



UKRAINE SITUATION FLASH UPDATE #40

10 February 2023

PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

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

8,054,405

Individual refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe (9 Feb)

4,830,738*

Refugees from Ukraine registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe (9 Feb)

5,352,000

Estimated number of IDPs in Ukraine (23 Jan) Link : [Internal Displacement Report](#)

UNHCR RESPONSE 2023

68,772

People received cash assistance in the Republic of Moldova and Slovakia

20,850

Refugees were reached through the Blue Dot Hubs in Bulgaria, Hungary, Moldova, Poland and Slovakia

23,215

Refugees from Ukraine received protection services (integration, legal support, social protection, accommodation, awareness raising sessions)

* The figure "Refugees from Ukraine registered for Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe" may include multiple registrations of the same individual in two or more EU+ countries; registrations that remain incomplete for various reasons; or registrations of refugees who have moved onward, including beyond Europe.

Romania. Children playing in the Blue Dot in Galati, 19 January 2023 © UNHCR/Caroline Bach

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- In a [joint statement](#) at the conclusion of the EU-Ukraine Summit in Kyiv on 3 February, the EU confirmed continued [support](#) to Ukraine. During the Summit, the EU Commission announced the allocation of EUR 1 billion for quick recovery activities in Ukraine, prioritizing the rebuilding of schools and hospitals. In the margins of the summit, the EU also announced an additional programme of up to EUR 25 million to [support](#) Ukraine's de-mining of the newly accessible territories. A week later, on 9 February, the European Parliament and the Special European Council, attended by Heads of State and Government, exchanged views with the President of Ukraine, who attended in person.



The concept note for [Ukraine is Home](#), a new collaborative platform led by the Government of Ukraine's Ministry of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development in partnership with UNHCR, has been published. The Platform aims to facilitate access to housing solutions for people whose homes have been damaged or destroyed during the war by linking humanitarian shelter programmes with ongoing government recovery plans.

UKRAINE SITUATION UPDATE

- Fighting remains intense in eastern and southern Ukraine. Shelling on residential areas in [Donetsk](#), [Kharkiv](#), [Zaporizhzhia](#), [Dnipropetrovsk](#), [Kherson](#), [Mykolaiv](#), [Sumy](#) and Zaporizhzhia oblasts, resulted in [killing](#) and injuring of civilians. Following a new wave of attacks across Ukraine on 26 January, millions of people faced additional power outages, mainly in Kyivska, Odeska, and Vinnytska oblasts. In Odesa, the entire city of roughly 1 million people was temporarily left without water.
- Power has been restored to critical infrastructure in Odesa oblast, which had been without electricity since 4 February due to an [incident](#) at the power plant. As of 5 February, about 40% of households in Odesa city remained without electricity.
- As of 5 February 2023, OHCHR has [recorded](#) 18,817 civilian casualties in Ukraine, of which 7,155 killed were killed and 11,262 injured.

UNHCR RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, UNHCR will continue providing immediate protection and assistance to people with specific vulnerabilities who remain in war-affected areas, and life-saving assistance to people living in frontline areas. At the same time, UNHCR will continue supporting the early recovery and efforts towards durable solutions for affected communities.

