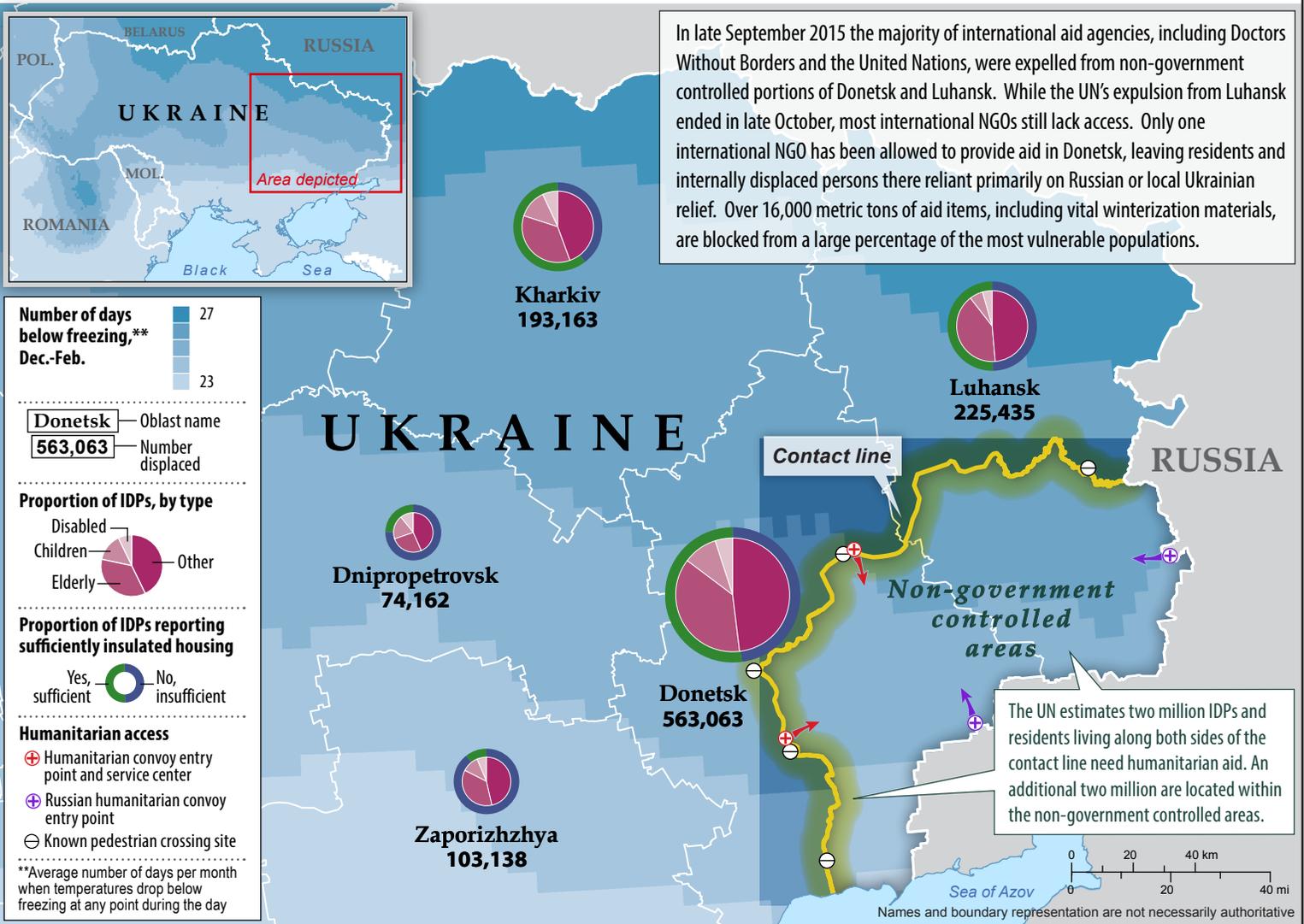


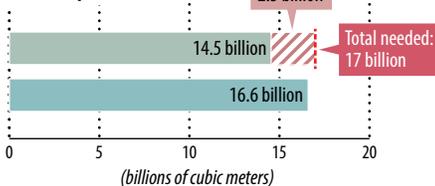
Freezing temperatures have arrived in Ukraine and the approaching December-February months represent the core period for extreme weather conditions. Independent forecast centers* predict that Ukraine will experience winter conditions that fall within monthly historic climatological patterns with 20 or more days of freezing temperatures and precipitation limited to 3-4 inches, on average, during this time frame.



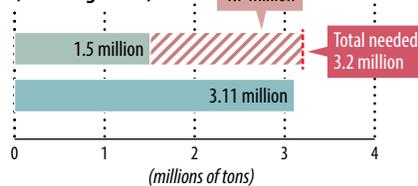
Winter heating supplies

In late September 2015 Ukraine and Russia entered a tentative agreement on the purchase of natural gas supplies vital for winter heating. With existing winter stores of gas and coal at or below last year's numbers, continued procurements of both are needed to provide heat and electricity through the winter.

Gas supplies (as of Sept 2015[†])

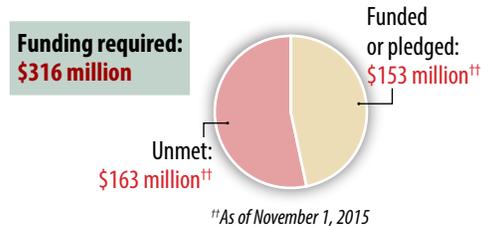


Coal supplies (as of Aug 2015[†])



[†]As of Nov 2015, gas and coal stores remain at or below projected needs for a mild winter

Funding shortfalls



While Ukraine has successfully absorbed a significant majority of IDPs into its existing infrastructure, with only a small portion residing in shelters, international funding of relief efforts for those inside and near the conflict-affected areas remains below projected requirements.