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## Ukraine

Ceasefire violations in the 20-kilometer zone along both sides of the contact line and in non-government controlled areas of Ukraine are affecting the lives of 500,000 children who remain in need of humanitarian assistance and protection.<sup>1</sup> The repeated shelling of critical water, sanitation, electrical and heating infrastructure is threatening access to safe drinking water for 3.2 million people in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.<sup>2</sup> Access to safe learning is also imperiled, with an estimated 13 educational facilities damaged by shelling between January and November.<sup>3</sup> For children living along the contact line, mines and explosive remnants of war are threatening their safety and leading to trauma and emotional distress. Affected children and families urgently require psychosocial support and protection services, including for gender-based violence and violence against children. Access to quality basic health care remains challenging, including for children, young girls and mothers, particularly those living with HIV, not only due to conflict, but also given low pre-conflict immunization rates and low levels of awareness of appropriate infant and young child feeding practices. Considering the limited progress of peace negotiations, the situation is likely to remain unstable beyond 2019 with risks of expanded hostilities, particularly along the contact line.

### Humanitarian strategy

For 2019 and 2020, UNICEF's overarching strategy in Ukraine will focus on protecting children and progressively realizing child rights on both sides of the contact line. Responding to the urgent needs of 234,000 children and their families, UNICEF will continue to strengthen social services for child protection, health, education and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). The capacities of local stakeholders and civil society will be enhanced, and preparedness and accountability to affected populations will be strengthened. UNICEF will improve access to quality, inclusive, age- and gender-sensitive social services for children and families to reduce their vulnerabilities and increase their resilience to protection-related risks. UNICEF will work with humanitarian partners to target those closest to the contact line, while also strengthening family and community-based systems to support those impacted by the conflict. This bridging of humanitarian action and development programming will be central to UNICEF's approach. UNICEF will continue to support an e-voucher system for vulnerable populations along the contact line, while expanding community-based psychosocial support services for children. Leading the WASH and education clusters and the child protection sub-cluster, UNICEF will continue to advocate with parties to the conflict to comply with International Humanitarian Law and child rights standards.

### Results from 2018

As of 31 October 2018 UNICEF had US\$10.7 million available against the US\$23.6 million appeal (45 per cent funded).<sup>4</sup> In 2018, UNICEF and partners reached nearly 1.45 million children and caregivers with health, WASH, protection and education services. The provision of water treatment chemicals and pipes to centralized water companies facilitated uninterrupted access to safe drinking water for 1.37 million people. Nearly 67,000 children, women and persons with disabilities along the contact line benefited from hygiene promotion activities and the distribution of hygiene kits. After a comprehensive assessment of structures and services, UNICEF completed the rehabilitation of 12 education facilities in areas around the contact line, ensuring safer learning environments for over 26,000 children and reaching over 85,000 children and educators with life-skills education. Immediate psychosocial support services reached nearly 37,000 children, youth and caregivers, and more than 613,000 children and their families received mine risk education. HIV-related services, including uninterrupted antiretroviral treatment, reached over 12,000 people; and over 26,000 people, including pregnant women, received HIV counselling and testing. To ensure quality maternal health services for 20,000 pregnant women and newborn children, 861 midwifery kits were delivered to hospitals in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts.

# Humanitarian Action for Children

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Total people in need: 3 million<sup>5</sup>

Total children (<18) in need: 500,000<sup>6</sup>

Total people to be reached: 1,625,659<sup>7</sup>

Total children to be reached: 234,000<sup>8</sup>

### 2019 programme targets:

#### Nutrition

- 2,000 pregnant and lactating women reached with infant and young child feeding counselling

#### Health

- 24,800 mothers and children under 5 years benefiting from direct health service provision
- 70 health facilities supported with the provision of medical supplies and equipment
- 80% immunization coverage of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella and polio vaccines<sup>9</sup>

#### WASH

- 925,000 people benefiting from repairs/maintenance/replacement of the pipes/tanks/pumps of existing centralized piped water supply systems
- 127,500 people reached with hygiene promotion messages
- 73,000 people in social institutions benefiting from direct improvements to the reliable provision of sufficient water of adequate quality<sup>10</sup>

#### Child protection

- 50,000 boys, girls and caregivers reached with psychosocial support<sup>11</sup>
- 10,000 community professionals with enhanced capacity on child protection risks and vulnerabilities
- 110,000 children and their families receiving mine risk education<sup>12</sup>

#### Education

- 23,500 boys and girls benefiting from educational and early child development supplies and rehabilitated inclusive schools and kindergartens
- 10,500 children benefiting from conflict-sensitive and life-skills-based education delivered by trained teachers

#### HIV and AIDS

- 95% of pregnant women tested for HIV
- 200 HIV-positive children provided with continuous care and support services

