



# UKRAINE SITUATION FLASH UPDATE #51

21 July 2023

## PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

More details: UNHCR Operational Data Portal [Ukraine Refugee Situation](#)

**5,868,000\***

Refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (18 July)

**353,100**

Refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (1 July)

**6,221,100**

Refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (18 July)

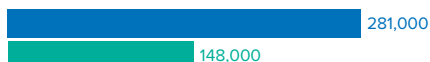
**5,088,000**

Estimated number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine (23 May) (Source: [IOM](#))

## UNHCR REFUGEE RESPONSE 2023

Target People reached

Refugees reached with cash assistance in Bulgaria, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Slovakia



Refugees reached with protection services (inclusion support, legal support, social protection, accommodation)



People reached with non-food items



UKRAINE. UNHCR and partners respond after large missile attack on Lviv, 5-6 July 2023. © UNHCR/Olga Borymchuk

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- On 8 July, Ukraine [marked](#) 500 days since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion. The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (HRMMU), which has been present in the country since 2014, [announced](#) three times as many civilians were killed in the last 500 days than during the entire previous eight years of hostilities in eastern Ukraine.

## KAKHOVKA DAM BREACH RESPONSE

- Over one month since the destruction of Kakhovka Dam, affected communities are facing the prospect of rebuilding destroyed or damaged housing and critical infrastructure. As of 17 July, the dam's collapse left up to 53 dead and over 130 injured. Over 2,750 people have been evacuated, including 309 children and 80 individuals with limited mobility. A primary challenge remains the provision of drinking water to affected communities in the region.
- To date, UNHCR has provided 72,708 individuals with non-food items, including jerry cans, mattresses, bed linen, and blankets, and delivered 400 emergency shelters kits through partner Proliska in the settlements of Kalynivka, Bilozerka, Tyahinka, and the city of Kherson. Additionally, 2,223 individuals in affected oblasts have been supported through UNHCR's cash assistance.
- To find out more about the situation and the response in Ukraine and the region, see [UNHCR's Ukraine Emergency website](#).

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\* Europe corresponds to all Europe sub-regions as identified by [Eurovoc \(European Union, Thesaurus Eurovoc, Volume 2, Subject-oriented version, Publications Office, 2005\)](#), therefore including EU and non-EU countries belonging to Central and Eastern Europe, Northern Europe, Southern Europe, and Western Europe, plus Türkiye.

## UKRAINE SITUATION UPDATE

- A wave of Russian missile strikes hit Ukraine during the last two weeks, including an [attack](#) on a residential complex in Lviv on 5 - 6 July which killed at least 10 people and injured 48 others. This was followed by an attack in Orikhiv town in Zaporizka oblast on 10 July at an aid distribution point, leaving at least four people dead. On 18 July, the Russian Federation launched several strikes on Odesa in what Ukrainian authorities [described](#) as among the largest aerial attacks on the port city. On 17 July, an [attack](#) on the Crimean bridge linking mainland Ukraine to the Crimean Peninsula was also observed, killing three and causing part of the structure to collapse.

## UNHCR RESPONSE AND TARGETS INSIDE UKRAINE 2023 AS OF 20 JULY



## UNHCR RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Emergency response:** Following multiple missile attacks on Lviv on 5 – 6 July, UNHCR together with partners NEEKA and Rokada provided immediate [emergency relief and psychosocial support](#) to those affected by the strikes. Meanwhile, in response to the Orikhiv airstrike in Zaporizka oblast, partner Proliska assisted some 115 households on 10 July with individual consultations, psychological aid, and essential items including re-construction materials provided by UNHCR.
- **Economic empowerment:** UNHCR met with UNFPA to discuss complementary programming in the areas of gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and economic empowerment. Both agencies agreed to enhance support towards UNFPA's '[Vona Hubs](#)' – an initiative helping IDP women find employment, which has proven successful in Uzhhorod. Over 1,000 IDP women have been supported since UNFPA launched the initiative in 2022.
- **Community-Based Initiatives (CBI):** On 12 -13 July, UNHCR together with partner CrimeaSOS conducted field visits to Ternopil'ska oblast to monitor results of CBI projects supported by CrimeaSOS. The projects aim at promoting the integration of internally displaced people (IDPs) into host communities by establishing child-friendly spaces for both local and displaced children in remote areas of Ternopil'ska oblast.
- **IDP movements:** Since early July, UNHCR partners have observed an influx of IDPs from Ivano-Frankiv'ska, Zaporizhzhia and Zaporizka oblast to neighbouring regions following escalations near Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. Many are opting to stay in urban areas such as Kalush and Ivano-Frankiv'sk cities, where they can more readily access services and livelihood opportunities. UNHCR partner Neemia is providing shelter support, livelihood opportunities, and psychological and financial assistance to those arriving.

