



UKRAINE - COMPLEX EMERGENCY

FACT SHEET #7, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016

JULY 12, 2016

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

800,000

IDPs in Ukraine
UN – November 2015

1.4 million

People Displaced to
Neighboring Countries
UNHCR – April 2016

9,371

Documented Deaths
Resulting from the
Conflict
UN – June 2016

21,532

Documented Injuries
Resulting from the
Conflict
UN – June 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- The USG announces nearly \$23 million in additional humanitarian funding for the complex emergency in Ukraine
- Hostilities continue in eastern Ukraine, damaging electricity- and water-related infrastructure
- Suspension of social payments and pensions to IDPs remains in effect

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING

FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2016

USAID/OFDA ¹	\$19,191,017
USAID/FFP ²	\$5,000,000
State/PRM ³	\$27,000,000
\$51,191,017	

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On July 7, U.S. Secretary of State John F. Kerry announced nearly \$23 million in additional U.S. Government (USG) humanitarian assistance to support conflict-affected people in Ukraine. The announcement, which includes nearly \$15.6 million from State/PRM and more than \$7.2 million from USAID/OFDA, brings total USG humanitarian assistance for Ukraine to more than \$135 million since the start of the crisis in 2014. The additional State/PRM assistance to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) will support food assistance and relief commodity distributions in eastern Ukraine, as well as health, protection, and shelter programs. The additional USAID/OFDA funding to four non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the UN World Food Program (WFP) will support economic recovery and livelihoods programs, shelter and protection interventions, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities, and humanitarian coordination and logistics systems in Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts*.
- As the conflict in Ukraine entered its third year in April, restrictions on freedom of movement and access to markets and basic services for conflict-affected people continued. The most recent Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) monitoring update, covering mid-February through mid-May, reported that local authorities continued to curtail civilian movements, and that people living close to the contact line—the border between government-controlled areas (GCAs) and non-government controlled areas (NGCAs)—are particularly vulnerable to human rights violations and abuses.
- In an address to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) on July 7, UN Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) for Human Rights Ivan Šimonović warned of a high risk for a reescalation of hostilities in Ukraine and condemned the conflict-related deaths and injuries sustained to date.

¹ USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)

² USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

³ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

INSECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN ACCESS

- In his recent address to the OSCE, ASG Šimonović denounced the continued fighting in eastern Ukraine and highlighted the nearly 31,000 casualties, including nearly 9,400 deaths, documented since the start of the conflict. While the rate of casualties has slowed substantially since the signing of the Minsk Protocol, an agreement signed in September 2014 to halt fighting in Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts*, and a ceasefire in September 2015, conflict continues to kill an estimated 10 people each month. ASG Šimonović reported that OHCHR recorded 69 civilian deaths or injuries in June—60 percent of which were inflicted by weapons prohibited by the Minsk Accords. The ASG also noted that mines and unexploded ordnance remain a major threat to civilians and strongly advocated for coordinated demining activities by all parties to the conflict.
 - Following a renewed ceasefire agreement coinciding with the Orthodox Easter holiday at the beginning of May, the security situation in conflict-affected eastern Ukraine deteriorated at the end of May and beginning of June, with clashes reported in several areas of Donetsk and Luhansk, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Fighting over the past two months has damaged electricity lines and other water and electricity-related infrastructure, negatively affecting services in GCAs and NGCAs of both *oblasts*. In Stanytsia Luhanska, Luhansk *Oblast*, shelling on May 29 and 30 damaged several houses, a gas pipeline, and power lines, cutting electricity to an estimated 30,000 people for at least one day, according to OCHA.
 - OCHA reported that more than 27,000 people per day crossed the contact line in June; people crossing between GCAs and NGCAs face long lines, precarious security conditions, and limited access to WASH facilities, according to OHCHR. In May, an estimated 725,000 people crossed the contact line through five operational checkpoints, an 8 percent increase as compared to April, according to OCHA. The UN also reports that between January and June, more than 3 million people and 600,000 vehicles crossed the contact line, stretching the intended capacity of existing checkpoints.
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FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

