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Ukraine Situation Regional Refugee Response Plan

Summary and Inter-Agency Funding Requirements March-August 2022



12
INTER-AGENCY
PARTNERS IN A
COORDINATED
RESPONSE PLAN



TO ASSIST **2.4 M**
INDIVIDUALS OF AN
ESTIMATED
4 M AFFECTED



IN SUPPORT OF HOST
COUNTRIES INCLUDING
HUNGARY, THE
REPUBLIC OF
MOLDOVA, POLAND,
ROMANIA AND
SLOVAKIA



WITH A TOTAL
\$550.6 M
OF INTER-AGENCY
REQUIREMENTS

Overview

This **inter-agency Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP)** outlines the comprehensive response and activities to support countries' efforts to protect and assist refugees coming from Ukraine. It includes the initial financial requirements of 12 partners (including UN agencies, national and international non-governmental organizations and civil society) for six months, working in tandem with concerned host Governments.

UNHCR estimates that **over 4 million people** could flee from Ukraine and seek protection and support across the region. This RRP aims at assisting **2.4 million refugees and asylum-seekers** in neighbouring countries.

RRP partners will support government-led efforts through a multisectoral approach focusing on protection, reception/shelter and material, as well as cash assistance for the most vulnerable groups and for individuals with specific needs.

The response will identify and address refugees' needs, taking into account considerations related to age, gender and diversity. Given the high numbers of women and children – it will ensure targeted child protection interventions and proactive prevention and response to gender-based violence, including in relation to sexual exploitation and abuse.

Less than one week has elapsed since the military offensive began and the humanitarian needs of refugees are still evolving. As the situation evolves, the RRP will be revised to include additional activities and revised budgets, including from additional partners.

Inter-agency partners are responding to the refugee emergency

UNHCR and partners have emergency teams on the ground and are assisting the authorities by providing technical support, carrying out and expanding regular protection monitoring and strengthening reception capacity, as well as ensuring that basic and urgent needs are met. Across the region, reception centres are open and hotlines and webpages are available to orient new arrivals.

The RRP will strengthen the resilience of host communities and build social cohesion with the refugees. RRP partners will cooperate with relevant authorities to support third country nationals fleeing Ukraine, providing them with referral services and medical help, and assisting vulnerable individuals with humanitarian returns if required.

In line with the Global Compact on Refugees, the plan foresees a multi-partner response in support of the hosting governments and builds on the capacities and expertise of the refugees themselves and the communities acting as first responders.



Hosting Countries ¹	Total projected refugee population by July 2022*
Hungary	250,000
Moldova	100,000
Poland	1,500,000
Romania	250,000
Slovakia	60,000
Other Countries	1,840,000
Total	4,000,000

* Population figures of new arrivals are based on estimations and will be reassessed as the situation evolves.

Regional protection and population needs and response priorities

Initial assessments show that critical life-saving and logistics support is required for refugees arriving at **border points**. Authorities may ask RRP partners to support them to establish additional reception and transit facilities to facilitate registration, interpretation and transportation services for refugees upon arrival, taking into consideration the most vulnerable people, persons with specific needs and persons with disabilities. In addition to the protection and assistance activities for refugees, IOM, in cooperation with other partners, will support government efforts in assisting vulnerable third country nationals in targeted countries.

The **urgent needs** identified to date include strengthening and supporting access to mental health and psychosocial support; provision of basic and domestic items including food, unrestricted cash assistance, and core relief items; and WASH, education and health services, including sexual and reproductive health services. The freezing winter temperatures mean emergency shelter assistance and items such as heaters, warm clothes and shoes are a priority.

Protection interventions include identifying the most vulnerable refugees, in particular survivors of violence, unaccompanied and separated children, older persons, single women and female-headed households. They will be supported through protection one-stop shops/information and referral centres. These will offer protection case management, assistance and referrals to key services such as legal aid, family reunification and alternative care.

Women and girls in displacement situations may be at higher risk of gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse or intimate partner violence. Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) will be prioritized, including by strengthening inter-agency networks and PSEA mechanisms and systems in receiving countries.

¹ This RRP will also target refugees arriving in other countries affected by the emergency.

All programmes will comprise specific considerations for **age, gender, diversity and vulnerability**, especially for the provision of basic assistance, and will comply with host countries' COVID-19 measures during the delivery of assistance.

In addition, RRP partners are working to ensure that **tailor-made services can be provided to persons with heightened legal or physical protection needs**; persons with disabilities and those living with serious health conditions; older persons, survivors of gender-based violence and LGBTIQ+ individuals. Priority will be given to strengthening the protection of these groups by forming partnerships with national entities whose work is focused on combatting discrimination and providing other forms of support to marginalized populations, and by supporting the formation of refugee-led initiatives with this same focus. Inclusive and accessible mechanisms to ensure accountability to affected people will be set up, including two-way communication channels and feedback and response mechanisms.

This inter-agency response is driven by the following objectives:

- Support host countries to ensure that every refugee from Ukraine has access to safety and international protection, in line with their situation, and in compliance with the principle of non-refoulement;
- Support host countries to provide timely and life-saving humanitarian assistance for refugees, and vulnerable third country nationals, with a specific focus on the most vulnerable;
- Facilitate the search for solutions for the refugees from Ukraine from the onset through a whole-of-society approach;
- Ensure effective coordination of partners at country and regional level in support of hosting countries' efforts.

Coordination

Humanitarian partners will support the concerned countries' efforts to respond to the refugee influx from Ukraine. UNHCR leads and coordinates the implementation of the RRP in line with the Refugee Coordination Model (RCM) and in close collaboration and consultation with relevant government counterparts, and with the support of inter-agency partners and other stakeholders.

Within the framework of this RRP and building on existing country-level humanitarian coordination structures, an inter-agency Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF), or equivalent, composed of all partners involved in the response, is being established at country level, in support of government-led coordination mechanisms. This will enable RRP partners to work efficiently together to maximize the response and avoid duplications and parallel systems. It will also aim at guiding joint advocacy initiatives and resource mobilization efforts in support of the country-level response plans. At regional level, a light coordination mechanism chaired by UNHCR and composed of RRP members and other relevant actors will ensure efficient situational information management and country-specific support as required.



Financial requirements March-August 2022 | USD

The RRP partners are appealing for an estimated **\$ 550,649,000** for the initial period from March to August 2022. **The RRP will be revised as the situation evolves.**

Regional budget summary per country

Hungary	Moldova	Poland	Romania	Slovakia	Other countries ²	Total Budget
\$32,500,000	\$121,167,000	\$202,487,000	\$65,135,000	\$33,650,000	\$95,710,000	\$550,649,000

Regional budget summary per appealing inter-agency partner

Appealing partner		Total budget
HelpAge International	HelpAge	\$5,025,000
INTERSOS	INTERSOS	\$1,624,000
Norwegian Refugee Council	NRC	\$3,000,000
Project HOPE	HOPE	\$1,000,000
Save the Children International	SCI	\$8,000,000
UN - International Organization for Migration	IOM	\$100,000,000
UN - United Nations Children's Fund	UNICEF	\$73,120,000
UN - United Nations Development Programme	UNDP	\$16,280,000
UN - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	UNHCR	\$240,000,000
UN - United Nations Population Fund	UNFPA	\$1,500,000
UN - World Food Programme	WFP	\$88,600,000
UN - World Health Organization	WHO	\$12,500,000
TOTAL		\$550,649,000

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² Other countries in the region that may be affected by the emergency.