The geopolitical tensions involving Ukraine continued to escalate. Considering the uncertainty of the situation, the humanitarian community urgently calls for funding of the 2022 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) that seeks $190 million to address the current humanitarian needs of the 1.8 million vulnerable people. Early funding will support addressing the current time-critical humanitarian needs and allow for the reprioritization of response activities in case of an increase or deterioration of needs and ensure that preparedness actions could be undertaken.

Following relative calm in January,¹ there has recently been a significant increase of security incidents, particularly starting from mid-February onwards.

**OPERATIONAL UPDATES**

The “Windows of Silence” (WoS) mechanism coordinated by the Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) was reinstalled in early January after being suspended for more than two months.² The WoS mechanism enables the repair of conflict-damaged critical infrastructure located along the “contact line”. In addition to the SMM mechanism, OCHA’s Civil-Military Coordination (CMCoord) mechanism successfully facilitated 58 WoS requests for humanitarian purposes in 2021, without any interruption in operation.

Preferential electricity tariffs have been introduced for 14,200 households in frontline communities in Donetsk and Luhanska oblasts.³ As hostilities frequently disrupt centralized heating and gas supply in these locations, local residents have been forced to resort to electric heaters and cooking panels which, in turn, has increased their monthly electricity bills to over UAH6,200 (US$226) in some cases. The average income of the vulnerable households according to Protection Assessment by REACH, February 2019, was UAH3,900 (US$141) per month, prompting more than 80 schools to switch to online learning.⁴

The COVID-19-related deaths, however, dropped significantly from almost 2,200 in November to 400 in January.⁵ The number of new COVID-19 cases increased by 13 per cent, while in Government-controlled areas (GCA), the number of new cases increased by 13 per cent, while in non-Government-controlled areas (NGCA), the surge started at the end of December and continued in January.

According to FTS as of 2 February 2022, donors and partners are invited to register donations.

**CIVILIAN CASUALTIES**

- **4** casualties reported in January
- **2** deaths
- **2** injuries

**INCIDENTS AGAINST INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES**

- **1** incident against water facilities in January

**NUMBER AND LOCATION OF SECURITY INCIDENTS**

(JANUARY 2022)

**2022 HRP: REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDING**

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* Source: FTS as of 2 February 2022. Some donations are yet to be recorded, and donors and partners are invited to register donations.

**NUMBER OF SECURITY INCIDENTS BY MONTH**

(JANUARY 2020 – January 2022)

- **387** in January 2022
- **341** in January 2021
- **331** in January 2020

* Source: INSO. Data is based on reports from OCHA, Cluster leads, and local authorities.

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³ Ministry for Reintegration of Temporarily Occupied Territories.

⁴ Income gap analysis and MPC transfer value revision, October 2021.

⁵ Ministry for Reintegration of Temporarily Occupied Territories.