



WFP UKRAINE

COUNTRY BRIEF
March 2026

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Following recent attacks on local administrations' vehicles during last-mile bread deliveries, WFP suspended operations, affecting about 6,000 beneficiaries in hard-to-reach frontline areas.
- Food assistance deduplication rules for 2026 were updated to ensure providing support to those who face the most severe needs.

IN NUMBERS



560,803 people assisted in February 2026



41%
Male



59%
Female



1,910 mt food distributed



USD 5.7M cash transferred



USD 264.7M (Mar – Aug 2026) net funding requirements

Photo Caption & Credit: Inter-agency convoy to Tavriiske, Zaporizhzhia region, on 12 February 2026.
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SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Large-scale aerial attacks targeting the energy sector and critical infrastructure further escalated in February.** Primary targets included key high-voltage transmission nodes critical to Ukraine's cross-border electricity flows, demonstrating continued use of calibrated military escalation against Ukraine as leverage ahead of the new rounds of trilateral peace talks.
- **Drone activity in frontline areas intensified** as well, including direct strikes on civil vehicles and infrastructure, remote mining and ambushes on key logistics routes with so-called 'waiting' drones.
- On 10 February, following an attack on local administrations' vehicles during last-mile bread deliveries – 800 loaves of bread and the vehicle destroyed, while the driver sustained shrapnel injuries, – **WFP suspended operation, affecting about 6,000 beneficiaries in hard-to-reach frontline areas.**
- On 22 February, an **improvised explosive device (IED) attack** in central Lviv killed one individual and injured 24 others. Parallel incidents included explosions targeting police facilities in Mykolaiv and Dnipro, alongside coordinated bomb threats across Dnipro. Collectively, these events signal a deliberate expansion of hybrid and sabotage tactics into urban centres beyond frontline zones, underscoring the heightened risk environment.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

General Food and Cash Assistance

- WFP continues to provide emergency in-kind (GFD-30) and cash-for-food assistance in frontline areas. In areas where markets cannot operate normally, in-kind food assistance is provided, reflecting the deteriorating security situation. Where markets remain accessible, even close to the frontlines, WFP continues to provide cash. In February, around **135,000 people received**

food boxes in seven frontline oblasts. It also accessed two new hromadas in Dnipro region where the frontline is moving drastically and assisted around 5,500 people with food.

- WFP distributed its **monthly sectoral cash transfers (cash-for-food) to over 129,300 people, providing approximately USD 3.6 million in assistance** to households residing in areas where markets are functioning. This support covers targeted communities across Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, and Zaporizhzhia regions.
- **WFP continues to register evacuees at transit centres in Kharkiv, Dnipro and Mykolaiv regions to assist them with cash assistance** to cover basic needs, including food. In February, **more than 1,200 evacuees** received a one-off payment of UAH 10,800 (~ USD 250).

School Meals Programme

- Under the **School Meals capacity-building and energy-resilience activities**, WFP finalised the list of **219 schools to receive modern, energy-efficient kitchen equipment, valued at USD 2.3 million.** A tender has been finalised and contracts signed with selected suppliers, with the deliveries expected within the next two months.

Agricultural Mine Action Project

- **For the first time, WFP has contracted a local NGO, the Ukrainian Deminers Association (UDA), as a cooperating partner (CP) in the Kharkiv region for 2026.** Both UDA and *Fondation Suisse de Déminage* were selected through an open competitive process based on their experience and capacities.
- WFP procured and handed over to *HALO Trust* CP **demining equipment for a total value of over USD 100,000**, to be used for farms and households' clearance in the Mykolaiv region.

Resilience and Livelihood Support

- Under the joint WFP/FAO **FIFSAN** (The French Initiative for Food Security and Nutrition) project, WFP distributed **cash assistance to 1,565 households** (approximately 4,069 beneficiaries) in the Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, totaling **over USD 1.1 million.** Additionally, WFP CPs provided training on livestock farming and crop production to 484 participants in these two regions.
- Under the **Quick Impact Self-reliance Project (QISP)**, WFP **distributed 24 microgrants** to SMEs and individual entrepreneurs in the Mykolaiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Kharkiv regions, totaling **USD 115,000.**
- The **WFP-branded AgriHub** in Mykolaiv **reached 100 local farmers** - both in-person and online - **with training series** on the improvement of access to finance and financial literacy.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC)

- On 18 February, following previous discussions with partners, **FSLC updated the food assistance deduplication rules for 2026.** From now on, only those beneficiaries who receive unconditional cash transfers (UCT) under Strategic Priority 4 – supporting the centrality of protection for vulnerable IDPs and severely vulnerable groups at risk of not being covered by social protection networks – may also receive food assistance. This applies to both cash-for-food and 30-day rations (GFD-30) modalities. On the other hand, beneficiaries who already receive cash-for-food or GFD-30 may also be targeted for UCT assistance under any of the four Strategic Priorities.
- In response to the massive attacks targeting civilian infrastructure during winter, the FSLC partners scaled up emergency food assistance in major Ukrainian cities. The monthly **hot meals** support increased more than 14 times – from 19,000 people reached in December to **over 270,000 people in January-February.**

Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster facilitated **three Inter-Agency Convoys (IACs)** to hard-to-reach communities across Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, and Zaporizhzhia regions, consolidating cargo **on behalf of five organisations** and providing transport through WFP-fleet trucks. Additionally, the Cluster supported **two WFP-led convoys**, facilitating the transport of food and protection supplies to frontline communities in the Donetsk region.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In Early February, the Ministry of Defense and the Cabinet of Ministers announced a **national satellite “whitelist” to ensure that only verified terminals can operate in Ukraine.** ETC collected data on satellite terminals used by UN agencies in Ukraine, which was submitted to the Ministry of Digital Transformation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs **for satellite device registration.**

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Ukraine Interim Country Strategic Plan (2025-2027)



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