- USAID/FFP partner WFP, in coordination with its implementing partners, provided food assistance to 131,000 people in April, reaching 87,100 people with food parcels and 43,900 individuals with cash-based transfers. WFP reports that 54 percent of beneficiaries lived in GCAs and 46 percent lived in NGCAs; 58 percent of recipients were women and girls. Between January and the end of June, WFP reached 7,000 people residing in formerly state-supported health institutions in Donetsk with three rounds of food assistance.
- On July 1, WFP announced that it planned to extend its emergency operation in eastern Ukraine to provide more than 280,000 conflict-affected people with food assistance through the end of 2016. WFP provides food assistance to vulnerable populations in the conflict-affected areas of Donetsk and Luhansk, prioritizing the most food-insecure internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and other conflict-affected residents, as well as female-headed households. WFP will also continue to provide cash-based transfers to people in host communities in GCAs where the markets are functioning, and extend its support to people living in hospitals and social institutions, many of which are hosting vulnerable IDPs. Since WFP began providing emergency assistance in Ukraine in November 2014, it has reached more than 650,000 people through food assistance and voucher programs.
- A WFP food security survey conducted in April and May in Donetsk and Luhansk found that approximately 19 percent of the 1,600 households surveyed experienced food insecurity. In addition, approximately 24 percent of respondents had inadequate food consumption levels, particularly in Luhansk along the contact line and in NGCAs of Luhansk. The survey also found higher levels of inadequate food consumption among female-headed households, particularly those residing in NGCAs, and older people. Nearly 56 percent of the households surveyed reported that social benefits—such as pensions, unemployment assistance, and social payments to IDPs—represent their primary income source. The survey found that the most frequent coping strategies to increase household-level food security include reducing health expenditures, using savings, selling assets, and buying food on credit. According to WFP, the survey

results suggest that low food consumption may also relate to a lack of humanitarian access to most-affected areas, particularly in NGCAs of Luhansk.

- USAID/OFDA recently committed more than \$925,000 to support livelihoods restoration projects in Luhansk. Implemented through an NGO partner, the funding aims to increase access to financial resources for 1,500 conflict-affected people, including 1,200 IDPs, and local entrepreneurs. With a total of \$3 million in USAID/OFDA FY 2016 support, the NGO is also implementing protection, shelter, and WASH programs, and distributing emergency relief commodities to households in GCAs and NGCAs.

PROTECTION

- On June 8, the Government of Ukraine (GoU) adopted legislation canceling the requirement for the State Migration Service to stamp IDP certificates and transferring IDP registration to local authorities, according to OCHA. Despite the positive development, as well as indications from GoU representatives in early June that it planned to restore social service and pension payments to IDPs, the UN reports that the suspension of social payments remains in effect.
- To date in FY 2016, USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$7 million to support protection programs in Ukraine. The funding includes support to an NGO partner to provide protective and supportive environments for 7,900 conflict-affected youth across 11 *oblasts*. The NGO plans to develop child-friendly spaces in community centers, provide parenting classes for caregivers and resiliency and life-skills training for youth, and implement psychosocial support and mine-risk education programs for children.

WASH

- Shelling on May 30 north of the city of Donetsk, Donetsk *Oblast*, resulted in minor damage to a water treatment plant located in an NGCA; although the damage did not result in service disruptions, OCHA reports that key water infrastructure in Donetsk—including a filtration station, pump station, and water pipeline—supports an estimated 3.9 million people in Donetsk city and surrounding areas. The WASH Cluster—the coordinating body for humanitarian WASH activities, comprising UN agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders—reported that hostilities in proximity to water supply stations in Donetsk increased in June. OCHA reports that ongoing ceasefire violations near an NGCA-located water pumping station in Donetsk have hindered repair activities, leaving an estimated 8,000 people in GCAs and NGCAs without access to safe drinking water as of June 24.
- Between January and the end of March, a USAID/OFDA NGO partner distributed more than 170 water storage tanks to childcare centers and school facilities in three communities located in Luhansk NGCAs. The NGO also continued water trucking in four villages near Luhansk, increasing access to safe drinking water for an estimated 72,100 people. USAID/OFDA has provided \$3 million in FY 2016 support to the NGO to implement WASH and other humanitarian interventions in eastern Ukraine.

