

# Situation Report #3 (2018)

# Caritas Ukraine

## Response to the Humanitarian Crisis (as of June 30, 2018)



### Key figures

**4.4** million people affected, **3.4** million people in need

**1,8 million** people in need in non-government-controlled area

**24 778** people injured and **10 303** killed (OHCHR)

**61** civilian casualties (12 killed and 49 injured) in May 2018 - the highest in 2018.

**1 512 755** IDPs (as of June 25, 2018)

**600 000** people in need living along the contact line in the unsecure zones including  
**200 000** children



**530 000** covered by Caritas  
activities since May 2014



**5 087 575,16 Euro** of donor  
funding attracted from January  
1, 2018

### Caritas Ukraine Response

Caritas Ukraine started to provide humanitarian assistance to war-affected people in April 2014, when the mass displacement of people in Ukraine began. Since then, for over two years, Caritas Ukraine has helped nearly 550 000 persons affected by the humanitarian crisis.

Caritas Ukraine places people in need at the heart and forefront of all its responses and is guided by the humanitarian principles and Christian values. Scrupulous assessments of needs are conducted before a project begins and help is provided regardless of nationality, religion, age, gender and political background.



## Key developments

- New projects started in April – June 2018 by Caritas Ukraine:
  - «**Social assistance for the victims of human trafficking in war conflict areas of Ukraine**» (UN)
  - **Self-Reliance and Livelihoods Support to Refugees and Asylum-seekers in Ukraine** (UNCHR)
  - **Three-year grant for Caritas activities for the strengthening of local self-organization and social cohesion in Eastern Ukraine** (Renovabis)
- New approach on programs for IDPs and people from buffer zone - orientation of Caritas programs on integration, community development, peacebuilding and conflict management.
- Implementation of innovative methodologies. Tutoring - mentoring of the local of IDPs families on the integration in the host environment – is seen as one of the most successful approaches.

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## Activities by sector



### ***Early Recovery & Livelihoods.*** No less than 1000 people covered

- **13** grants for business development
- **7** vocational retraining grants
- **4** employment fairs with the total of 462 visitors
- **23** grants for employers for creating 68 jobs
- **426** consultations for employment



### ***Food and Nutrition Security*** No less than 5100 people covered

- **2055** food relief packages
- **1178** multipurpose grants
- **553** grants for agricultural activities



### ***Emergency Shelter/NFI*** No less than 2900 people (1157 households (HH)) covered

- **1157** HHs received 1.5 tons of fuel briquettes each.



### ***Health and Nutrition:***

*No less than 6 000 people covered*

- **1868** people received cash grants/vouchers for purchase of medicine
- **228** covered by home care program in buffer zone
- **289** IDPs covered by home care services in the regions of Ukraine

### ***Psychological assistance***

- **569** unique beneficiaries received 1035 individual consultations.
- **1526** unique beneficiaries participated in group consulting sessions.
- **99** persons (IDPs, the members of the local community and ex-combatants) received psychosocial counseling in group events
- **1264** educational events



### ***Education***

*No less than 3000 people covered*

- **2539** children in 20 locations in buffer zone covered by recreational and psychological assistance
- **20** family friendly centers created in 20 educational establishments of buffer zone



### ***Integration and Peacebuilding***

*No less than 3700 people covered*

- **1978** people received complex accompaniment (family assistants, psychologists, case managers) on the basis of **Integration Family Support Centers**.
- **1519** people participated in **46** integration events in **6** locations (West and East).
- **25 families and 12 single volunteers** are involved as tutors for people in need of integration.
- **151** people (IDPs, the members of the local community and ex-combatants) participated in 9 conflict transformation and peacebuilding events in 9 locations (new location - Caritas Mariupol)

### **Complex/ Comprehensive Assistance**

- **Social centers on crisis management and self-assistance for people and communities affected by the conflict** (Kramatorsk, Mariupol, Zaporizhzhia, Kyiv) – **3 470** people received assistance:
  - Crisis centers (call-center, crisis consulting case management);
  - Community Development Centers (social space for community activation, self-support groups);
  - Resource centers: lobbying and advocacy.
- **Multifunctional Social Center in Dnipro: 3 219** persons received social and humanitarian services in 2018 (69% IDPs and 31% locals). Services that are most in demand are: charitable kitchen, medical and juridical consultations, home care services, psychological assistance, and hotline for IDPs (27 223 calls since 2016).

