

Situation Report #3 (2019)

Caritas Ukraine

Response to the Humanitarian Crisis (as of July 1, 2019)



Key figures

- **5.2 million** people affected, **3.5 million** people in need (including **0.5 million** children, **0.3 million** in NGCA (out of the buffer zone); **2.7 million on the buffer zone**; **0.5 million** in GCA (out of the buffer zone)).
- Up to **43 000** conflict-related casualties with **13 000** killed (OHCHR) and **30 000** injured.
- **91** civilian casualties from January 2019 (**13** killed, **78** injured).
- The total civilian death toll caused by the conflict reached at least **3 320** people and up to **9 000** injured. The # of conflict-related casualties in May (**2 killed and 30 injured**) is the highest number of civilian casualties during the last 12 months.
- **1 392 034** IDPs (as of July 15, 2019)
- According to OCHA the economic situation of conflict-affected people continues to worsen, while funds to assist them fall short. Integration of internally displaced persons in Ukraine remains a challenge.
- Escalation in fighting is threatening **access to safe water and sanitation** for 3.2 million people, including 500,000 children (UNICEF).



620 000 people assisted by Caritas since May 2014



3 754 838,34 Euro funding since January 1, 2019

Caritas Ukraine Response



Caritas Ukraine started to provide humanitarian assistance to conflict-affected people in April 2014, when the mass displacement of people in Ukraine began. Since then, Caritas Ukraine has helped nearly 620 000 people 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

- Continuous strengthening of cooperation with international humanitarian agencies, state and non-governmental international and local organizations who work in the social sphere with a specific focus on the Buffer Zone.
- Strengthening advocacy work based on requests from beneficiaries of different programs and on the needs, which emerge from both humanitarian and development projects.

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Activities by sector



Food Security and Nutrition

No less than 3 500 people reached

- **2447** food relief packages were provided to **1982** beneficiaries
- **961 beneficiaries have obtained 4 monthly** multipurpose grants each





WASH

The preparatory activities are currently in the process



- Caritas Ukraine has carried out assessments and developed response plans in all 5 target locations in Eastern Ukraine
- The local WASH team stands ready to respond in Bakhchevyk and Myrne considering that these locations will be disconnected from the local water supply



Emergency Shelter/NFI

No less than 7 000 people reached (2272 households (HH))

- **1335** HHs in GCAs received winterization support through fuel briquettes (2 tons per household)



Healthcare:

No less than 9 000 people reached

- **1568** people received cash grants/vouchers to purchase medicines
- **379** people received medical/hygiene packages (home care services)
- **288** IDPs and inhabitants of the buffer zone reached through the home care program in Eastern Ukraine
- **4 988** consultations for relatives/close ones of people in need of medical assistance through home care
- **232** IDPs reached through home care services in Kharkiv, Khmelnytsky, Lviv, Odesa, Kyiv, Ternopil, Ivano-Frankivsk and Kramatorsk (out of the buffer zone).



Psychological assistance

- **279** beneficiaries have been provided with individual consultations
- **612** beneficiaries participated in group counseling sessions
- **774** beneficiaries received community based psychological assistance (in 5 locations of the buffer zone within the framework of the project "Empowering communities in the provision of psychosocial support for people impaired by distress in the buffer zone").



Early Recovery & Livelihoods

No less than 3100 people reached

- **489** consultations for employment, **102** employed
- **121** events on development of entrepreneurship skills (**1576** participants)
- **9** business schools (**296** participants)
- **54** trainings on employment issues (**761** participants)



Education

No less than 3000 people reached



- **2147** children in 17 locations in the buffer zone reached through recreational and psychological assistance
- **17** family-friendly centers created in 17 educational establishments of the buffer zone
- **309** parents are equipped with resources to better cope with crisis situations.



Integration and Peace building

No less than 18 000 people reached

- **662 families** received accompaniment (**1650** people) offered by **Family Integration Support Centers** in **6** locations.
- **1326** people (IDPs, the members of the local community and ex-combatants) participated in **169** conflict transformation and peacebuilding events in **9** locations
- **1754** people received services in 6 Centers of Social Cohesion and Socio-pastoral initiatives.
- Within the framework of the project of assistance to the **victims of human trafficking** the following has been achieved: **48** victims of trafficking identified, **17** potential victims identified, **34** beneficiaries received material assistance from the project, **13** beneficiaries received official status of victim from the Ministry of Social affairs. **120** beneficiaries received counselling services, more than **600** people participated in prevention and awareness-raising events.

