Ukraine

The political situation in Ukraine remains tense and humanitarian access to non-government controlled areas (NGCAs) continues to pose a challenge. Immediate humanitarian assistance is required for 3.8 million people, including 1 million children. Breaches of the ceasefire agreement occur daily along the contact line, contributing to a volatile security situation and causing damage to crucial water and sanitation infrastructure. Given this extensive infrastructure damage, coupled with deepening poverty, access to safe drinking water remains a challenge for 2.5 million people in Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts. UNICEF estimates that over 200,000 boys and girls live within 15 kilometres of each side of the contact line, of which about two per cent are regularly forced to take refuge in improvised bomb shelters. Children are exposed to the risk of explosive remnants of war and landmines, and girls are particularly at risk of different forms of gender-based violence. UNICEF estimates that one school in five in NGCAs has been damaged and is in urgent need of repair. With primary health care services largely unavailable in rural areas and along the contact line, the risk of communicable disease outbreaks remains a concern.

Humanitarian strategy

UNICEF continues to strengthen the resilience of conflict-affected boys and girls and provide life-saving support in the eastern conflict areas. This includes ensuring access to gender and age sensitive education, safe learning spaces, community-based protection services and immediate psychosocial support for the most vulnerable boys and girls. Access to safe drinking water for displaced and host communities is supported through the provision of critical chemicals for treatment plants, emergency repairs of conflict-damaged infrastructure and the creation of alternative water sources. By working closely with partner organizations, schools, community centres and through mobile teams, the programme also supports primary health care services in conflict-affected areas. Treatment of adults and children with HIV and prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission remain key objectives as does the promotion of infant and young child feeding in emergencies. UNICEF continues to improve coordination mechanisms through its leadership in the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and education clusters, the child protection sub-cluster and the nutrition working group and contributes to the health cluster as well as the HIV/AIDS and mine action sub-clusters. Collaboration continues with governments and partners at all levels.

Results to Date

As of 30 June 2017, UNICEF had received US$11.7 million against the US$31.2 million appeal (38 per cent funded). In partnership with NGOs and utility companies, UNICEF ensured access to safe drinking water and sanitation to more than 755,000 people in high-concern areas in both government-controlled areas (GCAs) and NGCAs through the provision of essential equipment to repair conflict damaged infrastructure. Psychosocial support benefitted over 56,000 children, youth and caregivers living through school and community-based outreach interventions. Life-saving mine risk education (MRE) sessions benefitted more than 284,000 children and their family members. Over 35,000 boys and girls benefitted from the rehabilitation of 40 schools and kindergartens in NGCA and over 11,000 boys and girls at 47 most-vulnerable educational facilities within 5km of the contact line in GCA benefitted from educational supplies. In addition, over 136,000 people in these high-concern areas benefitted from hygiene supplies and hygiene education. To address vaccine supply gaps for routine immunization, UNICEF is currently procuring all vaccines in the country for the Ministry of Health, including 900,000 doses of MMR. UNICEF remains the sole provider of life-saving antiretroviral (ARV) drugs, covering more than 11,000 people in NGCAs.

2017 revised programme targets

Nutrition
- 20,000 mothers in affected areas with improved knowledge on the benefits of exclusive breastfeeding

Health
- 20,000 pregnant women accessing basic life-saving drugs and medical equipment

WASH
- 1.9 million people accessing safe water (for drinking, cooking and hygiene) through effective water treatment mechanisms and emergency repair of WASH infrastructure
- 200,000 people accessing hygiene supplies and knowledge of basic hygiene practices

Child protection
- 100,000 children and caregivers accessing immediate psychosocial support services
- 500,000 boys and girls and their caregivers received MRE
- 1,000 community professionals trained in identifying and responding to key child protection issues

Education
- 220,000 boys and girls in conflict-affected areas accessing early childhood development and basic education
- 4,000 parents and teachers received life-skills and education-in-emergencies trainings

