

UKRAINE - COMPLEX EMERGENCY

FACT SHEET #4, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

4
million

People in Need of
Humanitarian Assistance
UN – August 2017

1.7
million

IDPs in Ukraine
GoU Ministry of Social Policy –
August 2017

1.2
million

Food-Insecure People in
the Donbas Region
UN – July 2017

1.1
million

People Displaced to
Neighboring Countries
UN – November 2016

2,507

Estimated Conflict-
Related Civilian Deaths
OHCHR – August 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- Humanitarian needs remain high for vulnerable populations along the contact line
- Exposure to mines, ERW impedes access to basic services and resources
- USAID/OFDA partners provide critical health, protection, shelter, and WASH assistance to vulnerable populations in eastern Ukraine

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING

FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2016
AND FY 2017

USAID/OFDA ¹	\$26,052,433
USAID/FFP ²	\$8,000,000
State/PRM ³	\$42,700,000
\$76,752,433	

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Despite multiple ceasefire agreements, including the most recent armistice on August 25, daily clashes continue to result in civilian casualties and damage to critical infrastructure in government-controlled areas (GCA) and non-government controlled areas (NGCA) near the contact line in Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts*.
- On August 31, the UN released a mid-year review of the 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for Ukraine, with a revised funding appeal of approximately \$204 million—\$10 million less than the original appeal of \$214 million—to reach 2.4 million people across the country. The decreased amount is primarily due to limited humanitarian access and a reprioritization of relief efforts.
- An estimated 4 million people in Ukraine were in need of humanitarian assistance in August 2017, an increase from the approximately 3.8 million people identified in November 2016, according to the UN. The figure includes an estimated 3 million people who were affected by water supply system disruptions in 2017. The UN attributed the increase to a higher number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) throughout the country, particularly in eastern Ukraine, and the resultant humanitarian needs of the displaced population.
- In FY 2017, the U.S. Government (USG) provided more than \$27 million—including approximately \$9 million from USAID/OFDA and \$3 million from USAID/FFP—in humanitarian assistance to meet the emergency food, health, protection, shelter, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) needs of conflict-affected populations in Ukraine.

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 PROTECTION

- Insecurity along the contact line continues to endanger civilians and impede humanitarian access to vulnerable populations. Between January 1 and September 10, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 85 conflict-related civilian deaths and more than 400 injuries, an approximately 14 percent increase compared to the number of civilian casualties recorded during the same period in 2016. Overall, conflict in Ukraine resulted in at least 2,500 civilian deaths and 7,000–9,000 injuries between mid-April 2014 and mid-September 2017, the UN reports.
 - The number of ceasefire violations and conflict-related civilian deaths reported per month continues to fluctuate. In August, the UN recorded the lowest number of monthly civilian casualties since January 2017, with seven civilian deaths and more than 30 injuries. However, security incidents increased in the second half of September; one non-governmental organization (NGO) documented nearly 40 incidents from September 16–30, double the nearly 20 incidents recorded from September 1–15.
 - Relief agencies are prioritizing assistance to vulnerable populations along the contact line, particularly older people. The primary protection challenges in the GCA and the NGCA include exposure to violence, a lack of psychosocial support services, and concerns regarding explosive remnants of war (ERW) and mines, according to a USAID/OFDA partner. In FY 2017, USAID/OFDA provided approximately \$3.5 million in humanitarian assistance to support partners implementing comprehensive programs to counter gender-based violence (GBV) and provide child protection and psychosocial support services in eastern Ukraine.
 - With \$400,000 in State/PRM funding, the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) is implementing programs to counter GBV, provide psychosocial support services, and address reproductive health needs. In addition, State/PRM provided approximately \$300,000 in FY 2017 to an NGO partner conducting capacity-building activities for Government of Ukraine (GoU) authorities to better respond to the humanitarian needs of IDPs.
 - The State Border Guard Service of Ukraine recorded more than 1.1 million contact line crossings in August. Long wait times and continued insecurity—including shelling and the presence of mines and other ERW—increased protection risks for individuals attempting to cross the contact line. In August, a mine-related incident at a checkpoint along the contact line injured two civilians. Overall, contact line crossings increased by approximately 32 percent between January and June 2017 compared to 2016.
 - With \$700,000 in FY 2017 USAID/OFDA support, an NGO partner is conducting mine risk education (MRE) programs for conflict-affected populations in eastern Ukraine, particularly in areas with known ERW and mine contamination. The programs aim to increase coping mechanisms for civilians living in contaminated areas. The partner is also increasing local community organization capacity by providing training of trainers for MRE programs.
 - USAID/OFDA is supporting six NGO partners in eastern Ukraine with approximately \$2.5 million in FY 2017 funding to conduct humanitarian coordination and information management activities. The programs facilitate increased information sharing between local authorities, community organizations, partners, and UN agencies, helping improve the delivery of humanitarian assistance.
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HEALTH AND WASH