Complex/ Comprehensive Assistance

- **Social centers on crisis management and self-help for people and communities affected by the conflict** (Kramatorsk, Mariupol, Zaporizhia, Kyiv) – **7604** people received assistance:
 - Crisis centers (call-center, counseling, case management)
 - Community Development Centers (social space for community activation, self-support groups)
 - Resource centers: lobbying and advocacy
- **Multifunctional Social Center in Dnipro: 2588** people have been provided with social and humanitarian services (69% IDPs and 31% locals). Services that are most in demand are: soup- kitchen, medical and legal consultations, home care services, psychological assistance, livelihood services, including social accompaniment at job search and grants for education and start-ups (510 cases in total) and hotline for IDPs (**2897** calls). The priority in 2019 is to ensure the financial sustainability of the project (paid services, fundraising, social entrepreneurship).

Key challenges

- The parliamentary elections with a new president and parliament elected with different/unclear conflict response plan may lead to significant changes in the humanitarian activities, especially on the availability of resources for assistance to IDPs and people remaining in the zone close to the line of conflict.
- The number of conflict escalation cases along the contact line is growing . The access to a number of settlements with the highest severity level is closed.
- Governmental institutions still do not have the capacity to coordinate activities of humanitarian players like UN clusters have. The process of taking the lead on coordination of the humanitarian intervention by the government goes much more slowly than planned.
- The number of elderly people along the contact line is growing; most of them have no family members to take care of them because of labor migration. The demand on home care services in the buffer zone is very high.
- The proximity to the zone of conflict has greatly reduced the business activity in the region, which significantly reduced the flow of money to the local budget. The communities themselves are not able to finance social projects.

Perspectives of work

- Active involvement in all activities and meetings of Humanitarian Clusters and work of the Humanitarian Country Group, which are carried out under the auspices of the UN.
- Caritas Ukraine will continue to search for additional funding sources to sustain its project activities throughout the country.

Human Interest Stories

Master of Hives from Dnipro

In September 2014 Eduard - Donetsk resident, husband and father of 4 children -



was facing a difficult choice: to remain in the native house and wait for the better times or to collect the necessary belongings and to move to the peaceful regions of Ukraine. Edward chose peace and his family went to the Dnipropetrovsk region. Because of disability he had problems with finding a suitable job. Finally, he decided to start a family business – beekeeping, and started to study the honey and bee products market. Unfortunately, he had no business management skills and no money to start the business.

Fortunately, on a friend's advice Eduard came to the Caritas office in Dnipro, where he started attending the business school, seminars and trainings and finally was able to develop a strong business plan and received the grant for business development.

Today he is known as a master in his sphere, his business is completely self-sufficient and has numerous orders to produce hives and other equipment for beekeeping. Eduard's dream now is to involve his sons in the business. His motto is : "Just believe in yourself!"

Special Volunteer from Mariupol

This story is about a special volunteer – Danylo. Since childhood he was diagnosed with autism with hearing impairment. But despite these disadvantages, he is a very sociable boy. He studied at the boarding school of the village of Sahanka, but with the start of the conflict in the East of Ukraine he was forced to leave the native village. Currently he is living in Mariupol and attending home schooling .



Since early childhood his main hobby was painting. When he was studying in the boarding school, an exhibition of his works was organized. Currently Danylo continues to study drawing at the school of arts.

When he learned about volunteering at Caritas, he proposed to facilitate drawing workshops at the Children Support Center.

Young visitors of the Center are delighted with these classes. With Danylo it is very easy, he skillfully teaches drawing techniques and the time passes very quickly and interestingly!

Currently Caritas Mariupol staff invited Danylo to take part in the inclusive project funded by Kindermission, which is also being implemented by specialists of Caritas Mariupol, where Danylo can learn communication skills while communicating with peers.

Self-Support in Bobrove

This is the story about the active self-support group in the village Bobrove in Luhansk oblast. Living conditions are difficult in this small village, isolated, far away from other settlements. A difficult life forces



everybody to stand steady, to keep all emotions inside.

But locals were very happy to hear that a self-support group would start to work in their village. People like to come to classes, to take an active part in discussions, share their experiences, thoughts and feelings. They learned how to solve problems and get out of a stressful situation. What is interesting that many of group members have discovered their talent for painting, they even made a mini exhibition of their works.

The project "Empowering communities in the provision of psychosocial support for people impaired by distress in buffer zone" is already approaching the final stages. But the group is already fully independent and ready to keep providing support to their fellow villagers.

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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