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### Highlights

- Violence continues on both sides of the 'contact line' with severe shelling on 2 June cutting off the power supply to the Donetsk Filter Station that provides water to nearly 345,000 people.
- The South Donbass Water Pipeline which supplies water to over 1.1m people including 400,000 children was also shelled, resulting in the temporary halt of its operations.
- In response to the water cuts, UNICEF provided almost 60,000 litres of safe water to almost 10,000 people who had no water for four days during the first week of June.
- To ensure continued access to a safe learning, UNICEF provided educational supplies for 35,000 pre-school and school aged children in 40 schools and kindergartens in Donetsk Non Government Controlled Areas (NGCAs).

1 June – 30 June 2017

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

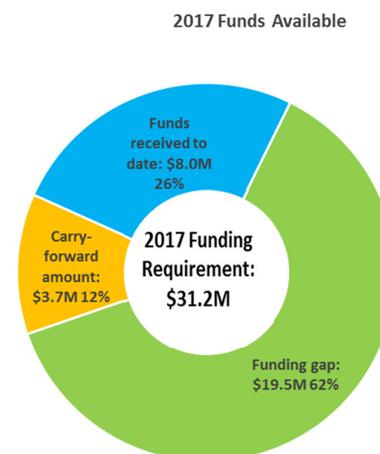
### Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

**219,978**  
# of children, out of  
**1,584,859**  
# of people registered as IDPs  
(Ministry of Social Policy, 27 June 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 <sup>1</sup>	2,700,000	755,257	3,020,000	2,261,674
Child Protection <sup>2</sup>	602,000	341,063	123,875	94,187
Education	120,000	118,134	147,890	155,971
HIV & AIDS	4,6000	23,500	NA	NA



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

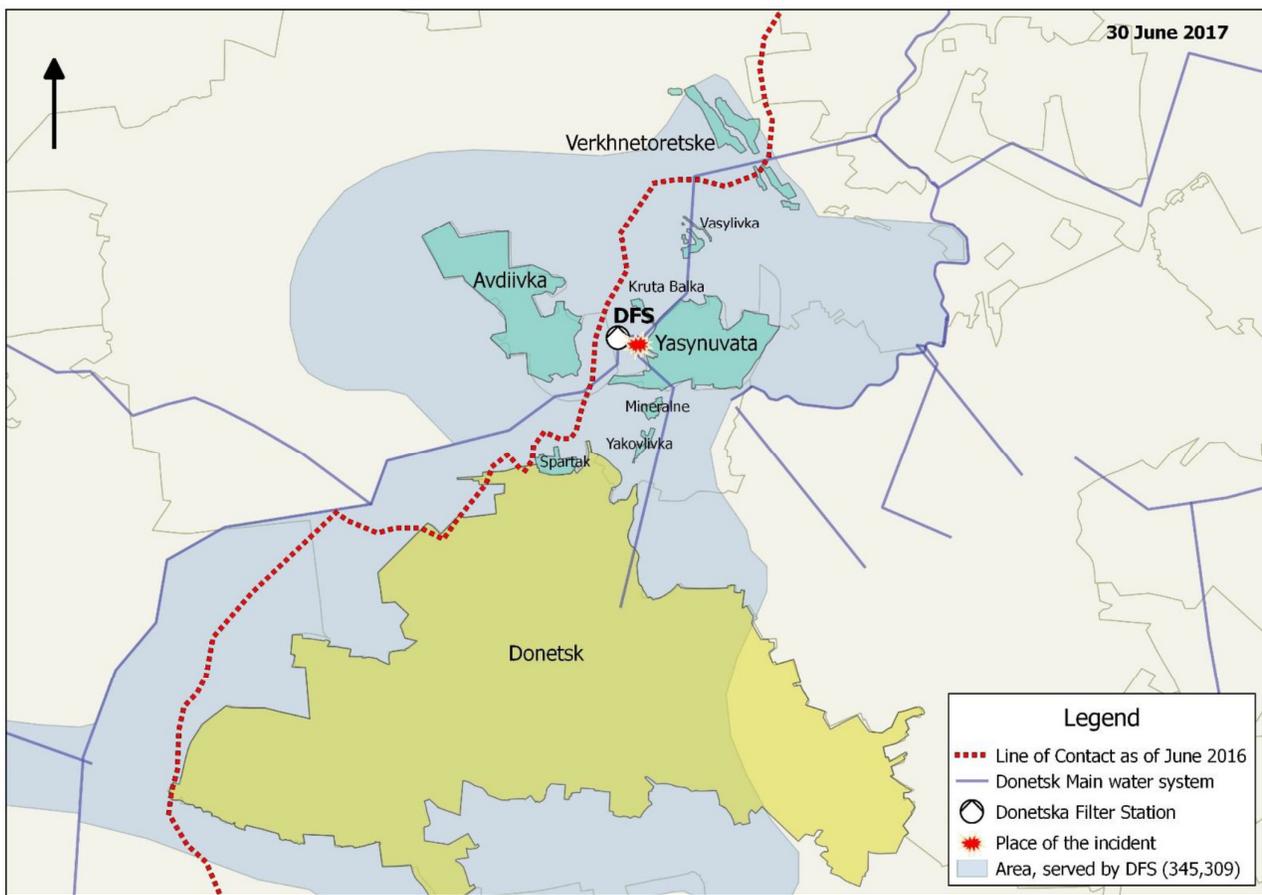
<sup>2</sup> The UNICEF target includes children and their families who received psychosocial support services and mine risk education (MRE), whereas the Cluster target does not include beneficiaries of MRE.

### Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

During the reporting period, violence continued in the following areas: Avdiivka, Krasnohorivka (GCAs), Debaltseve, Kominternove, Horlivka and Shyrokyne (NGCAs).

In Donetsk NGCAs, the Donetsk Filter station (DFS) stopped working 2 June on due to shelling. Voda Donbasa (VD) staff working at the DFS were evacuated and the DFS stopped treating water, for the 12th time in 2017. The DFS supplies water to approximately 345,309 people in Avdiivka, Kruta Balka, Vasylivka, Mineralne, Yakovlivka, Verkhniotoretske, part of Yasynuvata and western areas of Donetsk city. Avdiivka has a backup water reservoir which can be pumped to the town as it has a separate power line, and much of Donetsk city can be supplied by the Verlhnikalmiuske Filter Station. However relying on a single filter station leaves the city vulnerable to any additional power issues or other breakdowns, and the smaller settlements listed above are now cut from piped water supply and are relying on untreated alternative sources of water.

Map 1: Areas serviced by the shelled Donetsk Filter Station.<sup>3</sup>



<sup>3</sup> Map 1: Areas serviced by the Donetsk Filter Station by WASH Cluster June 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 Government and *de facto* authorities, international non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and local partners to advocate for the de-escalation of the armed conflict specifically on the protection of vital infrastructure and civilians, especially children. UNICEF continues to coordinate with communities and civil society including the rayon administration of Luhansk and Donetsk oblast.

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 June, the Education Cluster, along with the Child Protection Sub-cluster, produced situation updates documenting the damage of educational facilities, closures of schools and kindergartens, the relocation of children, and immediate educational and child protection needs. The Education Cluster participated in the Coordination Meeting of International Partners of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (MoES), chaired by the Minister of Education. The meeting marked the creation of a Coordinating Council for International Support to Education Reforms. As a result of Cluster engagement, Education in Emergencies (EiE) was identified as a relevant sub-sector for the Coordination Council. Education Cannot Wait Fund (ECW) committed 1.35 million USD to support education response in Ukraine based on the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) and cluster input. The Education Cluster is working closely with ECW and partners to identify priority response measures and plan allocation of the funds. To feed into the process the cluster held open dialogue in consultations in Kyiv, and in the two Eastern Oblasts impacted by conflict.

The WASH Cluster, led by UNICEF, continues to produce and disseminate incident reports and updates keeping stakeholders informed about conflict-related damages to critical parts of the water infrastructure. WASH Cluster works with UNICEF to initiate follow up actions to the Water Risk Assessment, in particular looking into the status of utility companies working in conflict affected areas. Up to the end of June, during the first 6 months of 2017, 3.0 million children, men and women have experienced actual water cuts in the conflict affected area.

