

Ukraine Emergency Response Situation Report

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Introduction

Country/Location: Ukraine

Title of Emergency: War

Dates covered by report: February 24 – March 14, 2022

Situation Report No. Five

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 since.

A full-scale military attack (invasion) of Ukraine was started by Russia in the night of February 23/24, 2022. Towns and other targets in all regions of Ukraine are shelled or attacked with rockets, as tanks invaded the country from three directions (north, east and south). Fighting is progressing since and is even intensifying. Thousands of residential buildings are damaged or destroyed and thousands of lives have been lost.

Intentional attacks on the civilian population are increasing and obviously part of the military strategy; they aim at breaking the Ukrainian spirit and resistance. The situation in many locations continues to be unclear. More than four million people started their escape from cities to rural areas or are heading west. A major wave of refugees is arriving in neighboring countries such as Poland, Romania, Hungary, Moldova and Slovakia. The European Union has projected that up to seven million Ukrainian refugees could arrive in neighboring countries just in the coming weeks. Currently, the number of IDPs cannot realistically be estimated.

Map of Affected Area(s)

No specific area can be shown. The whole country is affected. Currently, eastern and southern Ukraine as well as the capital Kiev are hit more hard than Western regions of the country.

Highlights of the Situation		
	Affected people	many million people
	Displaced (Total)	More than five million people
	Welfare centers	N.A.
	Dead	Several thousand people
	Missing	unknown
	Injured	Thousands
	Houses destroyed Partially damaged	Thousands
Source:		

Web link to access photos and maps from the Disaster Management Center of Ukraine:

<https://disasterphilanthropy.org/disaster/ukraine-humanitarian-crisis/>

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 Deutschland has an established network with 12 Ukrainian NGO partners. Before the war, ChildFund Deutschland was implementing projects with nine of these 12 partners. ChildFund Deutschland tries to keep contact with these partner organizations but connections are subject to change daily. Currently, five of these partners are willing and able to undertake relief efforts in different regions. Their activities are, in most cases, carried out from mobile locations or through mobile devices out of IDP shelters. These partner organizations are extremely stressed and exhausted.

In relation to ChildFund Ukraine, program areas – Not Available

ChildFund Ukraine – Not Available

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

ChildFund Deutschland’s Response Program

ChildFund Deutschland is able to transfer financial support to several partner organizations who are willing and able to implement relief activities. These transfers are usually done in a daily rhythm; they are limited to small amounts to avoid risk of loss. High flexibility is required. Major Ukrainian supermarket chains have agreed to hand out food and other items (as available) if money is transferred to their bank account. Inner-Ukrainian bank transfers are possible; physical visits in banks and withdrawal of cash should be avoided because it would be difficult and dangerous. However, in recent days, the banking system is more often affected by disturbances and closures.

Recipients of the funds (partner organizations) are also active through a network of other Ukrainian NGOs and local initiatives whom they know and trust. They support war victims, especially children and families who are IDPs or who lost their homes. The support provided by ChildFund Deutschland helps purchasing and distributing food, medicine and other basic items Ukraine wide. In South Western Ukraine, a major psychosocial program for children has been started. Children did not go to school, but were simply staying at home, while their

whole family is under pressure of fear and uncertainty. Through a network of (currently approx. 200) teachers, online lessons have been organized and these teachers work with children online. It was also possible to buy plasticine and deliver it to households; children then can play at home and are actively distracted from the horrible events around them. (The program with plasticine only applies in cities without active fighting.)

By Wednesday March 2, the funds sent by ChildFund Deutschland had supported more than 2,000 children. These include 1,000 in Kyiv and the region of Kyiv, 500 in Mariupol (Region Donezk) and Lysytshansk (Region Luhansk), 500 in Pyrjaty, (Region Poltava) and 200 in Ismail (Region Odessa). These numbers do not include the children who are participating in the online lessons. One hundred teachers are giving lessons; up to 100 children can participate in one lesson (technical limit). However, attendance is subject to permanent change because of the security situation or internet disturbances.

In addition and by Tuesday, March 8, more relief activities have been done.

ChildFund's funding:

- purchased food for children in children's homes in Lviv and in Ivano-Frankivsk in Western Ukraine;
- purchased baby food and nappies for the town of Mykolayiv (Nikoayev) in Southern Ukraine, a town with 400,000 inhabitants getting prepared for encirclement by Russian army;
- contributes to costs of a vehicle and fuel used by a local relief organization helping civilians in Ukraine's capital Kiev;
- bought and distributed food and medicine for 330 children in the East Ukrainian town of Lysychansk (Region Luhansk);
- supported a psychosocial support-program for children in Ivano-Frankivsk;
- established a child support network in the district of Severodonezk (Region Donezk) in Eastern Ukraine; one of the first activities of the network was to prepare and offer warm meals for children who are seeking protection (from shelling) in the basement of a major school building;
- helped establish shelter for 100 families in Izmail (Region Odessa) in Southwestern Ukraine; this activity was implemented in cooperation with the University of Izmail;
- contributed to efforts of a Ukrainian partner NGO in the region of Lviv (Western Ukraine) to prepare for the evacuation of children's homes and boarding schools to the countryside or even to neighbored countries; and
- helped purchase medicine for children in Lviv.