### Housing/NFIs

- **Humanitarian convoys:** Since early July, UNHCR joined two UN interagency convoys to Donetska oblast (7 July to Yampil, and 14 July to Druzhkivka) delivering essential items such as tarpaulins, solar lamps, thermoses, and mattresses to support over 500 vulnerable individuals impacted by ongoing hostilities.
- **CCCM:** On 11 July, UNHCR partner Right to Protection inaugurated a recreational and sports room for children and adults at the Khashave collective site in Dnipropetrovska oblast. Materials and equipment were provided by UNHCR, and repair work was carried out by IDPs residing in the collective site. In Zakarpatska oblast, UNHCR jointly with NEEKA established a child-friendly space at the dormitory of the State University in Mukachevo, which partially serves as a collective site.
- Find more information in the [regular Ukraine country operational updates](#) and on the [UNHCR Ukraine portal](#) page.

# REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES AND UPDATES

## Blue Dots

34 Blue Dots Hubs are operational in:

Bulgaria	5	Moldova	10	Slovakia	4
Hungary	3	Poland	4	Slovenia	1
		Romania	7		

## 148,184

Refugees were reached through the Blue Dot Hubs in Bulgaria, Hungary, the Republic of Moldova, Poland and Slovakia so far in 2023.

The [Digital Blue Dot](#) is a regional website that provides localized and up-to-date information about services available in Bulgaria, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. The website provides a map of existing Blue Dot Hubs with information on accommodation, childcare, disability support, education, legal stay, livelihood, medical care, protection services, social assistance, work and other services.

## Fresh homes and fresh starts for families in Chernihiv – welcome to UNHCR’s “Core homes”

Since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, many have seen their homes damaged beyond repair. To support these families and communities while their homes are being repaired, UNHCR is providing prefabricated core homes, which are simple to maintain and have the full functionality of a house (kitchen, bathroom, furniture and appliances).



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The temporary homes are delivered and installed on their land or nearby plots, and within the existing social and physical infrastructure, allowing impacted families to live with dignity while preventing further displacement. For more info, see [here](#).

## Refugees from Ukraine across Europe (as of 18 July)



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# COUNTRY UPDATES

## BULGARIA

**162,935**

refugees have been recorded

### UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

**56,351**

refugees have received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners

**46,821**

refugees have been reached through **5** Blue Dot Hubs

**9,145**

refugees received cash assistance

**46,395**

visits to the UNHCR Bulgaria [Help Page](#)

- **Inclusion:** On 7 July, UNHCR's Representative in Bulgaria and the Mayor of Varna signed a Memorandum of Understanding to reinforce cooperation towards strengthening inclusion and social cohesion for refugees. Varna remains an important hosting region for refugees from Ukraine currently in Bulgaria, with the second highest population of refugees in state sponsored accommodation.
- **Counselling:** So far in 2023, over 56,351 people received legal information, counselling and protection assistance from UNHCR and partners. The support included counselling to 19,569 refugees in-person, at border-crossings, as well as in transit and information points. Additionally, 1,450 people were counselled via hotline.
- **Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS):** So far in 2023, over 5,404 refugees from Ukraine were provided with psychosocial support and psychological first aid.
- **Cash:** So far in 2023, 9,145 people were reached with cash assistance in Bulgaria.

