

# Attacks on Education in Ukraine

Situation Report, 1 January - 25 March 2019





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Since the start of 2019, the Ukraine Education Cluster has received reports regarding 10 conflict-related incidents resulting in physical damages to school infrastructure, 1 education facility that have been temporarily closed, 2 cases of military presence in close vicinity to the education facility and 3 incidents resulting in threat of death or injuries to students, teachers and parents.

The latest incidents with damages have happened on March 20-21, 2019 in Donetska NGCA. On March 20, 2019 school #77 in Horlivka/Holmivskyy received damages. Late afternoon the window on the second floor of the school was broken with a bullet. No children were present in the school during the incident. Currently the schools welcomes around 200 children. On March 21, 2019 – school #116 in Donetsk city was damaged as a result of heavy-machine-gun fire early in the morning, while children were inside the school building. After the incident classes were suspended. No injuries reported. School #116 was heavily damaged in 2014 and since then was not operational until February 2019 while rehabilitation works were ongoing. At the moment approximately 100 children are enrolled in the school.

In addition to the above incidents there were reported 2 cases of found explosive devices near the schools #96 and #92 in Donetsk city on March 21 and 22 accordingly. In both cases devices were neutralized without explosion.

Since the beginning of the conflict in 2014 over 750 education facilities have been damaged and many more experienced disruptions to education. The Ukraine Education Cluster estimates that over 700,000 children and teachers in more than 3,500 education facilities in eastern Ukraine are affected by the hostilities and in need of humanitarian assistance. More than 400,000 children experience direct impact of the conflict as they live, play and go to school within the 20-km on both sides of the “contact line”, where shelling and extreme

	2017	2018	2019
 <b>Physical damages to school infrastructure</b> <i>(number of incidents verified and unverified cases)</i>	43	16	10
 <b>Temporarily school closures due to conflict</b> <i>(number of schools affected)</i> <i>including cases of switching to distance learning</i>	22	50	1
 <b>Military use of schools / close proximity to military sites</b> <i>(number of schools affected)</i>	n/a	11	2
 <b>Other incidents resulting in death, injuries or threat of death or injuries</b> to students, education personnel or parents	n/a	5	3

Incidents of education facility damages by the conflict since January 2017 by month (including unverified cases)

