Ukraine grain shipments offer hope, not fix to food crisis

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REUTERS — A ship bringing corn to Lebanon’s northern port of Tripoli normally would not cause a stir. But it’s getting attention because of where it came from: Ukraine’s Black Sea port of Odessa.

The Razoni, loaded with some 26,000 tons of corn for chickens, is emerging from the edge of a Russian war that has threatened food supplies in countries like Lebanon, which has the world’s highest rate of food inflation — a staggering 122% — and depends on the Black Sea region for nearly all of its wheat.

The fighting has trapped 20 million tons of grain across Ukraine, and the Razoni’s departure Monday marked a first part of the economic response to the conflict.

“The 350th anniversary of the trading company Razoni is looking to accommodate, in addition to its existing businesses,” Sternlicht said. “What really pays off the most is paying attention to existing businesses.”

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