SHELTER AND RELIEF COMMODITIES

- According to the Shelter Cluster, which monitors 271 collective centers hosting more than 6,500 individuals across Ukraine, the majority of IDPs living in collective centers reside in Kyiv, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Odessa, and Dnipropetrovsk *oblasts*, while the remaining 23 percent live in other areas of the country. Women and children comprise more than 73 percent of IDPs residing in collective centers, and more than 13 percent of residents are older people. Of the 271 cluster-monitored centers, 52 have closed since the start of the crisis, including 32 that closed in 2015 due to various factors, such as funding shortfalls or lack of demand. According to the cluster, 28 percent fewer IDPs reside in collective centers in 2016 as compared to 2015.
- Between January and June, members of the Emergency Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster provided nearly

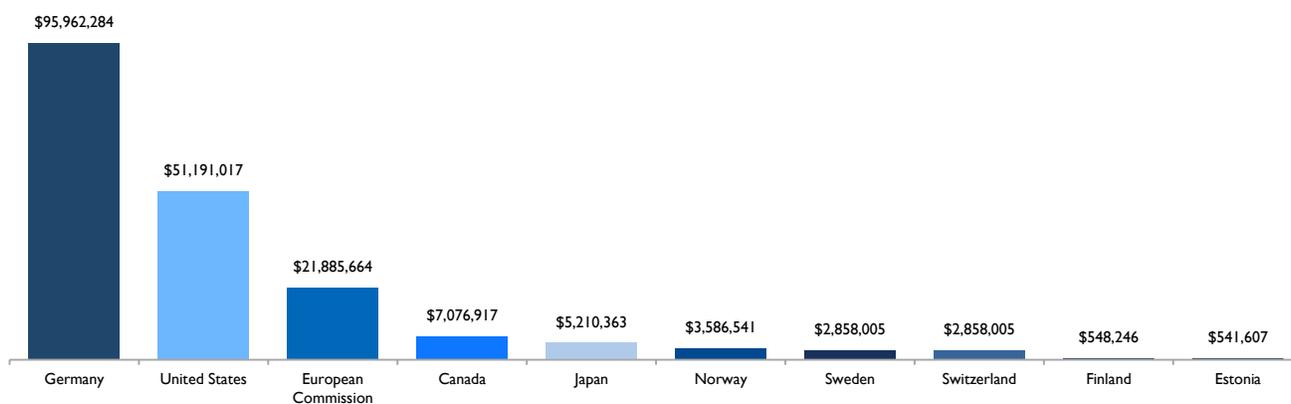
78,000 people with emergency relief items; supported more than 670 households with emergency repairs and nearly 3,800 households with light and medium repairs; and provided winterization cash grants to nearly 12,500 households. From May 14 through June 10, State/PRM partner UNHCR provided emergency relief items, such as blankets, kitchen sets, shelter materials, and towels, to more than 1,000 people in eastern Ukraine.

