



WFP UKRAINE

COUNTRY BRIEF
May 2026



579,000 people assisted in April 2026
(59% female)



2,186 mt food distributed



USD 6.3 M cash transferred



USD 234 M required in the next six months (May – October 2026)

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP began shifting its cash assistance to Unified Cash Transfers, building on existing support and giving greater flexibility to beneficiaries to meet essential needs.
- In April, WFP provided food boxes to almost 157,000 people in seven frontline regions. Meanwhile, where markets function, almost 132,000 people received approximately USD 5.3 million in cash assistance.
- Under the Food from Ukraine initiative, the first shipment to South America—comprising 3,000 mt of wheat—is set to be delivered to Bolivia.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Drone and missile strikes increasingly disrupt systems and cause civilian and humanitarian impacts beyond the frontlines**, damaging energy, transport, port, and critical water infrastructure.
 - In Kyiv city, **WFP's outsourced call center building was damaged from a missile strike** that occurred in close proximity. To ensure

continuity of services, hotline operations have been shifted to operate remotely.

- Southern airstrikes are increasingly **focused on the port and logistics infrastructure, particularly along the Danube corridor**, indicating a deliberate effort to disrupt supply chains and humanitarian access routes. Chornomorsk and Izmail ports were struck multiple times, including impacts on foreign flagged civilian vessels transiting the Grain Corridor.
- Heavy fighting continues in eastern and southern fronts (Donetsk, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, and Sumy). Pressure along the Sumy region border significantly increased reportedly with no credible risk for encirclement of Sumy city.
- Cooperating partners (CPs) increasingly rely on WFP support for last-mile deliveries as security worsens and frontline access is restricted. On 22 April, a drone struck a CP Peaceful of Heaven of Kharkiv (PHK) bread delivery truck in Kherson region, injuring the driver and damaging the truck.



Reporting Period: April 2026

Photo Caption & Credit: Inter-agency convoy to the close to frontline settlements of Borivske and Voloska Balakliia in Kharkiv region. ©WFP / Kateryna Karpo

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

General Food and Cash Assistance

- WFP continues to provide emergency in-kind food assistance in frontline areas where markets cannot operate, reflecting the deteriorating security situation. In April, **almost 157,000 people received food boxes in seven frontline regions, including internally displaced persons (IDPs) in hubs and collective centres in Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia cities.**
- In April, **WFP began shifting its cash assistance to Unified Cash Transfers (UCT)** under the 2026 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) to allow more flexible, needs-based support – providing households with immediate purchasing power to meet basic needs (food, shelter, and hygiene). Frontline populations moved to UCT 1, will see monthly transfers rise from UAH 1,200 (USD 27) to UAH 1,800 (USD 41) per person for six months. CPs are verifying beneficiaries. **Almost 132,000 people received approximately USD 5.3 million in cash assistance, where markets function.**
- **Over 760 evacuees and people affected by strikes received UCT 2 and UCT 3 assistance** respectively, with the one-off transfer value adjusted from UAH 10,800 (USD 248) to **UAH 12,300 (USD 283) per person for three months.**

Food From Ukraine

- WFP chartered vessel MV Princess Fayzah loaded 20,000 mt of bulk wheat for the Global Commodity Management Facility (GCMF) in Türkiye. **Under the Food from Ukraine initiative, 3,000 mt of wheat will be shipped to Bolivia – the first ever delivery to South America.**

Resilience and Livelihood Support

- WFP distributed **almost USD 400,000 cash assistance and microgrants totaling** under the Quick Impact Self-reliance Programme (QISP), across Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson and Mykolaiv regions.
- Under the **French Initiative for Food Security and Nutrition (FIFSAN)**, almost **USD 40,000** was provided to **74 households** (approximately 193 beneficiaries) in Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions.
- **AgriHubs issued USD 73,600 in microgrants** to 39 beneficiaries in Mykolaiv and Kherson regions. In Dnipropetrovsk, AgriHubs launched a microgrant programme to support **niche crop cultivation** (peas, chickpeas, lentils, coriander, mustard) to improve crop rotation and soil health; about 90 farmers from Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson and Mykolaiv regions submitted their niche crops grants applications.
- WFP-branded AgriHubs continue providing farmers with training and legal consultations support.

AgriHubs in partnership with *I.P. Cert* held a **webinar on “How to Sell Grain to China”** for farmers from Dnipropetrovsk and Mykolaiv regions. In another online training, supplemented by individual consultations, Mykolaiv legal firm explained to the farmers how to document war and drought-related losses.

Agricultural Mine Action Project

- In Mid-April, WFP Ukraine presented its 2025 Agricultural Mine Action Project results and forward food-security pathway at the **Ukraine Mine Action Partner Coordination Workshop 2026** and **29th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and UN Advisers.**
- From 3 April, WFP’s first national mine action CP *Ukrainian Deminers Association* began farm clearance in Kharkiv region.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster (FSLC)

- The FSLC and Protection Cluster published the [Household Income Protection Advocacy Note: 'When Livelihoods Build Resilience, Income Becomes Protection'](#) – **USD 48.2 million needed for urgent livelihood support in 2026.**
- Under the **Ukraine Humanitarian Fund (UHF) Reserve Allocation**, FSLC partners received **USD 11.1 million (USD 10.7 million for food and USD 0.4 million for livelihoods) for 2026.** To facilitate joint food assistance planning and coordination within the allocation, FSLC in close collaboration with the Cash Working Group developed and provided partners with access to the interactive dashboard for coordination between cash (UCT1) and in-kind food (general food distribution and ready-to-eat survival kits) assistance.
- [Evacuation and Transit Centers Update](#): 12,471 people arrived at transit centers in March, where partners delivered over **13,500 ready-to-eat rations** and over **27,500 hot meals.**

Logistics Cluster

- The Cluster facilitated **nine Inter-Agency Convoys (AICs)** to 12 locations across five frontline regions with disrupted humanitarian access, consolidating cargo and transporting critical water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies, health and shelter items, food, and dignity kits **on behalf of 14 organizations** (NGOs, INGOs, and UN agencies). Six convoys used WFP fleet trucks, three more were supported through cargo transportation with armored vehicles (AVs) and minibuses operated by partners to the locations, where WFP trucks were restricted due to the security situation.
- The Logistics Cluster marked its **250th IAC since its activation in Ukraine.**

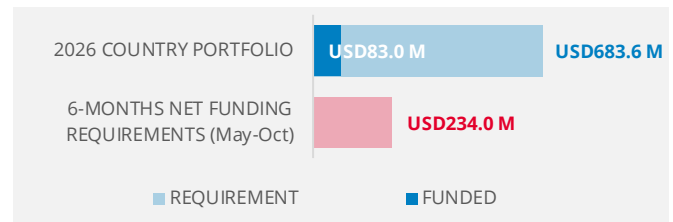
- Following the requests from local actors, **an Introductory Importation and Customs Clearance e-course was delivered in Ukrainian language for the first time**, and 69 participants completed the course.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The Cluster is focusing on the next phase – transfer of ten remaining frontline remote sites under a locally cost shared framework – with the objective of fully phasing out ETC services by the end of 2026.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Ukraine Interim Country Strategic Plan (2025-2027)



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