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FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS CLUSTER
FSLC Coordination Meeting
September 1, 2022

AGENDA

- FSLC operational updates
- Overview of the partners' discussion on FSLC concerns/challenges and recommendations: key highlights
- Ukraine Humanitarian Fund (UHF) standard allocation for the next envelope.
- FSLC winterization activities: regional overview
- The launching of the online learning platform: iMMAP & FSLC trainings.
- Partners Update

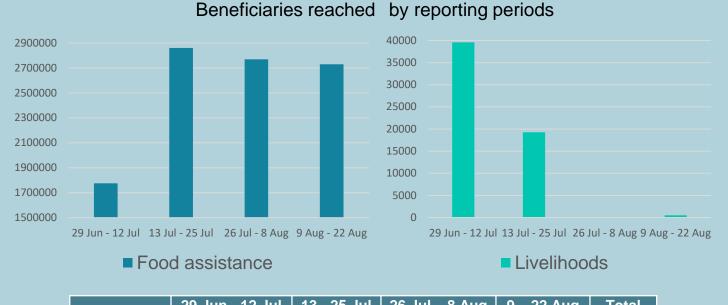


FSLC monthly operational updates



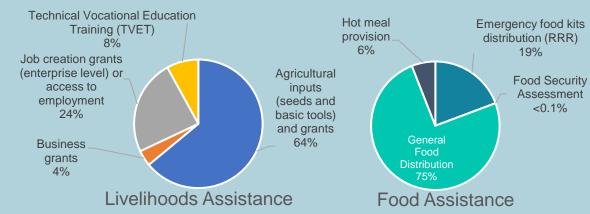
FSLC operational updates (Aug 9 – 22)

• 30 partners reportedly **reached about 2.7 million** people with food and livelihood assistance across the country during reporting period of 9 - 22 August. 3 partners reported no updates for the respective period.



	Partners reporting
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	Food Assistance Livelihoods ——Number of partners reported

	29 Jun - 12 Jul	13 - 25 Jul	26 Jul – 8 Aug	9 – 22 Aug	Total
Food assistance	1.8M	2.9M	2.8M	2.7M	10.1M
Livelihoods	40K	19K		25	59K
FSL Cluster	1.8M	2.9M	2.8M	2.7M	10.2M





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Strengthening Humanitarian Response