## CZECH REPUBLIC

**354,825**

refugees have been recorded

### UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

**7,307**

refugees from Ukraine have received protection services

**20,429**

visits to the UNHCR Czech Republic [Help Page](#)

- **Coordination:** UNHCR initiated a consultation with the National Institute for Mental Health (NUDZ) to explore modalities for improving access to mental health and psychosocial support for refugees from Ukraine.
- **Education:** UNHCR conducted a session on the revision and development of new tools to be used within the Hello Czech Republic project on education, which was recently launched by UNHCR partner Slovo 21. The aim of the education activities, targeting both students and teachers, is to promote tolerance and inclusion of refugees and migrants, while countering negative sentiments and bullying.

## HUNGARY

**52,335**

refugees have been recorded

### UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

**14,446**

refugees have received protection and legal support by UNHCR and partners

**13,299**

refugees have been reached through **3** Blue Dot Hubs

**37,112**

visits to the UNHCR Hungary [Help Page](#)

- **Health:** UNHCR has observed challenges regarding access to healthcare for Temporary Protection (TP) holders, particularly in relation to services that are not part of the general health insurance system, such as immunotherapy. UNHCR is developing a referral pathway to support refugees who require specific healthcare support.

- **Education:** The Education Sub-Working Group launched its “Back to School” campaign during its 13 July meeting. To enhance enrolment of Ukrainian children into the Hungarian education system, detailed information about the enrolment process was made available [online](#). With the support of the working group and UNHCR protection team, online and in-person trainings and info sessions are being organized for frontline workers, teachers and refugee parents.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Hungary data portal](#)

## POLAND

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023				
<b>968,390</b> refugees have been recorded	<b>29,896</b> people were provided with protection support over the phone	<b>37,771</b> people were counselled at the <b>4</b> Blue Dot Hubs and <b>7</b> Community Centres	<b>17,359</b> refugees received cash assistance	<b>300,279</b> visits to the UNHCR Poland <a href="#">Help Page</a>

- **Housing:** On 10 July, UNHCR’s Representative visited Zyrardow town for the inauguration of the final phase of the “We Need Each Other” programme. Through the programme, UNHCR seeks to renovate 28 apartments to benefit refugees and vulnerable host community members, with a goal of reaching 100 households. The pilot programme aims to support five housing projects in Dolnolskie, Podlaskie, Maopolskie, Masovian and Zachodniopomorskie regions.
- **Education:** On 10 July, UNHCR and UNICEF issued a joint [press release](#) warning that half of the 173,000 total Ukrainian refugee children in Poland were not enrolled in the national school system.
- **Inclusion:** To improve access to employment and self-reliance, UNHCR and the Mazovian Voivodeship Office identified several vulnerable Ukrainian refugees hosted at Ptak collective centre to participate in a job recruitment process with UNIQLO in Warsaw. As a result, one of the refugees identified will start employment full-time with UNIQLO.
- **Mobile outreach:** During the reporting period, UNHCR and partners’ mobile multifunctional outreach teams provided 785 refugees in five regions with social and psychological counselling. They identified refugees with specific protection needs, referring them to specialized services, and enrolled vulnerable refugees for cash assistance. Main queries related to financial support, accommodation, access to employment and medical assistance.
- **Legal Counselling:** So far in 2023, 12,076 refugees from Ukraine received legal counselling from UNHCR’s legal partners Association for Legal Intervention, Halina Nieć Legal Aid Centre and the Danish Refugee Council. Main queries related to residency and documentation, financial support, and access to employment.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Poland data portal](#)

## REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023				
<b>113,555</b> refugees have been recorded	<b>43,572</b> refugees received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners	<b>9,191</b> refugees have been reached through <b>10</b> Blue Dot Hubs	<b>76,429</b> refugees received cash assistance	<b>197,629</b> visits to the UNHCR Moldova <a href="#">Help Page</a>

- **GBV:** On 13 July, the Gender-Based-Violence (GBV) Sub-Working Group, co-chaired by UNHCR and UNFPA, held a capacity building workshop on Mainstreaming GBV Risk Mitigation with 15 people from the health, MHPSS, education, accommodation and protection sectors. Representatives from the government, national and international organizations, and UN agencies were present.
- **Protection:** On 10 July, UNHCR facilitated an info session on temporary protection for seven staff from local organization Genderdoc-M, which supports LGBTIQ+ persons—including refugees and asylum-seekers—in accessing services and assistance in Moldova. Concerns were raised about access to temporary protection among LGBTIQ+ couples who are third country nationals. UNHCR is exploring alternatives for such couples to regularize their residency in Moldova, with support from legal partner CDA.