## Key challenges

- Lobbying of further support of the projects from the side of government structures after the end of donor funding.
- Further development of visibility of Caritas activities in the humanitarian sphere and introduction of developed models of assistance to people in need, including IDPs.
- Peacebuilding projects are covering local community level with initiatives, but socio-political level is needing to be covered to provide change in conflict situation in Ukraine. As example, we can create information company overcome stereotypes and counteract manipulation.

## Perspectives and potential zones of interest

- **Further support of medical assistance projects.** The assessment of IDP need in three regions of Ukraine provided by Caritas showed that the needs in medical assistance project is high – 54% of IDPs stated that they were not able to cover necessary medical expenses. In comparison with locals IDPs spend twice less money on health related items. In perspectives Caritas plans to develop strategy of work in the medical sphere and potential new projects.
- **Work with people with special needs and MHPSS project.** Caritas is on the final step of approval of the project on empowering communities in the provision of psychosocial support for people impaired by distress in buffer zone (funding by Swiss Cooperation Office) with perspective of further expanding of the activities.
- **Development of agrarian projects.** As continuation of existing activities of agricultural grants Caritas is looking for possibilities of implementation of innovative approaches of further training of people on development of agricultural business in the regions close to the zone of conflict. It can include peer-to-peer trainings, study visits as well as support of agricultural cooperatives as part of community development.
- **Development of methodological support of new Caritas representations** including new Caritas offices on the East and pastoral-social centers as a component of pastoral social service.

## Personal stories of beneficiaries

### Anna's Story: Grantee of Agricultural Activities Grants Program

*Anna Shpinieva (30) lives in the village of Yarova, Krasnolimansky district, Donetsk Oblast her son, Alexander (6) and her sisters, Angela (9) and Diana (13).*

*Anna works as a part-time housekeeper in the kindergarten but salary, even combined with other social benefits is not enough for a single mother to cover basic needs and expenses.*



*When a social worker from CRS funded Caritas project received information about this family, he immediately informed Anna about the project's opportunities. Later, Anna applied and later the grant for her was approved. Anna received a grant in amount of 19,000 hryvnia (730 USD). Thanks to it, she was able to buy 50 broiler chickens, 40 egg chickens, a net, and a granulator for chicken feed. As of now, Anna has enough frozen broiler meat to feed her family until the summer. This assistance was very important for Anna, as she was able to provide her family with food for a long period of time and significantly reduce food expenses. She also plans to sell the extra production to earn some money. In the future Anna plans to buy*

*more broiler chickens to provide meat for her family.*

### Yarovy Family's Story: Intergration

*Volodymyr, his wife Lydia and granddaughter Yulianna three years ago moved from Donetsk to Kamyanske – their home, close to the airport was destroyed. The visit of Caritas staff to the family showed numerous problems – both material (need in clothes, medicines for Lydia who's disabled, bed linens etc) and communicational (the family was isolated with lack of communication and a small circle of acquaintances). First of all, the family received necessary material assistance, but they were also invited to the Family Support Center where they started to participate in the numerous integration events. "They changed, - case manager tells. – The feeling that you have support and with whom to speak is great, people don't feel themselves alone and they have where to go". Currently Volodymyr and his granddaughter are planning to become Family Assistants after specialized training. Now they are open to help other families in difficult circumstances, regularly bring clothes and shoes to the needy families, feel themselves real community members.*

### About Caritas in Ukraine

International charitable foundation Caritas Ukraine is a humanitarian non-governmental organization which aims to help people in need regardless of their religion, nationality or social status. Caritas provides social development programs and humanitarian services to members of vulnerable communities in Ukraine supporting social development and fostering the traditions of charity and social work. The strategic mission of Caritas Ukraine is to develop philanthropy and to encourage community participation in charitable work according to Christian moral and ethical teachings.

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