	Cluster 2018 targets	Cluster total results	UNICEF 2018 targets	UNICEF total results
<b>NUTRITION</b>				
Mothers in affected areas with improved knowledge on the benefits of exclusive breastfeeding <sup>i</sup>			20,000	70 <sup>ii</sup>
<b>HEALTH</b>				
Pregnant women and newborn children accessing quality maternal health services <sup>iii</sup>			20,000	30,692 <sup>iv</sup>
<b>WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE</b>				
People with improved water quality through the provision of effective water treatment mechanisms and the emergency repair of WASH infrastructure	2,300,000	2,325,724	1,800,000	1,386,122
Boys, girls and parents accessing hygiene supplies and having knowledge of basic hygiene practices <sup>v</sup>	470,000	74,219	190,000	66,710
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>				
Affected children, youth and caregivers accessing immediate psychosocial support services	120,000	48,698	100,000	36,660 <sup>vi</sup>
Children and their families having received mine risk education <sup>vii</sup>			500,000	613,355
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
Children in conflict-affected areas have access to basic education and early childhood education and care	85,000	55,822	32,500	26,397
Boys, girls and educators received life-skills education and information on educational options	148,500	108,451	98,500	85,058
<b>HIV AND AIDS<sup>viii</sup></b>				
Pregnant women provided with HIV diagnostic tests to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV			30,000	26,490
HIV-positive patients with access to uninterrupted antiretroviral treatment			16,000	12,101

Results are through 31 October 2018 unless otherwise noted.

<sup>i</sup> There was no cluster target for infant and young child feeding counselling in the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).

<sup>ii</sup> This figure represents the final results of a project that ended in mid-January 2018. Limited funding led to low numbers of beneficiaries reached through October 2018.

<sup>iii</sup> There was no cluster target for maternal health in the 2018 HRP.

<sup>iv</sup> This figure includes the estimated/projected number of beneficiaries (30,000) covered by the delivery of 861 midwifery kits that were distributed in January 2018, due to difficulty estimating the number of monthly beneficiaries.

<sup>v</sup> This indicator was over-estimated in 2018.

<sup>vi</sup> This figure does not reflect psychosocial support provided to children as part of UNICEF recovery efforts.

<sup>vii</sup> There was no child protection sub-cluster target for mine risk education in the 2018 HRP.

<sup>viii</sup> There were no cluster targets for HIV and AIDS in the 2018 HRP.

## Funding requirements

In line with the 2019 HRP, UNICEF is seeking US\$21.1 million to respond to the needs of conflicted-affected children and families residing within 20 kilometers of both sides of the contact line and non-government controlled areas. Funding will enable UNICEF to fulfill the core commitments for children in humanitarian action, including access to education, psychosocial support, WASH, mine risk education, maternal and child health and HIV and AIDS services. Humanitarian initiatives will be complemented by broader development work to strengthen national capacities. For 2020, UNICEF and partners will monitor how the protracted emergency evolves and adjust funding requirements accordingly.

Sector	2019 requirements (US\$)
Nutrition	150,000
Health	1,830,000
Water, sanitation and hygiene	13,267,799
Child protection	2,420,000
Education	2,360,000
HIV and AIDS	440,000
Cluster coordination	600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,067,799</b>

<sup>1</sup> While the 2019 HRP estimates that 700,000 children living in conflict-affected areas are in need, only 500,000 children in need live in the 20-kilometre zone on both sides of the contact line and in non-government controlled areas. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 'Ukraine: 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan' (draft), OCHA, 2018. The HRP document was not finalized/published at the time of writing this appeal. The appeal will be updated to be aligned with the published HRP, once finalized.

<sup>2</sup> This is the WASH target from 'Ukraine: 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan' (draft).

<sup>3</sup> Information provided by the education cluster, November 2018.

<sup>4</sup> Available funds include US\$7.5 million received against the current appeal and US\$3.1 million carried forward from the previous year.

<sup>5</sup> While the 2019 HRP estimates that 3.5 million people living in conflict-affected areas are in need, only 3 million people in need live in the 20-kilometre zone on both sides of the contact line and in non-government controlled areas.

<sup>6</sup> While the 2019 HRP estimates that 700,000 children living in conflict-affected areas are in need, only 500,000 children in need live in the 20-kilometre zone on both sides of the contact line and in non-government controlled areas.

<sup>7</sup> This figure corresponds to the highest number of targeted people by the WASH sector in non-government controlled areas and within the 20-kilometre zone on both sides of the contact line.

<sup>8</sup> This figure corresponds to the highest number of targeted children by the WASH and child protection sectors in non-government controlled areas and within the 20-kilometre zone on both sides of the contact line. A portion of the balance of children in need is expected to be addressed through complementary interventions from other humanitarian actors including government, civil society and other local actors. However, limited access and data constraints hinder a full analysis of the gaps.

<sup>9</sup> Anecdotal data evidence show coverage of below 40 per cent for diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus vaccine. Under such circumstances, and in the absence of a baseline figure, it is difficult to set an aspirational figure of 95 per cent, which is the aim for the national level.

<sup>10</sup> This includes 5,496 girls, 4,722 boys, 33,776 women and 29,004 men.

<sup>11</sup> Targets are reduced compared to 2018 based on expected recovery funding to address the psychosocial support and protection needs of adolescents and youth, including case management and the establishment and strengthening of social services through family support and community-based services.

<sup>12</sup> UNICEF will concentrate 2019 interventions on higher-risk populations residing within 20 kilometres of both sides of the contact line.

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