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Highlights

- Violence escalated in May in Avdiivka, Krasnohorivka, Debaltseve, Kominternove, Horlivka and Shyrokyne, affecting access to water and electricity supply for over 350,000 people;
- Shelling in the government-controlled area (GCA) of Krasnohorivka, Donetsk oblast, cut off the water supply for 10,000 people and damaged a hospital, 20 houses and three educational facilities. In the non-government-controlled area (NGCA) in the city of Donetsk, power lines to the water filter station were shelled, threatening access to safe water to over 1 million people.
- In response to the shelling in Krasnohorivka, UNICEF delivered nearly 7,000 litres of safe drinking water to 1,500 people who were directly affected.
- To ensure a safe learning environment for 12,000 children, UNICEF finalized the renovation of 40 schools and kindergartens in Donetsk NGCAs.

1 May – 31 May 2017

1,000,000
of children in need, out of
3,800,000
of people in need
(HAC January 2017)

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

219,925
of children, out of
1,584,472
of people registered as IDPs
(Ministry of Social Policy, 25 May 2017)

UNICEF Appeal 2017
US\$ 31.2 million

UNICEF's Response with Partners

	UNICEF		Sector/Cluster	
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)
Nutrition	20,000	-	NA	NA
Health	20,000	-	NA	NA
WASH ¹	2,700,000	2,332,597	3,020,000	2,358,144
Child Protection ²	602,000	69,188	123,875	85,363
Education	120,000	96,948	147,890	134,461
HIV & AIDS	46,000	20,639	NA	NA



¹ See further details on WASH in the full summary of programme results on page 7.

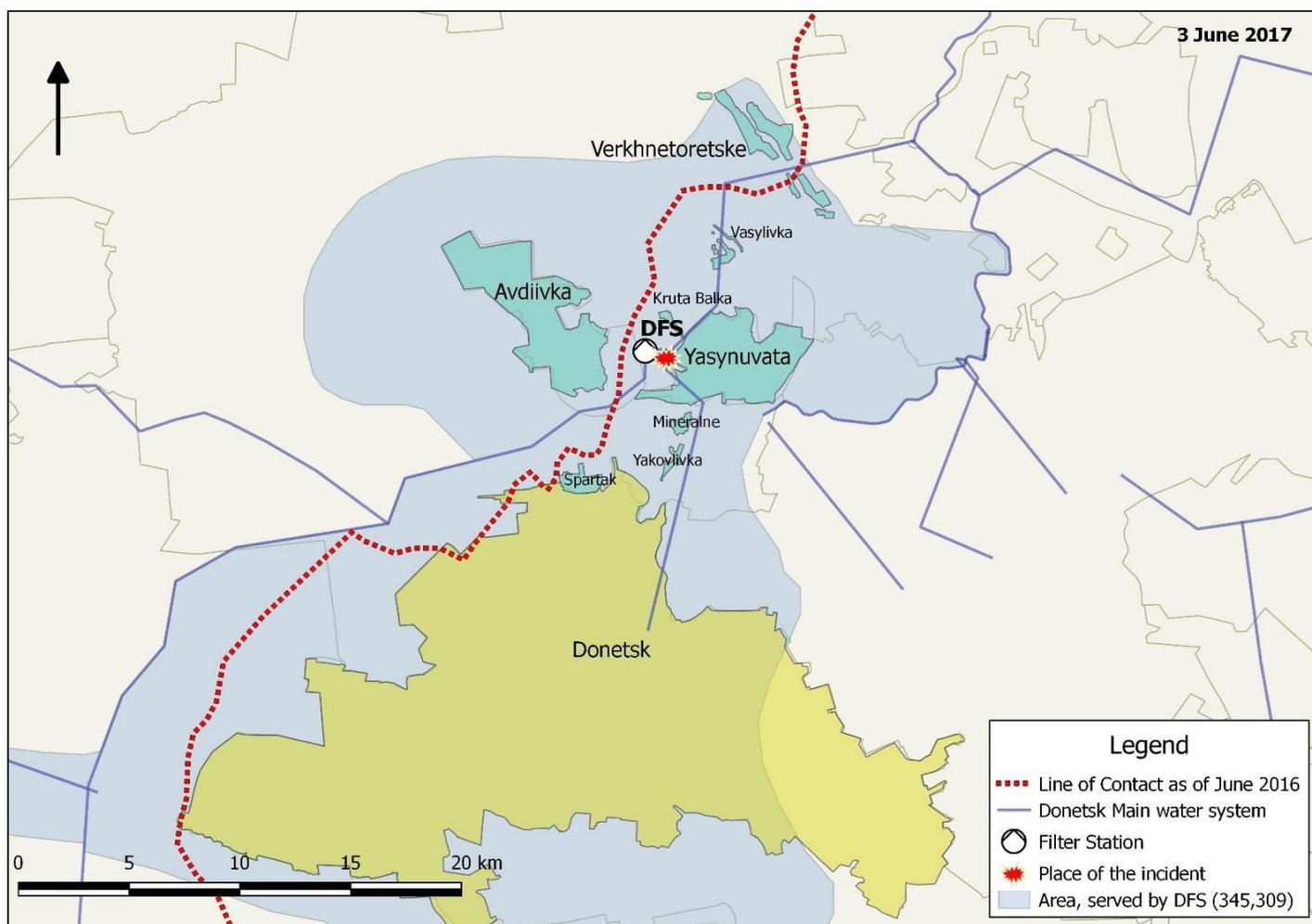
² The UNICEF target includes children and their families who received psychosocial support services and mine risk education (MRE), whereas the Cluster target does not include beneficiaries of MRE.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

