Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

During the month, UNICEF completed the rehabilitation of 2 schools in government controlled areas and initiated the rehabilitation of 20 schools in non-government controlled areas. UNICEF continued to place emphasis on ensuring children have access to safe learning spaces with water, sanitation, hygiene and high quality education supplies. In addition, psychosocial support to victims of the conflict was sustained including for survivors of gender based violence, through a network of 15 mobile teams delivering services in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

WASH

Towards ensuring ongoing access to safe drinking water, UNICEF continued to supply liquefied chlorine gas and sodium hypochlorite for 6 filter stations and 10 production departments of Voda Donbasu. In July UNICEF began supplying liquefied chlorine gas to the Western Filter Station of Popasna Vodokanal in addition to the continued supplied of aluminum sulfate and activated carbon. The Western Filter Station supplies drinking water for populations on both sides of the contact line. In Luhansk NGCA 143 children, women, persons with disabilities received individual and family hygiene kits.
CHILD PROTECTION

In Luhansk city, a UNICEF supported Child Protection Center maintained mobile outreach to remote areas of Luhansk oblast (NGCA). Access to psychosocial support and counseling was ensured for 59 families through a comprehensive case management system. Another 1,140 people (985 children and 155 adults) participated in psycho-social group activities and 106 people (42 adults and 64 children) received targeted individual consultations aimed to alleviate stress and mental health issues including anxiety, aggressiveness and fear.

Some 143 children received Mine Risk Education awareness support and over 500 children improved their knowledge on healthy life styles and child rights, also receiving information on tolerance, communications, vocational guidance and safe behavior. Positive parenting sessions were organized for 169 parents aiming to prevent violence against children and to ensure the use of positive child upbringing practices. Preparations are under way for the scaling up of an innovative peer-to-peer approach through the Training for Trainers approach on MRE that will involve both children and teachers. As an initial step, a training plan was developed and approved for Donetsk and Luhansk GCA.

UNICEF supported mobile teams (15) continued to provide assistance to survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and to children affected by violence in Donetsk and Luhansk areas (GCA). In July, a total of 542 GBV survivors and 74 children (26 boys/48 girls, 2 of them with special needs) benefited from PSS first aid and the referral services.

EDUCATION

In July, UNICEF completed the rehabilitation of two schools, situated in 0-5 km of the contact line, GCA – Triohizbenka school of Luhansk oblast and Pervomaiskyi kindergarten ‘Ivushka’of Donetsk oblast benefitting 95 children.

In non-government controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, UNICEF initiated the rehabilitation of 20 schools and equipping of another 30 schools with education supplies benefitting more than 5,000 children.

Across Ukraine, UNICEF supported an informational campaign led by the Ministry of Education and Science and the “Open Policy Foundation” aimed at enhancing access to university and vocational education for school graduates including those residing along the line of contact and in non-government controlled areas. Over 5,754 individuals accessed the ‘hotline’ that was established for such purposes including 300 individuals residing in non-government controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

UNICEF continued to work on Modelling Safe and Child Friendly Schools in 14 targeted pilot schools and kindergartens in partnership with the CSO, ‘Health through Education’ and the In-Service Teacher Training Institutes of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. In July, two workshops were conducted in Kramatorsk and Severodonetsk to present the results of an online assessment aiming at assessing schools current conditions in order to support the improvement of the school environment. As a result, the schools started preparing action plans in consultation with caregivers, school staff and children. In addition, 136 teachers and school administrators from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, GCA, were trained online on Life School Education.

On 12 July, UNICEF facilitated, in Kiev, the Safe School Declaration Round Table “How to protect education from attack in the Ukrainian context”, an event attended by representatives of the Government of Ukraine at central and local levels, as well as education partners. The main objective of this round table was to present the current situation of the schools in Eastern Ukraine and reach a consensus from all stakeholders.
on the way forward. The participants, including from the Ministry of Education and Science, formulated and transmitted a communication within the Government of Ukraine, enumerating considerations regarding the potential signing, by Ukraine, of the Safe School Declaration later in the year. It is to note that the GOU had endorsed the “Safe Schools Declaration” at the UN Security Council meeting earlier in June. Materials of the Global Coalition to Protection Education from Attack (GCPEA) were distributed to over 650 individuals.

**MEDIA and EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION**


UNICEF continued to raise the visibility of children living along the contact line, through its social media platforms reaching over 100,000 people with daily updates.

**Security**

According to the July status report, OSCE noted a deterioration of the security situation in eastern Ukraine. In the second week of the re-commitment to the ceasefire dated on July 1st 2018, the Mission recorded an increase in the number of ceasefire violations (18) and at least eight people were wounded. No children were injured as a result of hostilities.

**Funding**

UNICEF’s 2018 humanitarian appeal requirement for Ukraine is US$23.6M of which, as of 30 June, $8.1M is available, including funds carried forward from the previous year. This addresses only 34% of required resources.

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


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