- **Child Protection:** On 13 July, UNHCR organized a workshop with 14 Ukrainian representatives from the Moldovan National Youth Council to provide youth-friendly info on temporary protection. In the workshop, the youth representatives highlighted education and social integration as the top needs for Ukrainian refugee youth.
- **Education:** On 6 July, UNHCR and UNICEF organized an online info session for all Refugee Response Green Line staff on the registration and enrolment process for Ukrainian students in Moldovan schools and universities.
- **Cash:** So far in 2023, 76,429 refugees were reached with cash assistance in Moldova. During the reporting period, UNHCR's Registration team continued data verification including a joint desk review of the active population registered (25,000 households) and receiving cash assistance in order to identify payment irregularities, as well as verify the quantity of payments disbursed and received.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Moldova portal page](#)

## ROMANIA

<b>95,430</b> refugees have been recorded	<b>UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023</b>			
	<b>52,845</b> refugees received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners	<b>36,195</b> refugees received cash assistance	<b>46,511</b> visits to the UNHCR Romania <a href="#">Help Page</a>	<b>1,015</b> refugees have been provided with psychosocial support and psychological first aid

- **Inclusion:** So far in 2023, 578 refugees have been provided with career counselling at RomExpo in Bucharest, while 427 were enrolled in language courses by partners AFF and HEKS EPER, and 90 received vocational training. So far this year, 144 refugees found employment with the support of UNHCR and partners.
- **Protection:** On 10 July, the UNHCR-led Inter-Agency team launched an online tool ('[Services Advisor Platform](#)') comprising of an interactive map to connect refugees with humanitarian services based on their location. During the first week, 1,000 unique individuals accessed the platform, where over 417 services are provided by 86 organizations.
- **Counselling:** So far in 2023, UNHCR and partners provided over 52,845 refugees with protection and counselling services, including 11,829 via telephone hotline.
- **Cash:** So far in 2023, 36,195 refugees received cash assistance in Romania. During the pilot phase of UNHCR's new cash for protection programme in Romania, vulnerable refugees will be supported with four monthly instalments of USD 140 per person to help with their most urgent needs (food, medicine, hygiene etc). So far, UNHCR has identified and enrolled 1,969 refugees (583 households) for the new programme.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Romania data portal](#)

## SLOVAKIA

<b>104,830</b> refugees have been recorded	<b>UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023</b>			
	<b>21,559</b> refugees received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners as of 27 March	<b>41,102</b> people been assisted at <b>4</b> Blue Dots	<b>8,812</b> refugees received cash assistance	<b>126,167</b> visits to the UNHCR <a href="#">HELP Page</a>

- **Education:** On 14 July, UNHCR launched its call for applications for DAFI scholarships for the academic year 2023/2024. At least 15 new scholarships will be available to support refugee students for undergraduate studies in Slovakia. Due to high interest, UNHCR will advocate for additional slots for the DAFI scholarships. Additionally, on 12 July a meeting with DAFI students was organized in the presence of the German Ambassador and representatives of the German Embassy to exchange views about access to learning.

- **Coordination:** On 14 July, UNHCR met with the Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Ministry of Education (MoE) in charge of the education of Ukrainian children to discuss education data. UNHCR provided an overview of the data and assessments that capture education-related information to inform the MoE's actions ahead of the 2023/2024 school year.
- **Cash:** So far in 2023, 8,812 refugees received cash assistance in Slovakia. On 11 July, UNHCR published an FAQ on Cash for Protection through its communication channels with refugees (Help site, Telegram, Facebook), generating significant interest among refugees (UNHCR's Telegram channel recorded over 15,000 views in one day).
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Slovakia data portal](#).



