Number of people in need: 3,400,000 (2018 HRP)
Number of children in need of humanitarian assistance: 500,000 (2018 UNICEF HAC)

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Ceasefire violations continued to impact the lives of children residing on both sides of the line of contact including water supply interruptions. To increase resilience, UNICEF installed 50 water tanks in kindergartens, schools and health facilities, in September, ensuring access to water for over 10,000 children. In doing so UNICEF continued to advocate for strict adherence to international humanitarian law, to prevent the shelling of civilian infrastructure. The explosion of a landmine, on 30 September which claimed the lives of 3 children (aged 12-13) and injured 1 (aged 10) in Horlivka, accentuated the continued risks children face from landmines and explosive remnants, which continue to be one of the highest causes of civilian casualties in eastern Ukraine. In unison with the UN system, UNICEF urged all parties to avoid the use of landmines especially in populated areas.

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1 Figure represents final results from a project which ended mid-January 2018. Limited funding has led to low numbers of beneficiaries reached in 2018 thus far.
2 Figure includes the estimated/projected number of beneficiaries (30,000) covered by the delivery of 861 midwifery kits that were distributed in January 2018, due to difficulty in estimating monthly beneficiaries.
3 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.
4 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
Within the framework of its programme on Prevention of Mother-to-Child transmission of HIV in Non-Government Controlled Areas, UNICEF-led multidisciplinary teams of social, medical and psychological professionals supported the caregivers of 19 babies born from HIV-positive mothers. In September, UNICEF continued to focus on HIV prevention activities among school-age adolescents via a peer-to-peer programme, benefiting 238 schoolchildren and 60 adolescents in conflict with the law. UNICEF also supported trainings for 10 prison staff and 14 parents to improve their communication with adolescents, of whom 2 parents were referred to access services for substance abuse rehabilitation. In September, 343 people received HIV-related services in the Non-Government Controlled Areas of Donetsk oblast (Donetsk NGCA).

WASH
Within its ongoing support to ensuring access to safe drinking water, UNICEF continued to supply liquefied chlorine gas and sodium hypochlorite to 6 filter stations and 10 production departments of Voda Donbasu. In September UNICEF provided liquefied chlorine gas, sodium hypochlorite, aluminum sulfate and activated carbon to the Western Filter Station of Popasnaja vodokanal. In Luhansk NGCA, 20 water tanks were installed in kindergartens, schools and health facilities of Lutuhyno rayon. This will increase resilience to water supply interruptions and will ensure access to drinking water for 5,593 children, caregivers and patients of medical institutions. In Donetsk NGCA, 30 water tanks were installed in kindergartens, schools and health facilities of Boikivskyi, Novoazovskyi and Yasynuvatskyi rayons and cities of Makivka and Debaltseve. Overall, 4,729 children and patients of medical institutions in Donetsk NGCA will benefit from access to drinking water in case there are water supply interruptions. In addition, 50 children and 56 persons with disabilities in Donetsk GCA received baby kits and hygiene kits for people with special needs.

CHILD PROTECTION
In September 2018, UNICEF continued to manage a Child Protection Center in Luhansk including mobile outreach to remote areas in Luhansk NGCA, benefitting 361 (179 adults and 181 children) who accessed comprehensive case management, 871 (388 boys and 408 girls) and 75 adults) who participated in psycho-social individual and groups activities aimed to address stress and other mental health issues, such as anxiety, aggressiveness, fear, and 374 children and their caregivers who received knowledge on healthy lifestyles and the rights of children of whom 128 benefited from mine risk education.

UNICEF, through 15 mobile teams, continued to provide assistance to survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and to children affected by violence in Donetsk and Luhansk areas (GCA). In September, a total of 468 GBV survivors and 88 children (41 boys/47 girls, 1 of them with special needs) affected by violence benefited from PSS first aid and the referral services.

In partnership with the Danish Refugee Council-Danish Deming Group (DRC-DDG), UNICEF continued to support mine victims. A preliminary situation analysis with focus on child mine victims and mapping of available services was conducted.

In September, UNICEF scaled up its Communication for Development interventions on Mine Risk Education (MRE) including the expansion of its network of peer-to-peer trainers residing in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts (GCA). In doing so, UNICEF engaged 32 teachers and 25 children who learned how to teach other children and teachers on mine safety rules. The master training will continue and newly engaged trainers will initiate outreach sessions for their peers.
EDUCATION

In September, UNICEF distributed 2,500 education kits to 21 schools situated in the 0-5 km area along the Contact Line, GCA (2 in Donetsk oblast and 19 in Luhansk oblast, i.e. Popasnyanskyi, Stanychno-Luhanskyi and Novoaidarskyi raions). On request, UNICEF distributed 31 ECD kits to 10 educational facilities of Yasynuvata rayon, which had been shelled.

In September, 141 teachers and school administrators from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, GCA were trained on life skills through face-to-face trainings and online courses. Over 19,000 children were reached with life skills education by 581 teachers trained on LSE in previous months.

On 18-21 September in Sviatohirsk, UNICEF conducted a training of trainers for 30 representatives of preschools, representatives of local education departments and institutes of in-service teachers training on creating quality inclusive environments in preschools in Luhansk oblast. Teachers who participated will roll-out training programs to reach kindergarten teachers and administrators across the region. On 17-19 September in Kyiv, UNICEF conducted a training for representatives of schools and rayon departments of education and science from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts on the integration of LSE to the new competency-based school curriculum within the “New Ukrainian School” reform agenda. On 20-21 September, a training on the Safe School Concept was conducted for representatives of 12 schools from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, including those situated along the Contact Line.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

In September, UNICEF facilitated a media mission on the impact water-related attacks have had on children in eastern Ukraine. On 4 September, UNICEF launched the End Violence in School campaign in Ukraine, which envisions a series of Youth Talks in with adolescents in Donetsk and Luhansk regions. UNICEF, together with VISA and the Multiplex movie chain, has announced a partnership program, #WatchMoviesDoGood, to support inclusive and quality education in 25 kindergartens in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. UNICEF continued to raise the visibility of children living along the Contact Line, through its social media platforms reaching over 100,000, with daily updates.

Security

Continued ceasefire violations exposed children and caregivers as well as civilians operating the water system, to risks. Three boys were killed and 1 injured as a result of a mine incident in Horlivka.

Funding

UNICEF’s 2018 humanitarian appeal requirement for Ukraine is US$23.6M of which, as of 30 September, $8.9M is available, including funds carried forward from the previous year. This addresses only 38% of required resources.

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

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