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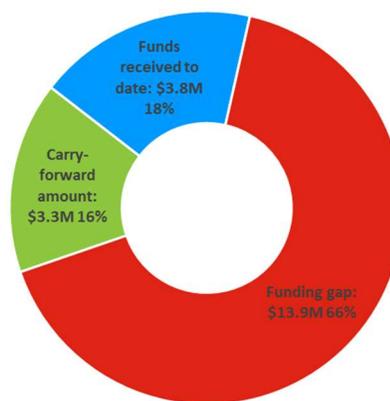
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2019 Funds Available

UNICEF’s Response with Partners

	UNICEF 2019		Sector/Cluster 2019	
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative Results (#)	Cluster Target	Cumulative Results (#)
Nutrition	2,000	0	1,300.000	N/A
Health	24,800	1,009		
Wash	1,125.500	1,249,086	2,000.000	N/A
Child Protection	170,000	50,661	1,300.000	N/A
Education	34,500	16,085	200,000	N/A
HIV/AIDS	200	667	N/A	N/A



Number of people in need: 3,000,000¹ (2019 UNICEF HAC).

Number of children in need of humanitarian assistance: 500,000² (2019 UNICEF HAC).

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

The WASH Cluster reported six incidents affecting water and sanitation facilities in July, bringing the total number of dangerous incidents since the beginning of the year to 64. The first lift pumping station of the South Donbass Water Way, which provides water to 1.1 million people, was under shelling three times in July and the worst affected. The Donetsk Filter Station, which provides water to 378,983 people, was also shelled twice during the month. Finally, and after two weeks without reported incidents in the second half of July, a water pipeline was damaged in Popasnyanskyi rayon (Luhansk GCA) on 30 July, most likely due to shelling and resulting in

¹While 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.

² 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.

almost half of the population of Popasna town (8,000 people) being cut off from the centralised water supply.

In July, the WASH cluster shared the main conclusions of an OFDA-funded study into the water and sanitation situation and needs of conflict-affected populations, with a particular focus on people living in GCA and within 20-km of the contact line. The study showed different demographic characteristics, with fewer children and more elderly persons in the 20 km zone. Children represent 17 per cent of the total population in the 20km zone against 25 per cent elsewhere, and elderly persons were present in 67 per cent of households in the 20km zone while only in 27 per cent elsewhere. The number of households with people with disabilities more than doubled in the 20 km zone (26 per cent against 11 per cent elsewhere in GCA), and 22 per cent of households considered themselves to be in the poorest category (10 per cent elsewhere in GCA). When looking specifically at WASH, needs remained high, with a third of all interviewees reporting requiring some help with their water supply. Dependence on the centralised supply remains high with 70 per cent having access to it, and 50 per cent using it as sole source. The sanitation situation is also of concern in the 20km zone with more than 45 per cent of respondents reporting needing some support (26 per cent elsewhere in GCA), and 12 per cent in the 20km zone reporting that sanitation conditions had worsened since the start of the conflict (only 4 per cent elsewhere in GCA).

The Education Cluster reported that the month of July 2019 had had the highest number of education related incidents since May 2018, when 6 education facilities were damaged in a single month during an increase of hostilities. In July, a total of 5 education-related incidents were reported, with no resulting injury or casualty: on July 3rd, a school in Horlivska suffered damages due to hostilities. On July 8, a school and kindergarten sustained damages due to increased hostilities in Khreshchatytske (Donetsk NGCA). Windows on the 1st floor in the kindergarten and on the 1st and 2nd floors in the school were damaged with shrapnel. On July 11, a school in Lukove (Donetsk NGCA) saw 20 of its windows shattered and its walls damaged by shrapnel. Additionally, more than 15 craters were found within a 120-meter radius of the school. On the same day, another incident was reported at a school in Zolote (Luhansk NGCA) wherein several new holes caused by gunfire were observed in the windows, bringing the total of incidents in this school to 11 since the beginning of 2019. Since the start of 2019, the Education Cluster has received reports regarding 23 conflict-related incidents resulting in physical damages to school infrastructure, 2 education facilities that have been temporarily closed, 5 cases of military presence in close vicinity to the education facility and 9 incidents resulting in threat of death or injuries to students, teachers and parents. Since the beginning of the conflict in 2014, over 750 education facilities have been damaged and many more experienced disruptions to education.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

HEALTH

UNICEF continued implementing its six-month programme for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS providing HIV prevention, care & support and psycho-social services at household-level and in state facilities. In July, 78 children under 18 months born from HIV positive mothers received medical services by multidisciplinary clinical teams. Psycho-social support was also

provided to 40 children with HIV and 16 children with HIV/TB to overcome stigma, anxiety and to improve treatment adherence. Forty caregivers of HIV-positive children were also provided with regular psycho-social support services.

