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The continued volatile security situation in eastern Ukraine has resulted in increased displacement of people, escalating disruption in the provision of basic services, and a further reduction in humanitarian access to affected populations. This is despite the September 2014 and February 2015 Minsk ceasefire agreements. Since April 2015, the dire humanitarian situation in the eastern part of the country has further deteriorated with very limited access to centralized water supplies, sanitary facilities and other basic services. Over 1.3 million people (of whom approximately 300,000 are children) are estimated to have limited access to safe drinking water. For those living in the conflict-affected zones of Donetsk and Luhansk, within the non-government-controlled areas (NGCA), there is a real threat that life-saving antiretroviral therapy (ART) may be interrupted due to a lack of antiretroviral drugs. In these zones, over 8,000 patients living with HIV (including 300 HIV positive children and 600 pregnant women) will be at risk if their daily dose is interrupted. The number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) continues to increase. As of 7 August 2015, over 1.4 million people have been internally displaced, including at least 179,000 children¹, while 925,500 people have sought asylum, residence permits or other forms of legal stay in neighboring countries. Over 8,800 people have lost their lives in the conflict in Ukraine, of whom at least 68 children have been killed and 182 injured². Civilians, especially children, are bearing the brunt of the ongoing violence and are facing extremely high levels of stress and trauma, with the vast majority of them in need of protection and humanitarian assistance.

Humanitarian Strategy (July to December 2015)

For the remaining part of 2015, UNICEF and partners will continue to support the Government of Ukraine and partners’ response to the humanitarian needs of 3.2 million people affected by the crisis in eastern Ukraine, focusing on the scaling-up of interventions in health, child protection, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and education.

In order to increase proximity to newly emerging groups of vulnerable children and families, UNICEF has established five zone offices in Donetsk, Dnepropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Kramatorsk and Mariupol, and has thus increased its field presence in the East of the country. Furthermore, UNICEF continues to lead the WASH and education clusters and child protection and nutrition sub-clusters, and contributes to the health cluster and the HIV/AIDS sub-cluster.

UNICEF will continue to support life-saving interventions in maternal and child health, such as procurement of polio vaccines, and the provision of midwifery and emergency health kits for 200,000 women and children. UNICEF also advocates for infant and young child feeding in emergencies, by building the capacity of the Government’s authorities.

Support to the Ministry of Health (MOH) will be provided, particularly in the re-establishment of a sustainable vaccine procurement system, the identification of susceptible children and in conducting accelerated routine polio immunization, including in conflict-affected areas where 900,000 children have been targeted. UNICEF also supports efforts to restore the trust of the mass media, general public and medical professionals, in order to address existing misconceptions and myths surrounding immunization.

To address the WASH requirements of people in conflict-affected areas, UNICEF is targeting 1.3 million people (of whom approximately 300,000 are children) with interventions to ensure access to a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene and will provide hygiene supplies and messages on safe hygiene practices to 200,000 IDPs and host communities.

¹ Ministry of Social Policy, as of 7 August 2015.
² According to data from OHCHR and WHO.
Due to very limited access to anti-retroviral treatment for people living with HIV in NGCAs, UNICEF will provide antiretroviral medications and diagnostic supplies to conflict-affected zones in eastern Ukraine, which will enable continuity of services and uninterrupted access to ARV treatment. Close to 10,000 pregnant women will be tested for HIV and those tested HIV positive will be referred for ART to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

UNICEF continues to support education for reconciliation and life skills, as well as raising awareness on safe behaviour with explosive objects and landmines for 500,000 children through information/education campaigns.

UNICEF will continue to address the psychosocial needs of 20,000 conflict-affected children and adolescents by providing safe access to community child-friendly centres for counselling, socialization, play and learning including capacity building of community professionals on psychosocial support. UNICEF is increasing its monitoring of urgent child protection issues for the most vulnerable children, such as children in state-run, care institutions and children living in the areas most affected by the conflict in both government- and non-government controlled areas.