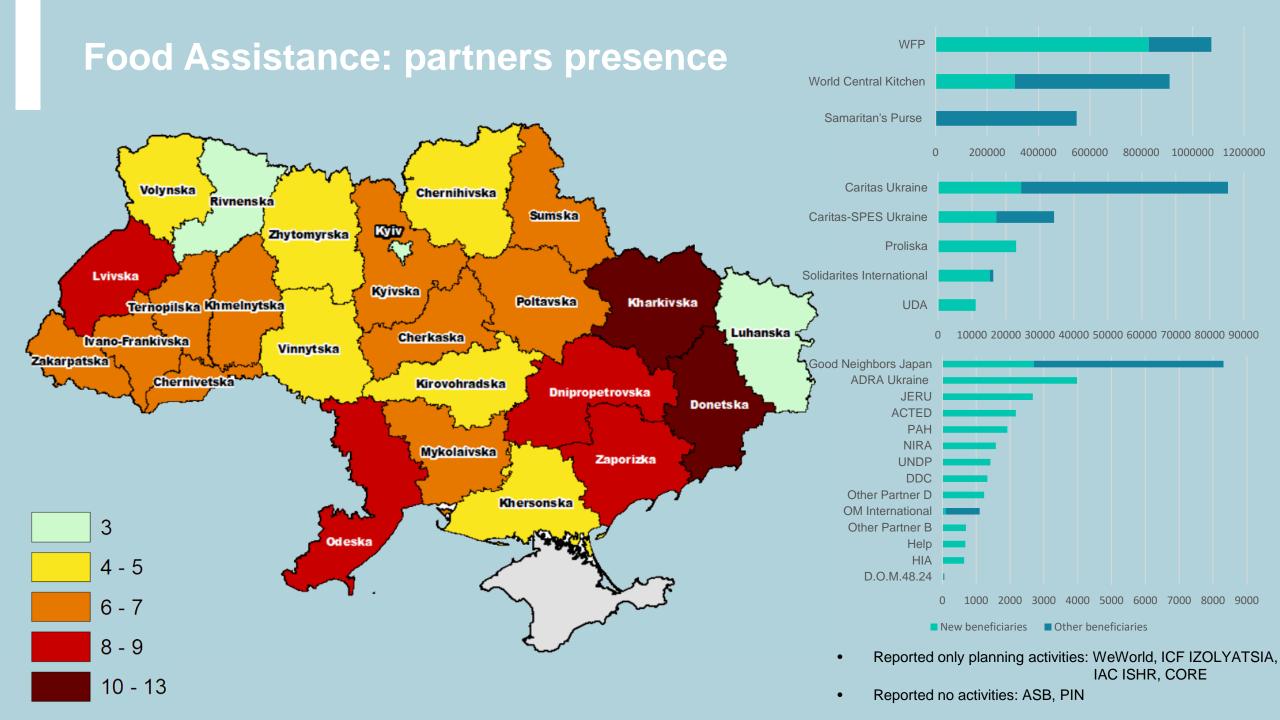
Food Assistance: people reached



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28 partners reportedly reached 2,729,344 people with food assistance across the country during reporting period

of 9 - 22 August. Kharkivska Chernihivska Volynska Chernihivska Rivnenska Odeska Sumska Dnipropetrovska Kyiv **Z**hytomyrska Donetska Mykolaivska Sumska Lvivska Kyivska Kyivska Poltavska Kharkivska Ternopilska Khmelnytská Zaporizka Poltavska Cherkaska Luhanska lvano-Frankivska Cherkaska Vinnytska Lvivska Zakarpatska 1 Vinnytska Chernivetska Kirovohradska Kirovohradska | Dnipropetrovska **Donetska** Khmelnytska ____ Ivano-Frankivska Luhanska = Mykolaivska Zaporizka Zhytomyrska == up to 50,000 Chernivetska Zakarpatska <a>= Khersonska 50,001 - 100,000 Khersonska -Ternopilska <a>= 100,001 - 200,000 Odeska Volynska **•** Kyiv **•** 200,001 - 300,000 Rivnenska 300,001 - 454,443 400000 500000 100000 ■ New beneficiaries Other beneficiaries

