

The COVID-19 and the re-opening of crossing points at the 'contact line' remained at the centre of attention of humanitarian actors (*please refer to the Crossing Points snapshot for more information*). On the political front, a significant breakthrough was achieved when a full ceasefire had been reached by the parties to the conflict and came into effect on 27 July. The domestic political environment continued to be dynamic, with the next local elections scheduled for 25 October 2020. These will be the first elections to take place under the country's new electoral law adopted on 19 December 2020.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES



Coming into effect on 27 July, the latest complete and all-encompassing ceasefire has largely been holding. This has so far resulted in a record-low number of ceasefire violations, according to OSCE. In contrast, the previous ceasefire agreement reached in July 2019 was short-lived. Reaching a ceasefire deal was also a precondition for holding of a new summit in the so-called Normandy Four format on the situation in Ukraine.



Ukraine records a marked increase of COVID-19 cases in recent weeks, with the number of daily confirmed cases exceeding 1,500. Preliminary trend analysis shows that the number of cases doubles roughly every six weeks nationwide and in conflict-affected eastern regions. Against this backdrop, the Government of Ukraine has extended the adaptive quarantine until 31 August in which the country is classified into four epidemiological zones (green, yellow, orange, and red) to determine the severity of the situation and the necessary response measures. Reportedly, both Government-controlled areas (GCA) of Donetsk and Luhanska oblasts are classified as the 'green' zones. In non-Government controlled areas (NGCA), there is a reported shortage of personal protection equipment (PPE). The number of COVID-19 infections among health personnel steadily increases on both sides of the 'contact line'.



The next school year is set to resume on 1 September in all regions across Ukraine, except those currently classified as the 'red' zones and subject to the implementation of COVID-19 precautionary measures in education facilities, such as face coverings and adequate hygiene environment. The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a major unprecedented disruption in education, with most preschool education facilities that remained operational in summer, reporting meager attendance rates, not exceeding 30 per cent, according to UN Children's Fund.

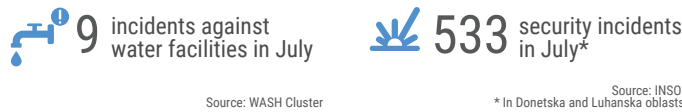


The socio-economic situation across the country continues to worsen due to COVID-19. Since the beginning of the quarantine in Ukraine (in mid-March), almost 400,000 people have reportedly lost their jobs and registered as unemployed. However it is difficult at this stage to ascertain the extent of job and livelihoods losses among conflict-affected populations, it is presumed to be significant, considering the pre-existing high unemployment in GCA (highest in Ukraine for five consecutive years) and the restricted access of people in NGCA to the Government's pensions and other social entitlements.

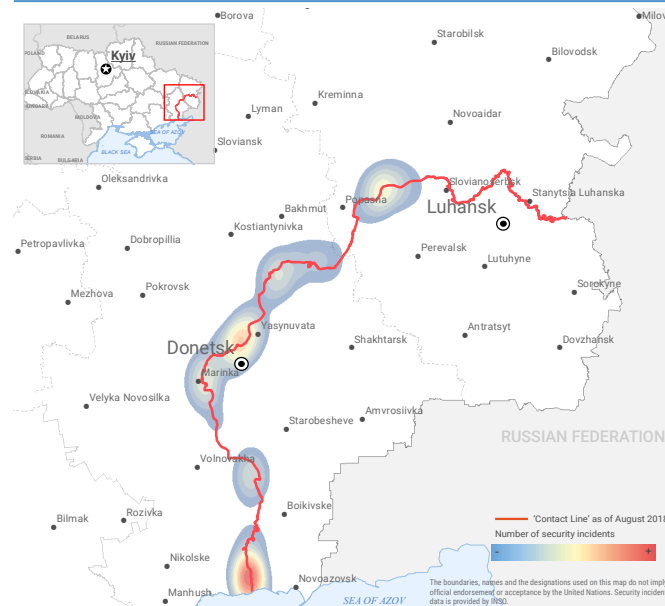
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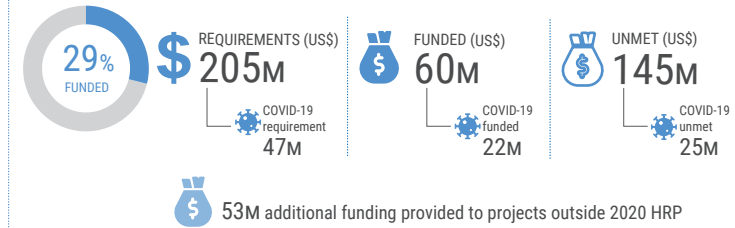
INCIDENTS AGAINST INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES



NUMBER AND LOCATION OF SECURITY INCIDENTS (JULY 2020)



2020 HRP: REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDING*



Funding by Cluster (% and million US\$)	Funding requirements (million US\$)	Funding status (million US\$)
Education 23%	8.3	1.9
Food Security and Livelihoods 3%	27.1	0.9
Health 21%	38.9	8.0
Protection 5%	55.9	2.8
Shelter/NFI 15%	26.6	4.0
WASH 8%	32.5	2.6
Common Services and Support 48%	6.3	3.0
Multipurpose Cash 1%	9.0	0.1
Cluster not specified		33.9
TOTAL	205	57.2

2020 ALLOCATIONS

The Ukraine Humanitarian Fund (UHF) has allocated \$3.75 million for COVID-19 response in eastern Ukraine to provide livelihood support to elderly and other vulnerable people, to support pilot contact-tracing in GCA, and increase COVID-19-related medical response capacity in NGCA.

UHF has launched the \$1 million allocation to improve humanitarian access and strengthen partners' response capacity in NGCA.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) have provided some \$925,000 to COVID-19 response in eastern Ukraine under the global Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) COVID-19 allocation.

* According to FTS as of 19 August 2020. Some donations are yet to be recorded, and donors and partners are invited to register donations.