UNICEF’s Response with Partners

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Number of people in need: 3,000,000 (2019 UNICEF HAC).
Number of children in need of humanitarian assistance: 500,000 (2019 UNICEF HAC).

**Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs**

At the national level, the Parliament appointed the new Prime Minister and Government in August, and the recently elected President confirmed his intention to focus on the restoration of Donbas, including in holding two dedicated international investment conferences before the end of the year.

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1. The cluster results are reported on a quarterly basis. The results in the table are as of 30th June 2019.
2. While the 2019 HRP estimates that 3.5 million people living in conflict-affected areas are in need, only 3 million people in need live in the 20-kilometre zone on both sides of the contact line and in non-government-controlled areas.
3. While the 2019 HRP estimates that 700,000 children living in conflict-affected areas are in need, only 500,000 children in need live in the 20-kilometre zone on both sides of the contact line and in non-government-controlled areas.
After the first ever non-seasonal ceasefire was agreed between the parties to the conflict on 21st July 2019, a relative reduction in the number of ceasefire violations was witnessed overall in the month of August. The parties to the conflict were reminded of the imminent start of the school year, in an attempt to strengthen their commitment to the ceasefire. Despite slight improvements in the security situation, two civilians were injured in August (one from a mine detonation and one from small-arm fire), the use of heavy artillery was reported on a number of occasions, and one school in Zolote suffered from damage by small-arm fire⁴.

Two incidents targeting WASH infrastructure and/or personnel were also reported by the WASH Cluster in August. On 7th August, a team of workers from Popasnianskyi vodokanal had to suspend repair works on the main water pipeline near Loskutivka settlement in Luhansk oblast after they found shells. The State Emergency Services promptly disposed of the ordnances for repair works to resume and water supply was not affected. On August 8th on the other hand, a Voda Donbas repair crew working near Vasylivka village (Donetsk NGCA, on the Line of Contact) was caught in small-arm fire and had to evacuate the area. Fortunately, no one was injured, but two settlements were cut off from water supply for one day: Verkhniotoretske in GCA and Vasylivka in NGCA, affecting an estimated 3,300 people, including more than 800 children.

**Summary Analysis of Programme Response**

**HEALTH**

As part of integrated emergency response to the ongoing conflict, UNICEF is continuing its programme for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS. Within the scope of this programme, target groups receive HIV care and support, prevention, and psycho-social services at both household level and in state facilities.

In August, 23 HIV-positive children and 42 children under 18-month who were born from HIV-positive mothers received medical services by multidisciplinary clinical teams. Continuous psycho-social support is being provided to 40 HIV-positive children and 16 children with HIV/TB to overcome issues related to stigma, anxiety and to improve treatment adherence. Furthermore, 40 caregivers for HIV-positive children were also provided with regular psycho-social support services.

UNICEF is also supporting 50 adolescents with learning and practice sessions on the topic of peer-to-peer HIV prevention. In August, these adolescents provided HIV-related informational services to 93 of their peers in Donetsk oblast. The trained adolescent-mentors also are continuing to provide psycho-social support to 30 HIV positive-children in state facilities.

As part of the UNICEF programme for the prevention of HIV Mother-to Child Transmission (PMTCT), 20 HIV-positive women received counselling services with information on how to prevent HIV transmission to their babies and were further motivated to continue and adhere to ARV treatment. In addition, 40 medical providers improved their knowledge on PMTCT.

This month, UNICEF began an electronic e-voucher programme for free-of-charge medicine for children and parents affected by HIV and/or TB. Since the start of the project, two children received e-vouchers. UNICEF also provided a total of 116 beneficiaries (96 children and 20 adults), including 26 beneficiaries with disabilities, with health services in NGCA.

Lastly, activities and preparations for the roll-out of the IPV interventions in both Luhansk NGCA and Donetsk NGCA, continued throughout August 2019. Approval was granted by local authorities in prior months. The IPV doses UNICEF procured for these interventions, as well as the majority of corresponding cold chain equipment, have already been delivered in-country and are ready for delivery to NGCA; immunization activities are planned to begin in October.

**WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)**

Within its ongoing support to ensuring access to safe drinking water, UNICEF kept supplying water treatment chemicals for 6 filter stations and 10 production departments of Voda Donbasa.

In August, UNICEF continued to support water trucking to two checkpoints in Hnutove and Mariinka and a range of educational, health care and social institutions in Avdiivka, Marinka, Krasnogorivka, Kalchyk and other settlements located along the contact line with limited access to drinking water. Overall, 18,600 people crossing checkpoints and 5,812 people in the settlements benefitted from access to the drinking water.

In parallel, 1,406 children and 161 teachers/kindergarten educators benefitted from improved access to hygiene supplies through provision of institutional hygiene kits to the schools and kindergartens in Yasynuvatskyi rayon of Donetsk oblast, GCA. Institutional hygiene kits were also provided to the medical and social institutions in Lysychansk, Popasna, Rubizhne and Sieverodonetsky of Luhansk oblast benefitting 2,476 children, patients and medical staff.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

**Psycho-social support and protection Services**

During the month of August, UNICEF in partnership with local civil society organizations, continued to provide protective services and psycho-social support to children and their caregivers residing in the conflict-affected communities close to the ‘contact line’ in non-government controlled areas (NGCA) of Luhansk oblast. The following services were delivered through Community Protection Centers and via mobile outreach:

- 1021 children (543F/478M) received knowledge on healthy lifestyle, child rights, tolerance, leadership and child protection risks and vulnerabilities.
- 282 individuals (260 children (101F/159M), 22 adults) participated in psycho-social group activities aimed to address stress and other mental health issues, such as anxiety, aggressiveness, fear, etc.
- 8 individuals (5 children (1F/4M), 3 adults) benefitted from comprehensive case management.
• 54 parents and caregivers received knowledge on positive parenting.
• 27 community professionals received trainings on child protection issues.