During the reporting period, the following areas have experienced intensive shelling: Avdiivka, Krasnohorivka (GCAs), Debaltseve, Kominternove, Horlivka and Shyrokyne (NGCAs). The government-controlled area in Krasnohorivka, Donetsk oblast, home to 10,000 people including 1,400 children, was heavily shelled. The shelling damaged the water system, cutting off the supply to most parts of the town, as well as a hospital, 20 houses and three education facilities. As the result, 260 children had no access to education. A professional vocational school, which houses a Community Child Protection Centre, also sustained a minor damage, with no casualties reported.

In Donetsk NGCAs, a high-voltage power line, which supplies electricity from Makiivka to Donetsk Filter Station (DFS) was damaged due to shelling, stopping the filter station from functioning. The DFS supplies water to 345,000 people, including 55,000 children. Repair to the station awaits a window of silence.

Map 1: Areas serviced by the shelled Donetsk Filter Station.³



³ Map 1: Areas serviced by the Donetsk Filter Station by WASH Cluster May 30, 2017 update.

Humanitarian Leadership & Coordination

UNICEF continues to work with the Ukraine Humanitarian Country Team (UHCT), coordinating the Education and WASH Clusters, the Child Protection Sub-cluster and the Nutrition Working Group. UNICEF is also an active member of the Health Cluster as well as the HIV/Tuberculosis/Opioid Substitution Treatment and Mine Action Sub-clusters.

Collaboration continues with the Government and *de facto* authorities as well as international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and local partners advocating for de-escalation of the armed conflict.

In the GCAs, programme interventions of humanitarian partners are being implemented under the leadership of the Regional Military Civil Administration (RMCA) of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

In May, the Education Cluster, along with the Child Protection Sub-cluster, produced situation updates documenting damage to educational facilities, closures of schools and kindergartens, the relocation of children, and immediate educational and child protection needs. In addition to ongoing coordination activities, and support to partners, the Education Cluster continues to monitor attacks on schools and advocate for signing and implementation of the Safe Schools Declaration. The Cluster also trained 30 partners in the Donetsk NGCAs in Information management.

The WASH Cluster, led by UNICEF, continued to produce and disseminate incident reports and updates keeping stakeholders informed about conflict-related damage to critical parts of the civilian infrastructure.

Humanitarian Strategy

UNICEF, in close coordination with other UN agencies as well as the government and *de facto* representatives on the ground, manages its emergency response programme on both sides of the 'contact line' through its zonal offices and field presence in Dnipro, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kramatorsk, Luhansk and Mariupol. UNICEF continues to address the needs of the most vulnerable children by ensuring their access to water and sanitation, education, safe learning spaces, child protection community-based services, and immediate psychosocial support services (PSS). UNICEF also continues to enhance access to immunization and life-saving maternal and child health services, including the promotion of adequate infant and young child feeding practices.