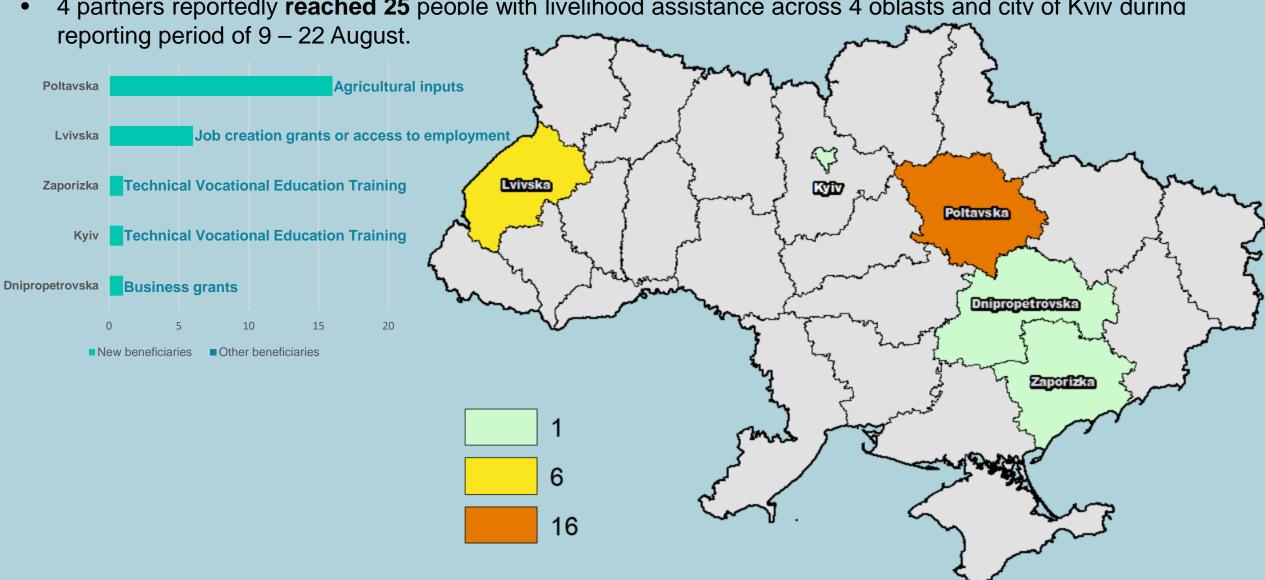


Livelihoods Assistance: people reached

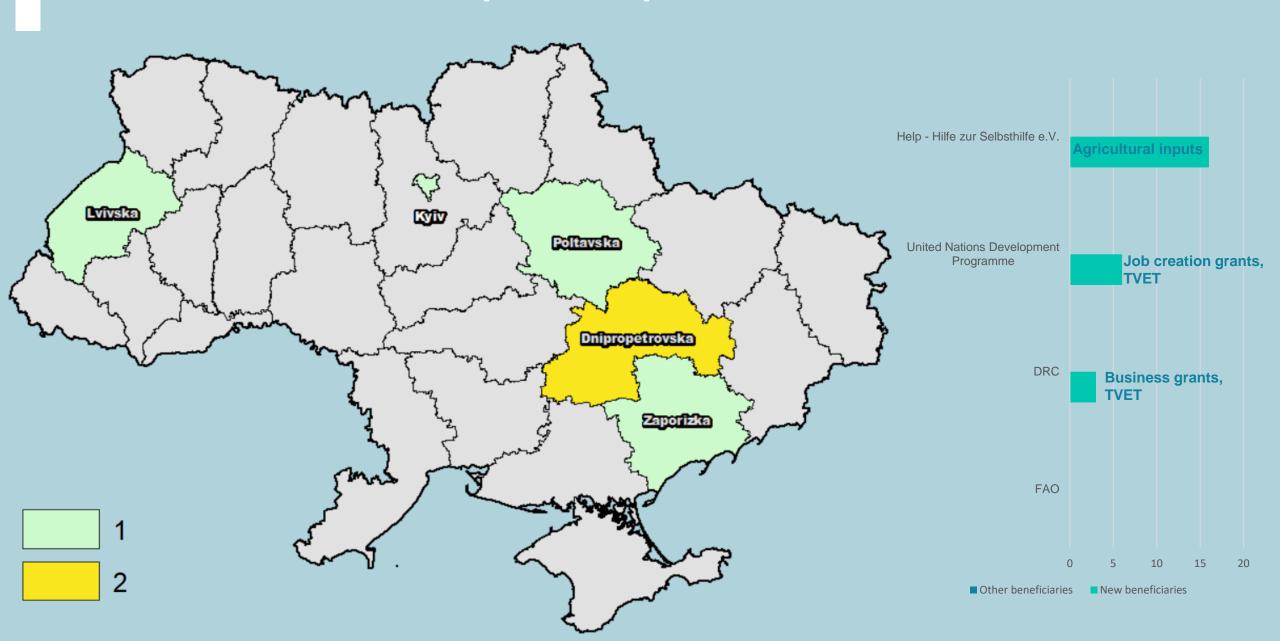


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4 partners reportedly reached 25 people with livelihood assistance across 4 oblasts and city of Kviv during



Livelihoods Assistance: partners presence

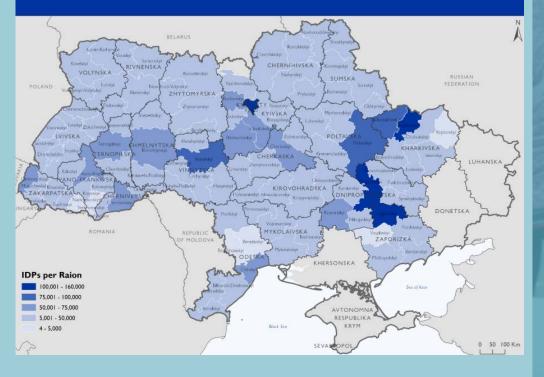


IM updates



NUMBER OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS BY RAIONS

RECORDED IN KHARKIVSKA, KYIVSKA, DNIPROPETROVSKA, POLTAVSKA, VINNYTSKA, ZAPORIZKA, ZAKARPATSKA, CHERKASKA, LVIVSKA, IVANO-FRANKIVSKA, KHMELNYTSKA, ODESKA, KIROVOHRADSKA, TERNOPILSKA, CHERNIHIVSKA, RIVNENSKA, ZHYTOMYRSKA, CHERNIVETSKA, MYKOLAIVSKA, VOLYNSKA, SUMSKA AND KYIV CITY



