

Heavy bombardments and fighting along the front line in the east and south of Ukraine continue to impact humanitarian access, making the delivery of humanitarian assistance more complex and unpredictable. Between January and October, a total of 184 incidents were reported, representing an average of one incident every other day. Most of these incidents had a moderate or severe impact on the delivery of aid. This underscores the challenges for humanitarian organizations to operate, especially in the front-line areas of Donetsk, Kharkivska, Khersonska and Zaporizka oblasts.

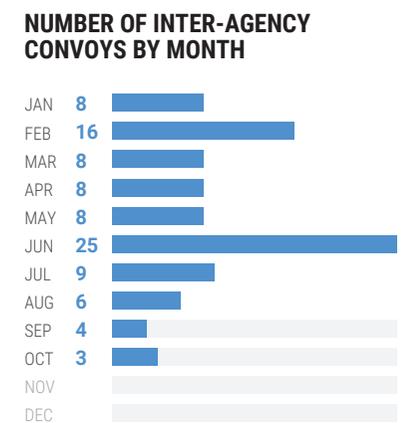
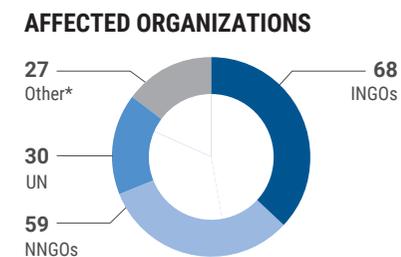
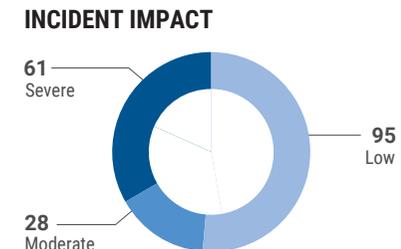
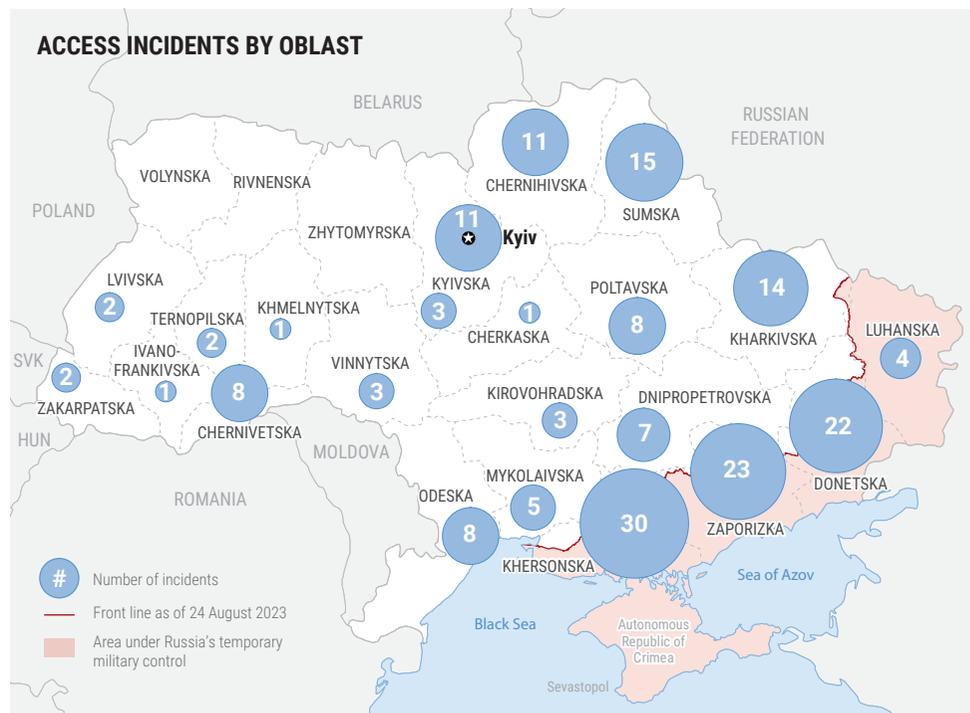
The ongoing hostilities and attacks consistently impact humanitarian assets across the country. As of 31 October, there have been at least 37 incidents causing damage to humanitarian facilities, which include infrastructure crucial for storing and distributing essential aid supplies. While most attacks impacting humanitarian assets occurred near the front line, an NGO warehouse in Lviv was damaged in an attack in September, destroying 300 tons of humanitarian aid.

Increased attacks in front-line areas continue to put the lives of humanitarian personnel at extreme risk, with September recording the highest number of humanitarian workers killed. During the first 10 months of 2023, at least 14 aid workers were killed and 29 injured. Ten of the deaths were related to incidents in the line of duty.

Despite challenging humanitarian access in areas under constant threat of bombardment, aid workers continue to deliver assistance to people close to the front line ahead of winter. Over the last 10 months, 95 inter-agency convoys have been dispatched to deliver essential aid. This includes items critical for winter such as blankets, high thermal blankets and generators for providing access to heating, as well as shelter repair items and emergency food to over 380,000 people in front-line villages and towns in Donetsk, Kharkivska, Sumy, Khersonska, Zaporizka and Dnipropetrovska oblasts affected by the war. This complements the assistance provided in areas served by regular programs. In September and October, 7 convoys focused on the most affected communities in Donetsk, Kharkivska and Zaporizka oblasts.

Access to areas under the temporary military control of the Russian Federation continued to be extremely restricted. Overall, the capacity of humanitarians to operate in areas under the temporary military control of the Russian Federation is severely hampered making the response extremely limited and not at the scale needed.

Military conscription of humanitarian personnel and bureaucratic impediments have also been reported across Ukraine. At least 72 notifications for conscriptions of humanitarian workers were reported since January amid the challenges faced by organizations to recruit specialized national staff. Engagement with the Government to set up effective legal and procedural instruments enabling the reservation of humanitarian staff continues. Furthermore, as of October, there have been at least 34 bureaucratic access incidents reported, including restrictions on personnel movement into and within the country, and operational interferences in humanitarian activities.



* Humanitarian facilities used for distribution or storage of assistance and/or Humanitarian Civil Society Organizations. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.