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1. Project Narrative

In 2016, the political situation in Ukraine remained tense. Breaches of the ceasefire agreement occurred daily along the contact line, contributing to a volatile security situation that threatens further displacement. The conflict continued to impact nearly 4.4 million people in eastern Ukraine. Immediate humanitarian assistance was required for 3.8 million people, including 1 million children. UNICEF estimates that 200,000 children live within 15 kilometres of each side of the contact line, out of which about 2 per cent are regularly forced to take refuge in improvised bomb shelters. Children are exposed to the risk of explosive remnants of war and landmines, and girls are particularly at risk of different forms of gender-based violence.

As of 16 May 2016, the number of registered internally displaced persons (IDPs) stands at 1,780,946¹. Whilst people have been displaced to locations all over the country, the five most affected oblasts include Donetsk and Luhansk, where the conflict is taking place, followed by neighbouring Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia, which are hosting the highest numbers of IDPs.

Migration of the population from the conflict affected territories to elsewhere in Ukraine has had a great impact on the educational system. Teachers and school-aged children constitute a sizeable percentage of Ukraine's 1.7 million internally displaced population.

According to 2016 estimates, there are 191,202 IDPs in Kharkiv oblasts. Out of this number, 16,891 are children and the majority of them are hosted in Kharkiv city and in/around Chuhuiv, Balakliia, Borova, Izium, Kupiansk and Lozova cities. Services such as water supply, health, education, as well as justice and administrative services have been increasingly affected. The ability of local authorities to provide a minimum level of services has become more and more difficult to sustain.

Despite all of these challenges, the process of educating children has to continue as it gives children not only useful knowledge and skills, but also the feeling of stability and a normal daily routine. Unfortunately, in rural areas, displaced families have fewer opportunities to find a full time job, and for many of them, school stationery is too expensive. In consequence, UNICEF through its partners provided education kits for the most vulnerable IDP children in selected remote rural areas in Kharkiv region.

1 Ukrainian Ministry of Social Policy 16 May 2016.

2. Activity Outputs

UNICEF in partnership with SAP company procured 350 “back to school” kits for primary school children and 370 kits for secondary and high school pupils.

UNICEF in partnership with ING Bank procured 100 additional kits for primary school children and 100 more for secondary and high school children. In total, 920 “back to school kits” were procured.

UNICEF, together with its partners CF “Stantsia Kharkiv” and NGO “Asteriks” identified the most vulnerable displaced families with school children in Chuhuiv, Balakliia, Borova, Izium, Nova Vodolaha, Lozova, Zmiiv and Kupiansk, all locations in Kharkiv oblast. Most vulnerable 450 primary school IDP students and the most vulnerable 470 IDPs attending secondary and high school received “back to school” kits in remote rural areas of Kharkiv oblast.

In partnership with ControlPay Company, UNICEF improved the heating system of two educational facilities, which are situated close to the front line of Donetsk oblast. Toretsk Kindergarten #4 (Petrivka settlement) and Toretsk school #12 (Kurdiuvivka settlement) are the facilities that have been severely damaged during the conflict. UNICEF has procured and installed three boilers in each of the above-mentioned educational facility during the summer of 2016. Up to 300 children benefited from the improved heating system.

UNICEF interventions supported by the Educational Thematic Grant Funding benefited almost 1,200 children.

As a result of needs assessment and consultations with partners, UNICEF created 2 types of “back to school” kits.

“Back to school” kit for 1-4 form (primary school) includes:

- Notebook squared (12 pages) – 10 items
- Notebook spit lined (12 pages) – 10 items
- Ballpoint Pen with inks – 5 items (2 blue colored, 1 red, 1 black and 1 green)
- Colored markers (12 colors) – 2 packages
- Plastic glass for drawing, which is not flowing (‘neprolyvaika’) – 1 item
- Album for drawing, 20 pages (1 piece)
- Colored paper A4, 14 pages, 7 colors (2 packages)
- Carton colored A4, 10 pages (2 packages)
- Scissors 17 cm with rubber inserts, and rounded safe ends (1 piece)
- Pencil-glue, 15 g. – 2 items
- White glue in a small bottle (‘PVA glue’)
- Pencils colored, 12 colors – 2 packages
- Pencil sharpener plastic in a container (2 pieces)
- Ruler 20 cm. plastic transparent (2 pieces)
- Clay 12 colors, 240 g., carton (1 package)
- Set for clay works (board of A4 format i 2 knives for clay)
- Water colors honey-based, 18 colors (1 box)
- Paint Guash, 9 colors (10cm³ each) (1 box)



- Set of brushes for drawing 6 pcs (1 piece)
- Eraser for a pencil (2 pieces)
- Soft fabric container for pens/pencils (1 piece), unisex, which is ok for girls and boys in terms of colors and pictures.
- Pencil wooden with eraser, sharpened (10 pieces)
- Backpack

Back to school for 5-11 form (secondary and high school) includes:

- Notebook 18 pages, squared – 5 items
- Notebook 18 pages, lined – 5 items
- Notebook 24 pages, squared – 5 items
- Notebook 24 pages, lined -5 items
- Notebook 48 pages, squared -5 items
- School record book – 1 item
- Covers for notebook, 10 pcs – 1 package



- Covers for text books, 10 pcs – 1 package
- Ballpoint pen blue – 5 items
- Ballpoint pen color, 6 colors, ink – 1 package
- Pencils – 5 items
- Eraser for a pencil – 2 items
- Sharpener, plastic – 1 item
- Tools for drafting – 1 piece
- Scissors – 1 piece
- Glue-pencil – 1 piece
- Stickers, 100 pcs – 1 package
- Backpack, unisex – 1 piece

3. Resources

UNICEF has 100 per cent utilization of the grant for funds received in 2016. Please see the Funds Utilization Report attached below for details.

4. Expression of Thanks

UNICEF Ukraine's humanitarian interventions in 2016 would not have been possible without the continued support from Sap company, ING Bank and ControlPay company, acting as the "provider of last resort" and thereby saving thousands of lives that would have been lost otherwise.

On behalf of the women and children throughout Ukraine who have been reached with your assistance, UNICEF would like once again to express its sincere appreciation to the SAP Company, ING Bank and ControlPay Company for its continued and critical support.