

Ukraine Conflict | ACT Appeal UKR211

Name of ACT member: Hungarian Interchurch Aid

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Highlights

Please list 5 key points that you want to communicate to ACT Alliance network

- **In the past 3 months, HIA has reached 102,590 people so far**, providing emergency access to **basic humanitarian aid, protection activities and other services** both in Ukraine and in Hungary.
- Soon to open **HIA Integration Centre in Budapest** will provide assistance to refugees from Ukraine through various services (in-kind support, social work, accommodation referral, labour market programmes, vocational trainings and community space) to support their integration into the society; special attention will be paid to the needs of unaccompanied minors, people with disabilities and the elderly.
- In Ukraine HIA's efforts to empower people are fuelled by its **multi-purpose cash assistance** programme, allowing for a more people-centred relief, and granting beneficiaries freedom of choice while returning a degree of dignity into their lives.

Situation Overview

Please give a short overview of the overall situation (security, number of IPDs/Refugees, economic) in the countries where you are responding

Russia's offensive against Ukraine continues. Moscow is increasingly committing forces withdrawn from elsewhere in the combat zone to the front lines in the Donbas; however, the success of Ukraine's counteroffensive north and east of the city of Kharkiv may prompt Russian forces to redirect additional troops to protect the main supply route between Belgorod, Russia, and Izyum in Ukraine's Kharkiv Region, where large concentrations of Russian troops and materiel are located.

The heaviest fighting has been centered on settlements in the Luhansk Region and in northern parts of the Donetsk Region, where Moscow's forces continue to make incremental gains amid a Ukrainian troop withdrawal; the offensive has further weakened Ukrainian positions around Severodonetsk and Popasna. Russian troops have reportedly occupied most of Lyman and have taken over two-thirds of the perimeter of Severodonetsk. The city itself has been heavily shelled; local authorities have stated that at least 60 percent of the residential buildings in the city have been destroyed and that more than 1,500 persons have been killed. Ukrainian troops are reportedly surrounded in the Hirske-Orikhove-Zolote complex south of Severodonetsk. The fall of this area would be significant as there are few easily defensible points en route to Lysychansk. Local authorities in Severodonetsk have started planning potential evacuation routes. South of Izyum, Russian forces continue artillery bombardments against Ukrainian positions defending the road to Slovyansk, including in Dovhenke. The Russian army is likely looking to push on along the M03 highway and link up with troops attempting to move through Lyman and across the Siverskiy Donets River to attack Slovyansk. Heavy clashes have also been reported in the area around Popasna. North of Kharkiv city, intense battles continue in the Ternova area and around Rubizhne. Preliminary reports suggest Ukrainian troops may have taken control of Ternova. Russian forces have reportedly halted their retreat and are mining roads in the border region to inhibit the northward movement of Ukrainian units. At least nine people were killed and 17 injured

in Russian shelling of Kharkiv city May 27; this has been the first case of shelling against the city itself in two weeks.

Russian forces continue to conduct heavy artillery and missile attacks, as well as airstrikes on targets throughout the country. At least ten people were killed and 35 injured when a Russian missile hit a Ukrainian National Guard base in Dnipro. Russia also continues to shell targets in Sumy and Chernihiv regions, highlighting the continued risks of such attacks, particularly in areas close to the border.

Ukrainian Railways (UZ) has restored near-regular commuter services throughout much of the central and western parts of the country and continues to operate evacuation trains from most major cities, including Kyiv; however, rail services are subject to disruptions without warning. Civilian aviation remains suspended, and the nation's seaports are closed.

The government has extended Ukraine's existing nationwide martial law decree until Aug. 23. Curfews are in effect in multiple regions. In Kyiv Region, a curfew is in effect 23:00-05:00, with some municipality-level variations, through at least May 29. In Mykolaiv, a curfew is in place 22:00-06:00. In Zaporizhzhia Region, the curfew runs 22:00-05:00. Generally, civilians must stay indoors during curfew hours; exemptions exist for workers in critical infrastructure and persons seeking urgent medical care or bomb shelters. Depending on local developments, authorities may extend or amend curfew hours on short notice.