- **Legal aid:** Demand for legal assistance remains high. Last week, 354 people in Chernihivska, Kyivska and Zakarpastka oblasts were supported with legal aid by UNHCR partners. Questions related to social payments, documentation, IDP registration and property issues.
- **Protection and psychosocial support:** Over the last two weeks, 335 internally displaced people were supported with protection counselling and legal assistance during 68 monitoring visits conducted by partner R2P in Kharkivska, Poltavka and Sumska oblasts., UNHCR partner Rokada provided protection counselling or psychosocial support counselling to 391 people in Vinnytsia oblast, and organised special sessions with art therapy for 65 children in Kyivska and Chernihivska oblasts.
- **NFIs:** During the reporting period, eight heating points in Kyivska oblast were equipped with over 800 NFIs, supporting more than 4,800 people to help them during the prolonged electricity cuts. **500 heaters** were also delivered to Chernihivska oblast. On 1 February, UNHCR delivered sleeping bags, solar lamps, folding beds, and jerry cans to heating points in Zakarpatska and Ivano-Frankivska oblasts.
- **Inter-agency convoys:** UNHCR contributed to two inter-agency convoys in the reporting period. One [delivered](#) assistance to Toretsk on 31 January, some 10 km from the front line in the Donetsk region. A second one, on 1 February, delivered medication, materials for emergency shelter repairs, hygiene items, and solar lamps to the Zaporizhzhia region.
- **Monitoring:** During 142 monitoring visits over the last two weeks to the border crossing points with Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova, UNHCR assisted 328 people with protection counselling, 95 people with legal assistance and 23 people with social accompaniments services.
- Find more information in the [regular Ukraine country operational updates](#) and on the UNHCR [Ukraine data portal](#) page



Moldova. Ukrainian refugees work to help fellow citizens in Chisinau, 19 January 2023 © UNHCR/ Colin-Delfosse

REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES* AND UPDATES

- The number of refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe has exceeded 8 million during the reporting period. As the war continues, people are taking shelter across Europe and elsewhere. While Poland and Germany are hosting the greatest numbers of refugees from Ukraine, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have the highest number of refugees compared to their population.
- In the reporting period, UNHCR expanded the Regional Call Centre (RCC) toll-free line to Poland. The RCC was launched in Hungary as a pilot in December 2022 to enhance accountability to the affected population and communication with communities. Eleven operators in Hungary have so far handled over 80 calls since December 2022, and seven operators in Poland have answered 1,400 calls in only four days since the RCC launch on 2 February.

Blue Dots

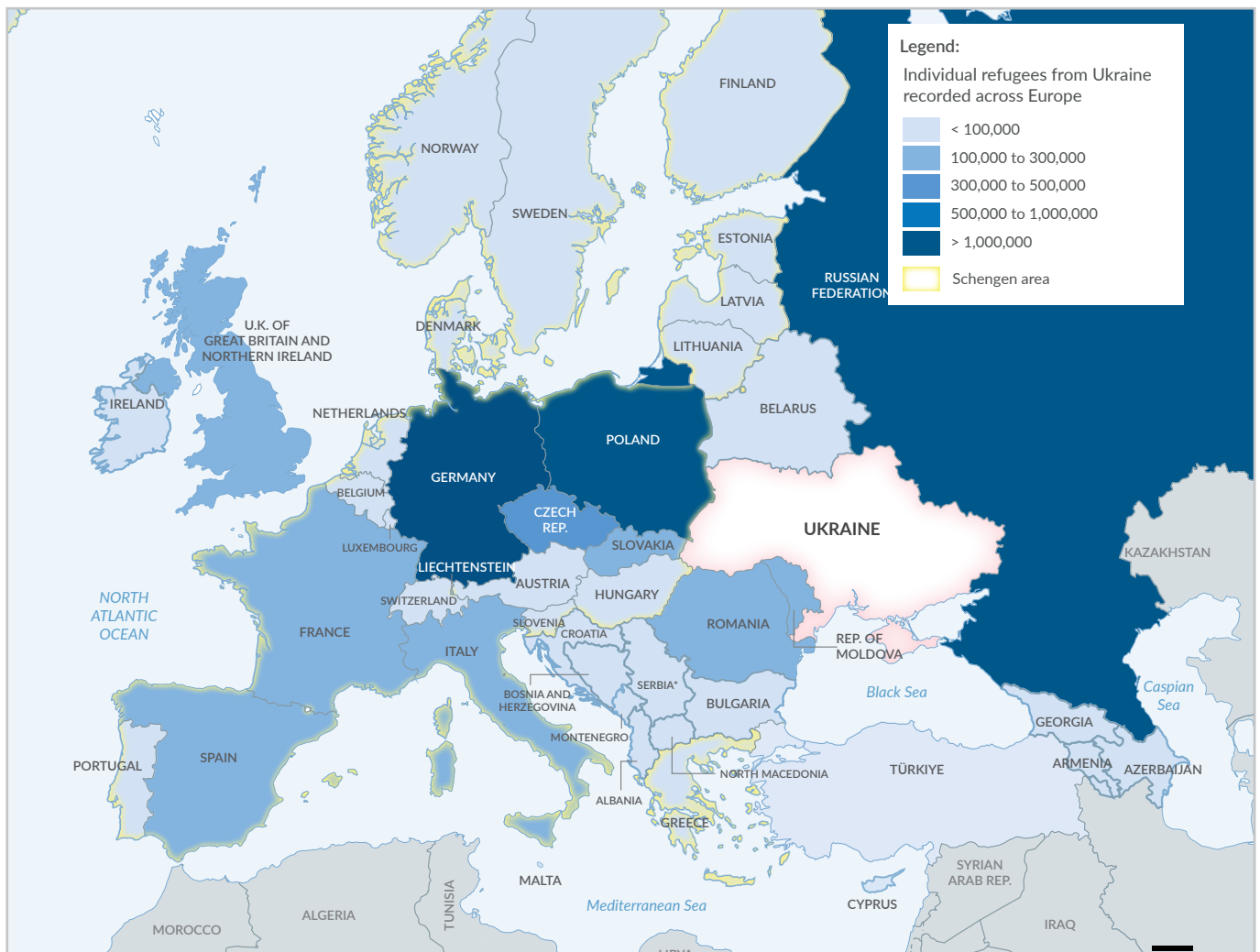
40 Blue Dots have been established by UNHCR and UNICEF in:

Bulgaria	6	Moldova	10	Slovakia	3
Hungary	3	Poland	8	Slovenia	1
Italy	2	Romania	7		

Of these, two were recently established in Poland. Meanwhile, one ceased operations in Hungary. The [Digital Blue Dot Hub](#) is a regional website that provides localised and up-to-date information about services, a map of existing Blue Dot Hubs, information on accommodation, childcare, disability support, education, legal stay, livelihood, medical care, protection services, social assistance, work and other services.

* All figures are pending end-year reconciliation and therefore subject to change

Refugees from Ukraine across Europe (as of 7 February 2023)



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COUNTRY UPDATES*

BULGARIA

152,179

refugees have registered for temporary protection

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

9,681

refugees have been reached through **6** Blue Dot Hubs

944

visits to the UNHCR Bulgaria Help Page

- To identify unmet winter needs, UNHCR has started a rapid needs assessment at some 60 accommodation facilities housing at least 30 refugees each, where UNHCR had not distributed CRIs this winter yet. So far, UNHCR has visited 31 accommodation facilities in Burgas, Dobrich and Varna. Final findings are expected mid-March.
- According to preliminary findings from the multi-sector needs assessment that UNHCR conducted in December and January with over 1,300 refugees, over 80 per cent of refugees from Ukraine in Bulgaria fled from the country's east and south, with some 14 per cent of respondents indicating having fled Odesa region. The majority of the respondents accommodated in State-provided facilities plan to remain in their accommodation in the next three months and faced financial difficulties to meet their basic needs in the 30 days preceding the survey.
- So far in 2023, 444 refugees received 964 NFIs, such as blankets and individual or family hygiene packages.