Gender-based Violence/ Violence Against Children

In August, UNICEF, through mobile outreach, continued to raise awareness and to provide assistance to survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and to children affected by violence in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts (GCA). Mobile teams provided PSS first aid and referral services to 382 survivors of GBV, including 48 children affected by violence (28F/20M). This month, 97 individuals (68 F/29M) benefitted from tailored mitigation activities aimed to reduce violence, and 1132 people (474 children, 658 adults) participated in awareness raising and prevention activities facilitated by mobile teams.

Mine Victims Assistance

During August, UNICEF in partnership with Danish Refugee Council-Danish Deming Group (DRC-DDG) continued to implement a project to support to mine victims. A total of eleven families with ten child mine/ERW survivors were enrolled in case management activities; out of them, one case is already closed. Additionally, four new families with adult caregivers (5M/5F) who were affected by mines/ERWs were registered for case management. Furthermore, a total of 17 community professionals (17F) participated in training sessions on social inclusion. Meanwhile, the Needs Assessment Report was finalised for publication and will be launched at Donor event planned for 1st October 2019.

EDUCATION

During the month of August, UNICEF in partnership with International Charitable Foundation “Friends’ Hands”, delivered 63 Early Childhood Development (ECD) kits to 20 pre-school education facilities located in close proximity to the contact line (Stanichno-Luhanskyi rayon, Luhansk oblast, GCA). With the start of the new school year in September, 911 vulnerable children (491 boys and 420 girls) will be benefitting from supplies, which include stationery, games and development materials to be used in learning and development for children of pre-school age.

As a part of the implementation of school action plans within the framework of the Safe and Child Friendly School modelling, UNICEF in partnership with CSOs “ADRA” and “Caritas”, completed the rehabilitation of 7 schools in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts (GCA), located in 0-20 km area along the contact line. The type of works to be performed were identified by students, parents and school staff in the process of express-evaluation and aimed to improve the physical environment. As a result, 3,058 children benefited from improved access to a safe learning environment.

While competency-based learning and Life Skills Education were mainstreamed into the ‘New Ukrainian School’ reform agenda, UNICEF continues to enhance Life Skills Education
programme in cooperation with a long-standing partner NGO “Health though Education” through in-service teacher trainings and a developed online module. During a month of August, 65 teachers from 58 education facilities in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts were trained on life skills through on-line course and an estimated 975 children will start benefitting from trained teachers in September when the school year starts.

In August, UNICEF’s education team completed an assessment of education facilities in Luhansk NGCA and six of them with critical need for improvement of learning environment were recommended for the upcoming UNICEF’s intervention in partnership with the NGO “Water Research Fund”. Selected schools are located in the hardest-to-reach areas of eastern Ukraine with a limited presence of other humanitarian actors. With the completion of the project in 4 to 6 months over 1,000 boys and girls from this schools will start benefitting from improved and enabling learning environment. It is also planned to build capacity of up to 20 teachers from this facilities in LSE so that they can enhance resilience of children and contribute to development of their positive communication skills.

COMMUNICATION

In August, during the 2019 World Water Week, UNICEF Ukraine published a webstory and video focusing on a family in frontline village in Luhansk, who had little choice but to use dirty water for cooking and laundry. As part of the content package for World Water Week, UNICEF also prepared two longer video reports - one focusing on installment of water tower and the second one focusing on our support provided to water companies - promoting the ongoing WASH projects and achievements.

UNICEF continued to raise the visibility of children living along the contact line, through its social media platforms reaching over 125,000 people with daily updates

SECURITY

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The situation remains incredibly challenging for civilians at Entry/Exit Crossing points (EECPs) but some rehabilitation works undertaken on the NGCA side of the EECPs brings hope that the situation may improve. Progress is also reportedly ongoing at the Stanitsa Luhansk crossing point, where demining and clearing is underway, based on the agreement by both parties to rehabilitate the bridge before the winter.

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Funding

UNICEF’s 2019 humanitarian appeal requirement for Ukraine is US$21,067,799 of which, as of 31 August 2019, $7,122,084 is available including the funds carried forward from the previous year and funds received in 2019. This addresses only 33% of the required resources. UNICEF Ukraine requires continuous funding support to maintain access to education, water and sanitation, health and psychosocial and protection services for conflict-affected children in eastern Ukraine. This is particularly critical ahead of Ukraine’s harsh winter, during which damage to infrastructure (water, heating, health or education), will further exacerbate the threat to the safety and well-being of children living along the line of contact, and their need for humanitarian protection.

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<td><strong>21,067,799</strong></td>
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*Total funding available includes total funds received against current appeal plus carry-forward


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