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# UKRAINE REPORT

*Halina and Mykola were forced to leave their home in Staryi Saltiv in 2022, but they soon returned to the land where they were born and hoped to grow old. Photo: WFP/Sayed Asif Mahmud/Ukraine/2025*

# OVERVIEW

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February 24 marks four years since the war in Ukraine began. After years of conflict, many people have completely exhausted their savings, support networks and coping mechanisms. Across Ukraine, there are 10.8 million people in need of humanitarian assistance.

After four years of war, life near the frontlines is harder than ever. Many families cannot buy food as supermarkets are closed, poorly stocked or not safely accessible due to the threat of drones. Others cannot afford food due to rising prices. As a result, 420,000 people living in frontline regions are experiencing extreme hunger. Most are entirely dependent on humanitarian assistance.

Continued attacks are disrupting electricity, heating and gas supply across the country. Thousands of people are forced to flee every month, and more than 3 million people are displaced within Ukraine already.

The World Food Programme (WFP) continues to respond to this hunger crisis by providing food, nutrition and cash assistance to those affected by the war. Your partnership has made WFP's work in Ukraine possible. Read more about the ways WFP supports Ukrainian communities.

*Natalia lives with her husband and young grandson in the village of Tsyrukny. Humanitarian aid in the form of WFP's food packages, bread and pallets for heating have become essential for their family. Photo: WFP/Sayed Asif Mahmud/Ukraine/2025*





Since 2022, WFP has distributed the equivalent of

**3.8 BILLION MEALS IN UKRAINE.**

*Volunteers helped Viktor and his family register for assistance once they were forced to leave their home. Photo: WFP/Syed Asif Mahmud/Ukraine/2025*

## FOOD AND CASH ASSISTANCE

Natalia lives with her husband and young grandson in the village of Tsyркuny. Before the war, their days were simple: go to work and return home to ordinary worries. One morning, everything changed. Explosions shook their village, and the occupation began. "It was very, very frightening for the child," Natalia shares.

During those months, they lived in a small garage on their property, a place that once felt safe and separate. But, in 2024, a strike landed just behind it, knocking out the electricity and heating system. Without power or heat, they left for Kharkiv for the winter. Despite the hardships, they returned to Tsyркuny in the spring, their desire to be home outweighing the fear of war.

WFP's food boxes and bread bundles have become essential for their family. "Without it, we would have had to cut back even more," she says. "It's a huge help."

Viktor has worked underground as a miner for 25 years in the small mining town of Bilytske. Together, he and his wife raised three children.

When the shelling became more frequent, Viktor and his family waited as long as they could, hoping the fighting would not reach them. But when drones and explosions became constant, they finally agreed to leave Bilytske. They passed through the Pavlohrad Transit Center, where they received food and cash assistance from WFP before continuing to Kamianske.

In 2023, Viktor lost his wife. He still finds it difficult to accept that he cannot visit her grave, which lies in an area cut off due to the conflict. "I used to go there every week," he says quietly. "Now, no one tends to it." He rents a small apartment in Kamianske with his daughter and grandson. WFP's cash assistance helps to cover the cost of rent and other essentials.

Every month, WFP distributes food and cash assistance to more than 600,000 Ukrainians like Natalia and Viktor. Since 2022, WFP has distributed the equivalent of 3.8 billion meals in Ukraine. Wherever markets are functioning and food is easily accessible, WFP prioritizes cash assistance, which empowers people to buy what they need most while supporting economic recovery.



**MORE THAN  
90%  
OF ALL FOOD**  
WFP distributes inside  
Ukraine is sourced locally.

*Natalia Hlushko works at a WFP-supported bakery in the Mykolaiv region. Photo: WFP/Sayed Asif Mahmud/Ukraine/2025*

