



- According to the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food (MAPF), Ukraine exported 12.9 million tonnes of cereals, legumes and flour in the 2022/23 marketing year (including September 2022) compared with 20 million tonnes during last year's marketing year.
- Between August and mid-October 2022, more than 7.8 million tonnes of grain and foodstuff have been exported so far through the Black Sea Grain Initiative, of which 24 percent of the cargo has gone to low and lower-middle income countries. The Food Price Index has decreased by nearly 14.6 percent from its peak in March 2022.
- As of 26 September 2022, the estimated number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine has decreased from 6.9 million to 6.2 million as many have returned to their homes in the newly accessible areas. For IDPs, access to cash remains the most pressing need.
- Through its Rapid Response Plan (RRP) and Grain Storage Support Strategy (GSSS), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) requires a total of **USD 180.4 million** to assist **979 320 people**, address **25 percent of the grain storage needs** and **strengthen government capacity for food commodity testing and certifications** necessary for export at border facilities.
- To date, FAO has mobilized **USD 79.7 million**, leaving a gap of **USD 100.7 million**, which is urgently needed to support vulnerable households in rural areas during the winter season.
- FAO continues to work on the ground in Ukraine with a team of over 95 members, including technical and operational personnel deployed to support the scale-up.

Impact of the war on the agriculture sector and food security in Ukraine

Agriculture sector

- Since the beginning of the war, approximately half of Ukraine's agricultural exports have been transported through ports, 40 percent by rail and 12 percent by road. The share of exports passing through Danube ports and Odesa seaports reached 75 percent in September a peak since March 2022.
- The decrease in the supply of pork from eastern regions, in poultry meat production (-10 percent compared with 2021) and egg production as well as active exports are exerting upward pressure on food prices.
- FAO recently concluded a nationwide assessment focused on rural households and agricultural livelihoods to understand the current food security and livelihoods situation and needs, particularly in view of the upcoming winter season. Preliminary findings of the assessment revealed that more than 1 in 4 respondents reported having reduced and/or ceased agricultural production, of whom 1 in 3 have done so in the contact line oblasts.
- Due to the war, increases in agricultural production costs for both crop and livestock activities were widely felt across the country.
- The major difficulties expected in the coming months in terms of agricultural production include low benefits

from the sale of products, access to fertilizers and pesticides, access to fuel and electricity to power equipment, and access to animal feed.

Food security

- Preliminary findings of the assessment of the impact of the war on the rural population depict a concerning situation for households who depend on agriculture for their livelihoods compared with the same period last year. While decreases in income were reported across the country, this trend was more accentuated in contact line oblasts such as Sumska, Mykolaivska, Donetska and Zaporizka.
- More than half of the rural households surveyed reported to have spent over 50 percent of their total expenditure on food in the last three months. Moreover, in the contact line oblasts, almost 1 in 5 respondents reported to have spent over 75 percent of their total expenditure on food.
- The distressed situation of rural populations is even more evident when looking at the adoption of negative coping mechanisms. Around 40 percent of the rural households surveyed have started to adopt "crisis" coping mechanisms to meet essential needs. Oblasts such as Zaporizka, Chernivska, Sumska and Dnipropetrovska revealed higher percentages.