Actively promoting the adoption of the Safe School Declaration by the Government of Ukraine, UNICEF continues to monitor and report on children in conflict-affected areas, focusing on preventing the separation of children from their families during evacuations. Moreover, the provision of PSS will be continued to strengthen the resilience of conflict-affected children and adolescents living near the 'contact line'.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

HEALTH & NUTRITION

Since the beginning of May, approximately 150 people were hospitalized in Odessa, Odessa oblast, with measles. In addition, a few measles cases were detected in other regions of the country, including Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnipro, and Kiev oblasts. While health authorities are investigating the cases, UNICEF provided support to the Ministry of Health (MoH) on planning for the response. In May, UNICEF trained 210 family doctors and nurses throughout the country, including in emergency-affected areas, to support routine immunization. The health workers, sourced from primary health care and maternal and child health care facilities, enhanced their knowledge and skills in the provision of immunization services for children. In nutrition, UNICEF continued to implement anemia surveillance systems in Donetsk and Luhansk GCAs.

WASH

In May, UNICEF provided approximately 7,000 liters of safe water to over 1,500 people directly affected by the shelling in Krasnogorivka. Through its partners, UNICEF also provided 69,000 affected people with hygiene supplies through the distribution of 1,724 cleaning sets for 227 schools and 154 kindergartens; and 2,658 electronic vouchers for hygiene-related items. At least 49,600 children in schools and kindergartens in NGCAs benefited from the distribution. UNICEF also provided chemicals critical for water treatment to water facilities in GCAs of Donetsk oblast, thus ensuring that the 1.4 million people who are connected to the centralized water supply systems continued to receive safe drinking water.

Water flowing into NGCAs of Luhansk oblast stopped on 4 May due to non-payment for water to Popasnyanskiy Vodokanal from Luhansk Voda. Since then children and adults in four towns – Pervomaesk, Kirovsk, Stakhanov and Brianka, with a total population of 180,000 – are receiving poorer quality, unfiltered water on very restricted time schedules from alternative sources. Meanwhile, UNICEF is supporting advocacy efforts aimed to ensuring that payments from NGCA side to Popasnyanskiy vodokanal are made on a regular basis. As the summer progresses, UNICEF is also urging relevant authorities and donors to fully abide by commitments made in-order to prevent possible the outbreak of water-borne diseases.

CHILD PROTECTION

Through 16 community protection centres and ten mobile teams working within the GCAs of Luhansk, Donetsk and Kharkiv oblasts, UNICEF provided psychosocial support to 7,770 people, including 5,840 children (3,145 girls and 2,695 boys). Individual therapy sessions have been provided to 449 people whilst to 1,474 have benefitted from group counselling. An additional 419 children, 42 of whom are internally displaced persons, from remote areas in Donetsk oblast received PSS via mobile teams. Individual psychosocial support was provided to 1,253 beneficiaries, including 603 children (401 girls and 202 boys), affected by the explosion at an ammunition depot in March in Balakliya, Kharkiv oblast. To strengthen the resilience of communities and help them cope, 1,420 sessions were conducted for children and their caregivers in the community protection centres (CPCs).

In NGCAs, UNICEF provided a total of 774 beneficiaries, including 522 children, with psychosocial support in the form of play/art therapy, life skills training, social and professional orientation, and sport activities through three youth centres and one CPC in Donetsk and Luhansk NGCA. Due to existing demands, outreach work and services continued to be provided to the most at-risk adolescents in HIV prevention, rehabilitation and reintegration. To prevent child separation and further vulnerabilities, cases of 95 extremely vulnerable families were managed effectively and tailored social services were provided in Donetsk and Luhansk NGCAs.

UNICEF has also partnered with the NGO, Bridge, in the NGCAs to train school-aged children and their caregivers on mine risk education (MRE). In the GCAs, the partnership with two NGOs, FSR and DDG, has resulted in 20,000 school-aged children and their caregivers benefiting from training sessions in MRE.

EDUCATION

During May 2017, UNICEF finalized rehabilitation of 40 educational facilities in Donetsk NGCAs. These are 10 preschool and 30 school facilities. They are located in the cities of Yasynuvata, Donetsk, Horlivka, Hartsyzk, and Debaltsevo. The main works included rehabilitation of the heating system, water supply and WASH facilities. These educational facilities also received new furniture, sport equipment and educational kits to create a conducive learning environment for the 12,000 children enrolled.

HIV & AIDS

UNICEF launched a procurement process for antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) and diagnostic reagents with the support of the Global Fund, which will benefit 16,000 HIV/AIDS patients in NGCAs during the period from July 2017 to June 2018.

