

UKRAINE CRISIS

HUMANITARIAN ACCESS EVENTS DATASET



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Introduction

This document outlines the structure of the ACAPS Humanitarian Access Events Dataset for Ukraine. The dataset tracks humanitarian access events on a global level, using publicly available sources from various local, regional, and international organisations, including but not limited to operational and non-operational humanitarian organisations, UN agencies, media, and social media platforms. Data is collected and reviewed on a regular basis, and the dataset is continuously updated.

Methodology

ACAPS has identified categories to track 'access events' (one-time events, policies, or recurrent practices) that constitute impediments to humanitarian access. We present the list of events framed under our <u>humanitarian access analysis framework</u>: every event belongs to a specific subindicator, every subindicator belongs to a specific indicator, and indicators are grouped into pillars, as shown in the graph below.



List of access events and their relative framework

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Humanitarian needs stated lower than generally perceived	S1.2 - Discrepancy between humanitarian needs and public statements		
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Restrictions on import of food items	S3.3 - Constraints on import of relief items, equipment, visa and permit for staff		
Restriction on import of building material	S3.3 - Constraints on import of relief items, equipment, visa and permit for staff		
Restrictions on import of other items	S3.3 - Constraints on import of relief items, equipment, visa and permit for staff		
Difficulties in obtaining the visa to enter the country for humanitarian staff	S3.3 - Constraints on import of relief items, equipment, visa and permit for staff		
	S3.4 - Aid agencies systematically not allowed to operate	-	
Different authorities over a territory	S4.1 - Country not entirely controlled by the same authority	I4 - Restrictions on movement	
Administrative impediments on passage of humanitarian staff	S4.2 - Administrative impediments: taxes, fines, or quotas on passage of goods or people to reach people in need	within the country	
Illegal transit taxes for humanitarian staff	S4.2 - Administrative impediments: taxes, fines, or quotas on passage of goods or people to reach people in need		
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Presence of military checkpoints	S4.3 - Presence of checkpoints towards or in the affected areas		
Movement restrictions that affect humanitarians: road closure or impediment to entry	S4.4 - Closure of crossing to the affected areas		

Movement restrictions that affect humanitarians: demonstrations	S4.4 - Closure of crossing to the affected areas S4.5 - Agencies on hold despite being ready	
Restrictions on the implementation of certain types of programmes (e.g. reconstruction, reproductive health, etc.)	S5.1 - Conditions imposed by authorities or other groups on aid delivery	I5 - Interference with implementation of humanitarian activities
Enforced supervision of humanitarian organisation movements	S5.1 - Conditions imposed by authorities or other groups on aid delivery	
Sanctions and international conditions affecting aid delivery/programme implementation	S5.1 - Conditions imposed by authorities or other groups on aid delivery	
Conditions affecting human resources of humanitarian organisations	S5.1 - Conditions imposed by authorities or other groups on aid delivery	
Interference with organisations' activities	S5.1 - Conditions imposed by authorities or other groups on aid delivery	
Designation of humanitarian organisations as 'terrorist groups'	S5.2 - Politics and humanitarian issues overlapping in the country	
Claim that assistance is interfering in the conflict	S5.2 - Politics and humanitarian issues overlapping in the country	
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Confiscation of aid	S5.3 - Aid diverted or confiscated	
Diversion of aid	S5.3 - Aid diverted or confiscated	
Aid worker killed	S6.1 - Killed	16 - Violence
Aid worker kidnapped	S6.2 - Kidnapped	against personnel,
Aid worker injured	S6.3 - Injured	facilities, and
National staff injured	S6.3 - Injured	assets
Aid worker assaulted	S6.4 - Assaulted	
Aid worker arrested	S6.5 - Arrested	

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Water scarcity affecting humanitarian action	S9.3 - Logistical constraints for consumable goods (i.e. scarcity of fuel)
Telecommunications cut	S9.3 - Logistical constraints for consumable goods (i.e. scarcity of fuel)
Remote locations	S9.4 - Logistical constraints for infrastructure (remote locations in need, difficulty to travel)
Physical impediments to travelling to affected location	S9.4 - Logistical constraints infrastructures (remote locations in need, difficulties to travel)

Note: events in italics are not included in the dataset.

In the current data collection, we do not include events related to civilian infrastructure since these are collected in the Civilian Infrastructure Damages Dataset.

Dashboard

In the dashboard, events are displayed by indicators and subindicators; for complete information, refer to the raw data.

Sources

ACAPS' data is derived from a range of credible, publicly available sources, such as reports from international and local humanitarian organisations, UN agencies, human rights organisations, think tanks, international and local media, social media platforms, governments (official sites, embassies), and conversations with humanitarians in the country. Analysts and data collectors use their expert judgment to decide what data to include.

Limitations

ACAPS aims to monitor and track humanitarian access events on a daily basis. This dataset presents broad coverage of the reported information to flag events that may affect access to basic services. The goal is to inform operational, strategic, and policy decision makers; however, considering the diversity and complexity of this crisis, certain types of events may appear to fall outside of this categorisation. Data might not be complete because of the high volatility of the crisis, and certain events might be recorded with some delay.

ACAPS relies on open sources and on the expert judgment of trained data collectors in selecting the most reliable sources and does not have operational presence in the country; for this reason, some events might be not recorded. Linguistic barriers might also prevent ACAPS from identifying all the

available information. When ambiguous or conflicting data is found, we hold an analytical discussion to reach a common agreement on coding.

Data structure

Data is inputted into the dataset following these rules:

- One data point refers to one event.
- If the same source covers events in multiple locations, it is added multiple times.
- If the same event occurs in multiple locations (i.e. checkpoints at the border between administrative areas), it is recorded multiple times.
- Oblast-level information is always provided.
- Administrative level 2 information is provided if possible.

Data is uploaded to the dataset according to the structure and coding system below.

Variable name	Format	Definition	Code
ID	Numeric	Unique code for every entry	None
ISO3	Text	Country ISO3 code	None
ADM1_ENG_NAME	Text	Oblast name (English standard)	
adm2_ukr	Text	ADM2 level name	Note that ADM2 divisions refer to the previous standard
Event type	Text	The type of humanitarian access constraint that has been reported	See the list of access events provided
If 'other' specify	Text	Open event category, used to cover any access event that does not fall into any of the other types	None
Pillar	Text		See the list of access events provided
Indicator	Text		See the list of access events provided
Subindicator			See the list of access events provided
Targeting specific population	Text		Dropdown list: age and sex, gender, disability, language, religion, ethnic or tribal affiliation, political affiliation, displacement status, sexual orientation, other population groups relevant in a context

Event date	Date (dd/mm/ yyyy)	Date of the event	None
Source name	Text	Source name	None
Source date	Date (dd/mm/ yyyy)	Publication date	None
Source link	Text	Source link	None
Additional source	Text	Other publications and alternative sources that support the narrative	None
Created	Timestamp	Date of entry into the database	