



WFP Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries Situation Report #3

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In Numbers

- 18 million** people affected
- 12 million** people in need of humanitarian assistance
- 1.7 million** people displaced
- 3.1 million** people targeted by WFP

Situation Update

- Fighting continues to intensify in Ukraine significantly increasing humanitarian needs. Access to conflict-affected communities remains severely restricted, while the constantly deteriorating security situation prevents the possibility of evacuation in many locations, leading to the accumulation and exacerbation of unmet needs.
- Amidst a volatile security situation, it is a challenge for WFP and partners to analyse the needs of a vast moving population. The presence of humanitarian partners for the distribution of food and vouchers is limited inside Ukraine, especially in conflict areas.
- Conflict exacerbates food insecurity. The number of food insecure households in all oblasts of Ukraine will exponentially increase as well as the farming households and small businesses escaping the conflict-affected areas.
- As the world's largest and fourth largest exporters of wheat, the Russian Federation and Ukraine are critical players to ensure the food security of numerous countries around the world. Combined, the two countries are responsible for almost one third of the global wheat trade.
- [Prices of many commodities](#) have already been impacted. Grain & oil prices are fast approaching or even surpassing the unprecedented high levels of the 2008 food & fuel crisis. In the Middle East and North Africa specifically, which imports large quantities of food, the conflict in Ukraine could produce higher food prices.

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Highlights

- WFP ramps up its operations in Ukraine and neighbouring countries to provide food assistance to up to 3.1 million affected people
- WFP Staff and logistics infrastructure established in Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova
- The delivery of bread produced by a WFP contracted bakery started in Kharkiv, Ukraine for 60,000 crisis-affected people

WFP Response

- WFP is scaling up its emergency operation to provide food and cash assistance to people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine. Inside Ukraine, WFP plans to assist up to **3.1 million people**.
- Around 142 WFP staff are mapping needs and setting up operations and hubs in Ukraine and a number of locations in the neighbouring countries of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, and Poland to facilitate delivery of food assistance into Ukraine and to assist refugees coming over the borders.
- Outside Ukraine, WFP may be called to respond as a provider of last resort. WFP aims to support 300,000 crisis-affected beneficiaries with cash assistance upon confirmation of actual needs and invitations from the neighbouring host governments. This constitutes part of the UNHCR-led Regional Refugee Response Plan.
- Large quantities of mixed food commodities are being sourced and shipped to neighbouring countries for onward delivery to the parts of Ukraine where access to food has become critical
- WFP is in discussion with Non-Governmental Organizations, civil society, and churches to find ways to provide assistance despite the challenging context. Partnership agreements are concluded for signature and cash assistance contracts are ready for implementation.
- The first delivery of 4.8 mt of bread (equivalent to 10,000 loaves) produced by a WFP-contracted bakery was delivered to hospitals in Kharkiv on 5 March. When at full production, daily distribution of 15 mt of fresh bread is expected to support 60,000 crisis-affected people a day for ten days through a cooperating partner.

Supply Chain

- On 4 March, 26 mt of high energy biscuits were delivered from WFP warehouse in Rzeszow, Poland to WFP warehouse in Lviv, Ukraine and handed over to Kyiv City Administration officials who will arrange their onward transport to Kyiv.
- Trucks carrying 400 mt of dry rations from Turkey arrived in Poland and Romania, with goods planned for onward transport into Ukraine in the coming days.
- WFP continues to establish the logistics infrastructure to support its own and the wider humanitarian community's multi-country response to the crisis, with warehouses contracted in Kyiv, Lviv and Chernivtsi in Ukraine; Lublin, Rzeszow, and Warsaw in Poland; Chisinau in Moldova and Bucharest in Romania.

Clusters and Common Services

Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster (LC) has been officially activated for the Ukraine response. Teams are on the ground in Poland and Moldova with further staff to deploy to surrounding countries over the coming days.
- The LC has been allocated **USD 600,000** from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for its response in Ukraine.
- Coordination calls are being regularly held at all levels (global, regional and local) to align the efforts of the humanitarian organizations, exchange information and determine any logistics gaps or bottlenecks for the response. A dedicated [Ukraine operations page](#) has also been established on the LC website.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) was activated in Ukraine on 3 March. The following day, the coordinator for the ETC response in Ukraine arrived in Krakow, Poland, where equipment is being pre-positioned for deployment into Ukraine. An ETC telecommunications kit arrived at the warehouse in Poland on 3 March.
- The ETC coordinator is engaging with partner organisations on the ground in Krakow and is coordinating with the UNHCR's Refugee Emergency Telecommunications Sector (RETS) on its response in the neighbouring countries.
- The ETC has been allocated **USD 400,000** from CERF for its response in Ukraine.

Partnerships

- WFP requires **USD 590 million** to scale up operations for response to the crisis through June 2022, with USD 541 million required for humanitarian assistance inside Ukraine and USD 49 million for activities in neighbouring countries.
- Given the priority to establish a food lifeline into Kyiv and other areas affected by the conflict, swift confirmation of contributions is of critical importance so WFP can mobilize food assistance and reach those in dire need of support.

WFP ED visit to Ukraine

- WFP Executive Director, David Beasley, crossed over from the Polish-Ukrainian border into Ukraine on 4 March. He [witnessed](#) the first delivery of the much-needed WFP emergency food assistance to the crisis-affected population.

WFP Operations in Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries