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- Food Assistance partners are present in almost all districts/raions of the country, with the largest amount of people assisted in areas close to hostilities line.
- ➤ The shift of accent from the Western regions to Eastern, North-East and Southern regions clearly reflected in the partner's reporting.
- Partners increased food assistance for Central regions (Vinnytska, Cherkaska and Kirovohradska) of Ukraine, as previously mentioned as the gaps during meetings for IDPs.
- Also, the rapid increase of food assistance showed North-East regions (Chernihivska, Sumska and Poltavska) with combination of beneficiary types as IDPs, returnees and those living next to the border with regular shellings.
- Livelihoods assistance declined due to low reporting and concentrating on preparing for winterization.

IM updates

- Pipeline data: 2 September, on each Friday
- > 5W: 5 September, each second Monday COB.
 Updated livelihoods activities according to winterization
- Next FSLC coordination meeting: 15 September
- Following 5W deadline: 19 September
- Assessments: to submit a new planned, on-going or completed assessment to the Assessments Tracking system, please fill out the <u>submission form</u>
- > Updated FSLC page on Humanitarian Response
- Updated FSLC Interactive Dashboard



Overview of the partners' discussion on FSLC concerns/challenges and recommendations: key highlights



FSLC Concerns & Recommendations







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REPORT OUTLINE



- The Context
 - What we are trying to achieve –Our Progress
 - What we are doing successfully
- The Livelihoods Gap
- Concerns, Challenges, and Recommended Actions
 - Programming
 - Cluster
 - Beneficiaries
- Any Other Business (AOB)
 - Items for Discussion

Our CONTEXT



The Context

- Of the 44 million total population in Ukraine, 17.7 million are in need of humanitarian assistance according to the revised Flash Appeal (March – December 2022).
- 9.3 million people are in need of food security and livelihoods assistance of which FSLC is targeting 5.2 million people.
- Humanitarian needs in Ukraine continue to increase as the war shows no signs of abating. Every oblast (24) and Kyiv city is affected by the war.
- Despite the increasing number of returnees (5.5 million), over 6.6 million of the people are IDPs, and there are
 concerns about an influx of new IDPs.
- The war has severely impacted agriculture production in Ukraine according to FAO. According to WFP, 20% of the population of Ukraine (one in three families) resort to negative coping strategies.
- IOM Displaced Tracking Matrix (DTM)- Round 7: 22% of the IDP population does not want to return due to the loss of livelihoods while 60% indicated the loss of their jobs due to the war.

Our PROGRESS So Far



Our Progress

- FSLC partners have significantly scaled up the response and have assisted over 9 million people since February 24.
- Key activity is being immediate access to food for vulnerable individuals in Ukraine. Partners reported assistance in all
 24 oblasts and Kyiv regions, and they continue to provide lifesaving food assistance to the population.
- FSLC has registered over 300 partners in Ukraine most of whom are national NGOs, volunteer organizations, private sector, international organizations, and Government partners.
- 11 of the over 300 partners have reported some livelihood activities and have assisted less than 230,000 people since February 2022.
- The partners are now sourcing the food items provided to the recipients from within Ukraine as compared to the onset of the invasion when most of the food was imported to the country.
- Partners are scaling up the use of cash through the multi-purpose cash (MPC) platform throughout the country, with about 60% of the usage of the funds being spent on food.
- Partners continued to demonstrate capacity to respond to the urgent lifesaving food needs throughout the country.

