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# Ukraine Emergency Response Situation Report

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# Introduction

Country/Location: Ukraine Title of Emergency: War Dates covered by report: February 24/25 Situation Report No. One

## General overview (For External Use)

Ukraine is a country in Eastern Europe with approximately 40 million inhabitants. In 2014, Ukrainian peninsula Crimea was occupied by Russia. Since 2014, the South Eastern region of Donbass was affected by war: so-called separatists backed by Russian military occupied parts of Donbass. Occasional shelling and shooting led to approximately 14,000 victims (people killed) since 2014, many of them children. In 2014/15, 1.5 million Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) left Crimea and the Russian occupied territories in Donbass and are living in Central and Western Ukraine now.

A full-scale military attack (invasion) of Ukraine was started by Russia in the night of February 23/24, 2022. Towns and other

**Highlights of the Situation** Affected More people than 100,000 Displaced More (Total) than 100,000 Welfare n.a. centers Dead hundreds Missing unknown Injured hundreds Houses destroyed unknown Partially damaged Source:

targets in all regions of Ukraine have been shelled or attacked with rockets and tanks invaded the country from three directions (north, east and south). Fighting is progressing for two days now and is continuing. Residential buildings have been destroyed and lives have been lost. The situation is extremely unclear. Hundreds of thousands of people started their escape from cities to rural areas or are heading west. A major wave of refugees is expected to arrive in neighboring countries such as Romania and Poland.



#### Map of Affected Area(s)

No specific area can be shown. The whole country is affected.

Web link to access photos and maps from the Disaster Management Center of Ukraine: Specific websites in Ukraine do not work currently. Access is denied.

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#### **Overview of ChildFund Response (For External Use)**

ChildFund Deutschland has been working in Ukraine since 2004 in a variety of programmatic areas and in all major regions of the country. Since 2014/15, ChildFund's involvement grew significantly. A more detailed paper about previous program activities is available on request.

ChildFund established a network with 12 Ukrainian partner NGOs. With nine of them, projects have been in implementation before the war started. Currently we are able to keep contact with five of these partner organizations. These five partner organizations are willing and able to undertake relief efforts in their respective regions.

#### In relation to ChildFund Ukraine, program areas – NA

#### **ChildFund Ukraine** – NA

District	No. of Divisions affected	Number of People Affected	Number of Families Affected	Number of Children Affected	Number of Enrolled Children Affected

#### ChildFund's Proposed Response Program

ChildFund is able to transfer financial support to partner organizations. These transfers are done twice a week. The transfers are limited to few thousand Euros per transfer/partner organization to avoid the risk of loss. In case banking institutes will be closed, a new mode of support will have to be identified. Recipients of the funds (partner organizations) support war victims, especially children and families who are new IDPs or who lost their homes, and support private initiatives who are evacuating orphanages. So far, all products/stock can be bought in country; there are no shortages in supermarkets or pharmacies. ChildFund agreed with the partner organizations on a two-days-rhythm of adjusting support programs and supplying funds. Currently, this support can be secured in various regions of Ukraine, especially in Kiev, Charkiv and Cherson. For security reasons, we are not able to identify these



partner organizations by name. For the time being, reporting is only possible by telephone, which is unusual, but unavoidable.

We will try to secure a more systematic and 'normal' relief activity as soon as the circumstances and conditions allow.

Further, we are observing the refugee situation in neighboring countries and are grateful for We World's offer to work with Ukrainian refugees in Romania or Poland, as the situation unfolds.

#### **Response of Government, UN and other Agencies**

The United Nations allocated US \$20 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to immediately scale up life-saving humanitarian assistance and protection to civilians in Ukraine. More details may be found on the following link: <u>https://www.unocha.org/story/un-allocates-20m-cerf-humanitarian-response-ukraine</u>

For a copy of the OCHA Humanitarian Response Plan, please see: Ukraine: 2022 Humanitarian Response Plan [EN/UA] | HumanitarianResponse

#### SECTIONS BELOW ARE FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

- 1. Security & logistics
- 2. Partnership and coordination
- 3. Programs (that are being done by ChildFund)

Sectors	Actions	

4. Staffing

Major HR issues: Visits: Departures: Arrival:



#### Staff on the Ground:

Individual Name	Title	Location

#### 5. Donors

Proposals and concept note submitted:

Donors	Program	Amount
ChildFund		
Alliance		

#### Confirmed funding:

Donors	Program	Amount (USD)
Total		

#### 6. Finance:

Currently, ChildFund Deutschland has 30,000 Euros available from its emergency reserve. We expect this amount to last for one week. With national and international fundraising unfolding, this amount will grow. Adjustment to program needs will be done permanently, as the situation changes and is getting clearer. We anticipate a need of 250,000 Euros for the two weeks to follow and, depending on access to the country and development of the military situation, even higher amounts in the future.

#### 7. Media/Communications (Mobile & Email)

Frequent activity in social media in English and German. Please contact Nicole Peckhaus (<u>peckhaus@childfund.de</u>) about related details.

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## 8. <u>Next Steps</u>

To be completed.

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