

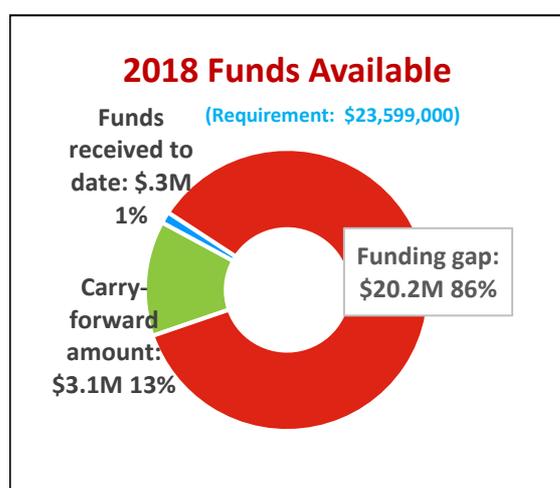


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### UNICEF’s Response with Partners

	UNICEF 2018		Sector/Cluster 2018	
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)
Nutrition	20,000	70	900,00	
Health	20,000	30,480 <sup>i</sup>		
WASH	1,990,000	239,291	2,300,000	495,101
Child Protection <sup>1</sup>	605,000	1,341	1,300,000	
Education <sup>2</sup>	131,000	29,578	200,000	
HIV & AIDS	46,000	15,537	N/A	



### Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Continued shelling of civilian infrastructure, including civilian workers managing the water system, further aggravated the humanitarian situation in February, with at least 70 settlements on both sides of the contact line experiencing interruptions in heating and water supply. Some 200,000 boys and girls living within 15km of each side of the contact line, continued to be exposed to gunfire. Of the 7 civilian casualties recorded by OHCHR in February, 3 children (2 girls and 1 boy) were injured by an explosive remnant of war. UNICEF continued to provide psycho-social support to children and their caregivers, including survivors of gender-based violence. Through a comprehensive Safe Schools concept, developed in 2017 in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Sciences of Ukraine, UNICEF supported roll out for 10 schools in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts with emphasis on inclusive and quality learning for all children, including physical school safety. The United Nations Humanitarian Country Team has engaged in dialogue with civil society and the Government of Ukraine regarding the potential implications on humanitarian operations of newly enacted legislation. UNICEF program delivery for children continues, on both sides of the contact line, with no significant disruption.

<sup>1</sup> The UNICEF target includes children and their families who received psychosocial support services, professionals trained in identifying and responding to key child protection issues and mine risk education (MRE), whereas the Cluster target does not include beneficiaries of MRE.

<sup>2</sup> The UNICEF target includes boys and girls in conflict-affected areas accessing basic education and early childhood education and care, and boys, girls and educators received life-skills education and information on educational options.

## Summary Analysis of Programme Response

### HEALTH & NUTRITION

In close partnership with civil society, UNICEF continued to support the emergency health response through the provision of e-vouchers for essential medicines and treatment to persons residing along the contact line in Donetsk oblast. In February, 57 children under five, 15 pregnant and lactating women, 9 newborns, and 17 trauma patients were supported. UNICEF also supported activities to strengthen the capacity of 79 healthcare workers on neonatal resuscitation in Donetsk Oblast with 4 separate trainings.

### WASH

UNICEF supplied liquefied chlorine gas, sodium hypochlorite and activated carbon to 6 filter stations and 10 production departments of Voda Donbasu. In addition, 4,300 bottles of water (6l) were provided to schools in Novoivanivka, Zolote, Novotoshkivske and Troitske in Luhansk oblast that experienced interruptions with water supply along with 450 residents of Sopyne and Berdianske in Donetsk oblast. A total of 6,636 children and women, including persons with disabilities, received hygiene kits in the towns and villages of Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts located along the contact line. 312 schoolchildren were targeted with strengthened knowledge of hygiene practices through participation in the hygiene promotion sessions and distribution of informational materials in Luhansk oblast.

