



WFP Ukraine Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Assistance for Food-Insecure and Vulnerable Populations Affected by Conflict and Loss of Livelihoods in Eastern Ukraine	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
PRRO 200953 (Jan. - Dec. 2017)	35.7 m	5.5 m	12.5 m (76%)

*February - July 2017

GENDER MARKER 2A PRRO 200953

WFP 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 regions) since November 2014. Affected populations have not only lost homes and livelihoods, but also access to land to grow food.

Under its new Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO), WFP will address food needs of the most vulnerable people in eastern Ukraine while gradually supporting early recovery activities aiming at enhancing local livelihoods, increasing income, diversifying crops, and rehabilitating productive assets. Where feasible, moderately food-insecure populations will be engaged in training and asset creation activities. There is ongoing discussion on potential collaboration between WFP and FAO on joint agro-related activities including crop and livestock production trainings, which would be supported by Food Assistance for Training (FFT) activities.

Under the PRRO, WFP is planning to meet the needs of 220,000 severely and moderately food insecure Ukrainians. In addition, during 2017, international and local NGOs, private foundations as well as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) are planning to target the remaining affected food insecure people with assistance. The Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster worked closely with all actors to complement targeting and coordination within the sector.

WFP is currently in the process of distributing food commodities, which were transferred from the EMOP to the new PRRO; this includes 1,727.3 mt of commodities. As for January 2017, WFP distributed in kind food assistance to 15,025 people (208.5 mt). CBT distributions will resume as soon as Cooperating Partners for 2017 are identified.

Main Photo Credit: Artem Geifman, local photographer
Caption: A girl who has received WFP food entitlements in Avdiivka, Donetsk region, Ukraine

Highlights

- WFP launched a request for proposals inviting NGOs to submit project proposals for the implementation of activities in the framework of PRRO in 2017.
- The Humanitarian Community is gravely concerned by the drastic deterioration of the security situation in eastern Ukraine in January 2017.
- On 11 January 2017, the Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministry approved an Action Plan for the reintegration of non-government controlled territories in eastern Ukraine.
- WFP is concerned about the funding constraints for 2017. As of 31 January, the PRRO requires USD 30 million to cover operational needs in Ukraine in 2017.

In 2017, WFP will provide monthly food parcels (equivalent to 1,600 kcal per person per day) and cash-based transfers of UAH 550 (USD 20 per month) 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, rice, peas, wheat flour, sugar, iodised salt, buckwheat and sunflower oil.

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 Support to the Humanitarian Response in Ukraine	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)
SO 200821 (March 2015 - Dec 2017)	5.4 m	3.7 m

Logistics Cluster

The [Logistics Cluster](#) coordinates humanitarian logistics in order to ensure the delivery of life saving humanitarian assistance to the affected populations in eastern Ukraine.

In January 2017, the Logistics Cluster successfully delivered 632 mt / 886 m3 of humanitarian assistance to Donetsk Non-Government Controlled Area (NGCA).

In Numbers

4.4 m people affected by the conflict (OCHA)

3.8 m people in need (OCHA)

620,000 people in need of food assistance

15,025*
People Assisted
January 2017



*WFP Ukraine distributed stock transferred from EMOP as winterization measure, while new FLAs for PRRO 2017 are being prepared.



January 2017

Operational Updates

- On 04 January 2017, WFP Ukraine launched the request for proposals inviting NGOs to submit project proposals for the implementation of activities in the framework of the PRRO.
- Under the WFP-UNHCR Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on a joint project for the reconstruction of destroyed houses, UNHCR continues to distribute 13,000 WFP food parcels in Luhansk NGCA. The MoU is extended until the end of February 2017.
- On 11 January 2017, the Cabinet of Ministry of Ukraine approved the Action Plan of internal policy on separate areas of Donetsk and Lugansk oblasts where public authorities temporarily do not exercise their power. The decree determines the order of actions aimed to the reintegration of the Non-Government Controlled Areas (NGCAs) of Donetsk and Luhansk oblast into Ukraine. The Plan starts with addressing procedures for the crossing of the contact line. It also includes provision of various administrative services at centres near the contact line and a number of measures to improve social protection and access to social services and free legal aid in areas close to the line of contact.
- The Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster has finished the food security and vulnerability analysis based on the REACH Government-Controlled Areas (GCA)/NGCA surveys data. The results will be presented on the next cluster meeting in early February 2017.

Challenges

- Humanitarian access to NGCA still remains very restricted while the population there is assessed as the most vulnerable in an insecure and volatile environment. WFP's Cooperating Partner Donbass Development Centre (DDC) remains operational in NGCA Donetsk and distribution of remaining 4,566 food parcels from the EMOP is ongoing as planned.
- The Humanitarian Community and the Humanitarian Coordinator are gravely concerned by the drastic deterioration of the security situation in eastern Ukraine and its humanitarian consequences in late January 2017. The power supply of Avdiivka was cut on 29 January, affecting the supply of water from the backup reservoir, without which the city's heating system cannot operate. On 30 January, the fourth power line to the Avdiivka coke plant was damaged by shelling, leaving it without power, and further impacting on the supply of hot water. Urgent repairs are needed to restart the heating system.

Resourcing

- Under the PRRO, WFP's total required resources to assist 220,000 people in 2017 are USD 35.7 million.
- WFP is facing a serious resourcing constraints, as of 31 January, the PRRO requires USD 30 million to cover operational needs in Ukraine in 2017. WFP Ukraine can cover PRRO project needs only until end of March 2017.

Country Background & Strategy



The humanitarian crisis in Ukraine remains a protracted humanitarian emergency. Since the conflict began 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.

As a food exporting nation, food availability is not a concern in most of Ukraine; however, recent political and economic constraints further threaten food security in affected areas. IDPs (7 percent) and people living in NGCA (13 percent) are the most food insecure. In all areas, women are more food insecure than men; and so are elders living alone (REACH). The significant devaluation of the 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 a Protracted Relief and Recovery 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 (in 2017): Germany and Italy.

Partners (in 2016): 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. *Partners for 2017 are going to be selected in February 2017.*

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