

## **ACTED IN UKRAINE**

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## KEY PRIORITIES

ACTED has been present in Ukraine since 2015 in response to the conflict in the Donbas region. Since the large-scale military action began in the country in February 2022, ACTED's teams are mobilised throughout Ukraine and neighbouring countries to support victims of the conflict.

ACTED has expanded its geographic and operational presence in Ukraine and opened new field bases throughout the West, East, North and South. After the first three months of rapid response and scale up of operations, it's now transitioning its programming to provide comprehensive and multi-sector aid to three contextual profiles within Ukraine.



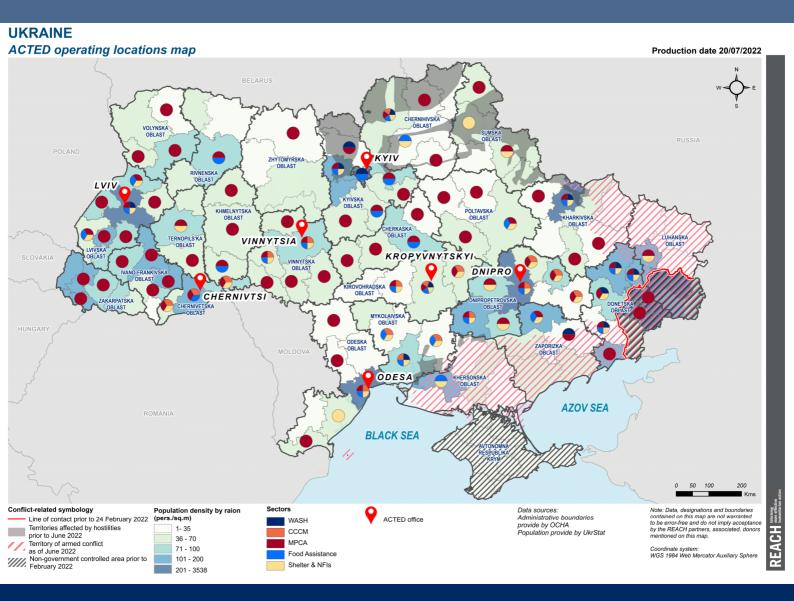
PROVIDING EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID IN ACTIVE CONFLICT CONTEXTS



ENSURING BASIC NEEDS OF DISPLACED PEOPLE ARE MET IN HOSTING CONTEXTS



SUPPORTING THE RECOVERY OF RECENTLY REGAINED CONTEXTS



In order to respond rapidly and effectively to the differing needs of conflict-affected populations across the entirety of Ukraine, ACTED has expanded its office and operational presence in country and established anchor points in neighboring Romania, Moldova, and Poland.

- Six new field offices established in Chernivtsi, Dnipro, Kropyvnytski, Lviv, Odesa, and Vinnytsia
- Head office in **Kyiv** re-operationalized
- New offices and warehouses set up in **Poland**, **Moldova**, and **Romania**, with additional programming to support the refugee response

This operational configuration enables our teams to cover all oblasts of Ukraine, particularly in rural, hard to reach, and heavily conflict-affected areas.

In a context where local civil society organizations (CSOs), volunteer networks, and local businesses have and continue to lead the initial humanitarian response in communities across Ukraine, these local entities play a crucial role in the larger framework of humanitarian assistance.

Since the invasion, ACTED has expanded its network of local partners to more than 170 groups across Ukraine. In addition to the aid it provides directly, ACTED works with and alongside these partners to support their provision of humanitarian aid to more people and in more locations across Ukraine.



For example, in cooperation with more than 60 CSOs in eastern Ukraine, ACTED managed to deliver food, bottled water, blankets, hygiene and first aid kits to areas under continuous shelling, to evacuees from Donetsk, Luhansk Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhia oblasts and meet their urgent basic needs. By collaborating with these local partners, ACTED and the CSOs were able to provide and sustain critical assistance to people in need.



Ongoing military activity across the country has caused massive displacement and damage, leading to people straining or exhausting their economic resources in order to meet their basic needs. Cash remains one of the most effective interventions to provide flexible and rapid assistance to Ukrainians, whether they've recently evacuated a besieged area or suffered damages to their home from shelling and missile strikes.

More precisely, during July-August ACTED provided emergency cash assistance to families of victim in Kremenchuk, following the attack on the shopping center "Amstor" as well as people who were harmed by missile strikes in residential areas of Vinnytsia, Odessa and those whose dwellings were partially or fully destroyed due to the conflict. Moreover, in cooperation with local CSO "Angels of salvation" which evacuates people from hot spots in Donetsk oblast, ACTED provides evacuees with cash assistance.



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50,451 people affected by the conflict in all 24 oblasts of Ukraine have already received life-saving multi-purpose cash assistance from ACTED.

Currently, the ACTED team is working with the Estonian Refugee Council (ERC) to provide assistance in heavily conflict-affected unoccupied (ACTED) and occupied (ERC) areas in northern, eastern, and southern Ukraine. In addition, ACTED signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, based on which 10, 000 people who are living in temporary occupied territories or directly affected settlements and those who applied for cash assistance through the e-Dopomoga platform will receive cash assistance. "In peacetime, we lived our usual lives in one of the cities in Eastern Ukraine -Severodonetsk. From the first days of the conflict escalation, we stayed in the basement, because there was heavy shelling around our house. We lived there for a month and a half until the volunteers took us out. We did not want to leave our house until the last moment because we did not have any personal belongings and money to settle in another city. But since being in the city became more and more dangerous, we decided to leave. We stayed first in one of the collective centers in Dnipro. Then, cash assistance provided by ACTED helped us to rent an apartment because we can live in the center only for a short time as well as buy some food. Thank you, it's very helpful" explained Anatoliy and his wife Iryna, when interviewed by our team in Dnipro.



As the war continues, access to food remains an ongoing need in large parts of the country. Since the start of the invasion, ACTED and its local partners work to provide hot meals to those traveling, and larger boxes of food assistance to those in unstable areas.



ACTED has provided hot meals to **107,958** displaced people and people in transit since the invasion in February.



Additionally, **39,114** people have received food kits and food parcels.









To ensure dignified, safe, and inclusive living conditions for displaced people living in collective centres, ACTED has provided **130** donations in **13** oblasts across Ukraine, including potable water, hygiene kits for adults, children, and people with special needs, blankets, pillows, and other goods since the conflict escalation.

Additionally, **9,908** people in **10** oblasts received hygiene kits and **14,903** hygiene parcels and were able to meet their basic hygiene needs.



According to the OCHA Ukraine situation report, almost **16** million people in Ukraine are in need of water, sanitation and hygiene assistance. To contribute to the situation improvement, ACTED has already conducted one delivery of water trucking/water supply improvements reaching **4,100** people of Area East in Kropvynytskyi oblast, with the support of **1** local partner. 9 ongoing water trucking/improvements are expected to reach **17,675** beneficiaries in 5 oblasts:

- 2 of them will reach a total of 24,905 individuals in Area East and South, in Donetsk, Mykolaiv and Zaporizhzhia oblasts.
- 7 of them will reach a total of 4,210 individuals in Area West, in Chernivtsi and Kropyvnytskyi oblasts.



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