Communication for Development (C4D)

Following World Immunisation Week, in May UNICEF shared the results of a recent study on attitudes and practices towards immunization in Ukraine. According to the research, over 74 per cent of parents (using nationally representative data) support immunization and are better informed about the risks of infectious diseases.

UNICEF participated in the annual Children KinoFest movie festival attended by 20,000 children. Touring 23 cities across Ukraine, including cities directly affected by the conflict, the festival featured children's movies with educational content on WASH and MRE.

Media & External Communication

In May, UNICEF communicated about the ongoing crisis on its social media platforms, reaching 83,000 people. The UNICEF Representative also advocated for the protection of children affected by the conflict and the need for psychosocial support for children in interviews with STB TV Channel and the Ukrainian National TV Channel.

Security

The number of ceasefire violations remained at the same level as in April, consisting of an exchange of small arms fire as well as artillery shelling. The following areas remain intensively targeted: Advivka, Krasnohorivka (GCAs), Debaltseve, Kominternove, Horlivka, and Shyrokyne (NGCAs). Intensive activity has been monitored in the area located between Mariupol and the contact line. Social infrastructures like schools and hospitals have been damaged. Although demining teams are operating on both sides, the amount of unexplored ordnance is steadily increasing. In May alone, OHCHR recorded 60 conflict-related civilian casualties in the conflict zone of eastern Ukraine, reporting that eight people were killed (six women and two men) and 52 were injured (22 women and a girl, 27 men and two boys).

Funding Requirements (as defined in Humanitarian Appeal 2017 for a period of 12 months)				
Appeal Sector	Requirements	Funds received	Funding gap	
			US\$	%
Nutrition	500,000		500,000	100%
Health	4,500,000	371,747	4,128,253	92%
Water, sanitation and hygiene	10,000,000	504,723	9,495,277	95%
Child protection	5,500,000	183,600	5,316,400	97%
Education	5,200,000	619,380	4,580,620	88%
HIV and AIDS	5,000,000	4,302,720	697,280	14%
Cluster/sector coordination	500,000	64,370	435,630	87%
Sub-total	31,200,000	6,046,540	25,153,460	81%
Carry-forward to 2017		3,745,955		
Total	31,200,000	9,792,495	21,407,505	69%

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

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SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

Annex A

	Cluster Response			UNICEF		
	2017 Target	Total Results	Change since last report ▲▼	2017 Target	Total Results	Change since last report ▲▼
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE						
Number of people with access to safe water (for drinking, cooking and hygiene) through effective treatment mechanisms and emergency repair of WASH infrastructure	2,500,000	2,358,144	35,262	2,500,000	2,332,597	+12,641
Number of people benefitting from the provision of hygiene items and knowledge of basic hygiene practices	520,000	174,420	80,091	200,000	134,826	69,022
EDUCATION						
Number of children aged 3-16 in conflict-affected areas have access to ECD and basic education	136,510	131,569	+26,761	110,000	94,086	+11,229
Number of youths, parents and teachers trained in life-skills education including EiE, coordination and psychosocial support activities	11,380	2,892	+2,862	10,000	2,862	+2,862
HEALTH AND NUTRITION						
Pregnant or lactating women reached with Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) and immunization messages	NA	NA	NA	20,000	-	-
Number of pregnant women have access to emergency reproductive health services	NA	NA	NA	20,000	-	-
Per cent of children under 12 months received all required vaccines through routine immunization in conflict-affected areas	NA	NA	NA	90%	-	-
CHILD PROTECTION						
Number of children and their families/caregivers who received Mine Risk Education (MRE)	NA	NA	NA	500,000	20,031	20,031
Number of children and their caregivers benefiting from PSS activities	121,075	84,564	+10,996 ⁴	100,000	48,780	+8,546
Number of service providers/ community professionals trained in identifying and responding to key child protection issues	2,800	799	+10	2,000	377	n/a
HIV and AIDS						
Number of HIV-positive patients with access to the uninterrupted ARV treatment	NA	NA	NA	16,000	10,900	n/a
Number of pregnant women tested for HIV	NA	NA	NA	30,000	9,739	n/a

⁴ The figure also includes beneficiaries reached during previous months of 2017 as no reports had come from the Child Protection Sub-Cluster prior to April (i.e. the Clusters switched to a quarterly reporting format starting January 2017).