- WASH needs among vulnerable populations along the contact line remain high; in 2017, more than 3 million people were living in areas with damaged water systems. Many urgent water infrastructure repairs remained incomplete in late August. Damage to critical water infrastructure can cause heating systems that depend on water to shut down, according to the WASH Cluster—the coordinating body for humanitarian WASH activities, comprising UN agencies, NGOs, and other stakeholders. Nearly 440,000 people are at high risk of inoperable heating systems due to a lack of water, and more than 1.5 million people face a medium risk of heating system shut downs, according to a recent cluster analysis.
- Nearly 96 percent of vulnerable households in areas of critical concern did not have access to essential hygiene items as of late August, primarily due to lack of available sanitation commodities and funds to purchase the items, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM). In addition, populations living in these areas face shortages of

medicine and other health supplies, long distances to health facilities, and high costs of health services, impeding access to health care.

- WASH Cluster partners provided safe drinking water to approximately 700,000 people between January and August; USG partner UNICEF provided safe drinking water to more than 43,000 people in August through water trucking and emergency repairs of conflict-damaged infrastructure in eastern Ukraine.
- With approximately \$1.5 million in USAID/OFDA support in FY 2017, a partner organization is providing emergency water trucking to and storage in the GCA and NGCA, as well as emergency WASH infrastructure repairs in the NGCA.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

- The collapse of government services, currency deflation, price inflation, and unemployment have exacerbated food insecurity among conflict-affected and displaced populations in the GCA and the NGCA, according to the UN. The total number of food-insecure individuals in the Donbas Region of eastern Ukraine—consisting of the Luhansk and Donetsk *oblasts*—had increased from an estimated 620,000 people in March to approximately 1.2 million people as of September, according to a recent food security assessment by the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster. The figure includes approximately 150,000 severely food-insecure people in the NGCA.
- Populations along the contact line report that excessive distance to markets was the main challenge to obtaining food commodities, according to a USAID/OFDA partner. The number of people employing negative coping strategies, such as missing meals or reducing portions, in the NGCA increased from approximately 40 percent in 2016 to nearly 90 percent in 2017.
- Between January and August, USAID/FFP partner the UN World Food Program (WFP) reached more than 144,000 people in Donbas with emergency food assistance. WFP supports food interventions for the most vulnerable populations in eastern Ukraine, such as elderly individuals, female-headed households, chronically ill individuals, people living with disabilities, and unaccompanied minors.
- In FY 2017, USAID/FFP contributed \$3 million to WFP to facilitate the local procurement of food—including buckwheat, macaroni, peas, rice, salt, sugar, sunflower oil, and wheat flour—for an estimated 20,500 beneficiaries in the NGCA, as well as cash transfers and food vouchers for approximately 15,000 people in the GCA.

