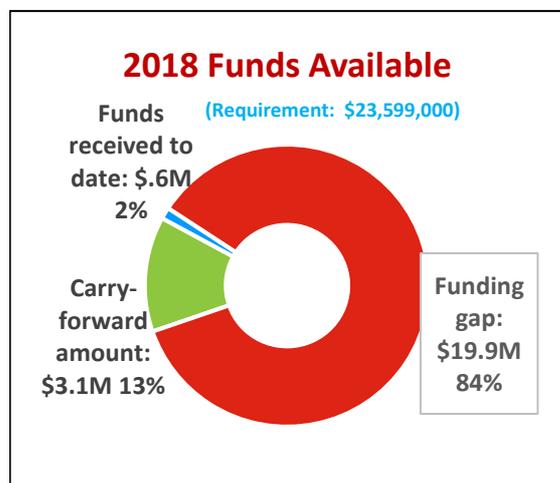


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UNICEF’s Response with Partners

| | UNICEF 2018 | | Sector/Cluster 2018 | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| | UNICEF Target | Cumulative results (#) | Cluster Target | Cumulative results (#) |
| Nutrition | 20,000 | 70 ¹ | 900,000 | |
| Health | 20,000 | 30,692 ² | | |
| WASH | 1,990,000 | 619,733 | 2,300,000 | 495,101 |
| Child Protection ³ | 605,000 | 279,604 | 1,300,000 | |
| Education ⁴ | 131,000 | 81,243 | 200,000 | |
| HIV & AIDS | 46,000 | 24,114 | N/A | |



Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

The shelling of civilian infrastructure continued in May with several incidents reported, one of them leading to the stoppage of the Donetsk Filter Station, which supplies water to 345,000 people on both sides of the line of contact. There were eight specific incidents in which the filter station facilities and staff were exposed to direct attack between 17 April and end May. On 28 May, a 15-year-old girl was killed when a shell exploded in the yard of her home in Zalizne, Donetsk oblast. Through the WASH and Education clusters UNICEF monitored the situation, systematically calling on all sides to cease hostilities.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

WASH

UNICEF continued to supply liquefied chlorine gas, sodium hypochlorite, activated carbon, aluminum sulfate and flocculant to 6 filter stations and 10 production departments of Voda Donbassa. Having replaced degraded pipes, UNICEF ensured that 163 households with 418 beneficiaries were reconnected to water supply in Lysychansk in Luhansk GCA. In Toretsk and Avdiivka 145 people benefitted from access to water

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.

supply through similar interventions. In Donetsk NGCA 31 water tanks and 70 boilers were installed in educational and health institutions improving resilience to unexpected water breakdowns and hot water supply interruptions for 14,164 vulnerable individuals. A total of 5,826 children and their teachers benefitted from access to hygiene supplies in schools and kindergartens in Donetsk NGCA. In addition, 6,708 children, women and persons with disabilities received individual and family hygiene kits in the towns and villages of Donetsk NGCA. In May UNICEF reached 25,000 boys and girls with messages on personal hygiene rules and mine safety at the 'Children Kinofest' movie festival in 24 cities and towns all over Ukraine including 4 towns in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts (GCA).

CHILD PROTECTION

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 May, a total of 550 GBV survivors and 105 children (46 boys/59 girls; 4 children with special needs) affected by violence benefitted from PSS first aid and referral services. UNICEF trained 51 community professionals on GBV and prevention of violence against children to increase their awareness of international and national norms and legislation and to strengthen their professional capacity to deliver quality services.

EDUCATION

In May UNICEF distributed educational supplies, school furniture, sport equipment, playground items and educational kits, to 8,838 children in 20 educational facilities in Donetsk NGCA and 23 educational facilities in Luhansk NGCA. UNICEF also provided ECD and hygiene kits as part of its emergency support to Svitlodarsk School # 11 and Toretsk School # 13 in Donetsk GCA following shelling incidents in close proximity to the schools. In addition, teachers trained by UNICEF on psychosocial support were mobilized and delivered immediate counselling to their peers as well as traumatized children.

Online Life Skills Education was accessed by 159 teachers from 129 schools in GCA of Donetsk and Luhansk which in turn benefitted over 3,975 children. An additional 188 teachers were trained on conflict resolution skills within the framework of a mediation programme initiated in 10 'Safe Schools'. This training will ensure 375 children are reached with mediation and conflict resolution assistance.

HIV & AIDS

To ensure uninterrupted Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) for people living with HIV in NGCAs of Donetsk and Lugansk regions, UNICEF continued to procure and distribute life-saving anti-retroviral medicines (ARVs) and commodities. Since January, 24,114 people received HIV-related services (11,021 persons living with HIV were on ARV treatment and 13,093 pregnant women received HIV counselling and testing).

Security

While the intensity of shelling remained relatively consistent throughout the month, the death of a 15 year old girl in Zalzine, confirmed the continuing severity of the threats facing children and their caregivers on both sides of the contact line in Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts.

Communication

On 4 May, 2018, UNICEF CO together with RO organized a press briefing with UNICEF Representative in Ukraine at the Palais des Nations in Geneva to brief international media about the situation of children as the conflict in eastern Ukraine entered in its fifth year. The press briefing was combined with the UNICEF global press statement: "School children caught in the crossfire of eastern Ukraine's four-year conflict" and a photo story on schools in the firing line. On 15 May, UNICEF together with the Government of Germany organized a pre-premier screening of the documentary "What is your name," highlighting the stories of the

displaced children. UNICEF continued to raise the visibility of children living along the contact line, through its social media platforms reaching between 95,000, with daily updates.

Funding

UNICEF's 2018 humanitarian appeal requirement for Ukraine is US\$23.6M of which, as of 30 April, \$3.7M is available, including funds carried forward from the previous year. This addresses only 16% of required resources. UNICEF is seeking urgent funding to respond to the urgent needs in the non-government-controlled areas, in particular for child protection and WASH interventions put on hold due to lack of resources.

| Appeal Sector | Requirements | Funds available | | Funding gap | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | | Funds Received Current Year | Carry-Over | \$ | % |
| Nutrition | 300,000 | | 0 | | |
| Health | 1,800,000 | 120,000 | 89,525 | 1,590,475 | 88% |
| Water, sanitation and hygiene | 13,619,000 | 36,224 | 856,424 | 12,726,352 | 93% |
| Child protection | 3,200,000 | | 635,066 | 2,564,934 | 80% |
| Education | 3,050,000 | 385,005 | 315,628 | 2,349,367 | 77% |
| HIV and AIDS | 1,130,000 | | 442,264 | 687,736 | 61% |
| Cluster/sector coordination | 500,000 | 47,723 | 787,346 | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 23,599,000 | 588,952 | 3,126,253 | 19,883,795 | 84% |

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

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