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Key Takeaways

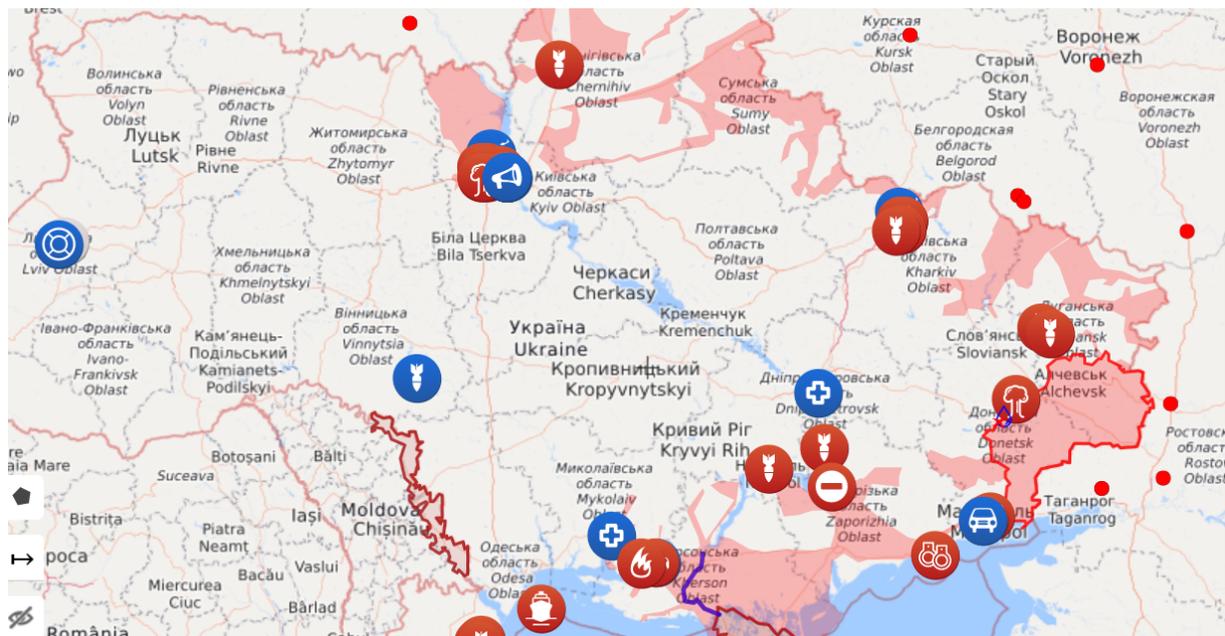
- Russian forces are unlikely to launch offensive operations to encircle Kyiv larger than the scattered Russian attacks observed northwest of Kyiv targeting Irpin on March 14 and Guta-Mezhyhirska on March 15 within the coming week but may launch further tactical attacks.
- Russian forces continued to assault Mariupol from the east and west. 2 Institute for the Study of War and AEI's Critical Threats Project 2022

¹<https://www.understandingwar.org/backgrounder/russian-offensive-campaign-assessment-march-15>

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- Russian forces did not conduct major offensive operations toward northeastern Kyiv in the past 24 hours.
- Russian forces attempting to encircle Kharkiv continue to face supply shortages, particularly regarding ammunition.
- The Russian military falsely claimed to have captured the entirety of Kherson Oblast on March 15 but did not conduct any major operations toward either Zaporizhyya or Mykolaiyiv.
- Russia is unlikely to launch an unsupported amphibious operation against Odesa until Russian forces secure a ground line of communication to the city, but Russian Naval Infantry retain the capability to conduct a landing along the Black Sea coast.

