

Emergency Assistance to Conflict-Affected Population (EACAP) in Eastern Ukraine Quarterly Project Performance Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ADRA implements the Emergency Assistance to Conflict-Affected Population (EACAP) Project in Eastern Ukraine to improve living conditions for conflict-affected households and individuals in Eastern Ukraine. Under this project, ADRA provides Non-Food Items (NFI) kits, cash transfers, and psychosocial support services. The NFI kits and cash will be provided under the Logistics Support and Relieve Commodities sector, and the psychosocial support will be provided under Protection sector. In total, 4,640 people will benefit from the project's NFI and cash assistance and 1,364 people are targeted for psychosocial support services. The majority of the project activities (NFI distributions and psychosocial support services) will be implemented in the Non-Government controlled areas (NGCA). Cash transfers will be implemented in the Government controlled areas (GCA).

The EACAP project formally started on July 26, 2016 with the signing of the agreement between USAID OFDA and ADRA International. The project was launched with a project start-up workshop held from September 5 to September 9, 2016. The main activities of this quarter focused on the recruitment of personnel, project start-up, and capacity building of personnel.

QUARTER RESULTS

Following the signing of the agreement between USAID OFDA and ADRA International, ADRA recruited project personnel. To ensure effective and successful project implementation and achievement of project goals and objectives, a 5-day a project start-up workshop was held from September 5 to September 9, 2016 at the ADRA Ukraine office in Kyiv. During the start-up workshop, facilitated by ADRA International programs and finance teams, the project team members developed the project Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP), Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, and Reporting Calendar. An Indicator Performance Tracking Table (IPTT) was developed and the M&E tools were inventoried and refined to ensure they suit the objectives of the project. Also, during the start-up workshop, project team members discussed in detail project objectives, activities, deliverables, and budget and received orientation on ADRA policies and procedures as well as OFDA rules and regulations.



EACAP Ukraine Project Start-up Workshop (September 05 -September 9, 2016)

In terms of sector coordination, ADRA continued to attend and actively participate in the Shelter and NFI and Health and Nutrition cluster meetings held in Kyiv to coordinate work with other humanitarian actors and national and local government agencies responding to the needs of conflict affected population in Eastern Ukraine

Because the EACAP project team focused its efforts on the project start-up during this reporting quarter, no beneficiaries were reached.

AWARD LEVEL BENEFICIARIES

Since no activities commenced during the reporting period, there are no beneficiaries reached to report.

AWARD LEVEL	TOTAL	IDP
CUMULATIVE PERIOD TARGETED	0	0
REPORTING PERIOD REACHED	0	0
CUMULATIVE PERIOD REACHED	0	0

LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND RELIEVE COMMODITIES

Sub-sector: Non-food Items (NFI)

ADRA will provide cash transfers to 1,215 beneficiaries in the GCA directly to the beneficiaries’ bank accounts 4,100 Ukrainian hryvnas (equivalent to approximately USD \$164.63). In order to provide the same cash transfer amount to all beneficiaries and avoid issues related with exchange rate fluctuations, the cash transfer will be made in Ukrainian hryvnas. In order to avoid complications related to taxes and avoid potential reduction/loss of social benefits for the recipients because of the cash transfers, the assistance will be provided in two payments: the first one at the end of 2016 (around November) and the second one at the beginning of 2017 (around January). The list of beneficiaries for cash transfers are being prepared and shared with other humanitarian organizations providing similar services in order to minimise duplication.

Additionally, the EACAP project will provide NFI kits to 1,370 vulnerable families (approximately 3,500 individuals) residing in the NGCA. Below, please find the list of items that form the NFI kit. Two warehouses were identified near the checkpoints in Stanitsa-Luhanska and Bakhmutm from which NFI distributions will take place.



Sample NFI Kits to be distributed to project beneficiaries in the NGCA

NFI Kit Content	
Item Description	Quantity
Scarf	3
Hat	3
Gloves	3
Blanket	1
Throw blanket	3
Bedding set	2
Hand towel (30x50cm)	2
Bath towel (70x130cm)	2
Electric kettle	1
Bleach (1 liter)	1
Laundry detergent, powder (800g)	1
Dish detergent (500 ml)	1
Laundry soap, bar (150 g)	2
Toilet tissue (8 rolls)	2
Gloves for cleaning (1 pair)	1
Shampoo (400 ml)	1
Soap (100 gm bar)	2
Toothpaste (50 ml)	2
Toothbrush (full size)	2
Wipes (box of 72)	1
Feminine Supplies (box of 10)	1

Since no activities commenced during the reporting period, there are no beneficiaries reached to report.

SHELTER AND SETTLEMENTS	TOTAL	IDP
CUMULATIVE PERIOD TARGETED	0	0
REPORTING PERIOD REACHED	0	0
CUMULATIVE PERIOD REACHED	0	0

SECTOR 2: PROTECTION

Sub-sector: Psychosocial Support Services (PSS)

During this quarter, the EACAP team selected 6 psychologists and a PSS coordinator who will provide PSS to the 1,364 (female: 912; male: 452) project beneficiaries in the NGCA. The PSS team began working on the development of the PSS curriculum, printed PSS handouts, and refined the criteria for the selection of hospitals and social institutions in which PSS will be delivered. For the security and safety of the PSS team working in the NGCA, ADRA engaged in a partnership with a Russia-based Adventist NGO called 8.za. This organization promotes healthy

lifestyles by supporting its beneficiaries to quit smoking, help monitor key health and wellness indicators and eliminate harmful habits. The PSS team has secured the permission of the LPR (Luhansk People’s Republic) authorities to work in the NGCA under the umbrella of 8.za. ADRA Ukraine is in the process of coordinating the signing of an MOU with 8.za to define the partnership between the two organizations.

Since no PSS activities commenced during the reporting period, there are no beneficiaries reached to report.

PROTECTION	TOTAL	IDP
CUMULATIVE PERIOD TARGETED	0	0
REPORTING PERIOD REACHED	0	0
CUMULATIVE PERIOD REACHED	0	0

CHALLENGES

The main challenge that the project faced during the reporting period was the difficulty in finding a common ground for partnership and cooperation with the LPR de-facto authorities. Without the authorization of the LPR de-facto authorities, the PSS team cannot access any social or health institution in NGCA.

OPPORTUNITIES

The number of beneficiaries in the targeted areas remains high and the project targets only a small percentage of their needs. Thus, there are opportunities for expanding current programming and exploring future projects.

LESSONS LEARNED

The biggest lesson learned during the last quarter was the importance of partnerships. The safety and security of the PSS who are working in the NGCA became a major concern. In order to facilitate their activities in the NGCA and provide secure working conditions, ADRA has engaged in a partnership with an organization that has the permission of the LPR de-facto authorities to conduct work in the area. Through a partnership with 8.za, ADRA was able to find a creative solution to a major project implementation challenge.

SUCCESS STORY

Because the project only began in July 2016, no project activities were carried out at this stage. ADRA will furnish success stories once project implementation is underway.