### CHILD PROTECTION

Through a network of civil society organizations, UNICEF continued to provide psycho-social first aid (PSS) to children and their caregivers living in some of the most affected areas along the line of contact in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, including 672 children and caregivers who received individual PSS support. In addition, 510 children (259 girls/251 boys) participated in group therapy and events aimed at improving their well-being. A total of 79 parents were trained on how to identify and provide PSS first aid to their children. To ensure access to the most remote and affected areas along the line of contact, which was often limited due to ongoing hostilities and mobile connection interruptions, UNICEF provided psych-social support over the phone, where appropriate, to ensure consistent service provision.

UNICEF refurbished 3 Psycho-Social Centers – in the towns of Bakhmut, Popasna and Toretsk. All 3 centers will be managed by psychologists, previously trained through UNICEF support in 2017 on conflict-induced trauma. This cooperation will continue including the joint establishment of referral mechanisms with local and regional authorities and service providers in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. Through 15 mobile teams, UNICEF continued to provide assistance to survivors of gender-based violence and to children affected by violence in Donetsk and Luhansk areas.

### EDUCATION

Over 900 children from 11 kindergartens of Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts benefitted from educational supplies (furniture and development games), while 350 children in 2 schools of Donetsk oblast, GCA (contact line) enhanced access to information technology, following the installation of software in school computer classrooms. In addition, 647 teachers from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts received LSE trainings through an on-line course reaching at least 19,000 children.

To ensure a conducive and protective environment for children, in particular for those affected by the conflict, UNICEF in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Sciences developed a comprehensive Safe Schools approach for quality and inclusive learning. The concept of school safety includes prevention of, preparedness for and, when necessary, recovery from all such threats to children's lives and well-being,

whether they occur at school or on the way to and from school and wider community environment. The approach integrates principles of child-friendliness, physical school safety and protective learning environment. So far this year, UNICEF has rolled out the concept in 10 selected schools in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

## HIV & AIDS

To ensure uninterrupted Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) for people living with HIV in non-government controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, UNICEF continued to procure and distribute life-saving anti-retroviral medicines (ARVs) and commodities. Since 1 January, over 15,537 people have received HIV-related services (10,250 persons living with HIV were on ARV treatment and 5,287 pregnant women received HIV counselling and testing).

## Media & External Communication

UNICEF prepared a set of multimedia materials on winter needs and winterization assistance provided to people living along the contact line: [Winter bites on both sides of the conflict in Ukraine](#), [UNICEF provides winter assistance to help children and adults to survive harsh winter in eastern Ukraine](#) and [video on UNICEF winter assistance program](#). The stories were published on the country, regional and global website, including local media in UNICEF member states.

## Security

The intensity of shelling remained relatively consistent throughout the month. Mines and other explosive remnants of war (ERW) continue to threaten the safety of children and their families living throughout Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts. Three children (2 girls and 1 boy) were injured by an ERW in the month of February.

## Funding Requirements

Funding Requirements (as defined in Humanitarian Appeal 2018 for a period of 12 months)				
Appeal Sector	Requirements	Funds received	Funding gap	
			\$	%
Nutrition	300,000		300,000	100%
Health	1,800,000		1,800,000	100%
Water, sanitation and hygiene	13,619,000		13,619,000	100%
Child protection	3,200,000		3,200,000	100%
Education	3,050,000	252,277	2,797,723	92%
HIV and AIDS	1,130,000		1,130,000	100%
Cluster/sector coordination	500,000	59,407	440,593	88%
Sub-total	23,599,000	311,684	23,287,316	99%
Carry-forward to 2018		3,118,841		
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,599,000</b>	<b>3,430,525</b>	<b>20,168,475</b>	<b>85%</b>

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

## Implications of under-funding

Children residing in conflict affected areas will have limited access to health, education, social and other services, including access to water.

UNICEF Humanitarian Action for Children (Ukraine): <https://www.unicef.org/appeals/>

UNICEF Ukraine Crisis: [www.unicef.org.ua](http://www.unicef.org.ua)

UNICEF Ukraine Crisis on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/unicef.ukraine](http://www.facebook.com/unicef.ukraine)

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<sup>i</sup> The number includes the estimated/projected number of beneficiaries (30,000) covered by the delivery of 861 midwifery kits that were distributed in January 2018, as it is difficult to estimate monthly beneficiaries.