The Child Protection Sub Cluster is working with partners and government at different levels to improve capacity and response for the protection of children rights during armed conflicts.

All Clusters are contributing to the development of the new Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).

## 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.

## Summary Analysis of Programme Response

### HEALTH & NUTRITION

The number of measles cases continues to increase in West and South Ukraine. Since May, there have been 800 confirmed cases of measles. UNICEF is supporting the MoH to develop appropriate response plans for Supplementary Immunisation Activities (SIA) scheduled for October. Through UNICEF, the MoH has ensured availability of 900,000 doses of MMR vaccines (for routine immunization), and 583,000 doses are to be distributed later this year.

To ensure survival of newborns, a rapid assessment of health facilities along the contact line was finalized in-order to effectively target the distribution of Midwifery Kits. 27 facilities were identified to be most in need and will benefit from Midwifery kits later in the year.

In nutrition, preparations including planning, logistics and participant lists for capacity building of health care providers on IYCF and immunization have been finalised. An anemia surveillance system has been implemented in Donetsk and Luhansk GCAs.

### WASH

While UNICEF continues to advocate for the review of legislation and policies with regard to the institutionalization of children in Ukraine, we continue to support the institutions that are hosting children in-order to ensure that the children are protected from exploitation, abuse and neglect. In this regard, UNICEF through its partners finalized the repair of WASH facilities in four institutions in Novhorodske, Toretsk and Vesela Dlna in GCAs. In total 142 showers and toilets were repaired for the benefit of children and vulnerable people. UNICEF also distributed 1,076 electronic vouchers for hygiene supplies. In the same month, 7,215 people including 1,612 children used electronic vouchers received earlier to buy hygiene supplies.

Water infrastructure was damaged repeatedly in June 2017 with one critical pumping station on the South Donbass Water Pipeline (which sends raw water from Horlivka to Mariupol) ceasing operations three times, for 10 days in total. The Donetsk Filter Station also stopped for four days, affecting 1.1 million people including 400,000 children. UNICEF through its partners provided bottled water to 9,818 people in Avdiivka, Orlivka, Lastochkine, Novotoshkivka and Lysychansk, Mariinka, Krasnogorivka, Novotroitske, Kurakhivka, Hirniak, Sopyne and Berdianske. The distribution of bottled water in some of these locations will continue as necessary.

### 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 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 Psychosocial Support Services (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, 95 extremely vulnerable families were supported with tailored social services in Donetsk and Luhansk NGCAs.

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

## EDUCATION

In order to ensure access to safe learning environment and continuity of studies for children in Donetsk NGCA, and especially in the areas near the contact line, UNICEF finalised delivery of critical education supplies in June to NGCAs. The distribution of the supplies benefitted more than 20,000 children in pre-school and school. The supplies included school furniture for 105 classes in 15 schools; sport equipment for 13 schools, kindergarten furniture and textile for 15 facilities and 10 playgrounds in pre-schools.

UNICEF educational kits (for school-aged children) and ECD kits (for pre-school aged children) were also part of the supplies. More than 15,000 children benefitted from this activity. Stationery and playing materials from the kits provided ongoing access to education for children as well as some relief from conflict related stress. This support is critical for the most vulnerable conflict affected children living along the 'contact line.'

## HIV & AIDS

To ensure that Anti- Retroviral Therapy (ART) for 16,000 HIV positive people living in NGCAs of Donetsk and Lugansk regions is not interrupted, UNICEF continues to procure and distribute life-saving ARVs and diagnostics reagents. In the GCA, Anti – Retroviral Therapy (ART) is available for people living with HIV provided by the Ministry of Health.

## Communication for Development (C4D)

UNICEF conducted a Communication Task Force meeting on Immunization and facilitated a joint media briefing with MOH and WHO on the measles outbreak in Ukraine. The briefing was widely covered in the national media with over 100 reports including all top national TV channels reaching an estimated 15 mil people. UNICEF is using social media to sensitize parents for proactive vaccination against measles. In addition, CO has also integrated messages on immunization promotion into the ECD Social media campaign on Father's Day.