In addition and by Monday, March 14, more relief activities have been done. These include:

- Evacuation of a major group of children and youth from a train after the train had been stopped by armed forces and the conductor had been shot; this happened near Lysychansk (Region Luhansk);
- Supply of medicine to the children hospital in Lysychansk;
- Food supply to 500 children and additional 500 relatives in Lysychansk;

- Established contact to 38 families in Kiev who have a child with a handicap and securing supply of basic products to these families;
- Purchase and supplying of hygiene articles to 400 children and their mothers in Vyshhorod (near Kiev);
- Purchased and supplied of food and hygiene articles for 93 children in Vyshhorod (31 one of them living in an air-raid bunker currently);
- Purchased baby food and nappies for families in several villages in the area of Mykolayiv (despite heavy fighting in the region);
- Organized future supply of basic goods to children and families in two IDP camps in the region of Lutsk (Region Volhynia);
- Established a hub for collection and distribution of basic goods to families in Cherkassy (Central Ukraine);
- Purchased and supplied of food to 184 children in Ivano-Frankivsk and Vorokhta (near Ivano-Frankivsk), many of them children from an orphanage.

It should be noted that the network of teachers giving online-lessons to children (see above) has been expanded; approximately 200 teachers are already participating. Since schools in Ukraine did reopen by Monday March 14, it is not fully clear to which degree this project can be continued.

Most of the children and staff of the children's hospital in Lutsk (Region Volhynia) in Northwestern Ukraine have been evacuated to Poland in recent days. Since many years, ChildFund Deutschland had implemented a support program for children suffering from cancer in this hospital. In the oncological department, only six children have been left behind in Lutsk. ChildFund continues to support these six children and their families.

ChildFund Deutschland has agreed with partner organizations on a daily rhythm of adjusting support programs and supplying funds. Currently, this support can be secured in various regions of Ukraine, as reported above. Partner organizations have to be very flexible in terms of where and how the support program is implemented.

For the time being, reporting is in most cases only possible by telephone or WhatsApp, which is unusual, but unavoidable. Reporting standards cannot meet the usual reporting criteria under given circumstances.

Please note that at least in two cities (Kherson and Mykolayiv) volunteer helpers and activists of partner organizations have been threatened to be shot if found carrying out relief work. The Russian Army tries to force them to channel aid exclusively through the Russian military. Reportedly, such volunteers and their families have already been shot and killed in Kherson. To avoid this risk, partner organizations in the respective regions are trying to be less visible. They transfer cash directly to credit card accounts of needy families. In between, the Facebook pages of some of our partner organizations have been attacked and disturbed. Obviously, civil society organizations in Ukraine are considered a prime target for the Russian forces.

We World and ChildFund Deutschland are jointly working on a Regional Response Plan (RRP), which will be published soon and then distributed through HACU.

We abstain from reporting about war related details. The situation is changing rapidly and information is often not very reliable. Please make use of normal media channels to obtain such information.

Response of Government, UN and other Agencies

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

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- 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: N.A.

Individual Name	Title	Location

5. Donors

Proposals and concept note submitted: N.A.

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Confirmed funding:

Donors	Program	Amount (USD)
ChildFund International USA	Emergency Response Ukraine	115,000
ChildFund Deutschland	Emergency Response Ukraine	34,000
Barnfonden	Emergency Response Ukraine	20,500
ChildFund Japan	Emergency Response Ukraine	22,000
Educo	Emergency Response Ukraine	22,000
Terre des hommes Germany	Emergency Response Ukraine	111,000
ChildFund New Zealand	Emergency Response Ukraine	33,000
ChildFund Korea	Emergency Response Ukraine	50,000
ChildFund Ireland	Emergency Response Ukraine	20,400
Total		427,900

Please note that funding commitments in most cases have been made in Euros. The given information in USD is a rough calculation; the exact amount can be different depending on exchange rates.

6. Finance:

See above. Since Friday, February 25, ChildFund spent **160,000 Euros** (approx. **176,000 USD**) for this emergency response in Ukraine. With national and international fundraising unfolding, this amount will grow. Adjustment to needs will be done permanently, as the situation changes. **We anticipate a need of 800,000 Euros for the next weeks and, depending on access to the country and development of the military situation, even higher amounts in the future. It has to be noted however that the possibility to transfer funds and secure support through Ukrainian partner organizations can be terminated any day.**

7. Media/Communications (Mobile & Email)

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

The Communication and Marketing (CMC) distribution list is being utilized for sharing media information and updates which are distributed both by ChildFund Deutschland and by We World.

8. Next Steps

- 1. Maintaining and protect contact with Ukrainian NGO partners.**
- 2. Finalizing the Regional Response Plan developed by WeWorld and ChildFund Deutschland**

First Version – 25 February 2022

Second Version – 28 February 2022

Third Version – 4 March 2022

Fourth Version – 9 March 2022

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