

# Situation Report #2 (2018)

# Caritas Ukraine

## Response to the Humanitarian Crisis (as of May 1, 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
- ✓ **1 492 590** IDPs (as of April 2, 2018)
- ✓ **600 000** people in need living along the contact line in the unsecure zones including **200 000** children



**520 000** covered by Caritas activities since May 2014



**4 171 643,61 Euro** of donor funding attracted from January 1, 2018

### Key developments

- New projects started in 2018 by Caritas Ukraine:
  - “Provision of basic needs of people influenced by the conflict in Ukraine” (fuel, food multipurpose grants, medical vouchers and psychological assistance) with focus on buffer zone. This is a new phase of the project. Specifics of the project is possibility to react to changing situation in the zone of conflict.
  - “Improved quality of life for people affected by armed conflict in Ukraine in need of home-based care and support” will widen traditional Caritas home care program to IDPs
- 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.

**Main donors:** GMFA, Caritas Germany, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Poland, Caritas Poland, Catholic Relief Services, LDS, Caritas Austria

## Activities by sector



### ***Early Recovery & Livelihoods.***

No less than 900 people covered

- 3 grants for business development
- 3 employment fairs with the total of 693 visitors
- 66 grants for employers for creating 89 jobs
- 112 consultations for employment



### ***Food and Nutrition Security***

No less than 3000 people covered

- 1321 food and hygiene relief packages
- 1392 multipurpose grants
- 119 grants for agricultural activities



### ***Emergency Shelter/NFI***

No less than 7000 people (2 458 households (HH)) covered

- 467 HHs covered by winterization programs (NGCA)
- 1991 HHs received 1.5 tons of fuel briquettes each.



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

No less than 2 300 people covered

- 1007 received cash grants/vouchers for purchase of medicine
- 95 covered by home care program in buffer zone
- 190 IDPs covered by home care services in the regions of Ukraine

### ***Psychological assistance***

- 330 Provision of individual consultations
- 678 group consulting sessions (unique beneficiaries)



### ***Education***

*No less than 3000 people covered*

- 2 388 children in 18 locations if 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 2 900 people covered*

- 631 people received complex accompaniment (family assistants, psychologists, case managers) on the basis of Family Support Centers.
- 606 people participated in integration events.
- 1665 people (IDPs, the members of the local community and ex-combatants) participated in conflict transformation and peacebuilding events in 8 locations

## **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 need 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**

- **Work in the NGCA.** From April Caritas is implementing the project funded under Emergency Crisis Appeal "***Warming residents of the armed conflict zone in the Eastern Ukraine***" aimed to enable vulnerable conflict-affected people living in NGCA of Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine to better cope with winter-risks. This project is one more step in moving for activities in NGCA mostly not covered by humanitarian actors. In the framework of this project Caritas is starting activities in the new for it WASH sector, where activities need to be started from the zero level – needs assessment, analysis of existing water supply, ways and level of water contamination etc. The first steps in the process of water delivery to the settlements of NGCA buffer zone will include also tests of water on the locations.
- **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.
- In 2018 Peacebuilding Strategy for the participation of churches and religious organizations in peacebuilding "**Ukraine is Our Common Home**" will be presented in 10 location to development of cooperation between religious organizations and NGO in peacebuilding on local level.
- In April, Caritas Ukraine finished project that supported beneficiaries in buffer zone, providing home care assistance and medical support to local citizens as well as providing jobs to locals who implemented home care. Endline interviews revealed that the need still exists and the project finalization has created a gap. There is very little to no stable jobs in the area, and most people rely on social assistance as their source of income. There is also a number of elderly who is need of home care and medical assistance, such as doctor's visits.

## Personal stories of beneficiaries

### *Now there is confidence in tomorrow, in the warmth of tomorrow in the house*



*Olexiy carefully put the logos of the organization in the house on the door, saying: "Benefactors need to be known personally and be in respect." In the settlements of Muratovo, Kapitanovo of Luhansk oblast, Caritas Severodonetsk is providing people with fuel briquettes to the most vulnerable categories of inhabitants. Olexiy is a lonely old man with a hard luck, with group 1 disability. The conflict made additional adjustments to his already difficult life. His wife died, no children or relatives.*

*He hasn't not left his bed for 3 years. But he adapted it to his life during these three years: he fixed switches and sockets, so it would be possible to turn on the light and the TV set and to warm up tea in his bed. Fuel briquettes from Caritas came to him in an extremely timely manner making life easier. The new heating material is used - sunflower husk with no needed to be cut or chopped. Heat transfer is of very high quality and losses are reduced in comparison with wood and local coal.*

*Olexiy still lives in the hope of peace. And now there is also confidence in tomorrow - tomorrow's warmth in the house.*

## **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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