HIV and AIDS
- 18,000 HIV-positive patients accessing uninterrupted ARV treatment
- 30,000 pregnant women tested for HIV
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### Funding requirements

In line with the country’s inter-agency 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan, UNICEF is requesting US$31.2 million to meet the humanitarian needs of conflict-affected children in eastern Ukraine in 2017. This includes an additional US$500,000 to ensure effective cluster/sector coordination on national and local levels. This will cover both immediate life-saving interventions and more comprehensive and sustained services for all conflict-affected children in Ukraine. An additional US$5 million beyond the Humanitarian Response Plan is requested to reach 50,000 people with HIV and AIDS services. UNICEF is grateful for the funds received to date and is urgently appealing for additional funds to address the critical humanitarian needs of conflict children and women.

### Results

- **NUTRITION**
  - Pregnant or lactating women reached with infant and young child feeding counselling: 20,000
- **HEALTH**
  - Pregnant women and new-borns have access to emergency reproductive services: 20,000
  - Per cent of children under 12 months received all required vaccines through routine immunization in conflict-affected areas: 90%
- **WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE**
  - Conflict-affected people with access to safe drinking water: 2,500,000
    - Results: 2,059,824
    - Revised UNICEF 2017 target: 1,900,000
    - Revised UNICEF total results: 618,642
  - People with access to hygiene supplies and knowledge of basic hygiene practices: 520,000
    - Results: 210,850
    - Revised UNICEF total results: 136,615
- **CHILD PROTECTION**
  - Affected children, youth and caregivers provided with psychosocial support: 121,075
    - Results: 94,187
    - Revised UNICEF total results: 56,498
  - Children and their families who received MRE: NA
    - Results: NA
    - Revised UNICEF total results: 284,188
  - Service providers/community professionals trained in identifying and responding to key child protection issues: 2,800
    - Results: 819
    - Revised UNICEF total results: 377
- **EDUCATION**
  - Children in conflict-affected areas have access to ECD and basic education: 136,510
    - Results: 153,079
    - Revised UNICEF total results: 115,272
  - Youths, parents and teachers trained in life-skills education including EiE, coordination and psychosocial support activities: 11,380
    - Results: 2,892
    - Revised UNICEF total results: 2,862
- **HIV AND AIDS**
  - Pregnant women provided with tests for diagnostic of HIV to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV: 30,000
    - Results: 12,500
  - Number of HIV-positive patients with access to the uninterrupted ARV treatment: 16,000
    - Results: 11,000

Results are through 30 June 2017 unless noted. All revised targets are in line with the revised HRP 2017.

(i) Nutrition had no funding for the first half of 2017.
(ii) Health had no funding for the first half of 2017.
(iii) UNICEF integrated this result to the national routine immunization programme as the issue is not exclusively related to the conflict in the Eastern Ukraine.
(iv) UNICEF target was adjusted to 1.9 million based on clear beneficiary targeting mechanism developed by WASH cluster. Remaining 600,000 will be reached by other cluster partners.
(v) UNICEF focused on the provision of water treatment chemicals to additional water treatment plants, which ensured the population’s greater access to safe drinking water.
(vi) UNICEF increased target to 220,000 children for the second half of the year due to improved programme coverage and funding.

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1 This figure comprises 1.9 million reached through access to water and 600,000 reached through MRE and other UNICEF supported services.

2 Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, ‘2017 Ukraine Humanitarian Needs Overview’, OCHA.  
Ukraine’s HAC was reviewed mid-year 2017 against the HRP figures.

3 Over the course of the conflict, the ‘contact line’ between GCAs and NGCAs has become a de facto border with five official exit/entrance checkpoints to cross it.

4 Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, ‘2017 Ukraine Humanitarian Needs Overview’, OCHA.

5 UNICEF assessment “Children of the Contact Line in Eastern Ukraine” June 2017.  

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7 The HAC 2017, including the 2017 programme targets, were revised in mid-year in line with the mid-year revisions in the HRP 2017.

8 This includes US$ 3.7 million carried over from the previous year.