In June, 249,000 children and adults were reached with Mine Risk Education (MRE) via digital promotion of the safety messages. Over 15,000 children have seen hygiene and MRE education videos at the Children Kinofest movie festival throughout the GCAs.

## Media & External Communication

On International children's Day, UNICEF raised awareness on the issues faced by children affected by the conflict using the popular Zerkalo Nedeli, one of Ukraine's most influential analytical weekly newspapers with a circulation of 100,000 people.

With the support of the Regional Office, UNICEF issued a Press Release on 16 June 2017 on the water situation in the Eastern Conflict Area where 400,000 people had been without water for four days. The Press Release generated over 150 articles both locally and internationally.

## Security

The number of ceasefire violations remained at the same level as in May, consisting of an exchange of small arms fire as well as artillery shelling. Fighting continues on both sides of the contact line, with the following areas intensively targeted: Advivka, Krasnohorivka (GCAs), Debaltseve, Kominternove, Horlivka, and Shyrokyne (NGCAs). Intense fighting has been monitored in the area located between Mariupol and the 'contact line.' Civilian infrastructure like schools and hospitals have been damaged. Although de-mining teams are operating on both sides, the amount of unexplored ordnance is steadily increasing. Beside this, numerous bomb alerts have caused serious disruptions of the transport services in the government controlled area.

In June 2017, OHCHR recorded 48 conflict-related civilian casualties in 21 localities of eastern Ukraine: eight killed (five women and three men) and 40 injured (12 women and a girl, 25 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	
			\$	%
Nutrition	500,000	0	500,000	100%
Health	4,500,000	645,136	3,854,864	86%
Water, sanitation and hygiene	10,000,000	1,054,723	8,945,277	89%
Child protection	5,500,000	743,510	4,756,490	86%
Education	5,200,000	1,165,662	4,034,338	78%
HIV and AIDS	5,000,000	4,302,701	697,299	14%
Cluster/sector coordination	500,000	64,370	435,630	87%
Sub-total	31,200,000	7,976,102	23,223,898	74%
Carry-forward to 2017		3,745,955		
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,200,000</b>	<b>11,722,057</b>	<b>19,477,943</b>	<b>62%</b>

\*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 ▲▼
<b>WATER, SANITATION &amp; HYGIENE</b>						
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	2,059,824	-299,000	2,500,000	618,642	-1,713,955 <sup>4</sup>
Number of people benefitting from the provision of hygiene items and knowledge of basic hygiene practices	520,000	210,850	27,430	200,000	136,615	+15,000
<b>EDUCATION</b>						
Number of children aged 3-16 in conflict-affected areas have access to ECD and basic education	136,510	153,079	+21,510	110,000	115,272	+21,186
Number of youths, parents and teachers trained in life-skills education including EiE, coordination and psychosocial support activities	11,380	2,892	0	10,000	2,862	+0
<b>HEALTH AND NUTRITION</b>						
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%	-	-
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>						
Number of children and their families/caregivers who received Mine Risk Education (MRE)	NA	NA	NA	500,000	284,188	+264,157
Number of children and their caregivers benefitting from PSS activities	121,075	94,187	+9,623 <sup>5</sup>	100,000	56,498	+7,718
Number of service providers/ community professionals trained in identifying and responding to key child protection issues	2,800	819	+20	2,000	377	0
<b>HIV and AIDS</b>						
Number of HIV-positive patients with access to the uninterrupted ARV treatment	NA	NA	NA	16,000	11,000	+100
Number of pregnant women tested for HIV	NA	NA	NA	30,000	12,500	+2,761

<sup>4</sup> UNICEF WASH reach figures are adjusted down at midyear, by 1,713,955 following new advice from UNOCHA and the WASH Cluster. Numbers of beneficiaries from the provision of water treatment chemicals by UNICEF and other WASH Cluster partners will now be measured cumulatively as the calendar year progresses, and will build up over time, assuming continued delivery.

<sup>5</sup> 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).