THE EXISTING LIVELIHOODS GAP



- Only 203,3860 (17%) of the 1,205,200 targeted received livelihoods support.
- 11 of over 200 partners are providing agricultural and livestock inputs, training, and "income generation"
- Poor livelihood response to all vulnerable groups IDPs, returnees, and host community

The Urgency of a Livelihoods Response in Ukraine Today

- 5 million lost jobs since the start of Russian aggression (ILO, 2022)
- 6.6 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) as of July 23, 2022
- 5.5 million returnees and another 68% of the people interviewed plan to return
- 60% of IDPs motivated to return by inability to earn income, lack of accommodation, security concerns, family separation, amongst other contributing factors (IOM Round 7,2022)

Livelihood activities targeting the most vulnerable IDPs, returnees, and host communities are the key to stimulating production, job creation, income generation, and reducing the risk of households moving further into food insecurity.

REASONS FOR LOW LIVELIHOODS RESPONSE



- Paucity of evidence-based assessments to inform programming
- Slow momentum towards emergency livelihoods or self-sustenance
- Donor focus mainly targeting lifesaving food needs
- Few livelihoods partners
- Limited partner capacity to simultaneously implement food access and livelihoods projects
- Fluid movement of displaced persons
- Inaccessible, remote, isolated frontline communities
- Ongoing partner funding shortfalls
- Unclear logistics for in-kind assistance

ONGOING CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES FOOD ASSISTANCE



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Programming Challenges

- Partner funding gaps between October and February (Winter) are likely to impact:
 - Levels of food assistance
 - Matching local partner appeals
 - Advanced food placement in hard-to-reach areas
- Emergency livelihood needs animal food, shelter, and disease treatment
- Reinforcing COVID-19 guidelines, especially for vulnerable groups
- Inadequate targeting of communities with mobility issues, those who are not evacuating, or not
 evacuating
- Provision of functional cooking facilities to keep people fed.
- Insufficient communication to people outside the state social systems in non-governmentcontrolled areas (NGCAs)
- Need to coordinate with de-miners to create awareness on mines and uncexploded ordnances (UXO).
- Responding to new IDP waves in a timely manner
- Need to balance attention to Eastern frontline vs. IDPs in the West
- Insufficient storage facilities for both IDPs and livestock needs

ONGOING CHALLENGES & CONCERNS FOOD ASSISTANCE



Cluster Concerns

- Uphold community entry protocols with local gov't authorities at the oblast/raion/hromada level.
- Scanty reporting of gender-disaggregated data unique beneficiaries and admin three or hromada levels.
- High staff turnover salary competition amongst partner institutions and difficulties recruiting local qualified staff

Beneficiary Concerns

- Beneficiary hesitancy and skepticism questioning legitimacy of organizations
- People worried about being taxed for cash/vouchers (in-kind and cash humanitarian aid are not taxable according to the Law <u>1192-XIV</u> and the <u>Law 5073-VI</u>, and <u>the Tax Code of Ukraine</u> (170.7))
- Deficient post-application feedback on reasons for rejection
- Fraudulent applications hindering our ability to include the most vulnerable
- Concerns on targeting and prioritization of aid some locals feel excluded
- Clearer communication of accountability to affected person (AAP) information needs

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE WAY FORWARD



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LIVELIHOODS

- Prioritize the expansion and acceleration of livelihoods programming.
- Establish task force to address local staff recruitment concerns and agree on a common approach.
- Develop an advocacy note to highlight the livelihood gaps in the response.
- Implement a dedicated food security and livelihood assessment to inform programming.
- Conduct gap analysis to assess and address partner resource needs for adequate livelihood responses.
- Explore innovative approaches to building local partner capacity such as partnering.
- Reinforce importance of all-round coordination in providing livelihood assistance.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE WAY FORWARD



LIFESAVING FOOD ASSISTANCE

- Support partners facing funding shortfalls to maintain the level of lifesaving food support
- Maintain inter-cluster responses to maximize gains in areas with significantly low funding and high needs
- Utilize joint analysis and response planning to ensure more effective integrated response
- Strengthen localization of the response; consider incentives for volunteers (through a harmonized scheme to avoid conflict)
- Strengthen linkages with local authorities to identify needs and match request; emphasize value
 of building trust and working with local government structures to determine priority needs at the
 lowest settlement level
- Share beneficiary selection criteria and efficiently handle notifications where assistance is declined
- Work closely with the de-mining sub-cluster to raise awareness on mine risk increase communication
- Utilize mechanism to ensure consultations in targeting of aid

Ukraine Humanitarian Fund (UHF) Standard Allocation timeline for the next envelope.