**Results to date**
(1 January to 30 June 2015)
To date, UNICEF’s response has focused on delivering emergency supplies, safe drinking water and providing psychosocial support to children directly affected by the conflict. As of 30 June 2015, UNICEF and its implementing partners had reached 564,161 people, of whom approximately 141,040 were children, with a sufficient quantity of safe drinking water through distribution of bottled water, water trucking and quick repair and rehabilitation of water supply systems and sanitation facilities in IDP settlements. In addition, UNICEF reached 54,510 of the most vulnerable children and their families with hygiene kits. UNICEF, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, has been providing emergency health kits to over 130,000 IDPs and 13,500 midwifery kits to maternity wards in Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk and Kharkiv oblasts.

Operational plans and health worker guidelines were developed in collaboration with partners as a preparation for accelerated polio vaccination, scheduled to start in September 2015, for a target of up to 900,000 under-five children. First shipments of required oral and inactivated polio vaccines have been handed over to the MOH. An accompanying communication strategy has been developed and preparations are underway for its implementation.

Up to now, UNICEF has provided 176,000 children with educational materials and supplies in the five regions most affected by the conflict (Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipropetrovsk and Kharkiv). Forty-five educational facilities are being rehabilitated and will offer improved teaching and learning conditions to 60,000 students with the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

Psychosocial support through school psychologists has been provided to more than 12,000 school-age children in five oblasts, which have been significantly affected by the conflict. A recent assessment conducted by UNICEF showed that the provision of two-months’ of psychosocial interventions resulted in a significant decrease in children’s distress levels. At the same time, protective environments, with legal counselling, structured play for young children, psychosocial sessions and access to basic supplies, have been provided to over 13,000 children and their families and caregivers. UNICEF is in close collaboration with partners to conduct monitoring and protection responses for children in more than 70 institutions in the Donetsk NGCA.

### 2015 PROGRAMME TARGETS AND RESULTS

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<td>Number of mothers in affected areas and IDP concentration areas have improved knowledge on benefits of exclusive breastfeeding in emergencies</td>
<td>60,000</td>
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<td>Number of children immunised against polio under five *</td>
<td>900,000</td>
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<td>Number of deliveries supported by midwifery kits with medicines, medical equipment and consumables for maternity wards</td>
<td>20,000</td>
<td>13,500</td>
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<td>Number of beneficiaries supported by basic emergency health kits</td>
<td>200,000</td>
<td>130,000</td>
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<td>Number of pregnant women tested for HIV living in NGCA **</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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<td>Number of women, who have tested HIV positive, receiving ARV course to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV in NGC **</td>
<td>190</td>
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<td>Number of people living in NGCA, who have received ARV treatment **</td>
<td>8,000</td>
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<td>Number of affected population having access to safe water</td>
<td>675,000</td>
<td>1,721,666</td>
<td>1,300,000**</td>
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<td>Number of people having access to hygiene supplies</td>
<td>400,000</td>
<td>81,869</td>
<td>200,000</td>
<td>54,510</td>
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<td>Number of affected people benefiting from hygiene and sanitation promotion messages</td>
<td>500,000</td>
<td>55,000</td>
<td>200,000**</td>
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<td>Number of children provided psychosocial counselling and support, disaggregated by gender and age</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>52,085</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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<td>Number of community professionals trained in identifying children’s heightened stresses and provided initial interventions</td>
<td>8,000</td>
<td>4,587</td>
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<td>Number of affected children, women and caregivers who participate in safe spaces, where activities have been conducted to encourage family unity and well-being</td>
<td>60,000</td>
<td>29,300</td>
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<td>EDUCATION</td>
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<td>Number of affected children (including adolescents) accessing education and provided with educational and psychosocial support</td>
<td>600,000</td>
<td>199,000</td>
<td>225,000*</td>
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<td>Number of children accessing rehabilitated and repaired schools **</td>
<td>100,000</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Number of children in targeted schools and temporary learning centres having access to appropriate WASH facilities as per the agreed minimum standards **</td>
<td>115,000</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Number of emergency-affected children with access to mine risk education</td>
<td>500,000</td>
<td>241,892</td>
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| Results through 30 June 2015 unless noted otherwise. ** Polio vaccination is scheduled to start as of 1 September 2015 in line with the agreement between WHO, UNICEF and MOH. An accelerated routine immunization activity is on hold due to MOH’s final decision. ** New indicator introduced during the HAC mid-year review. To date, no results are available against these targets.  ♦ This target has increased from the original HAC.  ♦♦ This target has decreased from the original HAC.  ♦♦♦ UNICEF target is higher than the cluster target, as UNICEF has revised its targets based on UNICEF’s latest assessment reports.  ☼ The very low percentage of the target achieved by UNICEF is due to the temporary suspension of the hygiene promotion campaign in NGCA. The campaign is now being planned for GCA.  