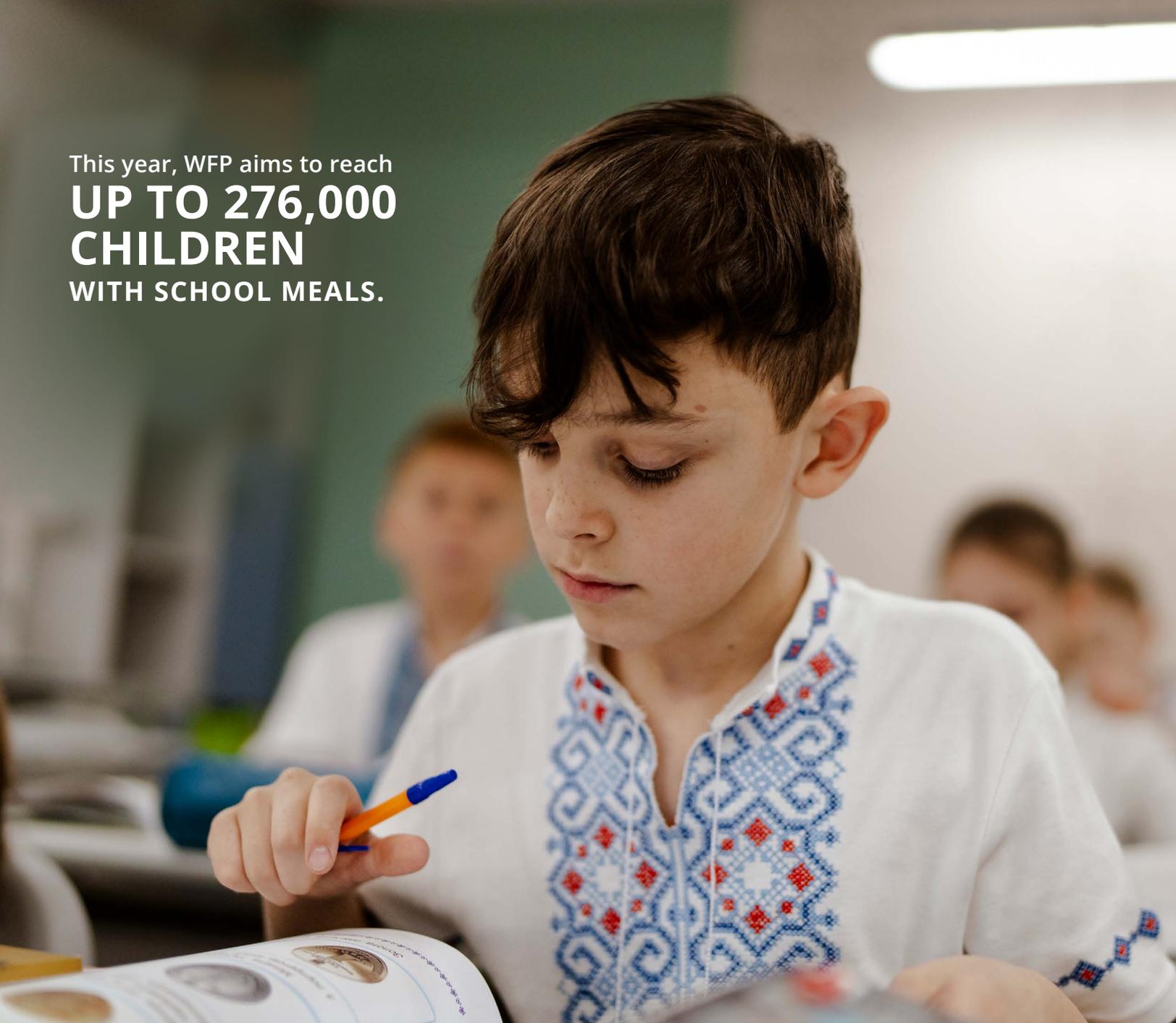
## BAKERY SUPPORT

"Many people have left, nothing is working, everything is damaged. The last shop closed. Our only hope is the bread provided by WFP," said Asya Zhydyk from Vilkhuvatka village in the Kharkiv region. Across Ukraine, thousands of businesses have shuttered because of the war.

Reopening bakeries is a key part of WFP's strategy to revive local economies and ensure frontline communities have access to food. More than 90% of all food WFP distributes inside Ukraine is sourced locally. This is a cost-effective approach that also supports jobs and economic recovery.

WFP partners with bakeries and other local producers to deliver food assistance in Ukraine, including 12 bakeries in frontline regions. Many bakeries remain open, or have resumed operations, thanks to contracts with WFP. WFP provides equipment such as generators and ovens to help bakeries sustain or increase production capacity. This support is especially crucial amid attacks on infrastructure that disrupt electricity and the rising costs of energy and kitchen essentials. In December 2025, WFP and partners distributed more than 650,000 loaves of bread to frontline communities.

This year, WFP aims to reach  
**UP TO 276,000**  
**CHILDREN**  
WITH SCHOOL MEALS.