Ukraine Humanitarian Fund: Standard Allocation

Pre-Allocation launch

- Clusters finalize list of activities in line with Flash Appeal priorities and send to HFU – DONE
- ICCG share their inputs on the strategy
- HFU presents the strategy with the Advisory Board HFU consolidates inputs from AB and ICCG
- HFU shares details to CC on final strategy and launch
- HFU prepares translation, preparation on GMS

Allocation Launch

- HFU publishes the allocation strategy
- Briefing to partners
- Deadline for partners to submit project proposals
- Envelope 1: Thursday 15 September 2022, 1:00 PM Kyiv/ Lviv time
- Envelope 2: Thursday 29 September 2022, 1:00 PM – Kyiv/Lviv time



Ukraine Humanitarian Fund: Standard Allocation

Project review process – envelope 1

- UHF prepares Strategic and Technical review committees and share project details with CC
- STRC members read proposals and prepare for the STRC
- STRC review and score project proposals (multisector projects will be reviewed jointly by relevant clusters
- HFU enters STRC comments on GMS (Grant Management System)
- Partners address comments
- HC final approval on rolling basis
- Funds disbursed within 10 days maximum after HC final approval



2022 UHF Standard Allocation 1

Amount: 70 million

Specific objectives: mirroring the flash Appeal

- Provide principled and timely, lifesaving multisectoral assistance to people affected by the war.
- Protect conflict-affected people and civilian infrastructure, and advocate for parties to the conflict to uphold their obligations under international humanitarian law.
- Support provision of essential services responsive to gender, age and other vulnerabilities (including disabilities) both in areas directly impacted by the conflict and in locations hosting displaced people.
- Enabling actors to partner with national and local partners, including women's organizations, and especially small civil society organizations (CSOs) and volunteer groups operating in targeted communities.



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2022 UHF Standard Allocation 1

Priorities:

- Areas with high concentrations of IDPs,
- Areas of returns,
- Newly liberated areas,
- Conflict affected areas,
- NGCA, occupied areas,
- Line of contact,
- Isolated, hard to reach areas.
- People with disabilities,
- Elderly,
- Women



2022 UHF Standard Allocation 1

FSLC priorities activities for the envelops

- 1. Ensure immediate access to lifesaving food assistance.
- 2. Provision of livestock and poultry production inputs and services:
- a) animal feed and mineral/vitamin supplements;
- o) veterinary support and
- cash voucher assistance for repair of livestock shelter damaged by the conflict.
- 3. Addressing lost income through rapid reskilling, vocational training programmes and job creation for small businesses through grants/income generation activities.
- 4. Cash/inputs for farmers to support winterization