Intermittent telecommunications, internet, and utility disruptions continue across much of the country. Reports also indicate a shortage of basic supplies, including groceries and pharmaceutical products, in multiple cities facing Russian ground assaults. Finally, the National Bank of Ukraine has limited foreign currency transfers and withdrawals.

Appeal Financing

Please fill out information on Funds Received. ACT Secretariat will fill out the information on Pledges.

Funds Received

Outside the Appeal

- EUR 5,1 million from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary Helps Agency and private donors, companies through HIA's fundraising campaign in Hungary
- In kind donation in the value of EUR 1,12 million (food, NFI and other aid items)
- Christian Aid: 2,65 million GBP

Inside the Appeal

- Act Church of Sweden: 5,552 million SEK
- Dan Church Aid: 988 K EUR
- Kerk In Actie: 1,5 million EUR

Total ACT Response

Please provide topline information of your current response such as number of people already reached indicating the areas, planned interventions, type of assistance. For example: HIA provided hygiene kits in Lviv, Beregovo, and Budapest for 500 persons

Please provide details on all activities (ACT Appeal and non-appeal funded) for ACT members information about our Total ACT response.

The key actions carried out by HIA and its local partners on Week 21:

Lviv Office MPCA pilot project completed in the Lviv Region. 155 HHs were registered, namely 345 people, many of them with disabilities in remote areas. 6 Flexible Small Grants are live now, with supporting local initiatives like caring children with disabilities, providing psychological assistance and counselling service to parents, improving living condition in a shelter or humanitarian aid procurement.

Beregovo Office in Zakarpattia continued in-kind support distribution with food, hygiene and baby items, supporting 720 IDPs in 25 community shelters. Alongside this component, identifying shelter restoration needs is in progress.

Zlatograd reached 374 beneficiaries with food distribution in Dnipro region, while in Zaporizhzhia and Kharkiv region 400 IDPs were provided food and hygiene parcels by *Santis*.

In Ivano-Frankivsk *Etalon's* 4 Mobile groups continued its protection activity; regarding PPS, 52 children took part in group sessions (craft activities, drawing) and 17 adults attended the adult groups. Individual consultations were also provided. Another webinar on psychological topics was held, where 18 participants took part. In addition in Kalush district, 100 people received hygiene kits and 50 people baby food and hygiene items.

The League pursued to expand its support for conflict affected persons in Cherkasy with the help of its mobile groups. Last week 91 household received psychosocial support, and 87 household were assisted by legal counselling.

In Hungary, HIA accommodated 559 refugees in community shelters and continued the provision of humanitarian aid and information services in BOK arena, in Budapest. In cooperation with the Piarist High School, HIA is going to support the education of a class of refugee children. Working with the Lutheran Church on provision of microgrants to 12 community shelters, HIA gives helping hand to these shelters in various ways to strengthen their response capacity in Hungary. Through the grants HIA supports accommodation, catering of IDPS, kindergarten education of Roma children from Zakarpattia, catering, accommodation of third country nationals, restoration capacity of the shelters, provision of transportation.

Thus far these efforts have reached **102,590** people since the beginning of the crisis, providing emergency access to basic food and non-food items, information, shelter, WASH and health support, protection and links to transportation services.

ACT Appeal Please provide a programme update under the relevant sectors below

Implementing partner	Country	In country site	Sector	Achieved targets In reporting period (#beneficiaries direct/ indirect)	Cumulative Achieved targets (#beneficiaries direct/ indirect)	Within appeal /outside of appeal
HIA	Ukraine		FSL	1528	65589	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		WSH	1021	56736	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		H&N	0	700	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Shelter+NFI	12/0	175/2879	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Protection	582	1868	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		Livelihood	345	345	outside

HIA	Hungary		FSL	415	10092	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Shelter+NFI	559/0	7067/1412	outside
HIA	Hungary		WSH	0	5921	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Protection	205	4168	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Logistics	0	847	outside

*1021 people received both food and hygienic support in Ukraine

FSL – Food Security & Livelihoods

WSH – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

C/FP – Child/Family Protection – incl. into Protection

H&N – Health & Nutrition

Sitrep completed by (name & job title):

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