- During the first three months of 2016, a USAID/OFDA partner reached more than 12,300 beneficiaries, including more than 7,600 IDPs, across Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, and Zaporizhzhya *oblasts*. The NGO reached nearly 5,600 people with livelihoods and economic support programs, more than 4,400 people with shelter and settlements support, and more than 2,300 people with protection interventions. During the reporting period, the NGO's child protection and food security teams also dispersed unconditional cash grants to support 500 vulnerable children living in five villages along the contact line. The grants support the basic needs of children with disabilities and chronic diseases, children in single-parent households, households with more than three children, and children living in foster care or under the guardianship of grandparents.
 - With nearly \$1.3 million in FY 2016 support, a USAID/OFDA partner is providing shelter repair materials to vulnerable households in GCAs and NGCAs of Donetsk and Luhansk; supporting a cash-for-work initiative to repair shelters in conflict-affected communities; and distributing cash grants to support rent and utility payments, minor shelter repairs, and essential household relief items. Through USAID/OFDA support, the NGO aims to reach more than 12,300 people in eastern Ukraine with shelter interventions.
 - Lack of shelter and unemployment continue to be key obstacles to IDP integration in Ukraine, according to the findings of a recent survey series conducted by State/PRM partner IOM. Quick-impact initiatives implemented at the local level have the potential to significantly improve quality of life for IDPs, according to the survey series.
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OTHER HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- On May 27, the European Union contributed an additional €10 million—more than \$11.3 million—to expand UN Development Program (UNDP) recovery and peacebuilding programs in Donetsk and Luhansk. The additional contribution enables UNDP to expand gender-responsive recovery planning, improve access to basic services, enhance community security and social cohesion, and support local government reform efforts. Implemented in coordination with UN Women, the program will emphasize the restoration of critical infrastructure, livelihoods support and economic rejuvenation, and support to local authorities to coordinate recovery activities and restore public services.
- On June 15, WFP announced receipt of a €6 million, approximately \$6.7 million, contribution from the Government of Germany (GoG) to support emergency food assistance for 200,000 people, including IDPs, returnees, and residents, in eastern Ukraine. According to OCHA, the GoG has provided nearly \$96 million in humanitarian funding in 2016 for the Ukraine complex emergency response.

2016 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING* PER DONOR



*Funding figures are as of July 12, 2016. All international figures are according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Financial Tracking Service and based on international commitments during the 2016 calendar year, while USG figures are according to the USG and reflect the most recent USG commitments based on the fiscal year, which began on October 1, 2015.

CONTEXT

- Conflict between the GoU military and separatists in eastern Ukraine that began in March 2014 has caused large-scale population displacement and widespread damage to infrastructure. The heaviest fighting has occurred in the easternmost *oblasts* bordering Russia, particularly Donetsk and Luhansk; however, the large influx of IDPs has negatively affected neighboring *oblasts*.
- As of November 2015, the UN estimated that the conflict had internally displaced more than 800,000 people. In addition, up to 2.7 million people remained in conflict-affected NGCAs of eastern Ukraine, where the volatile security environment and bureaucratic delays have impeded humanitarian access.
- On November 23, 2015, U.S. Ambassador Geoffrey R. Pyatt renewed the disaster declaration for Ukraine due to the continued humanitarian needs of IDPs and vulnerable populations affected by conflict between GoU forces and pro-opposition forces in eastern Ukraine.

USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE PROVIDED IN FY 2016¹

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/OFDA²			
Implementing Partners	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, and WASH	Eastern Ukraine	\$17,329,916
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$400,000
UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)	WASH	Donetsk and Luhansk <i>oblasts</i>	\$800,000
WFP	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, and Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, and Luhansk <i>oblasts</i>	\$500,000

Program Support			\$161,101
TOTAL USAID/OFDA FUNDING			\$19,191,017
USAID/FFP³			
WFP	Locally and Regionally Procured Food Assistance	Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhya <i>oblasts</i>	\$5,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP FUNDING			\$5,000,000
STATE/PRM			
ICRC	Food Assistance, Health, Protection, and Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$14,900,000
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
UNHCR	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Protection, and Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$8,100,000
UN Population Fund (UNFPA)	Protection	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING			\$27,000,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2016			\$51,191,017

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.

² USG funding totals represent actual committed amounts as of July 7, 2016.

³ Estimated value of food assistance and transportation costs at time of procurement; subject to change.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at www.interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or +1.202.821.1999.
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

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