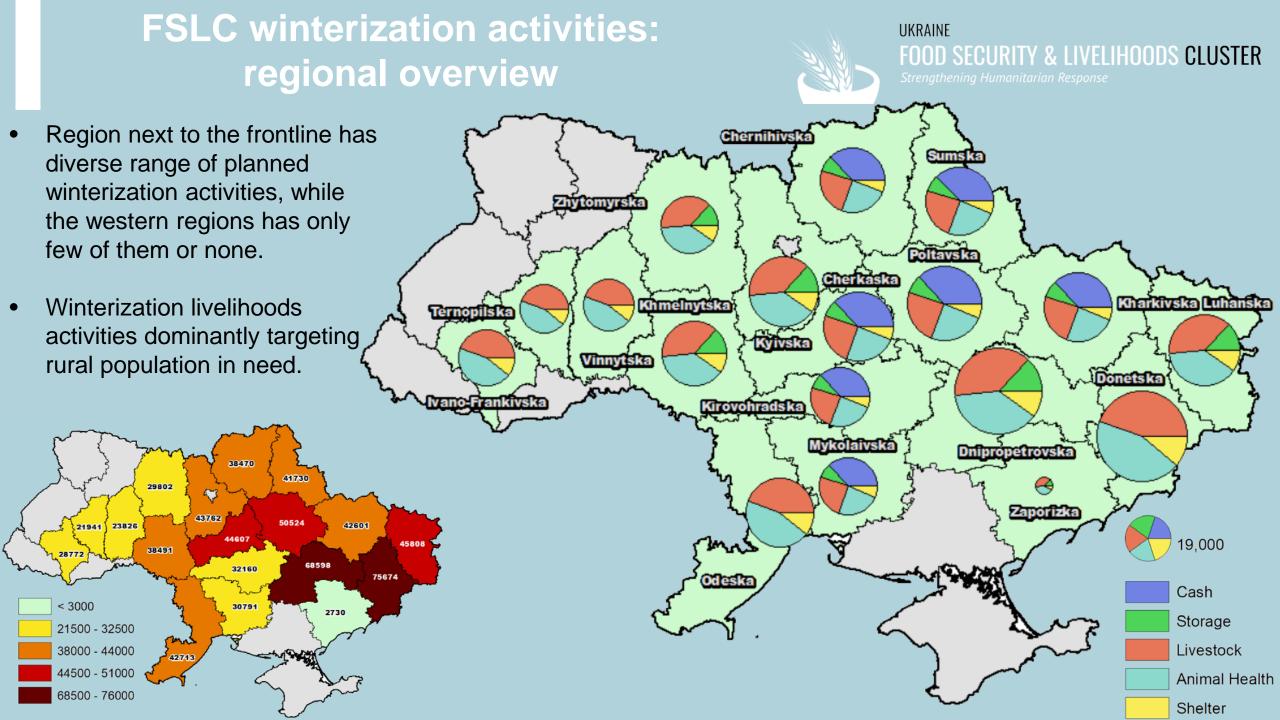




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- 3 major types of livelihoods assistance are planning to be dedicated for the winterization purposes during October 2022 February 2023: livestock and poultry inputs and services; repair of grain storage; and cash for farmers.
- Cluster requested \$74.5M in order to assist 703,000 people in 18 oblasts of Ukraine.
- Target has been calculated based on July's population data by IOM. Due to continues moving of people, mandatory evacuations, and rapid changes on frontline, the target is subject for flexibility.
- Activities targeting returnees and IDPs, and people on the liberated areas.

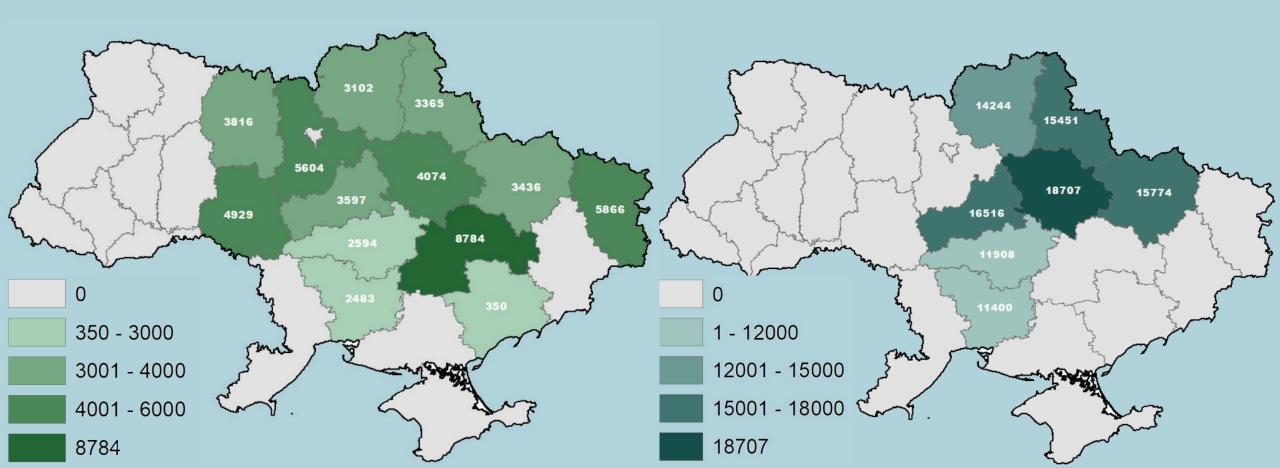
Activities	Individ. Est	Cost per Individual est	Requested Total Est Cost
Provision of livestock and poultry production inputs and services, including animal feed and mineral/vitamin supplements	243,113	\$99	\$24 000 000
Provision of animal health supplies and services	243,113	\$25	\$6 000 000
Cash or voucher assistance for the repair of livestock shelter	60,774	\$111	\$6 750 000
Repair of grain storage	52,000	\$135	\$7 000 000
Cash inputs for farmers to support winterization	104,000	\$296	\$30 784 000