**Funding requirements**

UNICEF is appealing for US$55.8 million to meet the humanitarian needs of children in eastern Ukraine in 2015. The funding requirement remains unchanged from May 2015, when the appeal was increased from US$32.5 million. UNICEF is grateful for the contributions of US$12.5 million to date, and is appealing for urgently required funds to address the critical needs in WASH, health, education and child protection services for internally displaced people. Supplies of vital polio vaccine are in critical need in order to avert the risk of a polio outbreak. Basic supplies for primary education, recreational and play activities, hygiene and water provision, as well as WASH in schools programmes, are urgently needed to retain children’s rights to quality education, together with the introduction of reconciliation, life skills and landmine awareness education.

**Appeal Sector**

- **WASH**
  - Original 2015 HAC Requirement (US$): 9,600,000
  - 2015 HAC Requirement (US$): 23,000,000
  - Funds Received Against 2015 HAC (US$): 3,992,026
  - Funding gap (US$ / %): 19,007,974 / 83%
- **Education**
  - Original 2015 HAC Requirement (US$): 14,400,000
  - 2015 HAC Requirement (US$): 14,400,000
  - Funds Received Against 2015 HAC (US$): 5,481,231
  - Funding gap (US$ / %): 8,918,769 / 62%
- **Health & Nutrition / HIV**
  - Original 2015 HAC Requirement (US$): 4,650,000
  - 2015 HAC Requirement (US$): 12,300,000
  - Funds Received Against 2015 HAC (US$): 0
  - Funding gap (US$ / %): 12,300,000 / 100%
- **Child Protection**
  - Original 2015 HAC Requirement (US$): 1,300,000
  - 2015 HAC Requirement (US$): 2,600,000
  - Funds Received Against 2015 HAC (US$): 320,854
  - Funding gap (US$ / %): 2,279,146 / 88%
- **Cluster Coordination**
  - Original 2015 HAC Requirement (US$): 2,500,000
  - 2015 HAC Requirement (US$): 3,500,000
  - Funds Received Against 2015 HAC (US$): 681,103
  - Funding gap (US$ / %): 2,818,897 / 81%

**Sub-Total**: 32,450,000
**55,800,000**
**10,475,214**
**23,000,000**

**Grand Total**: 32,450,000

**Funding gap (US$ / %)**

- **WASH**: 19,007,974 / 83%
- **Education**: 8,918,769 / 62%
- **Health & Nutrition / HIV**: 12,300,000 / 100%
- **Child Protection**: 2,279,146 / 88%
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*The funding requirement was increased to US$55.8 million in May 2015 and remains unchanged in this HAC mid-year review.

**The HIV component is included under the health and nutrition appeal sector as a result of revisions undertaken during the HAC mid-year review.**

***The carry-forward figure is the unutilized budget balance from the prior year to the current year, available as of 1 January 2015.***

****Total funding available includes total funds received against current appeal plus carry-forward.