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# WFP UKRAINE

COUNTRY BRIEF

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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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- Since the beginning of March, Ukraine has reported a notable increase in strikes impacting railway infrastructure.
- In March, WFP provided food boxes to over 146,000 people in seven frontline regions. Meanwhile, where markets function, over 119,000 people received approximately USD 3.2 million in cash assistance.
- The Middle East escalation has raised fuel prices in Ukraine, which affected WFP operations with increased logistics costs by around 22 percent.

## IN NUMBERS



**559,103** people assisted in March 2026



**41%**  
Male



**59%**  
Female



**2,078 mt** food distributed



**USD 3.8M** cash transferred



**USD 255M** (Apr – Sep 2026) net funding requirements

**Photo Caption & Credit:** Residents of the frontline Petropavlivka village in Kherson region receiving 30-day food rations. ©WFP / ADRA

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Sustained massive drone and missile strikes, including daytime attacks on energy, transport, and urban infrastructure, have further increased pressure on civilian resilience and response capacities.** Since the beginning of March, strikes on Ukraine's railway infrastructure have sharply intensified, while Ukrainian authorities have warned on potential expansion of the attacks to water supply and wastewater infrastructure.
  - On 24 March, a large-scale aerial campaign involving **nearly 1,000 loitering munitions resulted in reported civilian casualties**, and extensive damage to residential areas and critical civilian infrastructure, including energy facilities and two maternity hospitals, marking one of the heaviest attacks since the start of the full-scale invasion.
  - **Targeted attacks on port, industrial, and energy assets in Odesa further constrained humanitarian access in the south.** Cross border impacts were also recorded, as strikes on Ukraine's energy system severed Moldova's main electricity link with Europe, leaving its grid in a fragile condition.
- On 17 March, an **FPV drone struck a truck carrying bread delivery by WFP contracted bakery** to four frontline communities in Dnipropetrovsk region. The incident resulted in one reported fatality and one injury, and an estimated up to 1 mt of bread was lost – part of the commodities have been unloaded at one community before the attack.
- The Middle East escalation and resulting supply chain disruptions have placed upward pressure **on global oil prices and domestic fuel prices in Ukraine**, increasing WFP logistics costs by 22 percent, and

posing broader risks to the country's economy – specifically the agricultural sector ahead of the planting season.

## 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, in-kind food assistance is provided, reflecting the deteriorating security situation. In March, **over 146,000 people received food boxes in seven frontline regions.**
- Where markets remain accessible, even close to the frontlines, WFP continues to provide cash. In March, WFP distributed its **monthly sectoral cash transfers (cash-for-food) to over 119,000 people, providing approximately USD 3.2 million in assistance** to targeted communities across Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, and Zaporizhzhia regions where markets are functioning.
- **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 March, **over 900 evacuees** received a one-off payment of UAH 10,800 (~ USD 250).

### School Meals Programme

- **WFP transferred the third advance payment to the Ministry of Education and Science** for onward distribution to community and school accounts. The funds will support child nutrition and provide meals to 276,000 primary school students in April – June 2026.

### Resilience and Livelihood Support

- Under the joint WFP/FAO **FIFSAN** (The French Initiative for Food Security and Nutrition) project, WFP distributed **cash assistance to 848 households** (approximately 2,205 beneficiaries) in the Kharkiv, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, totaling **almost USD 260,000**. Additionally, WFP's Cooperating Partners (CPs) provided business training and agricultural training on plant growing and livestock keeping for over 500 participants in Kherson, Mykolaiv and Zaporizhzhia regions.
- The **WFP-branded AgriHub reached** – both in-person and online – **115 local farmers** across Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson and Mykolaiv regions **with training series** on the improvement of access to finance, including “green” and state subsidized financing, and financial literacy. Additionally, in collaboration with the World Bank, Ukgazbank and the State Depository, **59 farmers in Mykolaiv and Kherson regions received training on an innovative form of crop collateral “Agrarian Notes.”**

## Clusters and Common Services

### Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC)

- The FSLC released the updated the [Food Assistance, Access and Population map for Kherson region](#), showing a deteriorating access to the areas within 25km from the Dnipro river, amplified by new mandatory evacuation orders by local authorities.
- Additionally, the [Evacuation and Transit Centers Update](#) describes key evacuation flows from the frontline territories – in February, 11,367 people arrived in transit centers, where the Cluster's partners assisted them with over 13,000 ready-to-eat rations and 25,000 hot meals.

### Logistics Cluster

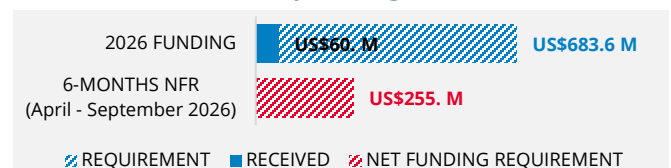
- The cluster supports over 150 organisations with logistics coordination, operational information, service provision to hard-to-reach areas and national capacity building across the country.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated **nine Inter-Agency Convoys (IACs)** to hard-to-reach communities across Donetsk, Kharkiv, and Kherson regions, consolidating health, food, protection, shelter and water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) items **on behalf of 11 organisations** and providing transport through WFP-fleet trucks.
- In the first half of March, WFP **signed a Transport Cooperation Agreement with the Ukrainian Red Cross Society** to support humanitarian transport coordination within the framework of the Logistics Cluster.

### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- **On 25 March, ETC submitted a formal authorization request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to provide access to the UN very-high-frequency (VHF) network in the frontline and high-risk areas to the NGOs under the approved UN VHF licenses.** The access to the UN VHF network, under the ETC standard and recommendations, will be vetted for the NGOs based on their humanitarian mandates, operational presence, and contributions to the collective Saving Live Together (SLT) and cleared by International NGO Safety Organisation (INSO) and UNDSS.

## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### Ukraine Interim Country Strategic Plan (2025-2027)



### Donors (listed in alphabetical order):

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