UKRAINE OPERATION FACTSHEET

CASH ASSISTANCE

Tetiana and her husband Anatolii fled their village of Liubymivka in Ukraine's southeastern Zaporizhzhia. The couple emergency cash assistance from UNHCR though its NGO partner Right to Protection – essential support provided to newly displaced people who flee from frontline areas. ©UNHCR/Elisabeth Arnsdorf Haslund

KEY FIGURES

2.45 million IDPs, returnees and war-affected people reached with cash assistance **since March 2022**, disbursing **$740 million**

72% of those assisted since 2022 are women and children

86,820 people supported with cash assistance so far in **2026** disbursing **$23 million**

WHY CASH?

- Cash assistance is one of the most **efficient and effective** ways to support people adversely impacted by the war in Ukraine.
- Gives war-affected people the **agency to decide** what they need most urgently to cover their immediate needs, while boosting economic recovery and local markets.
- **Complements** the Government's social assistance programmes and **bridges important gaps** from evacuation, displacement, or in the aftermath of an aerial attack, to the moment people can access national social assistance schemes and start to rebuild their lives.
- Delivered through **secure and accessible** payment methods, including bank transfers (IBAN), Western Union, and other financial service provider channels.
- UNHCR is one of the largest actors delivering cash assistance to vulnerable people in Ukraine, with the capacity to deliver the assistance **quickly and at scale**.

KEY CASH ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2026

MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE

UNHCR transitioned its cash assistance Programme to the **Unified Cash transfer (UCT)** approach in April 2026.

- ✓ **Support to IDPs and newly displaced people (UCT 2)**
  UAH 12,300 (USD 275) / person for 3 months*
  44,443 people
- ✓ **Support after aerial attacks (UCT 3)**
  UAH 12,300 (USD 275) / person for 3 months*
  Note: 12,300 UAH since April 2026, while number of people reached calculated Jan-June 2026
  11,938 people
- ✓ **Support to returnees who are socio-economically vulnerable and have specific protection needs (UCT 3)**
  UAH 10,800 (USD 240) / person for 3 months*
  11,278 people

CASH FOR WINTER NEEDS

- ✓ **Prioritized to vulnerable war-affected people living near the frontline** and/or border, delivered as part of the inter-agency 2025-2026 winter response plan, in collaboration with the Government
  UAH 19,400 (around USD 473) per household
  193,872 people reached in winter 2025-2026

RENTAL MARKET INITIATIVE

- ✓ **IDPs with no prospect of an immediate return to their areas of origin or habitual residence** access dignified and sustainable housing
  On average UAH 112,000 (USD 2,600) per household as part of a six-month rental package + legal support to conclude lease agreements
  275 households

For 2025 cash assistance response figures, see the Q4 2025 Factsheet here.

