UNICEF’s Response with Partners


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Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

November 2019 saw a rise in expectations, hopes and prospects for peace negotiations on the status of Donbass, after a successful completion of the disengagement of forces in Zolote settlement and the start of the similar process in Petrivske – the third such site in the last five months. This dynamic was further amplified with the Russian Federation agreeing to hold a

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1 Please note that the Health Cluster figure with * refers to "# of people benefiting from direct health services provision," whereas UNICEF indicator reports on the # of mothers and children only.
2 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.
3 The Cluster results are reported on a quarterly basis. The results in the table are as of September 2019.
summit under the Normandy Format in Paris in December, with France and Germany mediating the negotiations between Ukraine and Russia.

The newly released, quarterly OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) report highlighted that in the last three months to November 15, OHCHR recorded 42 civilian casualties (23 men, 12 women, two girls and five boys), six of whom were killed and 36 injured. Twenty-one of these were caused by combat activities: 17 injuries (12 men and five women) were recorded in the non-government-controlled areas (NGCA), while two civilian injuries (a man and a woman) were recorded in Government-controlled area (GCA). While this indicates an overall downward trend in civilian casualties, death of children remains a grave violation of the international human rights law.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

HEALTH

UNICEF continued to implement the six-months program for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS. During November 2019, 46 HIV-positive children and 56 babies under 18-months born from HIV positive mothers, received medical services from multidisciplinary clinical teams.

In November 2019 UNICEF provided free medicine e-vouchers for 470 HIV- and TB-affected children (270 girls and 200 boys) and 10 parents with HIV or TB. During the month, a total of 2,047 beneficiaries (1,997 children and 50 adults) received different HIV-TB related services in NGCA with UNICEF support.

The immunization campaign for Polio (IPV) started in Donetsk NGCA. Its successful undertaking was supported by a workshop entitled "End-Game Polio Eradication", undertaken with the support of an international consultant in Luhansk to enable medical professionals to implement the vaccination campaign in line with existing best practice.

In parallel, cold chain equipment (freezers, refrigerators, cold boxes and fridge-tags) was delivered to both territories. To ensure a proper and uninterrupted vaccine supply management at regional level, UNICEF supported the authorities in Donetsk Oblast to open a new regional cold chain room. The newly renovated cold chain room includes electricity for the refrigerators, water supply and air conditioning, and will provide for the vaccine storage needs of the health system for 1.5 million people (including 300,000 children) in the Donetsk Oblast, including those living within the 0-20 km zone of the Line of Contact.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

In November, UNICEF continued to support water trucking to two checkpoints in Marinka and Pyshchevyk, a range of educational, health care and social institutions in Avdiivka, Marinka, Krasnogorivka, Kalchyk and other settlements located along the Line of Contact with limited access to drinking water. Overall, approximately 18,000 people crossing checkpoints and 13,682

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4 The Normandy Format talks (French: Format Normandie) involve the representatives of the Normandy Four countries (Germany, Russia, Ukraine and France) who aim to resolve the war in Donbass. It has been also known as the Normandy contact group.
people in the settlements benefitted from access to drinking water. The installation of water tanks increased resilience to water supply interruptions for 2,014 children in schools and kindergartens and 14,700 patients in a primary healthcare centre in Bakhmut. The provision of institutional hygiene kits to kindergartens and schools in Krasnohorivka, Marinka and Avdiivka improved sanitary conditions for 3,325 children. Additionally, 91 persons with disabilities and elderly people in Marinka and Krasnohorivka received hygiene kits for persons with special needs, which included diapers for adults and other hygiene products. Hygiene promotion sessions were conducted for 617 children in kindergartens and schools in towns and villages located along the contact line in Marinskyi and Yasynuvatskyi rayons.

In the NGCA, 234 children benefitted from works undertaken in two education facilities, including rehabilitation of heating and sanitation systems and installation of water tanks and pumps. Water, sanitation and heating systems were also rehabilitated in central city hospitals in Brianka and Holubivka that serve 142 children per day. UNICEF also provided pipes to enable repairs of water networks for Voda Donbasu in Dokuchaievsk and laboratory equipment for Luhanskvoda.

On menstrual hygiene promotion, UNICEF arranged a “Public Talk” on menstrual hygiene in one school for 200 students (10-16 years old). The session provided children a unique opportunity to ask questions to the Honored Friend of the campaign, a popular Ukrainian singer, and engage actively in the discussion. Moreover, children streamed the whole event on Instagram using the campaign hashtag #найвідкритішийурок (in English #themostopenlesson), thus contributing to raising awareness on the campaign and taking first step on becoming agents of changes in their community.

CHILD PROTECTION

In partnership with local organizations, UNICEF continued to provide protective services and psycho-social support (PSS) to children and their caregivers living in the conflict-affected communities near the Line of Contact of the NGCA of Luhansk oblast. Most notably, through the Community Protection Centers and via mobile outreach:

- 793 children (397F/396M) and 40 adults (37F/3M) received knowledge on healthy lifestyles, rights of children, tolerance, leadership and other child protection issues, risks and vulnerabilities;
- 185 individuals including 144 children (64F/80M) and 41 adults (40F/1M) participated in psycho-social group activities aimed to address stress and other mental health issues;
- 117 individuals including 71 children (33F/38M) and 46 adults continue to receive comprehensive case management;
- 80 parents and caregivers received knowledge on positive parenting; and
- 96 community professionals gained knowledge of child protection risks and vulnerabilities.

