

## UNICEF Refugee response programme results (2022 – to date)

Since the onset of the war in Ukraine, UNICEF has been working closely with national, regional and local authorities to expand services in child protection, education, health and nutrition, WASH, and social protection. UNICEF integrates into its work the principles of social cohesion, accountability to affected populations, and gender equality in addition to non-discrimination and inclusion of persons with disabilities.



### 24,901

Children and women received primary health care services through UNICEF supported mechanisms



### 28,767 33,526

Children accessed formal or non-formal education, including early learning



### 2,631,418

People reached through messaging on prevention and access to services



### 41,768

People accessing a sufficient quantity of potable water for domestic needs

### 24,614

People reached with critical WASH supplies



### 26,390

Children and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial support

### 198,111

People had access to safe spaces, protection and support hubs

**Acronyms:** WASH: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

**Sources:** UNICEF (as of 24/10/2023, all time data)

## In the spotlight

In the town of Suceava, where a community displaced from Ukraine lives alongside the locals, opportunities seemed scarce for adolescents to interact with each other. UNICEF and partners recognized the potential of sports and brought adolescents together for a dynamic rugby tag activity which transcended language boundaries.

Moreover, UNICEF introduced adolescents from the refugee and receiving communities in Suceava to the U-Report platform which empowers adolescents to raise their voices and have their say in matters of concern.

UNICEF and partners in Romania work to create opportunities to foster friendships and bridge communication gaps between adolescents from the two communities. UNICEF supports social cohesion and inclusion of adolescents from Ukraine – critically important in the context of protracted Ukraine refugee crisis.



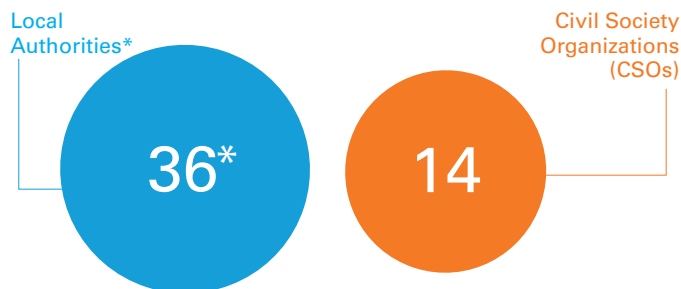
Adolescents from Ukraine and Romania spent together an afternoon of active and fun socialization in the form of a rugby tag match, organized by UNICEF as a Sports-for-Development activity. Mixed teams were formed, connections developed, and language barriers challenged.



Full story available here

[www.unicef.org/romania/stories/connecting-through-rugby](https://www.unicef.org/romania/stories/connecting-through-rugby)

## Delivering through partnerships



\* This includes partnerships with municipalities and local and central government.

Source: UNICEF (as of 24/10/2023)

UNICEF's partnerships with the Government of Romania, national and local authorities, UNHCR and other United Nations agencies, local and international NGOs, donors, and supra-national entities (cross-border initiatives, European Union support) have been vital to the provision of services and support to people fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Coordinated efforts of all partners enabled uninterrupted day-to-day running of an extensive network of all-encompassing services including direct assistance, protection, and referral to legal aid, medical assistance, and mental health and psychosocial support. An estimated 350 thousand people have had access to services in Blue Dots, safe spaces and service hubs. Blue Dots were established by UNICEF with UNHCR and other partners to provide safe spaces and essential services to Ukraine refugees - initially along the borders and later also in urban areas inside the country. Blue Dots integrate a minimum set of protection and other social services and referrals for children, families and all other vulnerable populations. Over 180 thousand people benefited from at least one service in UNICEF-supported safe spaces, protection, education and health hubs.

## Stories from our work



Lucica (3) is playing in the backyard of the transit centre in Bucharest where she and her family are staying.

As people continue arriving from Ukraine, often from extremely socially vulnerable backgrounds, they need sustained support and assistance. Transit centres adapted to provide accommodation to people in need are a form of essential support available to people fleeing the war in Ukraine. Supported by UNICEF and administered by our partners, transit centres with dedicated staff and volunteers provide a range of services including mental health and psycho-social support.

Mariana (25) from Ismail, Ukraine and her children Artiom (6), Lucica (3) and Daniela (1) found refuge from the war at one of the transit centres in Bucharest. There they have accommodation and access to a range of essential services. UNICEF and partners continue to support children from Ukraine and all other affected populations with community-based services and child protection programs so that no one is left behind.

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\*Includes only the response for Romania of updated Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal (HAC) Appeal

\*\*Includes the response under Pillar 1 (Inside Ukraine) and Pillar 2 (Refugee Receiving Countries).

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## Looking ahead

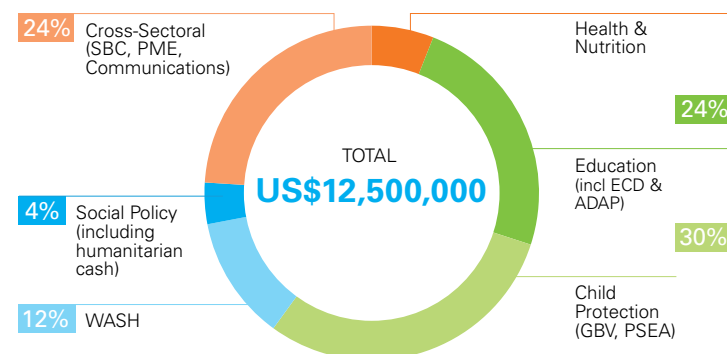


Timofei from Ukraine now goes to school in Bucharest, Romania. He received from UNICEF a backpack with school supplies on the 29 September 2023. UNICEF and partners work around the clock to support access to education of children and adolescents from Ukraine and bridge their education gaps.

Ukraine refugee response in Romania has transitioned from a primarily emergency one to a wider framework for the protection of all vulnerable populations through integrated service models run by the local communities and authorities. Lessons learnt, experience and knowledge built as part of the response to Ukraine refugee crisis transcend the boundaries of Romania and can be a starting point for cross-border system strengthening as part of long-term emergency preparedness and response. At the same time, all phases of the response remain critical to the ongoing efforts to respond to the changing needs of the refugee populations. Cross-cutting, transversal, approaches (gender, adolescents, etc) remain integral to the UNICEF response.

For additional information on **UNICEF's 2023 Humanitarian response for children outside of Ukraine** please visit UNICEF Ukraine [2023 Humanitarian Action for Children](#).

## Funding requirements for 2023



**Acronyms:** ECD: Early Childhood Development, ADAP: Adolescent Development And Participation, GBV: Gender-based violence, PSEA: Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, SBC: Social and Behavior Change, PME: Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation. **Source:** UNICEF

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