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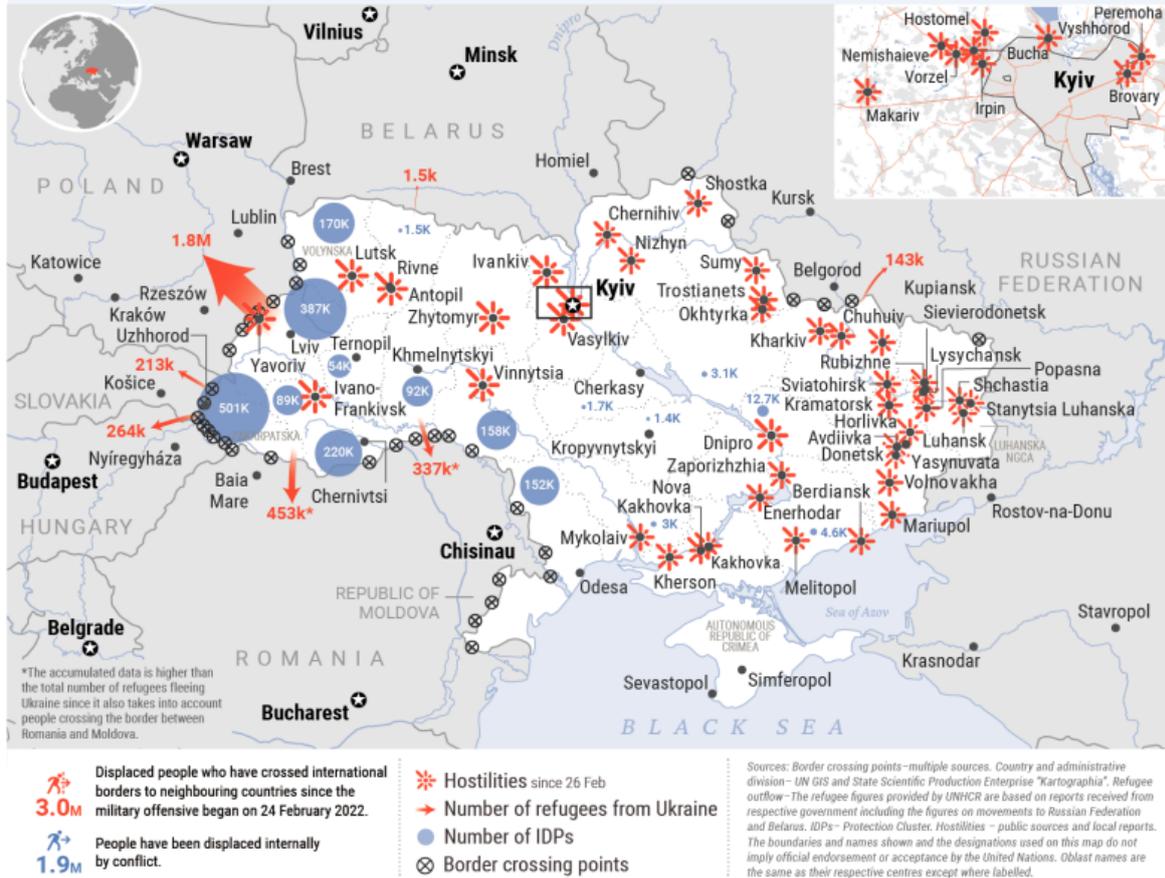
² <https://liveuamap.com/>



Humanitarian Impact³

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Key points:

- On 15 March, the sound of heavy explosions rang out across Kyiv for a second consecutive day. Residential neighbourhoods in the capital, including Darnytskyi (left bank of the Dnieper River), Podilskyi and Sviatoshytskyi districts (right bank), were reportedly hard-hit by shelling that left a number of homes and apartment buildings engulfed by flames early on Tuesday morning. Moreover, Kyivska oblast authorities report continued hostilities affecting civilian populations and housing in Borodianka, Irpin and Makariv, adding that the situation in the Ivankivska, Dymerska and Poliska hromadas (municipalities) remains critical. The settlements of Irpin and Kotsiubynske have been completely cut off from the gas supply, while Morkets and Zavorychi have been left without communications amid ongoing hostilities. Increasingly intense clashes in and around the capital led Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko to impose a curfew from 8 p.m. on 15 March to 7 a.m. on 17 March
- After consecutive delays over several days, the Mariupol City Council announced that as of 2 p.m. (EET) on 15 March, around 2,000 private vehicles left the conflict-ravaged city en route to

³ https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/2022-03-15_Ukraine%20Humanitarian%20Impact%20SitRep.pdf

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Zaporizhzhia (Zaporizka oblast, south-east) where affected people will be able to get the aid they desperately need. Municipal authorities add that another 2,000 cars are parked at the entrance of the city, awaiting their opportunity to leave. Local officials say around 350,000 people are still trapped in the encircled city, most of whom are living in dire conditions. There are unconfirmed reports that aid has reached affected people in Mariupol; however, at the time of writing, the kind and quantity of relief supplies received cannot be verified.

