

# UKRAINE - COMPLEX EMERGENCY

FACT SHEET #4, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

**3.4 million**

People Requiring Humanitarian Assistance  
UN – December 2017

**1.5 million**

IDPs in Ukraine  
GoU Ministry of Social Policy – April 2018

**1.2 million**

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

**479,000 million**

Ukrainians Seeking Asylum in Nearby Countries  
UN – September 2018

**2,700**

Estimated Conflict-Related Civilian Deaths since April 2014  
UN – May 2018

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Conflict-related civilian deaths and injuries increase in eastern Ukraine from May–August
- More than 1.3 million people cross the contact line, marking highest number of crossings since 2015
- Security incidents disrupt services at education, WASH, and checkpoint facilities in eastern Ukraine

## HUMANITARIAN FUNDING

FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2017 AND FY 2018

USAID/OFDA <sup>1</sup>	\$15,783,846
USAID/FFP <sup>2</sup>	\$4,326,187
State/PRM <sup>3</sup>	\$45,300,000
<b>\$65,410,033</b>	

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Conflict-related deaths and injuries in eastern Ukraine increased by 30 percent between mid-May and mid-August, the UN reports. Approximately 50 percent of the total casualties were the result of light weapons fire or shelling, according to the UN.
- Approximately 1.3 million civilians crossed the contact line during August, marking the highest number of monthly crossings since 2015, according to the UN. Despite the increased number of crossings, civilians continue to face insecurity, extreme temperatures, lack of sanitary facilities, and restrictions on freedom of movement when attempting to cross the contact line.
- The Donetsk Filtration Station—which supplies safe drinking water to more than 345,000 people on both sides of the contact line—was operational as of September 12, following an electrical disruption on September 6 that resulted in a temporary suspension of operations at the facility, according to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe’s Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine.
- In FY 2018, the U.S. Government (USG) provided nearly \$38 million in humanitarian assistance to meet emergency food, health, protection, shelter, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) needs in eastern Ukraine. The funding includes \$29.9 million from State/PRM to help address needs of vulnerable civilians living along the line of contact and in the easternmost oblasts bordering Russia, including through material, social and medical assistance, support for economic recovery, and social integration.

<sup>1</sup> USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)

<sup>2</sup> USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

## INSECURITY AND PROTECTION

- Between May 16 and August 15, conflict in eastern Ukraine resulted in 12 civilian deaths and injured 93 people, marking a 30 percent increase compared to the previous three months, according to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Approximately 50 percent of civilian casualties were caused by shelling or light weapons fire; the UN recorded the majority of the casualties in armed group-controlled territory and attributed the incidents to the Government of Ukraine. In September, conflict resulted in 5 deaths and injured 15 people, OHCHR reports. Since April 2014, hostilities in eastern Ukraine have resulted in the death of more than 2,700 civilians and injured between 7,000 and 9,000 others, the UN reports.
- Humanitarian actors recorded approximately 1.3 million civilian crossings across the contact line during August, the highest number of monthly crossings since checkpoints were established in 2015, the UN reports. Civilians, including internally displaced persons (IDPs), face continued insecurity, extreme temperatures, lack of sanitary facilities, and restrictions on freedom of movement when attempting to cross the contact line. During July and August, relief actors reported four deaths of older people due to health problems at Mayorsk and Stanytsia Luhanska checkpoints.
- Insecurity near a passport control facility at Mayorsk on August 23 resulted in a five-day suspension of operations at the facility and the evacuation of civilians and personnel, according to the Protection Cluster—the coordinating body for humanitarian protection activities, comprising UN agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other stakeholders. The incident reportedly affected more than 40,000 individuals attempting to cross the contact line. The detonation of explosive remnants of war near the Novotroitske checkpoint on August 30 resulted in a three-day closure of the facility.
- Relief actors recorded nearly 60 security incidents that resulted in damage to school infrastructure and approximately 60 incidents requiring the temporary closure of schools in eastern Ukraine between early January 2017 and late September, the Protection Cluster reports.
- A USAID/OFDA partner provided assistance to more than 1,800 older people through community safe spaces—which promote inter-generational activities to counter age discrimination, reduce isolation of older people, and strengthen community cohesion—in Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts* during July and August, according to the Protection Cluster.
- A Protection Cluster partner operating in Luhansk *oblast* reached more than 600 children through case management and individual support in Sievierodonetsk, Stanytsia Luhanska, and Starobilsk cities in July and August. The partner also distributed food assistance and relief commodities to more than 1,600 children in villages along the contact line in Luhansk.