During November, through mobile outreach, UNICEF also continued to raise awareness and support survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and children affected by violence in Donetsk
and Luhansk oblasts (GCA). The mobile teams provided PSS first aid and referral services to 336 (302F/34M) GBV survivors and 49 children (30F/19M) affected by violence, including three children (1F/2M) with a disability and 154 individuals (74 F/80 M) who benefitted from tailored mitigation activities aimed to reduce violence.

UNICEF also continued to implement a project to support mine victims, supporting a total of thirteen families and sixteen child mine/ERW survivors. Furthermore, a total of 15 teachers (14F/1M) participated in training sessions on inclusion and sensitization during the reporting period.

More than 6,660 boys and girls in schools and kindergartens benefited from awareness-raising sessions on unexploded ordnance and safe behaviour mine-risk education (MRE) in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts GCA with a focus on schools in 0-5 km zone of the Line of Contact.

EDUCATION
Four years of UNICEF’s joint advocacy efforts with multiple stakeholders resulted in the endorsement of the Safe School Declaration (SSD) by the Ukrainian Government on 20 November 2019. Ukraine has become the 100th country to commit to protecting students, teachers, schools and universities from the devastating effects of the armed conflict. Endorsement of the Declaration represents an important milestone in ensuring safe, continuous access to education for school children in the east of Ukraine.

In the month of November rehabilitation of four schools were completed in the Luhansk NGCA. This will help ensure and improve access to education for 595 children in Kalynove, Kommisarivka, Stakhanov and Zolote – five villages, all along the Line of Contact. Rehabilitation of another two education facilities in Luhanska NGCA and ten in Donetsk NGCA is ongoing and is planned to be finalized in January 2020. The same schools will also soon benefit from new furniture and sports equipment to ensure that children have access to enabling learning environment and retrieve the sense of normalcy.

UNICEF continued to enhance life-saving and life-sustaining knowledge and skills among children and adolescents, living in the conflict area through the implementation of Life Skills programme, training 19 teachers from 17 education facilities in Donetsk oblast. In addition to the online course, 138 teachers form 103 education facilities, located in close proximity to the Line of Contact, went through 2-days face-to-face training and received the kit with learning materials to start sessions with children.

COMMUNICATION
On 11-12 November, UNICEF Ukraine jointly with UNHCR facilitated a mission of the Ambassador of Japan to eastern Ukraine. During his visit, the Ambassador had a meeting with youth mediators and handed over equipment to a youth project in Slovyansk.
Also, in the framework of the 30th Anniversary of adoption of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child and UNICEF World Children’s Day (20 November), the situation of children in eastern Ukraine was highlighted in various events. In particular, UNICEF engaged youth activists from conflict-affected areas to participate in the “Kids Takeover” organized in the Ukrainian Parliament, which held the first ever session opened by a child on 15 November. Stories of children from Donetsk and Luhansk region were incorporated in the series of four educational videos on the Convention and key rights, produced jointly with the leading TV channel 1+1. On 20 November, the TV channel also hosted a special morning studio with the UNICEF Representative and a displaced 17-year-old youth advocate from Donetsk who is working to promote educational reforms and increase access to quality education for children living in the conflict zone.

Further to the media statement by the UNICEF Executive Director, UNICEF Ukraine issued a local press release to acknowledge endorsement of the Safe School Declaration by the Ukrainian Government, which symbolically took place on 20 November.

On 26-27 November, UNICEF Ukraine jointly with the Ombudsman Office in Ukraine organized a regional conference ‘Ensuring Child Rights in Armed Conflict’, which was opened by the Head of Ukrainian Parliament Dmytro Razumkov and attended by UNICEF Regional Director Afshan Khan.

UNICEF Ukraine also continued to cover the situation of children living in the conflict affected areas on its social media channels reaching to over 140,000 followers. UNICEF has published a new web story on the global website “For children growing up in eastern Ukraine, danger is never far away” to highlight risks for boys and girls of living in one of the world’s most heavily mined regions, where simple childhood games can have devastating consequences.

SECURITY
The analysis indicates that the overall security situation on the ground in the Eastern Conflict Area (ECA) has slightly de-escalated during the reporting period. Despite ongoing shelling, the overall number of ceasefire violations reported by the sides declined. No civilian casualties were registered, while several residential damages have been reported.

The completion of demining activities inside the Petrivske disengagement area was confirmed by the armed formations. Parties started the next part of the implementation of obligations - dismantling of fortifications. The entrance/exit checkpoints (EECPs) started to operate according to the winter schedule effective from 01 November 2019. Hardships faced by civilians at checkpoints along the Line of Contact remain unchanged.

Funding
UNICEF’s 2019 humanitarian appeal requirement for Ukraine is US$21,067,799. As of 30 November 2019, only $7,785,801 is available including the funds carried forward from the previous year and funds received in 2019. This reflects only 36% of the required resources. The
underfunding situation of the HAC is putting at risk UNICEF interventions to address major humanitarian needs across all sectors, in areas along the Line of Contact and NGCA.

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*Total funding available includes total funds received against current appeal plus carry-forward


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