FAO's ongoing and planned response

- As of 18 October, 3 626.8 tonnes of winter wheat seeds have been distributed to 1 136 small-scale farmers (2 tonnes/farmer) and 3 387 rural households (0.4 tonne/household) in war-affected oblasts.
- FAO has delivered multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) to 1 052 rural households (2 776 people) in Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizka and Khersonska oblasts. FAO and local implementing partners are expanding MPCA in these oblasts as well as in Odeska and Mykolaivska with the aim to reach over 4 800 households (10 000 people) in the coming months. The value of the cash transfer is based on the household size, providing each person with UAH 6 660 (USD 180) to cover basic needs for three months.
- By the end of 2022, FAO and MAPF intend to distribute 30 000 polyethylene grain sleeves, grain un/loading machinery, and a variety of modular storage units to small- and medium-scale farmers.
- FAO is providing technical support to the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection to strengthen the capacity of the government to carry out testing and certification for food commodities for export at border facilities. FAO and the government have explored opportunities for upgrading the Izmail phytosanitary and veterinary laboratories. The needs relating to laboratory equipment and the renovation of existing premises were identified, and procurement of the required goods and services has been launched.
- FAO is responding to the total need included in the request from the MAPF to fully equip six laboratories for the detection of nucleic acids of infectious diseases by the method of real-time polymerase chain reaction. Procurement of the required equipment has been initiated.
- FAO will assist the National Academy of Agrarian Sciences to preserve a unique national collection of plant genetic resources, which is not only of national but also of global importance in terms of the volume and diversity of genetic material. The project aims to relocate the multi-year collection to a safe storage place, to improve the information system of plant genetic resources with modern information technology support, and to ensure the longer-term conservation and safety duplication of the genetic samples.
- With a local implementing partner, the Lviv Agrarian Chamber, FAO is finalizing beneficiary lists and contracting suppliers for a pilot agricultural input voucher programme targeting rural households in Lvivska oblast, including displaced and host community households who have lost their livelihoods due to the war. This programme will benefit approximately 2 200 households living in 11 hromadas of Lvivska oblast with a voucher worth approximately USD 300 to enable them to purchase agricultural production inputs including tools, machinery, building materials, seeds, pesticides and other items.
- FAO will implement a livestock shelter winterization programme which will target Sumska, Mykolaivska and Odeska oblasts. FAO and implementing partners are currently identifying approximately 2 000 vulnerable rural livestock keeping households who will receive a voucher worth approximately USD 300 to purchase tools and building materials to enable them to repair and improve livestock shelters for the winter season.
- FAO plans to support vulnerable livestock keepers in 13 oblasts with over 85 000 livestock feed kits for winterization.
- FAO is undertaking a number of assessments, including an assessment of front-line settlements to understand the impact of the war and the needs of these communities; a national assessment of micro- and small-scale farmers to analyse the impact of the war on agricultural activities; and a damage and loss assessment on fishery and aquaculture as part of a broader effort with the Kyiv School of Economics.



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Partnerships

- FAO works in close collaboration with the Government of Ukraine, particularly MAPF and local administrations, as well as United Nations partners and non-governmental organizations.
- FAO, in partnership with the World Food Programme, is coordinating inter-agency work on food security and agriculture through the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster. Currently, of a total of 85 operational reporting partners, 50 are responding through 338 implementing partners. Since the beginning of October 2022, 1.65 million people have received both food and livelihoods support.
- FAO works closely with implementing partners who play a crucial role in assisting with beneficiary selection, distributions, monitoring, and engagement with communities throughout the implementation of activities to ensure accountability and inclusion.

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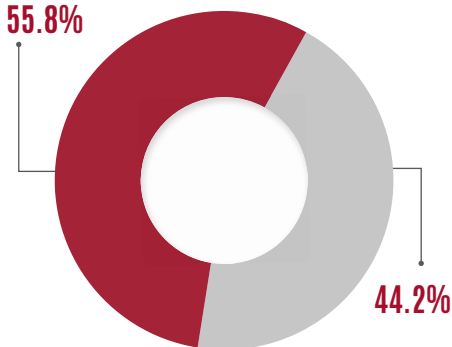
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Funding

FUNDING GAP

USD 100.7 million

55.8%



44.2%

FUNDING TO-DATE

USD 79.7 million



FAO requires

USD 180.4 million

- **USD 115.4 million** to assist 979 320 people
- **USD 65 million** to address 25% of the grain storage needs in Ukraine

Resource partners

Australia, Belgium, Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance of the United States Agency for International Development, Canada, Central Emergency Response Fund, the European Union, France, Germany, Japan, the Louis Dreyfus Foundation, the Minderoo Foundation, the Sustainable Development Goals Fund and the Ukraine Humanitarian Fund

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