies in GCA in the form of hygiene kits and electronic vouchers reached nearly 7,000 people, including 2,754 children and 2,000 women. Over 2,500 calls from children were registered by a UNICEF-funded hotline that provides psychological and legal assistance to children, their parents and guardians living along the 'contact line.' Since January 2016, nearly 33,000 children called for support on this line. Because of limited access to communities on the 'contact line' (e.g. Luhanske and Myronivsky in Bakhmut district of Donetsk Oblast) caused by the escalation of the armed conflict, Child Protection mobile teams played a crucial role in delivery of psychosocial services to the most affected children. Moreover, towards promoting sport activities as an effective stress relief tool, 10,000 children in Donetsk Oblast GCA received sport uniform kits (i.e. t-shirts, shorts, socks and sneakers) to enable their participation in physical training classes and after-class activities. To improve the quality of education for nearly 3,000 children in NGCA of Luhansk Oblast, UNICEF, in partnership with UNHCR, dispatched 160 tons of education supplies and materials to the city of Luhansk. The trucks delivered furniture, educational supplies and early child development kits for schools and kindergartens.

## Communication for Development (C4D)

In December, UNICEF with partners has organized a multi-media exhibition about conflict-affected children and their families under the title of "What is your name?" The exhibition was organized in the framework of the *Let's be together* campaign that promotes the social inclusion of internally displaced children and their families. The exhibition gathered documentary photos, videos, real live stories, art installations made by children, amateurs, and professional artists, as well as utilized innovations, such as Virtual Reality documentary videos and 3D digital motion graphic – all about life of children during the conflict in the eastern Ukraine. Over 3,000 people have visited the exhibition, and over 5 million viewers were reached through media reports about the exhibition and its events.<sup>3</sup> Moreover, the UNICEF Mine Risk Education campaign for teenagers conducted earlier this year was awarded with the Gold Effie Ukraine prize as the most effective social marketing campaign of the year. Since 1968, the Effie Awards honor the most effective

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<sup>2</sup> More than 90 per cent of all beneficiaries in Donetsk Oblast are situated in GCA. On the contrary, in Luhansk Oblast, the majority resides in NGCA.

<sup>3</sup> For more information and images, see: <http://bit.ly/zhOn4PY> , <http://bit.ly/zhUGVG>.

marketing communications campaigns globally. During the campaign, UNICEF reached over 87 per cent of 6-11 year old children living in conflict-affected areas. During the six-month campaign, a survey of teenagers' knowledge of key safe behaviour recorded an increase on average by 12 per cent.<sup>4</sup>

## Supply & Logistics

In December, the key logistics activities of UNICEF were the transportation of HIV supplies as well as 160 tons of education supplies and materials to Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts, NGCA.

## Media & External Communication

On 1 December, UNICEF, with support from the Government of Japan, organized a handover ceremony of 12 demining support vehicles that will be used by SES demining teams inside the eastern conflict area. Among the key guests, the ceremony was attended by the Ambassador of Japan in Ukraine, Minister of Internal Affairs, Head of SES, and UNICEF Representative. The story was covered in more than 30 news articles. On 9 December, UNICEF organized a media workshop for over 30 regional journalists to facilitate more balanced coverage of topics concerning IDPs and other social issues related to the conflict in the East. The UNICEF Emergency Coordinator gave a presentation on the role of media in conflicts, especially in relation to children. Moreover, UNICEF supported the participation of two schoolchildren and a teacher-psychologist from Sloviansk school #12, Donetsk Oblast, at the milestone event in Brussels of "#EmergencyLessons," a joint EU-UNICEF campaign to raise awareness among young Europeans about the importance of education in emergencies. The event took place on 6 December in the European Parliament. A video with Ukrainian participants speaking of their experience of conflict and the vital role of schools in emergency, received 240,000 views on the European Parliament's Facebook account.

## Security

According to the OSCE, during the reporting period, the security situation in eastern Ukraine remained tense and unstable. Breaches of the ceasefire agreement by the parties to the conflict occurred along the 'contact line' daily. OSCE Special Monitoring Mission recorded hundreds of violations each day, with around half of the incidents occurring around Avdiivka, Yasynuvata, and Donetsk Airport area.<sup>5</sup> Moreover, the situation at checkpoints along the 'contact line' remained dangerous for civilians who, without access to shelter or basic services, had to wait for many hours to cross the line. Daily rallies and protests in front of the Parliament and the Cabinet of Ministers, and the National Bank of Ukraine buildings in Kyiv also continued in December.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> For more information, see: <http://uni.cf/2i8JeiN>.

<sup>5</sup> OSCE Status Report of the Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine as of 21 December 2016. Accessed at: <http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/290561>.

<sup>6</sup> UNDSS Ukraine Weekly Security Situation Report (16-22 December 2016).

Funding Requirements (as defined in Humanitarian Appeal of 2016 for a period of 12 months)				
Appeal Sector	Requirements (US\$)	Funds Received (US\$)	Funding Gap	
			US\$	%
Nutrition	1,000,000		1,000,000	100
Health	4,450,000	779,000	3,671,000	82
WASH	30,400,000	1,939,842	28,460,158	94
Child Protection	8,500,000	2,202,320	6,297,680	74
Education	5,850,000	3,342,342	2,507,658	43
HIV/AIDS	3,500,000		3,500,000	100
Cluster/Sector Coordination	600,000	533,913	66,087	11
Sub-Total	54,300,000	8,797,417	45,502,583	84
Carry-forward (2016)		18,805,681		
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,300,000</b>	<b>27,603,098</b>	<b>26,696,902</b>	<b>49</b>

\* Total 'Funds Available' includes funding received current appeal as well as 'Carry-Forward' from the previous year.

### Next SitRep: 01/02/2017

UNICEF Ukraine Crisis: [www.unicef.org.ua](http://www.unicef.org.ua)

UNICEF Ukraine Crisis on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/unicef.ukraine](http://www.facebook.com/unicef.ukraine)

UNICEF Ukraine Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal: [www.unicef.org/appeals/](http://www.unicef.org/appeals/)

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## Annex A

### SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

	Cluster Response			UNICEF and IPs		
	2016 Target	Total Results	Change since last report ▲▼	2016 Target	Total Results	Change since last report ▲▼
<b>NUTRITION</b>						
Pregnant or lactating women reached with infant and young child feeding counselling	80,000	50,000	-	80,000	43,879	-
<b>HEALTH</b>						
Number of children who received regular immunization through the enhancement of cold chain and vaccine distribution systems	NA	NA	-	400,000	0 <sup>7</sup>	-
Number of health professionals who gained increased knowledge and capacity for the implementation of public health campaigns	NA	NA	-	2,000	1,165	-
<b>WATER, SANITATION &amp; HYGIENE</b>						
Number of conflict-affected people who gained access to safe drinking water.	1,700,000	4,234,411	-	1,200,000	2,555,665	+8,440
Number of people with access to hygiene supplies.	412,500	422,771	+26,366	300,000	339,470	+6,988
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>						
Number of affected children, youth and caregivers provided with psychosocial support	470,000	331,377	+36,464	400,000	257,828	+33,480
Number of children and their families who received MRE	NA	NA	-	400,000	511,761	-
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
Number of children who benefited from rehabilitated education infrastructure, life skills training and education supplies	187,200	192,615	-	169,000	146,446	-
<b>HIV and AIDS</b>						
Number of pregnant women provided with tests for diagnostic of HIV to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV	30,000	33,240	+120	30,000	33,240	+120

<sup>7</sup> Vaccine procurement was done through UNICEF Supply Division Procurement Services by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and funded from the national budget.