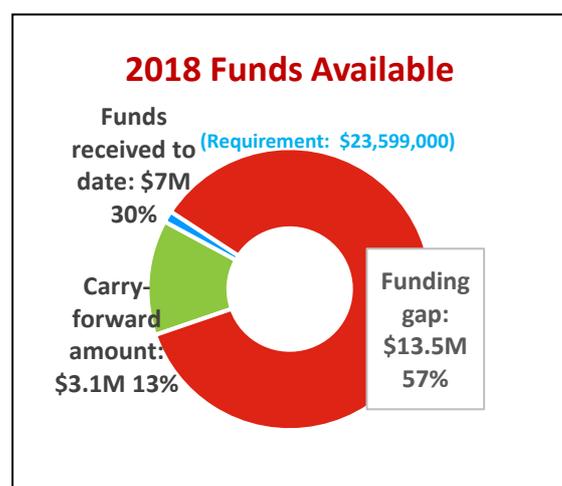


UNICEF’s Response with Partners

	UNICEF 2018		Sector/Cluster 2018	
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)
Nutrition	20,000	70 ¹		
Health	20,000	30,692 ²		
WASH	1,990,000	1,452,832	2,300,000	1,265,346
Child Protection ³	605,000	336,982	1,300,000	
Education ⁴	131,000	111,455	200,000	171,000
HIV & AIDS	46,000	42,034	N/A	



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 & Key Results

In close partnership with civil society, UNICEF focused on addressing the education, health, protection, education and water, sanitation and hygiene needs of children particularly those residing on the line of contact, on both sides. The rehabilitation of 12 schools was completed in October, ensuring safe learning environments for children who continue to face continued ceasefire violations. To strengthen the resilience of the water system to conflict related shocks, UNICEF delivered over 12 tons of activated carbon to water companies, to mitigate the risk of supply disruptions. Survivors of gender based violence continued to access services provided by UNICEF through a network of 15 mobile teams in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

HEALTH

Within the framework of its programme on prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, 33 new mothers living with HIV in non-government controlled areas accessed new born services provided through a UNICEF-supported multidisciplinary team of social and medical workers for clinical monitoring and

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.

psychosocial support. UNICEF promoted HIV prevention activities among school age adolescents via its peer-to-peer programme, benefitting 52 adolescent-volunteers through training of trainers and 258 children, as well as 60 adolescents in conflict with the law, who accessed information on HIV prevention. In October, 35 children and 12 adults receiving antiretroviral treatment benefitted from UNICEF-supported care and counselling services, while 16 adolescents with HIV-TB co-infection accessed psychosocial support. In addition, 291 children benefitted from HIV-related care and support services in non-government controlled areas of Donetsk oblast. The antiretroviral medicines, procured and delivered within the framework of the GFATM-UNICEF programme which was completed in 31 June 2018, ensured uninterrupted treatment for 840 new HIV-positive persons between July-October. During the same period, 10,584 pregnant women accessed HIV testing services supported by UNICEF.

WASH

UNICEF continued to ensure access to safe drinking water, including through the supply of liquefied chlorine gas and sodium hypochlorite to 6 filter stations and 10 production departments of Voda Donbasa, serving over 200,000 people. In addition, 12 tons of activated carbon were provided to the company to address supply disruptions. This will enable the company ensure the treatment of water following stoppages of the system for repair. UNICEF provided water treatment chemicals to the Western Filter Station of Popasna Vodokanal as well as sodium hypochlorite to Stanytsya-Luhanska, a department of Popasna Vodokanal that serves 64,000 people residing on both sides of the line of contact.

In non-government controlled areas of Donetsk oblast, water supply, sanitation and heating systems were rehabilitated in 16 schools and kindergartens (Dokuchaevsk city, Boikivskiyi and Novoazovskiyi rayons), improving access to sanitation for 4,228 children. At the same time, water supply, sanitation and heating systems were rehabilitated in 10 health facilities in Yasynuvata, Donetsk city, Novyi Svit, Horlivka, Dokuchevsk and Novoazovsk, improving access to sanitation for 39,282 patients. In non-government controlled areas of Luhansk oblast, the rehabilitation of water, sanitation and heating systems was completed in 5 schools and kindergartens ensuring access for 1,550 children to improved WASH facilities and heating systems (Brianka, Dovzhansk, Khrustalniyi, Komisarivka and Rovenky). Some 1,500 jerry cans were distributed to compensate for water supply interruptions for households and medical institutions in non-government controlled areas of Luhansk oblast. An e-voucher programme was launched in Stanychno-Luhanskyyi and Novoaidarskyi raions, improving access to hygiene supplies for 2,330 households and 26 educational, health and social institutions, benefitting 11,145 vulnerable individuals with targeted assistance in the aforementioned raions.