- On 14 March, airstrikes hit residential areas in Kramatorsk, according to Donetska oblast authorities. That same day, 17 apartment buildings and homes in Donetsk, Horlivka and Yasynuvata (Donetska oblast, NGCA) suffered varying degrees of damage, while 13 infrastructure facilities, including six schools, were reportedly damaged in Betmanove, Donetsk and Yasynuvata (Donetska oblast, NGCA). More than 200,000 people are now without access to water across several localities in Donetska oblast (GCA), including Bilytske, Hirnyk, Myrnohrad, Novohrodivka, Pokrovsk, Rodynske, Selydove, Ukrainsk, Vodianske and partially in Dobropillia, due to interrupted power supply at the Karlivska Filter Station



Humanitarian Response⁴

Humanitarian assistance planned and ongoing

- To strengthen response coordination, OCHA is establishing Focal Points covering all 24 oblasts across Ukraine, who will liaise with civil military oblast administrations to facilitate coordination between the humanitarian community and oblast authorities.
- To ensure Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP), OCHA, as the co-chair of the AAP Task Force together with the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), has requested that all Clusters appoint an AAP champion to the Task Force in an effort to ensure a well-coordinated response and strengthened linkages with the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG).

Sector	Humanitarian Assistance
Food Security and Livelihoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the beginning of the military offensive, WFP deployed over 200 staff in Ukraine and five neighbouring countries to steadily scale up its emergency response. In Ukraine, the team joined forces with a number of local partners to provide cash and food assistance catered to the immediate needs of the displaced people in the eastern parts of the country. Agreements were signed targeting around one million beneficiaries while more are currently lined up. • In Kharkiv, 35.2 tons of bread were distributed by ana WFP implementing partner to around 140,800 affected people. A pilot distribution of value vouchers for 2,000 vulnerable people is ongoing in Lviv (Lvivska oblast, west) collective shelters, hosting people displaced from several oblasts (Kharkivska, Odeska (south-west), Kyivska and others). Some 218 tons of dry food commodities and 11.3 tons of water have been made available in Dnipro (Dnipropetrovska oblast, centre). • Danish Refugee Council has disbursed \$250,000 to small NGOs across Ukraine to cover the needs of 35,000 persons. The level of assistance is expected to be scaled up in the coming weeks.