**UKRAINE.** Katia and her four children, along with her mother Olena, currently reside in a single room at a student dormitory after their hometown in Kharkiv came under strike during the early days of the war. UNHCR and partner Proliska provided urgent support, including cash assistance and IDP registration, as well as medical care and non-food items such as mattresses and blankets, March 2023. © UNHCR/ Andrew McConnell

## OTHER COUNTRIES

### BELARUS:

- As of 1 May, **27,675 refugees** from Ukraine have been recorded in Belarus.
- **Counselling:** So far in 2023, 1,286 individuals received counselling and legal support.
- **Food and non-food items:** So far in 2023, UNHCR and partners assisted over 1,370 refugees from Ukraine with store vouchers for household items (279), blankets (19), hygiene kits (528) and other items. UNHCR also supported 544 people with food.

### RUSSIAN FEDERATION:

- **Counselling:** So far in 2023, 10,863 refugees from Ukraine have been counselled in person by UNHCR and partners in urban areas, while 7,618 have been counselled in the border regions of Voronezh, Kursk, Rostov-on-Don and Belgorod. Over 34,261 refugees have been counselled via the hotline by UNHCR and partners.
- **MHPSS:** So far in 2023, 16,166 refugees have received psychosocial support through partners in the Russian Federation.

# COORDINATION

## UKRAINE

In Ukraine, UNHCR leads three Clusters, namely Camp Co-ordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Protection, and Shelter and Non-Food Items. The CCCM Cluster was activated in March 2022 and coordinates eleven UN and NGO partners across three hubs, with the aim of supporting 400,000 people in collective sites in 2023. The Protection Cluster consists of 136 partners, including sub-clusters (57 partners under General Protection) and operates through five coordination hubs to reach an anticipated 7 million people in 2023. The Shelter and NFI Cluster coordinates 97 active partners across five coordination hubs, targeting 3.3 million people in 2023 with NFI kits, emergency shelter and housing repairs. UNHCR also co-chairs the Protection Strategy Working Group under the Humanitarian Country Team, and the Accountability to Affected Populations Working Group. Through its leadership in these areas, UNHCR promotes the centrality of protection, as well as meaningful engagement and participation across the response.

## REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

[The 2023 RRP](#) aims at ensuring refugees' access to protection and assistance on a non-discriminatory basis, with a special focus on refugees at risk of becoming vulnerable. The 2023 plan places an emphasis on refugees' socio-economic inclusion, in recognition of the challenges faced by refugees due to their prolonged displacement. Support is foreseen to institutions, services and facilities used both by refugees and members of host communities, which will be crucial for promoting solidarity and social cohesion between host and refugee communities. Inter-agency Refugee Coordination Forums (RCFs) led by UNHCR, and specific sectoral groups, will continue working at country level in Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, and Slovakia to support the efforts of the concerned governments.

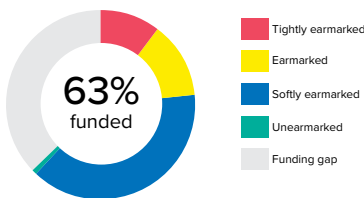
# FINANCIAL UPDATES

## UNHCR Ukraine Situation

### Financial Update

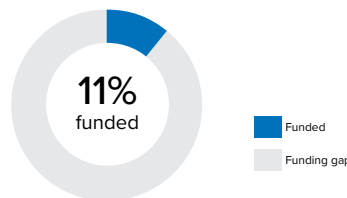
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**\$ 1.1 billion**  
required (USD)



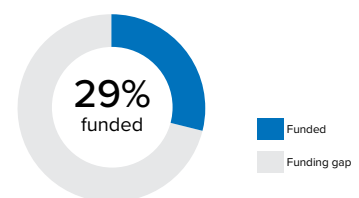
## Inter-Agency Financial Updates

**\$ 1.68 billion**  
required (USD)  
(as of 19 July 2023)



Revised:  
[Ukraine Situation: Regional Refugee Response Plan](#)

**\$ 3.95 billion**  
required (USD)  
(as of 19 July 2023)



Revised:  
[UN Flash Appeal \(Ukraine\)](#)

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