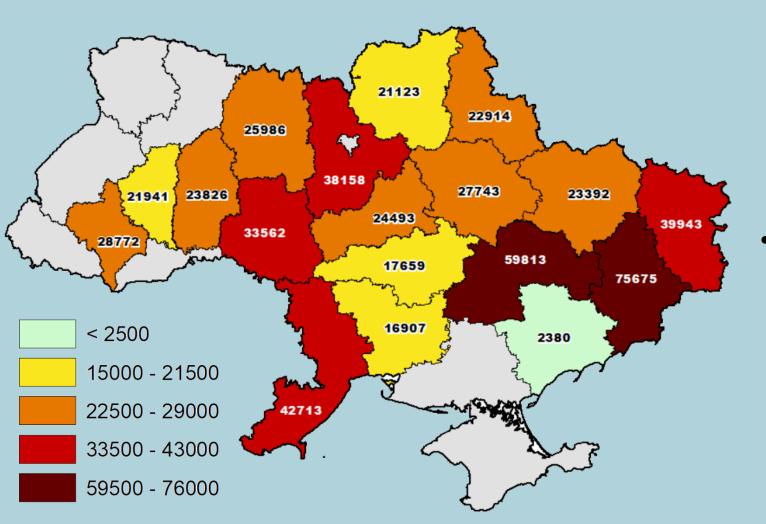


Repair of grain storage:
13 oblasts, 52,000 people, \$7M ask.

Cash inputs for farmers to support winterization:
 7 oblasts, 104,000 people, \$30.7M ask.

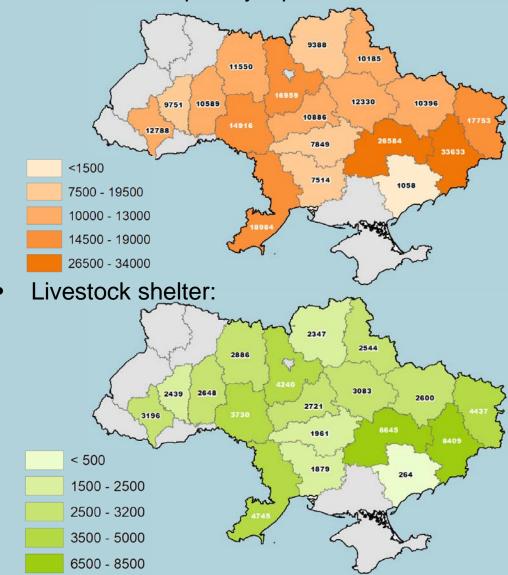


Livestock and poultry inputs and services (combined):
 18 oblasts, 547,000 people, \$36.75M ask.





Livestock and poultry inputs / Animal health:



iMMAP & FSLC trainings



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iMMAP & FSLC trainings:

Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC)

- The training aims to provide introductory/intermediate level information on humanitarian coordination and the role of Information Management (IM) in humanitarian response.
- English language session will take place on September 8 and 9 between 10.00 am and 13.00 pm each day. Enrollment is now open and will close on September 2.
- Ukrainian language session will take place on September 15 and 16 between 10.00 am and 13.00 pm each day. Enrollment is now open and will close on September 9.
- ➤ The training will be conducted remotely, and the link will be shared with the participants prior to the training. To ensure active engagement, each training is capped at 15 participants on a first come basis.
- To enroll in the session, please proceed to MMAP
 Ukraine Online Training, create an account and register for the preferred session. Instructions for the Ukrainian speakers on how to register are available on the meeting page.



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