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UKRAINE REPORT

*In partnership with humanitarian agency ADRA, the
U.N. World Food Programme distributes vouchers
to families affected by the war.*

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OVERVIEW

February 24 marks one year since the onset of war in Ukraine.

The conflict has resulted in thousands of civilian casualties, the destruction of critical infrastructure and food insecurity.

To date, approximately 5.4 million people have been displaced inside Ukraine. Nearly 7.9 million individuals, mainly women, children and elderly people, have sought refuge across Europe. It is one of the fastest forced population movements since World War II.

Approximately 18 million Ukrainians require humanitarian assistance, and one in three households is food insecure. The war has devastated rural communities that rely heavily on agriculture. Damaged farmland, livestock deaths and disruptions to electricity, water and fuel have left millions of farmers without an income.

At the request of the government of Ukraine, the U.N. World Food Programme established a presence inside the country in March 2022. With the help of donors like you, we delivered emergency food and cash assistance immediately.

Today, the U.N. World Food Programme reaches nearly 3 million people each month. From working with local bakeries to distributing food at refugee centers in neighboring Moldova, the U.N. World Food Programme has provided food to Ukrainians when they needed it most. You helped make this work possible.

We thank you for your support. Your contributions have allowed the U.N. World Food Programme to deliver lifesaving meals and continue our response to this ongoing humanitarian crisis.

As you read the following pages, it is our hope that you are reminded of the impact you make with your generosity.



“War transformed what is usually a breadbasket of the world into one of the largest breadlines.”

— David Beasley, WFP Executive Director

As a harsh winter continues, a looming energy crisis and rising food prices (up 33% from last year) have driven humanitarian needs in Ukraine.

Nearly all the food the U.N. World Food Programme distributes in Ukraine is sourced locally and works with local bakeries to deliver bread to communities. Photo: WFP/Photolibrary



Tetianna and her children Kira, Polina and Mykola received emergency food and nutrition assistance from the U.N. World Food Programme. This included items like pasta, rice, canned meat, sunflower oil and specialized infant cereal.

Photo: WFP/Anastasiia Honcharuk

EMERGENCY FOOD & NUTRITION ASSISTANCE

With the support of partners like you, the U.N. World Food Programme is able to provide food to people most affected by the conflict.

Over 80% of the U.N. World Food Programme's assistance is distributed near the frontlines of the war. In addition to providing families with food, the U.N. World Food Programme supplies hospitals, displacement centers and orphanages with food.

To prevent malnutrition, the U.N. World Food Programme distributes fortified cereal for children 6 to 23 months. Through this nutrition assistance, infants receive essential vitamins and nutrients to help them develop and thrive.

Moldova hosts almost 100,000 refugees from Ukraine. To date, the U.N. World Food Programme has delivered more than 1.8 million hot meals to Ukrainians in refugee centers across 27 districts in Moldova.



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CASH-BASED SUPPORT

Cash can be a transformational tool in humanitarian crises.

People spend most of the money provided by WFP on food, medicine, and other items they urgently need. With cash, debit cards and vouchers, individuals can select the food their families need most. Cash-based assistance also provides a much-needed boost to the local economy. In Ukraine, the U.N. World Food Programme has disbursed \$400 million in cash assistance to more than 506,000 people.

Each family receives approximately \$60 per person per month for up to five family members. The U.N. World Food Programme has also supported over 13,000 Moldovan families hosting refugees from Ukraine. Host families receive cash transfers to help cover food, utilities and other expenses.

MEET ALINA

Alina is the mother of two children and lives in Chernihiv, a city close to the frontlines. Nearby missile blasts shattered her home's windows and damaged walls. Repairs cost nearly \$1,000.

Alina received three cash vouchers from the U.N. World Food Programme to purchase food at a local supermarket.

She shared, "Our children are growing and need to be clothed and fed, so it's good that we received humanitarian help. We give everything to our children. We do not buy anything for ourselves."



The U.N. World Food Programme-chartered Brave Commander was the first humanitarian cargo vessel to depart Ukraine since the start of the war. Photo: WFP/Anastassia Honcharuk

BLACK SEA GRAIN INITIATIVE

Before the war, Ukraine produced enough food to feed 400 million people per year. After the conflict began, disruptions to agricultural production and supply chains unleashed a global wave of collateral hunger.

As shipments from Black Sea ports came to a halt, food prices rose significantly around the world – especially in countries that heavily rely on wheat imports from Russia and Ukraine.

In July, the United Nations helped broker the Black Sea Grain Initiative between Ukraine, Türkiye and Russia. This initiative opened a maritime humanitarian corridor to export food from Ukraine, which provided much-needed relief to global markets. While food costs still remain high, Ukraine has resumed wheat exports to almost pre-war levels and critical shipments have been transported through Black Sea ports to support U.N. World Food Programme operations in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Yemen and Somalia.



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ABOUT US

World Food Program USA (WFP USA) works to solve global hunger by raising U.S. support to advance the mission of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP). By mobilizing individuals, lawmakers and businesses to end hunger, we bolster an enduring American legacy of feeding families in need around the world. WFP USA has a 4-star Exceptional rating, from Charity Navigator, the highest designation from the world's largest evaluator of nonprofits. This 4-star rating is given to charities that exceed industry standards and outperform most charities in its cause.

THANK YOU!

Your support makes a difference in the lives of those affected by the crisis in Ukraine. We are grateful for your generosity and will continue to update you on the ongoing situation.

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