

Situational Report #02

March 2022

Ukraine Conflict
Emergency Response



Humanitarian Situation
in Ukraine,
8th March 2022

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01. Situation Overview

Almost two million Ukrainians have fled the conflict crossing into neighbouring countries, with many internally displaced. As of the 7th of March, there have been at least 1,123 civilian casualties, including 406 killed. This is widely accepted to be an underestimation of the total number of deaths.

A full-scale military attack (invasion) of Ukraine was started by Russia in the night of February 23/24, 2022. Cities, towns and other targets in all regions of Ukraine have been shelled or attacked with rockets, and columns of military vehicles have been invaded the country from three directions (north, east and south). Fighting continues across all regions with Russian forces capturing cities along the south coast but facing tougher resistance in the northern parts of the country. Residential areas in cities such as Kharkiv, Kyiv and Mykolaiv have been shelled and destroyed, with many lives have been lost. Ongoing negotiations between the governments of Ukraine and Russia have yielded no results in bringing a ceasefire or end to the conflict. Evacuation efforts and the establishment of humanitarian corridors have so far failed; two evacuation efforts aiming to allow 200,000 people to leave Mariupol have been canceled in the past two days.



Source: UN OCHA. Ukraine: Humanitarian Impact Situation Report, 7th March, 2022.

However, approximately 23,000 people were evacuated from Kharkiv, though not without fatalities occurring.¹ So far, half a million children have fled Ukraine, though many more face extremely dangerous protection risks within the country.²

As it stands, 650,000 people have been left without electricity and 130,000 people do not have natural gas supply, in areas in the north, south and east of the country, which has a devastating impact on families, and public services amidst an ongoing winter. Many cities are lacking sufficient food, water and household items, as supplies are often hampered by the conflict or cut off completely.

Affected People	Displaced (Total)	Casualties	Dead	Missing	Households Affected	Houses Destroyed/ Partially Damaged
5-10M	1.7M have fled the country, total number of IDPs unknown	1,207	406 (27 children)	NA	NA	NA

Reported figures as of March 7th 2022³ (actual numbers of casualties and deaths expected to be higher).

02. Impact of Conflict on Women and Children

Millions of children are at risk of being caught up in the violence, with the greatest threats being the use of explosive munitions in urban areas.

There have been more than two dozen recorded deaths of children as a direct result of the conflict, the number most likely underreported. Many families are taking shelter in public spaces, including underground metro stations during shelling and other attacks. Since the start of the conflict, there are approximately 265,000 pregnant women in Ukraine, with 80,000 expected to give birth in the coming three months and 390 babies have been born since the 24th of February.⁴ Such newborns and their mothers will need continued access to prenatal and maternal health facilities in the coming months, without threats to their lives.

The conflict has also impacted the entire school-aged population, totaling 5.7 million girls, boys and adolescents, with nation-wide school closures and attacks on school facilities leading to a complete and indefinite halt of education services.

¹ UN OCHA. *Ukraine: Humanitarian Impact Situation Report*, 7th March, 2022.

² UNICEF. *One Week Into Conflict in Ukraine, Half a Million Children Become Refugees*, 3rd March, 2022.

³ OHCHR. *Ukraine: Civilian Casualties as of 24:00 6 March 2022*, 7th March, 2022.

⁴ UN OCHA. *Ukraine: Humanitarian Impact Situation Report*, 7th March, 2022.

03. Overview of ChildFund Response

ChildFund are financially supporting Ukrainian partner organizations who are meeting the needs of war victims; in particular women and children IDPs.

ChildFund Deutschland (CFD) 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. CFD has an established network with 12 Ukrainian NGO partners. Before the war, CFD was implementing projects with nine of these 12 partners. CFD tries to keep contact with these partner organizations but connections are subject to change daily. Currently, three 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 exhausted.

CFD is able to transfer financial support to three partner organizations who are willing and able to implement relief activities. These transfers are usually done twice a week. Major Ukrainian supermarket chains have agreed to hand out food and other items 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 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 whom they know and trust. They support war victims, especially children and families who are recent IDPs or who lost their homes. **The support provided by CFD helps purchasing and distributing food, medicine and other basic items.** In southwestern Ukraine, a major psychosocial program for children has been started. Children do not go to school, but are simply staying at home, while their whole family is under pressure of fear and uncertainty. Through a network of (currently approx. 100) 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 March 2nd, the funds sent by CFD have supported more than 2,000 children. These include 1,000 in Kyiv and the region of Kyiv, 500 in Mariupol, 500 in Pryjaty, the region of Poltava and 200 in Ismail. 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 security situation or internet disturbances.

The structures of CFD's oncological project in the children's hospital in Luzk (Region Volhynia) in Northwestern Ukraine can be used to support hospitalized children and their families.

It is increasingly difficult to buy food and nearly impossible to buy medicine. Pharmacies are running empty and no new supplies are arriving.

CFD has agreed with 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. Partner organizations have to be 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, which unavoidable.

WeWorld (ChildFund Italy) is supporting CFD in securing more systematic and 'normal' relief activities as soon as the circumstances and conditions allow. Further, WeWorld is observing the refugee situation in neighboring countries Romania, Poland, and Moldova as the situation unfolds.

04. International Humanitarian Response

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:

<https://www.unocha.org/story/un-allocates-20m-cerf-humanitarian-response-ukraine>

For UN OCHA's Ukraine Flash Appeal: Humanitarian Programme Cycle March - May 2022, requesting \$1.1 billion in funds, please see:

<https://reliefweb.int/report/ukraine/ukraine-flash-appeal-humanitarian-programme-cycle-march-may-2022-enuk>

For UN OCHA's Humanitarian Response Plan, please see:

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/ukraine/document/ukraine-2022-humanitarian-response-plan>

For UNHCR's \$510 Million Supplementary Appeal for Ukraine 2022, please see:

<https://reliefweb.int/report/ukraine/ukraine-situation-unhcr-supplementary-appeal-2022>