Fifty adolescents have received training on peer-to-peer HIV prevention, and in July, they provided HIV-related information services to 108 of their peers in Donetsk. Trained adolescents-mentors also continued providing psycho-social support to 30 young HIV-positive children in state facilities.

Within the improvement of PMTCT programme, 230 HIV-positive women received counselling services on how to prevent HIV transmission to their babies and were motivated to continue ARV treatment. In July, 602 beneficiaries (332 children and 270 adults) received different HIV services in NGCA with UNICEF's support.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

Within its ongoing support to ensuring access to safe drinking water, UNICEF continued to supply water treatment chemicals for 6 filter stations and 10 production departments of Voda Donbasa and to Popasna vodokanal that serves populations on both sides of the contact line.

In July, 446 individuals were provided improved access to hygiene supplies through distribution of baby kits with diapers and baby products, hygiene kits for people with special needs containing diapers for adults, and family hygiene kits with personal and household hygiene products. The beneficiaries were vulnerable children from social institutions in Druzhkivka and Sievierodonetsk and Roma families from Toretsk.

Over 286 cubic meters of potable water were delivered via water trucking to two checkpoints in Hnutove and Mariinka and a range of educational, health care and social institutions in Avdiivka, Mariinka, Krasnogorivka and other settlements located along the contact line with limited access to drinking water. As a result, 24,000 people crossing checkpoints (where no other water source is available) and 5,125 people in the settlements (with limited or disrupted access to drinking water) benefited from access to safe drinking water.

In July, UNICEF Ukraine continued C4D interventions aimed to raise awareness on menstrual hygiene among youngsters. A digital campaign focused on YouTube's M Channel <https://bit.ly/2yO3UDX> (the channel is dedicated to menstrual hygiene promotion) reached 492,659 users from all over Ukraine, including 84,319 from the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. The YouTube Channel is a part of behavioral change campaign and features famous Ukrainian pop-singers Michelle Andrade, the actors of popular TV series 'School' and teen YouTube blogger, who are very vocal in their communication with youngsters.

CHILD PROTECTION

Protective and Psycho-Social Services

During the month of July, UNICEF in partnership with local 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:

- 908 children (477F/431M) received knowledge on healthy life styles, rights of children, tolerance, leadership and other child protection issues, risks and vulnerabilities.
- 304 individuals (233 children (121F/112M), 20 adults) participated in psycho-social groups activities aimed to address stress and other mental health issues, such as anxiety, aggressiveness, fear, etc.
- 123 individuals (75C: 27F/48M, 48A) continued receiving comprehensive case management
- 60 children (25F/35M) received non-food items (household supplies, clothes, etc.)
- 105 parents and caregivers received knowledge on positive parenting

Through the above-mentioned activities, UNICEF reached a total of 1,212 new individuals.

Gender-based Violence/ Violence Against Children

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). In July, mobile teams provided psychosocial support (PSS) first aid and referral services to 457 survivors of GBV including 55 children affected by violence (14F/17M, 1 with disabilities); 84 individuals (65F/19M) benefitted from tailored mitigation activities aimed to reduce violence; and 711 people (310 children, 401 adults) participated in awareness raising and prevention events held by the mobile teams.

Mine Victims Assistance and Mine Risk Education

In July, UNICEF in partnership with the Danish Refugee Council-Danish Demining Group (DRC-DDG) continued to implement a project to support mine victims. During the reporting period, a total of nine families with ten child mine/ERW survivors received case management support of which two male children were newly enrolled and one case was closed. Additionally, 3 family with adult caregivers (6M/1F) who were affected by mines/ERWs were registered for case management. Furthermore, a total of 13 children (9 girls, 4boys) and 60 community professionals (55F/5M) participated in training sessions on inclusion during the reporting period.

