

Despite the 16 per cent decrease in the number of security incidents¹ in August compared to July, several negative security-related trends continued to be observed, including the intensification of artillery and mortar use, the doubling of civilian casualties and the increased frequency of incidents against critical civilian infrastructure and within the Zolote disengagement zone. While the adoption of the first national Safe School Declaration Action Plan² was a positive and timely development ahead of the International Day to Protect Education (9 September)³, three security incidents against education facilities were reported in August – the highest rate in the last 15 months. Meanwhile, COVID-19 surged nationwide, with the number of new cases more than doubling from 13,000 in July to 29,000 in August. COVID-19 vaccination rates in Government-controlled areas (GCA) of Luhanska oblast were reported to be the lowest in Ukraine.⁴

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Limited progress was made during political negotiations in August, notably the agreement on the composition of an expert group to conduct environmental monitoring of flooded coal mines close to the “contact line” and the next payment date for the water delivered from GCA to the NGCA of Luhanska oblast. No progress, however, was reached on other issues that impact the humanitarian situation, including ceasefire violations, demining, verification and identification of NGCA pensioners, etc. Meanwhile, changes in the management structure of Voda Donbasu – the main company supplying clean water to 3.9 million people on both sides of the “contact line” – and the increased politicization of water issues risk impacting operations, such as the payment of salaries or the purchase of fuel, which could lead to millions of people losing access to clean water.

Lack of housing ownership remains the biggest issue facing internally displaced people (IDP), as only one in 10 displaced families across Ukraine reports living in a house they own. One in three IDPs living in rented housing in GCA expresses concern of being evicted due to their inability to pay the rent.⁵ Despite efforts by the Government of Ukraine and international community, including through providing access to low-rate state housing loans for IDPs to purchase their own homes⁶, more than 60 per cent of IDPs continue to live in rented housing and remain in need of long-term housing solutions.

In August, the Ukraine Humanitarian Fund (UHF) allocated \$8.7 million to address the most urgent and time-critical priority needs of the most vulnerable people, particularly ahead of the harsh winter. Eleven projects were endorsed for funding in NGCA to support the provision of essential health care services, winterization and hygiene assistance, as well as to respond to shelter and protection needs of the affected population. In GCA, 10 projects were endorsed for funding, seeking to strengthen child protection systems, assist victims of mines, empower communities and improve access to social services.

1. According to INSO.
 2. Ukraine endorsed the Safe School Declaration in November 2019.
 3. The UN General Assembly designated 9 September as the International Day to Protect Education.
 4. Only 62,000 people had been fully vaccinated by the end of August.
 5. National Monitoring System report (round 17 – June 2020) by IOM.
 6. Financed by the Government of Germany, providing EUR25 million.

CIVILIAN CASUALTIES

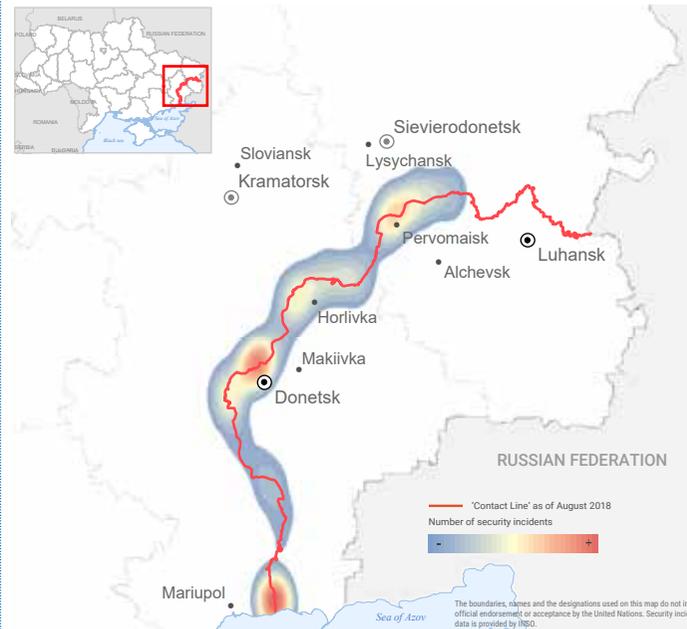


INCIDENTS AGAINST INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES



1. Only incidents incurring physical damage to the facilities are counted.

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF SECURITY INCIDENTS (AUGUST 2021)

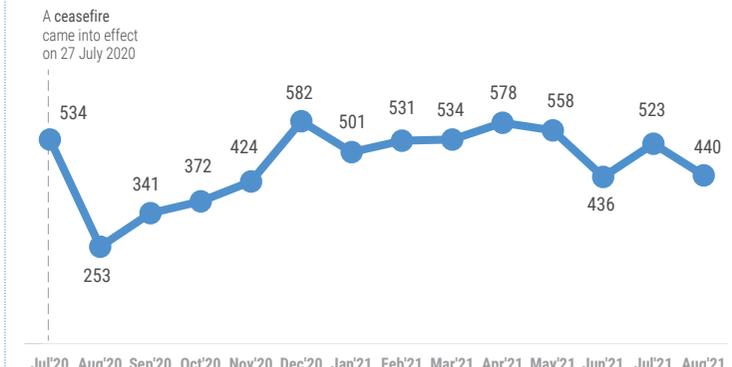


2021 HRP: REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDING*



Funding by Cluster (% and million US\$)	Funding requirements (million US\$)	Funding status (million US\$)
Education 31%	5.6	1.7
Food Security and Livelihoods 20%	21.0	4.3
Health 25%	28.7	7.2
Protection 15%	50.1	7.7
Shelter/NFI 7%	23.1	1.7
WASH 21%	27.0	5.7
Common Services and Support 33%	7.2	2.3
Multipurpose Cash 5%	5.2	0
Cluster not specified		16.4
TOTAL	168.0	47.1

NUMBER OF SECURITY INCIDENTS BY MONTH (JULY 2020 – AUGUST 2021)**



* Source: FTS as of 31 August 2021. Some donations are yet to be recorded, and donors and partners are invited to register donations.
 ** Source: INSO.