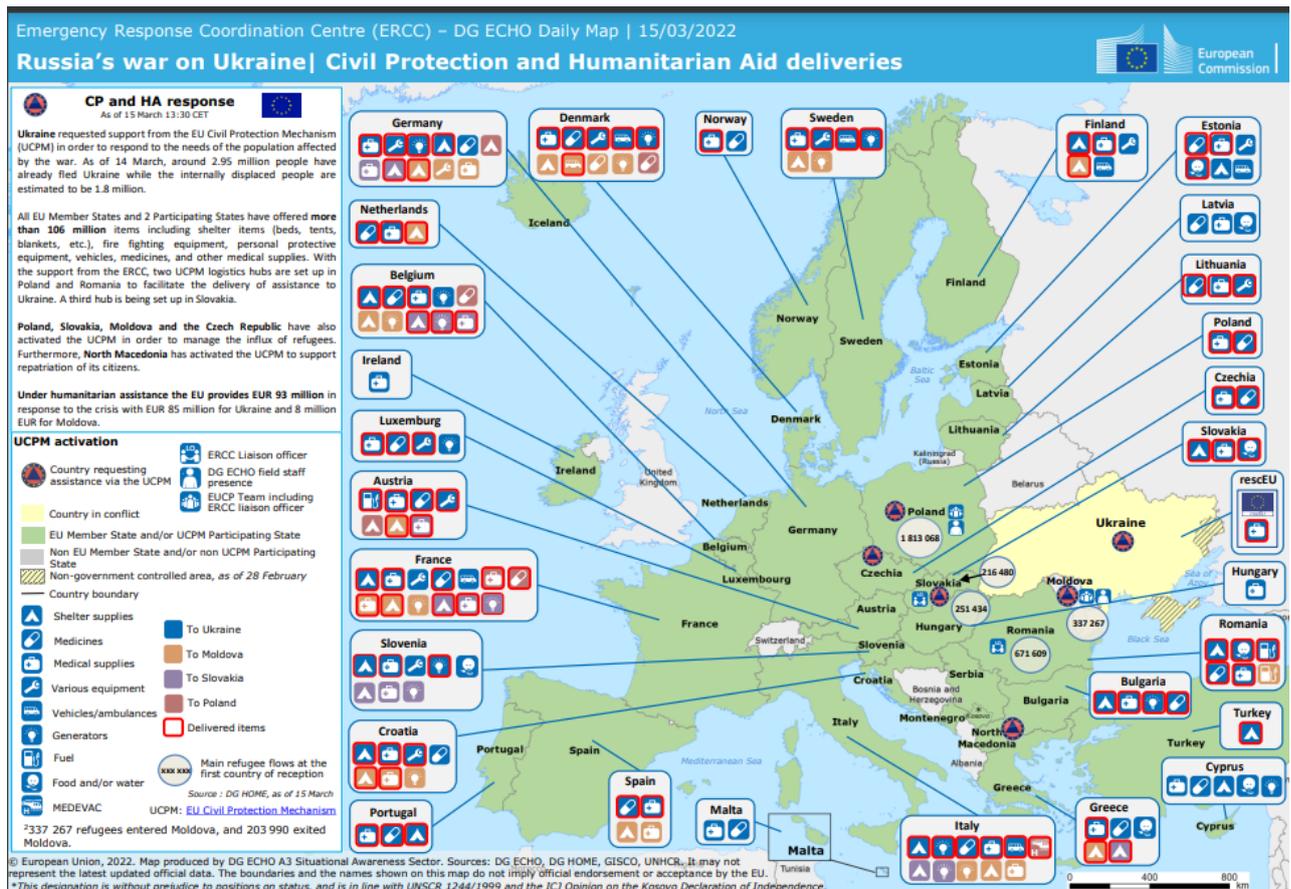
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Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and Kyiv's Chamber of Commerce, UNICEF delivered 20 tons of supplies to maternal hospitals in Zhytomyr (Zhytomyrska oblast, west) and Rivne (Rivnenska oblast, west).
Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNICEF has procured essential nutrition supplies to respond to the nutrition needs of children aged 0 to 5 months and 6 to 23 months. In addition, nutrition supplies to respond to the immediate nutrition needs for pregnant and lactating women have also been procured and are expected to be delivered to Ukraine shortly.
Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the Protection Cluster, over 3.6 million people have accessed digital Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) services. Jointly with local authorities, National NGO Vostok SOS helped evacuate around 1,700 people from Hirske, Lysychansk, Popasna, Rubizhne, Sievierodonetsk (Luhanska oblast, GCA).
Shelter and Non-food Items (NFI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With funding support from the UHF, UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), together with its national partner Donbas Development Centre (DDC), delivered mattresses, pillows, folding beds and core relief items to 100 internally displaced persons (IDPs), including 15 children, from Mariupol who have relocated to Dokuchaievskyy district (Donetska oblast, NGCA). UNHCR also provided shelter materials to damaged households in Yasynuvata (Donetska oblast, NGCA).
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNICEF delivered around 4.5 tons of safe water to Donetsk (Donetska oblast, NGCA). As of 14 March, PIN has delivered bottled water for 6,000 people in Popasna (Luhanska oblast, GCA), 5,000 in Marinka, around 3,000 in Avdiivka and some 2,500 in Vuhledar (Donetska oblast, GCA).

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Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid deliveries - DG ECHO Daily Map 15/03/2022⁵



The Logistics Cluster is now able to facilitate common services in several locations across Poland and Ukraine.