During the reporting period, 100,988 children aged 13-17 in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts were reached by the online educational cartoons 'Super Team Against Mines', using digital media to promote child targeted MRE safety messages and rules (<https://bit.ly/2LL3PsQ>).

EDUCATION

As part of the Child-Friendly and Safe Schools modelling, the rehabilitation of 2 schools located near the contact line (0-5km) in Luhansk oblast was completed in July. Over 450 children are now benefiting from an improved learning environment and refurbished spaces for sports

activities. The WASH facilities and entrance ramps in these schools were also rehabilitated to accommodate the needs of children with disabilities. The results and outcomes of Child-Friendly and Safe Schools modelling in these and another 12 schools will be presented at the national Conference on Safe Schools during the second week of October.

In partnership with the NGO "Open Policy Foundation" UNICEF continued to support an information campaign and a hotline on education-related issues for children and youth from conflict-affected areas seeking opportunities to continue higher education outside of this area. This support has been in place for more than 3 years and during the month of July, over 9,000 enquiries have been registered by consultants of the hotline, out of which over 1,300 were enquiries from NGCA and areas along the contact line. The project will end with the end of this year's admission campaign on 31 August 2019, following which the Government of Ukraine is expected to take over the responsibility for disseminating information on options available for graduates from NGCA and for clarifying admission procedures. UNICEF will continue monitoring the right of children and youth in NGCA to continue higher education in their preferred location and to advocate on this with the relevant stakeholders on both sides of the contact line.

UNICEF in cooperation with a long-standing partner NGO "Health through Education" continues to enhance life-saving and life-sustaining knowledge and skills among children and adolescents, living in a conflict area through implementation of Life Skills courses. The course provides children with skills, values and behaviors needed to prepare for the personal, interpersonal and active citizenship aspects of their individual and social lives. In July, 40 teachers from 36 education facilities in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts were trained on life skills through an on-line course. They will in turn provide life skills classes to an estimated 6,000 children when schools are back in session in September.

COMMUNICATION

In July, UNICEF issued a global press release to highlight a recent increase in the number of attacks on water infrastructure objects in eastern Ukraine ["Millions of people risk being cut off from safe water as hostilities escalate in Eastern Ukraine – UNICEF"](#)

The CO conducted a multimedia mission to collect content on impact of interrupted water supply on children and families in Luhansk and Donetsk regions, as well as response provided by UNICEF and partners with support from the Government of Germany and KfW. The photos and videos will be launched during the World Water Week in August 2019.

UNICEF continued to raise the visibility of children living along the contact line, through its social media platforms reaching over 120,000 people with daily updates.

SECURITY

The security situation in ECA remained unchanged, i.e. unstable and unpredictable, with daily violations to the ceasefire reported on both sides of the conflict. Intensive skirmishes were reported in the conflict hot spots along the line of contact. The lethal military activities: firing,

shelling and mine/IED planting, together with the resulting UXO/ERW contamination, continue to represent the major threats to UNICEF personnel and missions in the ECA.

The political situation remained unclear with no indication of improvements, generating concerns from security perspective regarding the potential for escalation. A rapid deterioration of the security situation could happen at any given time and negatively affect UNICEF staff, assets and operations.

Funding

UNICEF's 2019 humanitarian appeal requirement for Ukraine is US\$21,067,799 of which, as of 31 July 2019, \$13,945,715 is available including the funds carried forward from the previous year and funds received in 2019. This addresses only 34% of the required resources.

Funding Requirements (as defined in Humanitarian Appeal 2019 for a period of 12 months)					
Appeal Sector	Requirements	Funds received in current year	Carry-forward	Funding gap	
				\$	%
Nutrition	150,000			150,000	100%
Health	1,830,000		688,742	1,141,258	62%
Water, sanitation and hygiene	13,267,799	1,665,778	570,788	11,031,233	83%
Child protection	2,420,000	781,108	1,137,083	501,809	21%
Education	2,360,000	1,050,079	428,823	881,098	37%
HIV and AIDS	440,000	64,925		375,075	85%
Cluster/sector coordination	600,000	238,952	495,805	-	0%
Total	21,067,799	3,800,842	3,321,242	14,080,473	67%

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

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