CHILD PROTECTION

In October, UNICEF continued to support a permanently based Child Protection Center in Luhansk city for mobile outreach to remote areas in non-government controlled areas of Luhansk oblast, benefitting 20 families (34 children – 21 boys/13 girls) who accessed comprehensive case management; 913 children who participated in psycho-social individual and groups activities (aimed to address stress and other mental health issues, such as anxiety, aggressiveness and fear); and 1,003 children and their caregivers who benefitted from knowledge on key protection issues, including 407 children (223 boys/185 girls) who accessed mine risk education. Throughout the month, 50 children from 33 families received emergency NFI assistance while 128 of community professionals were trained in methods, skills and techniques for improved support to affected children and acquired skills to prevent professional burn-out.

In October, UNICEF initiated a project aimed to provide comprehensive psycho-social support for vulnerable children and their families residing in non-government controlled areas of Donetsk Oblast. Through a network of 15 mobile teams, UNICEF continued to provide assistance to survivors of gender-based violence and to children affected by violence in government controlled areas of Donetsk and Luhansk

oblasts, rendering psychosocial first aid and referral services to 457 survivors and 49 children (18 boys/31 girls, 1 of them with special needs) affected by violence.

UNICEF continued its support to mine victims, having mapped, jointly with the Danish Refugee Council-Danish Demining Group, all mine and explosive remnants of war accidents in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. In October, an assessment aimed to identify the needs of mine victims was initiated including visits to households, where 14 children affected by mines and unexploded ordnances reside. In October UNICEF continued to build capacities of adult trainers and young leaders on Mine Risk Education through C4D interventions. In close coordination with civil society, UNICEF trained 76 teachers including 32 master trainers. Some 1,442 children including 246 peer-to-peer master trainers were educated to conduct learning sessions on mine risk education for children in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts (GCA). Landmines and explosive remnants of war are one of the highest causes of civilian casualties in eastern Ukraine, with 92 men, women and children killed or injured since January 2018. As a result of such interventions including mine risk education, UNICEF ensures that the impact, on children is minimized.

EDUCATION

UNICEF continues to strengthen data on the learning needs of children through its field offices on both sides of the line of contact. Having repaired Troitske school in government controlled areas of Luhansk oblast where 42 children (32 pupils and 10 preschoolers) study, UNICEF completed the rehabilitation of 12 schools located along the line of contact thus ensuring access to safe learning environments.

In partnership with civil society, UNICEF launched an online course on Safe Schools, enhancing the theoretical and practical application of the concept of safe and protective environments including physical safety, psychosocial wellbeing, violence-free environment and school governance. Over 200 school administrators and teachers completed the course in October while 138 school administrators and teachers from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts were trained on life skills through face-to-face sessions and online courses, thus benefitting 1,380 children. In parallel, UNICEF continues to engage with the Ministry of Education for them to endorse the Safe Schools Declaration.

In October, UNICEF completed its access to education campaign for children residing in non-government controlled areas. In close partnership with local civil society, UNICEF raised the awareness of children on learning opportunities and as a result, facilitated access to online learning for 12,000 children and access to higher education for 1,749 students who entered university in 2018. The aforementioned results were presented by UNICEF and civil society at a press conference in October.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Having reached over 100,000 people through its social media platforms, UNICEF continued to raise awareness on the rights of children living along the line of contact. Throughout the month, UNICEF further amplified the importance of uninterrupted water supply and adherence to international humanitarian law as well as hygiene promotion, having supported UNICEF and WASH cluster activities on the occasion of Global Handwashing Day. In October UNICEF developed two human interest stories focusing on mine risk following the tragic incidents affecting children and civilians managing the water system in the areas close to the line of contact.

Security

Security risks due to continued ceasefire violations remained high especially for children residing along the line of contact as well as civilians managing the water and energy grid. A total of 18 civilian casualties were reported (13 injured and 5 killed) of which 11 were mine- and unexploded ordnance- related.

Funding

UNICEF's 2018 humanitarian appeal requirement for Ukraine is US\$23.6M of which, as of 31 October, \$10.1M is available, including funds carried forward from the previous year. This addresses only 43% of required resources.

Appeal Sector	Requirements	Funds available		Funding gap	
		Funds Received Current Year	Carry-Over	\$	%
Nutrition	300,000		0		
Health	1,800,000	373,478	89,525	1,336,997	74%
Water, sanitation and hygiene	13,619,000	2,152,201	856,424	10,610,375	78%
Child protection	3,200,000	2,372,591	635,066	192,343	6%
Education	3,050,000	1,256,587	315,628	1,477,785	48%
HIV and AIDS	1,130,000		442,264	687,736	61%
Cluster/sector coordination	500,000	835,494	787,346	(1,122,840)	0%
Total	23,599,000	6,990,351	3,126,253	13,482,396	57%

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

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