Number of people in need: 3,000,000 (2019 UNICEF HAC).
Number of children in need of humanitarian assistance: 500,000 (2019 UNICEF HAC).

**Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs**

In June, the WASH cluster recorded 12 incidents affecting water and sanitation infrastructure along the line of contact, bringing the total number of incidents for the first half of 2019 to 58. More than half of them affected the First Lift Pumping Station of the South Donbass Water Way, which provides water to 1.1 million people. Worryingly, two incidents damaged the actual pipeline of the Siverskyi Donets Donbass (SDD) channel which delivers raw water to filter stations serving 3.1 million people. The shelling also affected sewage treatment plants twice.

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1 Clusters are collecting figures on quarterly basis. The figures in the table correspond to the 1st quarter of 2019.
2 As of June 2019, no funding was received for nutrition interventions.
3 New funding opportunity has allowed to reach more beneficiaries than initially planned.
4 While 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.
5 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.
The situation was highlighted by UNICEF communication team (https://twitter.com/UNICEF_UA/status/1146807449141338112).

On June 13 and 17, two new incidents affecting schools were reported at the School # 4 in Zolote5/Mykhailivka (Luhanska NGCA). Several new holes caused by gunfire were observed in the windows of a school building, and luckily no one was injured. The school # 4 in Zolote5/Mykhailivka has been damaged 10 times since the beginning of 2019. Another incident of damages to school infrastructure was also reported on June 24 in school #103 in Donetsk city (Donetska NGCA), and as a result of shelling, school windows and walls were damaged by shrapnel. The Ukraine Education Cluster estimates that over 700,000 children and teachers in more than 3,500 education facilities in eastern Ukraine are affected by the hostilities and in need of humanitarian assistance. More than 400,000 children are directly affected by the conflict as they live, play and go to school within 20 kilometres on both sides of the “contact line,” where shelling and extreme levels of mine-contamination threaten their lives and wellbeing.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

HEALTH
UNICEF is continuing a six-months program for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS in Donetsk NGCA in which vulnerable groups receive HIV prevention, care & support and psycho-social services at household and institutional levels. In June, children under 18-months born from HIV positive mothers along with HIV-positive children were visited by multidisciplinary clinical teams and provided with medical treatment and/or monitoring services. Where needed, continuous psycho-social support was provided.

In June, 30 adolescents benefitted from learning sessions and training on peer-to-peer HIV prevention and informational services for 705 of their peers in Donetsk schools. In addition, adolescents-mentors provided psycho-social support to 30 HIV-positive children in institutions.

Altogether, some 2,000 children in NGCA were reached with HIV-related services during the reporting period.

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 Donbasu and to Popasna vodokanal that serve populations on both sides of the contact line.

In June, a new round of e-voucher distributions was carried out for households residing in settlements located 0-5 km from the contact line. A total of 5,000 people were assisted with
hygiene supplies including 62% reached through the provision of e-vouchers for 12 educational and healthcare facilities.

UNICEF continued C4D intervention to promote safe hygiene behavior. Educational sessions on hygiene practices were conducted for children in both school and recreational summer camps in conflict-affected areas of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. Also, in June a menstrual hygiene educational campaign started with issuing the first educational video featuring Michelle Andrade, a Ukrainian pop-singer and digital influencer.

**CHILD PROTECTION**

During the reporting period, 945 children living close to the contact line on both sides received knowledge on healthy lifestyles, rights of children, child protection risks and vulnerabilities through Community Protection Centers and through mobile outreach.

Through mobile outreach activities, UNICEF also continued raising awareness and providing assistance to survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and to children affected by violence in Donetsk and Luhansk areas (GCA). During June, mobile teams provided PSS first aid and referral services for 274 survivors of GBV of which 31 were children affected by violence.

During the reporting period, 177 community professionals’ capacities for early detection of child protection risks and vulnerabilities, were strengthened through capacity development events aiming at strengthening their ability to prevent and address negative consequences of impact of conflict the children and their families.

UNICEF continued C4D intervention on safe behavior with mines and UXOs applying the ‘edutainment’ approach (see below). Within the joint projects with Swiss Foundation for Demining (FSD) and SOS Children's Villages Ukraine, over 7,100 boys and girls were educated on mine safety rules in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts (GCA). UNICEF also continued providing mine victim assistance to child and adult care givers victims of landmines and ERW, as there is no government programme established so far.

**EDUCATION**

During the months of May and June, under graduates from all over Ukraine underwent an External Independent Evaluation as a pre-requisite for admission to higher education in Ukraine. According to the Departments of Education in Donetska and Luhanska oblasts more than 1,100 children from NGCA were registered to sit the evaluation in GCA. According to the data presented by Ukraine Education Cluster, since the start of the conflict, an estimated 120,000 children have graduated from the NGCA education system.

Child-Friendly and Safe Schools modelling in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts continued with a series of peer monitoring visits carried out in June to 14 education facilities. These visits aimed
at assessing the progress of the implementation of the Safe Schools concept, but also served as a forum to share the experiences and good practices of Safe School Modelling.

UNICEF in cooperation with a long-standing partner NGO, ‘Health though Education,’ continued to enhance life-saving and life-sustaining knowledge and skills among children and adolescents, living in conflict areas through implementation of Life Skills courses. In June, teachers from 50 education facilities in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts were trained on life skills through an on-line course. An estimated 1,000 children will begin benefitting from trained teachers in September when schools are back in session.

COMMUNICATION
UNICEF continued C4D intervention on mine safety applying the ‘edutainment’ approach. In partnership with the ‘Children KinoFest Film Festival’ (an annual international festival of movies for children and teenagers) UNICEF supported comic cartoons on Mine Risk Education (MRE) and hygiene were screened in 24 cities and towns all over Ukraine during May and June including in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

An estimated 50,000 children watched the videos promoting hygiene rules and the safe behavior with land mines and explosive remnants of war including 6,400 school-aged children in the conflict-affected towns of Sloviansk, Severodonetsk, Mariupol, Kramatorsk and others.

In June, UNICEF Ukraine launched M Channel on YouTube as a part of behavior change campaign addressing knowledge gaps and stigma on menstrual practices among young people and adolescence. During its first months, M Channel was watched more than 533,000 times by users from all over Ukraine, including 114,216 teens from the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts (according to the digital monitoring stats). The campaign is built on the findings from U-Report survey among boys and girls about attitudes and practices around menstrual hygiene and aimed at raising awareness about safe hygiene practices and to increase social acceptance for MHM.

SECURITY
The overall security situation in eastern Ukraine remains volatile with daily ceasefire violations. During June additional civilian casualties were reported, including two children (9 and 13 years old) reported, as well as a large number of destructions of premises in residential area and civilian infrastructure were registered, among them the Children’s City Clinical Hospital in NGCA. The damages are reported in the laundry and the heating plant buildings. Fortunately, no one was injured, and the hospital continues to function as normal.

While the month of June saw an apparent disengagement of military forces and hardware in Stanytsia Luhanska crossing point as agreed during the past Minsk meeting, both sides accused each other of violating the agreement. It is to note that during the Minsk meeting on 19 June 2019, no agreement was reached on establishment of a “Harvest” ceasefire, otherwise agreed in previous years.
**FUNDING**

UNICEF’s 2019 humanitarian appeal requirement for Ukraine is US$21,067,799 of which, as of 30 June, $ 6,553,902 is available including the funds carried forward from the previous year and funds received in 2019. This addresses only 31 % of the required resources. The underfunding situation of the HAC is putting at risk UNICEF interventions to address major humanitarian needs across all sectors, in particular in areas along the contact line and in NGCA.

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


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