POST DISTRIBUTION MONITORING: CASH ASSISTANCE

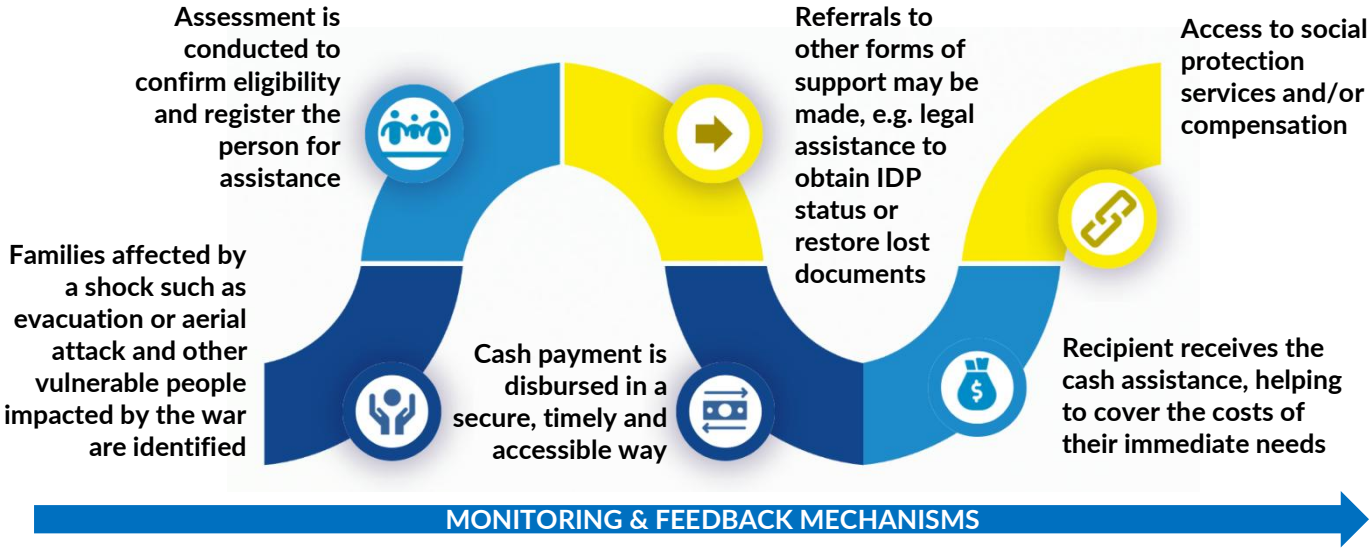
As part of its accountability to affected people, UNHCR consistently conducts monitoring exercises during and after service delivery. The recent post-distribution monitoring (PDM) of UNHCR's Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) programme in 2025 confirms the relevance, effectiveness and impact of cash assistance in helping conflict-affected households meet their most urgent needs. Key findings from the PDM report include:

- **Contributes to protection by improving overall living conditions & wellbeing**: 57% of recipients reported improved living conditions following receipt of assistance, while 62% reported reduced stress levels.
- **Preferred modality:** Recipients overwhelmingly preferred cash assistance, with 83% preferring cash only and a further 15% preferring a combination of cash and in-kind support. Only 1% preferred in-kind assistance alone.
- **Meets identified needs:** Cash assistance enabled households to cover essential needs that otherwise would have remained unmet, including utility bills, rent, clothing, shelter-related expenses, as well as food and healthcare costs.
- **Cash assistance delivered in a safe, accessible, accountable, & participatory manner:** 96% of recipients reported satisfaction with the assistance process, 96% experienced no difficulties during registration or enrolment, and 98% felt safe receiving, keeping and spending the assistance.
- **Market resilience:** In almost all cases (96%), recipients reported that the goods and services they needed were available in local markets, while 88% reported access to quality goods and services.

"I have what I need for daily life here. But I still need a lot of specific medicine. This support lets me buy what I need and take care of myself. It helps me stay independent and gives me a little bit of stability in these crazy times." Read Oleksandr's story here.

- Oleksandr Zhukov, 63

UNHCR CASH ASSISTANCE: FROM SHOCK TO RECOVERY



CASH ASSISTANCE & LEGAL AID PROVIDE A CRUCIAL LIFELINE: PETRO'S STORY

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Petro, 75, was forced to leave his village in Zaporizka oblast after the war destroyed his home, land as well as the family house of his 101-year-old mother. After first evacuating to western Ukraine, homesickness drew them back to Zaporizhzhia. "My mother would like to die next to her husband, so we returned here," Petro says. Displaced in the city, he faced urgent financial needs and legal barriers, as lost documents and inaccessible archives prevented him from proving inheritance rights to the damaged property. With support from UNHCR's NGO partner Right to Protection, Petro recovered key records, received legal aid in court and had his ownership rights recognized in 2026, enabling him to apply for state compensation. UNHCR cash assistance also helped cover several months of rent: "This support was a lot. It helped us cover the rent for several months." For Petro, the support received offered immediate relief – and has strengthened his determination to keep hope alive.