- **Storage:**
 - Storage spaces are available in: Poland (Warsaw, Lublin, and Rzeszow) and Ukraine (Lviv)
 - More storage space across Ukraine will be secured soon. o Temperature-controlled items can be stored in the Warsaw and Lublin warehouses.
- **Transport:**
 - Road transportation is available to Lviv from all storage hubs in Poland. o Onwards transport solutions from Lviv are currently being explored.
 - A WFP-contracted fleet of trucks and exclusively dedicated to the transport of humanitarian cargo is currently being secured. Being the Logistics Cluster's provider of last resort, WFP will

⁵ <https://reliefweb.int/map/ukraine/russia-s-war-ukraine-civil-protection-and-humanitarian-aid-deliveries-dg-echo-daily-0>

⁶ https://s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/logcluster-production-files/public/2022-03/20220309_Logistics%20Cluster_Ukraine_Situation_Report_3_1.pdf

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allocate as much space as necessary for the Logistics Cluster to address the identified gaps and perform the common transport services he is mandated for.



News/Social Networks Information



- https://kyivcity.gov.ua/news/kiv_vazhlive_za_15_berezhnyaKyiv_Important_news_of_the_day_March_15/

The night of March 15 was a rough night. As the morning rolled around, the city was being shelled.

As a result, a 9-story and a 16-story residential building in Svyatoshyno district, a 10-story residential building in Podilsky district, and a private house in Darnytsky district were all hit. According to the State Emergency Service, 5 people died in one high-rise residential building, and 30 people were evacuated.

The entrance to the Lukianivska metro station was also damaged. Despite that, this metro line continues to operate as usual, and the station itself is functioning as a shelter.

An enhanced curfew was imposed in Kyiv and Kyiv region as of today. It will last from 20:00 of March 15 till 7:00 of March 17.

Only people possessing special passes are allowed to move around the city!

During the enhanced curfew, metro stations will function only as shelters.

Trains will not be running. Kyivans may leave their homes only to get to the nearest shelter. No stores, pharmacies, pet shops, public transportation, public institutions, or public enterprises will be working either.



- <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/03/16/7331777/>

According to Zelenskyy: *"I hope that on Wednesday the long-awaited escape from the city of Izyum in the Kharkiv region will finally take place for the people of Izyum. A humanitarian corridor had been agreed.*

- <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/03/15/7331702/>

Details: *4757 citizens, 1175 cars and 3818 people in 106 buses left the Sumy region through the humanitarian corridor on 15 March.*

The Head of the Sumy Regional Military Administration reported that the evacuation of civilians was obstructed.

The suburbs of Sumy were shelled by artillery before the evacuation columns left the city.

- <https://www.pravda.com.ua/eng/news/2022/03/15/7331654/>

Later, Kyrylo Tymoshenko added that about 20,000 people left Mariupol through the humanitarian corridor by private cars on Tuesday.

570 out of 4,000 cars that left the city have already arrived in Zaporizhzhia. The rest will stay for a night in Zaporizhzhia and Donetsk region localities.

About 29,000 people in total were evacuated from the besieged cities through humanitarian corridors on Tuesday.



- <https://www.ukrinform.net/rubric-ato/3431100-ukraine-gets-no-response-from-icrc-on-humanitarian-corridors-on-march-16-vice-pm.html>

Ukraine has received no response from the International Committee of the Red Cross on humanitarian corridors for the evacuation of civilians on March 16.

The issue of setting up such corridors remains unresolved for Iziium and Mariupol, said Iryna Vereshchuk, Vice Prime Minister, Minister for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, who spoke at a briefing on Wednesday, an Ukrinform correspondent reports.

"We haven't received a response to our proposals filed with the International Committee of the Red Cross yesterday to open humanitarian corridors today. The issue of setting up humanitarian corridors for Iziium and Mariupol remains open today," Vereshchuk said.



➤ <https://www.facebook.com/Ukrzaliznytsia>

Train map⁷:



➤ <https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1090630604818569>

Humanitarian corridors on March 16 information

⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/Ukrzaliznytsia/photos/a.1090644594302661/5277340348966377/>