April saw a 20 per cent increase of security incidents, compared to that of March, with significant escalation before and after the Orthodox Easter week - a period usually less violent. This coincided with a lack of ceasefire re-commitment that was traditionally put in place around this time of year. However, the number of civilian casualties slightly decreased from 16 in March to 13 in April (one killed and 12 injured). Almost half of civilian casualties in 2019 was due to mine explosion and mishandling of explosive remnants of war (ERW). Following the passing of the first Mine Action Law in late 2018, several positive steps have been made to address some concerns and ambiguities, including a recent important amendment to allow direct funding to mine action operators and also a recent introduction of the first unified marking system of landmines and explosive hazards in line with the international mine action standards. Meanwhile, following the introduction of national energy market reform, widespread water cuts were reported in several conflict-affected areas, for as long as almost a month in some cases. Coincidentally, reports of water-borne disease emerged in a small settlement. While humanitarians provided water trucking to address most urgent needs, persistent underfunding posed difficulties for partners to either continue or scale up WASH response to adequately meet the magnitude of needs. The 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan remained severely underfunded at only 11 per cent. On 25 April, the United Nations Security Council held the second-in-2019 briefing on Ukraine where the Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs stressed the need to re-double efforts to scale up humanitarian response in eastern Ukraine.

**CIVILIAN CASUALTIES**

- 13 casualties reported in April 2019
- 1 death
- 12 injured

**INCIDENTS AGAINST INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES**

- 946 security incidents in April 2019*
- 8 incidents against water facilities in April 2019
- 2 incidents against education facilities (NGCA) in April 2019
- 18k people experiencing water shortages for 25 consecutive days in April 2019

**2019 HRP ACHIEVEMENTS (as of 31 March 2019)**

- 3.5m people in need
- 2.3m people targeted
- 52k people reached

**SECURITY HOTSPOTS**

- Kyiv
- Luhansk
- Donetsk
- Sievierodonetsk
- Starobesheve
- Starobilsk
- Kostantynivka
- Marinka
- Kramatorsk
- Novoaidar
- Donetsk
- Lyman
- Bakhmut
- Sloviansk
- Avdiivka
- Zolote
- Staromikhaylivka
- Novoazovsk
- Svitlodarsk
- Starobilsk

**2019 HRP: REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDING***

- 11% FUNDED
- $162m requirements
- $18m funded
- $144m unmet

- $30m humanitarian funding to non-HRP projects in 2019

**Funding by Cluster (% and million US$)**

- Education: 6% ($6.5m)
- Food Security and Livelihoods: 9% ($19.2m)
- Health and Nutrition: 18% ($18.1m)
- Protection: 6% ($47.6m)
- Shelter/NFI: 9% ($27.0m)
- WASH: 6% ($31.8m)
- Common services and support: 15% ($5.0m)
- Multi-purpose Cash: 4% ($6.5m)

**Funding status (million US$)**

- Overall overall
- 162
- 18

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* In Donetska and Luhanska oblasts

* Source: INSO

* Source: WASH Cluster

* Source: OHCHR

*** According to FTS as of 21 May 2019. Some donations are yet to be recorded, and donors and partners are invited to register donations.

**** This includes $4.6 million that are not yet attributed to a cluster. Of this, $3.4 million has been allocated to the Country-Based Pooled Fund.