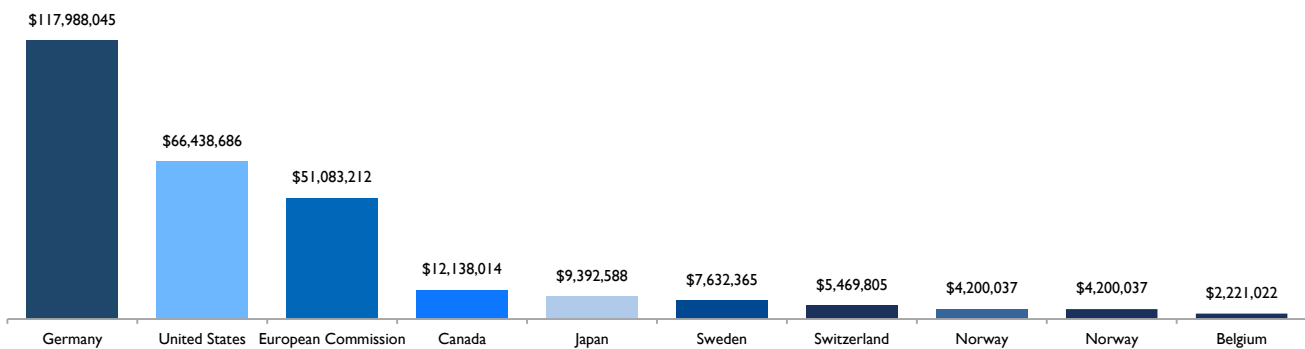
SHELTER AND RELIEF COMMODITIES

- From February to June, shelling damaged at least 500 houses and nearly 70 buildings, according to a USAID/OFDA partner. Approximately 2,700–5,000 people lived in damaged housing during the same period, raising shelter concerns and winterization challenges as Ukraine's November-to-March cold season approaches.
- Between January and June 2017, the Shelter Cluster provided winterization cash grants to nearly 8,800 households, distributed relief items to approximately 34,600 households, and provided fuel to nearly 12,000 households. In addition, nearly 120 households received assistance with heavy repairs; more than 1,500 households received assistance with light and medium shelter repairs; and nearly 3,500 households received assistance with communal infrastructure repairs.
- With State/PRM support, IOM provided hygiene and winterization assistance in July, including more than 46,500 packs of diapers to 65 social institutions in the GCA and approximately 200 cast-iron stoves to affected households in the areas of critical concern.
- Between January and August, USG partner the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) provided relief items to approximately 42,400 IDPs and persons at risk of displacement and supported shelter activities for nearly 2,000 households in eastern Ukraine.
- With approximately \$1.5 million in USAID/OFDA funding, an NGO partner is repairing conflict-damaged homes in the GCA and the NGCA, and delivering heating fuel to social institutions in the GCA.

OTHER HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- The revised 2017 Ukraine HRP funding appeal requests approximately \$10 million less than the original HRP. The decrease is primarily due to limited humanitarian access to conflict-affected populations in the NGCA and a reprioritization of relief efforts. As of September 30, the Ukraine HRP had received approximately \$52 million, or more than 25 percent, of the total revised funding request of \$204 million. Additional funding is critical to provide winterization support for the upcoming cold season.

2016–2017 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING* PER DONOR



*Funding figures are as of September 30, 2017. 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 and 2017 calendar years, 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, and October 1, 2016, respectively.

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 eastern most *oblasts* bordering Russia, particularly Donetsk and Luhansk; however, the large influx of IDPs has negatively affected neighboring *oblasts*.
- The GoU estimated the conflict had internally displaced approximately 1.7 million people, as of August 2017. In addition, the UN estimates that 2.3 million people remain in the conflict-affected NGCA of eastern Ukraine, where insecurity and bureaucratic constraints have impeded humanitarian access.
- On November 14, 2016, U.S. Ambassador Marie L. Yovanovitch 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 (HCIM), Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, and WASH	Eastern Ukraine	\$15,127,821
OCHA	HCIM	Countrywide	\$400,000
UNICEF	WASH	Donetsk and Luhansk <i>oblasts</i>	\$800,000
WFP	HCIM, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, and Luhansk <i>oblasts</i>	\$500,000
	Program Support		\$161,101
TOTAL USAID/OFDA FUNDING			\$16,988,922
USAID/FFP³			
WFP	Locally and Regionally Procured Food Assistance	Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhya <i>oblasts</i>	\$5,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP FUNDING			\$5,000,000
STATE/PRM			
Implementing Partner	Capacity Building, Protection	Countrywide	\$300,000
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Food Assistance, Health, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$14,900,000
IOM	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
UNHCR	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$8,100,000
UN Population Fund (UNFPA)	Protection	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING			\$27,300,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2016			\$49,288,922

USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE PROVIDED IN FY 2017

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/OFDA			
Implementing Partners	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, HCIM, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kirovohrad, Kyiv, Luhansk, Poltava, Sumy, Vinnytsya, Zhytomyr <i>oblasts</i>	\$7,584,038
OCHA	HCIM	Countrywide	\$300,000
UNICEF	HCIM, WASH	Countrywide	\$550,000
WFP	HCIM, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$500,000
	Program Support		\$129,473
TOTAL USAID/OFDA FUNDING			\$9,063,511
USAID/FFP			

WFP	Locally and Regionally Procured Food Assistance, Food Vouchers, Cash Transfers for Food	Eastern Ukraine	\$3,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP FUNDING			\$3,000,000
STATE/PRM			
Implementing Partner	Capacity Building, Protection	Countrywide	\$300,000
ICRC	Food Assistance, Health, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$8,100,000
IOM	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
UNHCR	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$3,600,000
UNICEF	Protection	Countrywide	\$400,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING			\$15,400,000
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2017			\$27,463,511
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2016 and FY 2017			\$76,752,433

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 September 30, 2017.

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 +1.202.661.7710.
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID website at <http://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/working-crises-and-conflict/responding-times-crisis/where-we-work>