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## HEALTH AND WASH

- The Donetsk Filtration Station, which supplies safe drinking water to more than 345,000 people on both sides of the contact line, was operational as of September 12, according to the SMM. The SMM facilitated and monitored electrical repair work after a technical failure on September 6 resulted in a temporary suspension of operations at the facility.
- On August 30, Dokuchaievsk Waste Water Treatment Plant temporarily suspended operations and evacuated staff following reports of explosions near the facility, which is located near the contact line in an area surrounded by landmines, according to the WASH Cluster. The treatment plant re-opened on September 2.
- The UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) continued to supply liquefied chlorine gas and sodium hypochlorite for six water filtration stations and 10 production departments to treat water supplies during July; during the month, the UN agency also began supplying liquefied chlorine gas to the Western Filter Station, which supplies drinking water for populations on both sides of the contact line. In addition, UNICEF continued to supply aluminum sulfate and activated carbon to the Western Filter Station in July.
- During July, UNICEF provided hygiene kits to more than 140 vulnerable individuals—including children, persons with disabilities, and women—in Luhansk, according to the UN agency.

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## FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

- High concentrations of people in government-controlled areas (GCAs) continue to experience limited employment opportunities due in part to displacement from conflict-affected areas of Donetsk and Luhansk, according to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Conflict-related disruptions of key economic sectors and regional supply chains has increased Ukrainians' relative reliance on agriculture—particularly cereals for export—for livelihoods support. Additionally, limited access to credit has undermined agricultural productivity and farmer incomes by constraining the ability to purchase agricultural inputs, such as seeds and fertilizers, as well as equipment and machinery. Conflict continues to damage infrastructure, separate many farmers from markets within the non-government controlled areas, and increase costs for transporting exports to Ukraine's ports, FAO reports.
- Nearly 80 percent of elderly people surveyed in Donetsk and Luhansk GCAs have reported decreased food intake since the beginning of the conflict in eastern Ukraine, with approximately 20 percent of surveyed individuals reporting a lack of access to food due to limited mobility and operational markets, according to a survey conducted by an international NGO. More than 99 percent of older people in Ukraine rely on a pension as their main source of income, which is primarily spent on food and medicines.
- In FY 2018, USAID/FFP contributed approximately \$1.3 million to the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) to support conflict-affected people in Donetsk and Luhansk with unconditional food assistance for five months. NRC will also provide cash transfers for food—worth approximately \$27 per month—to 6,000 vulnerable people residing in GCAs of Donetsk and Luhansk through winter.