*Dmytro attends an underground school in Zaporizhia, an area on the frontlines of the conflict. As the war continues to disrupt children's lives, WFP school meals help maintain a sense of normalcy. "The first thing I will do when the war is over is buy two cheeseburgers," he shared. Photo: WFP/Sayid Asif Mahmud/Ukraine/2025*

## SCHOOL MEALS

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School meals are an affordable and effective investment in children's futures. In 2025, WFP reached 250,000 schoolchildren in frontline regions with daily hot meals. To ensure children in the most challenging contexts were not left behind, WFP also provided school meals for students attending underground schools in frontline areas.

WFP's support has enabled schools to maintain meal services and reduced the financial burden on families affected by the conflict. This year, WFP aims to reach up to 276,000 children with school meals.



Thanks to the WFP-led  
Logistics Cluster,  
**230 CONVOYS**  
CARRYING ESSENTIAL  
GOODS HAVE REACHED  
FRONTLINE AREAS  
SINCE 2022.

*Ukrainian girls wear traditional outfits to a WFP-supported local market. Housed in a mobile storage unit, this market serves as a haven to maintain Ukraine's unique culture while providing small-scale farmers with the opportunity to earn an income.*

*Photo: WFP/Sayed Asif Mahmud/Ukraine/2025*

## SUPPLY CHAIN

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WFP is the logistics backbone of the humanitarian response in Ukraine. Through the WFP-led Logistics Cluster, we coordinate interagency truck convoys to frontline areas and provide logistics services for humanitarian partners. Since 2022, the Cluster has facilitated more than 200 convoys delivering lifesaving assistance.

WFP's supply chain work also strengthens local economies. Through market analysis, WFP identified communities' needs and access constraints. In partnership with local authorities, small-scale farmers and community representatives, WFP is launching an initiative to support access to fresh food in underserved rural areas. Mobile Storage Units serve as temporary covered market spaces, enabling small-scale farmers to sell their produce in areas that currently lack market infrastructure.

# NEARLY 25% OF LAND

is potentially contaminated with landmines and other unexploded ordnances.



*WFP's partner Norwegian People's Aid utilizes mine detection dogs in their demining operations in Ukraine. The dogs are trained to detect the explosive odors of landmines. Photo: WFP/Sayed Asif Mahmud/Ukraine/2025*

## DEMINING FARMLAND

Agriculture is still the main source of income for 1 in 3 rural Ukrainians. Yet, the war has turned productive farmland into dangerous minefields. Nearly 25% of land is potentially contaminated with landmines and other unexploded ordnances. Farmers risk their lives to grow food, making demining efforts and humanitarian assistance essential to restoring food security.

WFP works with the Food and Agriculture Organization and specialized demining organizations in the Kharkiv and Mykolaiv regions to survey land for the presence of mines and other explosive remnants of war, clear where necessary and support the safe restoration of land for farming. This work is key for farmers returning to food production, which reduces their reliance on humanitarian assistance. WFP also supports rural households with agricultural training, greenhouses and tools to grow their harvests and access new income opportunities.

A photograph showing a woman on the left, wearing a beige headscarf and a green sleeve, feeding a young girl on the right. The woman is using her hand to feed the girl, who is looking up at her with a focused expression. The background is a simple wooden interior.

**“FOOD IS A  
BLESSING  
FOR US”**  
- Humaira

*In Bangladesh, Humaira feeds her sons, Md. Anas, 11, and Sadek, 8, with food WFP purchased and transported from Ukraine.  
Photo: WFP/Rawful Alam/2025*

## GRAIN FROM UKRAINE INITIATIVE

Since the war began, Ukraine’s food exports have suffered significant setbacks. The closure of Black Sea ports in 2022 severely limited Ukraine’s export capacity, sending shockwaves through global food markets. In 2024, attacks on Black Sea ports and grain storage facilities disrupted the flow of food commodities.

Announced in November 2022, the Grain from Ukraine initiative aims to combat these disruptions and facilitate the export of Ukrainian agricultural products to the world’s most food insecure countries. Under the initiative, WFP has transported more than 700 million pounds of Ukrainian food products to our operations around the world.

In Bangladesh, Humaira feeds her children a meal prepared with sunflower oil received through the Grain from Ukraine initiative. Humaira’s husband remarried and moved to Bhasan Char, leaving her to care for their children alone. They rely on WFP’s food and cash assistance. “Food is a blessing for us. If we don’t eat properly, we will become weak,” Humaira says.



*Fresh produce at a WFP-provided Mobile Storage Unit local market. Photo: WFP/Sayed Asif Mahmud/Ukraine/2025*

## THANK YOU —

To learn more about WFP's work in Ukraine and the ways you can make a difference, please visit [our website](https://www.wfpusa.org).