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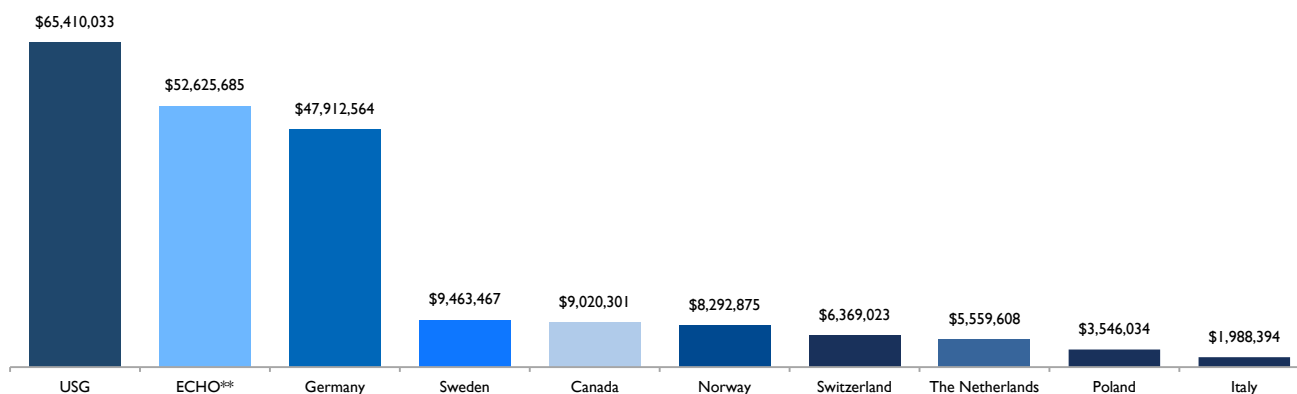
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## OTHER HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- Humanitarian donors had contributed nearly \$56 million—approximately 30 percent of the total funding appeal—to the 2018 HRP as of September 30. The plan, launched in December 2017, requested \$187 million to reach approximately 3.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance in eastern Ukraine. Total 2018 humanitarian funding for the 2018 Ukraine response, including contributions outside of the HRP, amounted to nearly \$97 million, as of September.

## 2017–2018 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING\*

PER DONOR



\*Funding figures are as of October 1, 2018. 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 2018 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, 2017, and October 1, 2018, respectively.

\*\*The European Commission's Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO)

### CONTEXT

- Since March 2014, the conflict in eastern Ukraine 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*.
- The Government of Ukraine (GoU) estimated that the conflict had internally displaced approximately 1.5 million people as of April 2018. In addition, the UN estimates that 3.4 million of the 4.4 million conflict-affected people in eastern Ukraine will require humanitarian assistance in 2018.
- On October 12, 2017, 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 in eastern Ukraine.

### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE PROVIDED IN FY 2018

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>USAID/OFDA<sup>2</sup></b>			
Implementing Partners (IPs)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management (HCIM), Protection	Chernihiv, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Khmel'nyts'kyy, Kirovohrad, Kyiv, Luhansk, Poltava, Sumy, Vinnytsya, and Zaporizhzhya	\$5,896,596
UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	HCIM	Donetsk, Kyiv, Luhansk	\$300,000
UNICEF	HCIM, WASH	Donetsk, Luhansk	\$500,000
	Program Support		\$23,739
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA FUNDING</b>			<b>\$6,720,335</b>
<b>USAID/FFP</b>			
NRC	Food Assistance, Cash Transfers	Donetsk, Luhansk	\$1,326,187
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP FUNDING</b>			<b>\$1,326,187</b>
<b>STATE/PRM</b>			

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Food Assistance, Health, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$20,000,000
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Cash Assistance, Health, Livelihoods, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).	Logistics Support and Relief Commodities, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$5,900,000
UNICEF	Protection	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING</b>			<b>\$29,900,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2018</b>			<b>\$37,946,522</b>

### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2017<sup>1</sup>

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>USAID/OFDA<sup>2</sup></b>			
IPs	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	\$7,584,038
OCHA	HCIM	Countrywide	\$300,000
UNICEF	HCIM, WASH	Countrywide	\$550,000
UN World Food Program (WFP)	HCIM, Logistics Support and Relief Commodities	Countrywide	\$500,000
	Program Support		\$129,473
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA FUNDING</b>			<b>\$9,063,511</b>
<b>USAID/FFP</b>			
WFP	Food Vouchers, Cash Transfers for Food	Eastern Ukraine	\$3,000,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP FUNDING</b>			<b>\$3,000,000</b>
<b>STATE/PRM</b>			
IP	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
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING</b>			<b>\$15,400,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2017</b>			<b>\$27,463,511</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2017-2018</b>			<b>\$65,410,033</b>

<sup>1</sup> Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.

<sup>2</sup> USG funding totals represent actual committed amounts as of September 30, 2018.

<sup>3</sup> 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](http://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, environmentally, and nutritionally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or +1.202.661.7710.
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int).

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