CZECH REPUBLIC

485,755

refugees have registered for temporary protection

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

154

refugees from Ukraine have received protection services

2,418

visits to the UNHCR Czech Republic Help Page

- According to the study published by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs "[Employers in the Context of the Crisis](#)", 87% of employers assess their experience of employing Ukrainian refugees positively. Lack of knowledge of Czech language and uncertainty about staying in the Czech Republic are among the key barriers to employment of refugees from Ukraine.
- On 24 January, UNHCR trained 17 partner staff on protection-related issues and protection profiling and monitoring tool, to ensure adequate assistance of specific cases

HUNGARY

34,248

refugees have registered for temporary protection

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

2,150

refugees have received protection and legal support by UNHCR and partners

1,229

refugees have been reached through **3** Blue Dot Hubs in 2023

5,555

visits to the UNHCR Hungary Help Page

- During the reporting period, UNHCR through partners Vamos Foundation and the Foundation of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church distributed NFIs to 155 families in Budapest and 31 families in Miskolc, including winter jackets, quilts and other items.
- Find more on the UNHCR [Hungary data portal](#)

* Figures on UNHCR interventions so far in 2023 (excluding 2022 achievements)

POLAND

1,563,386

refugees have registered for temporary protection

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

6,285

people were provided with protection support over the phone

3,297

people were counselled at the 8 Blue Dot Hubs and 6 Community Centres

98,578

views to the UNHCR Poland Help Page

- On 10 January 2023, UNHCR and partners finalized the participatory assessment exercise initiated on 10 November 2022, which included 75 focus group discussions and 9 key informant interviews for 449 participants (432 refugees and 17 host community members). While answers are still being analysed, initial findings show that some 39% of participants are concerned about access to livelihood opportunities, 11% about education, 8% about health and child protection-related issues.
- In the first week of February, UNHCR assisted 120 refugees in collective and accommodation centres during its mobile outreach visits in Lubelskie and Masovian Voivodeships, providing refugees with social and legal counselling, MHPSS activities, and referrals to specialised services.
- In 2023, over 1,660 refugees have received legal counselling by UNHCR's partners ELIL, Safe Passage and Halina Nieć Legal assistance (HNLAC). The main queries related to residency and documentation, social and financial benefits.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Poland data portal](#)

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

108,885

refugees from Ukraine estimated to have remained in the country

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

7,042

refugees received protection information or counselling

3,000

have been reached through **10** Blue Dot Hubs

40,946

visits to the UNHCR Moldova Help Page

67,969

people have received cash assistance

- In 3 February, UNHCR delivered 1,150 GBV leaflets, pocket guides, LGBTIQ+ stickers, posters, and PSEA cards for the Community Information Centres in Comrat and Cahul.
- On 24 and 30 January, over 50 staff from government, national and international organizations, and UN agencies were trained by UNHCR and UNFPA in preventing and responding to GBV, survivor-centred approaches and PSEA.
- So far in 2023, UNHCR partner INTERSOS has provided 121 people with psychosocial support and psychological first aid.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Moldova portal page](#)

ROMANIA

110,901

refugees registered for temporary protection

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

6,757

refugees received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners

8,433

visits to the UNHCR Romania Help Page

137

refugees have been provided with psychosocial support and psychological first aid

- On 26 and 27 January, UNHCR distributed 11,796 NFIs in Brasov, such as blankets, pillows and bed linen. Last week, more than 1,300 refugees in Constanta received 1,350 winter clothes, 400 mattresses and 240 blankets from UNHCR. UNHCR also provided two trucks of potable water to the refugee transit centre in Radauti, receiving 180 refugees per day on average, where UNHCR also provides hot meals.
- Last week, UNHCR registered over 400 refugees for winter cash programme in Galați, Constanța, Suceava and Iasi. 7,903 refugees have been enrolled for cash for winter so far.
- The UNHCR [Stay Safe campaign](#) has reached 8,000-10,000 views per post so far on [its Telegram channel](#). The campaign aims to increase community engagement on PSEA and related issues.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Romania data portal](#)

SLOVAKIA

108,289 refugees from Ukraine estimated to have remained in the country	UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023			
	5,452 refugees received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners	3,647 people been assisted with legal counselling at 3 Blue Dots	25,645 visits to the UNHCR HELP website	803 refugees have received cash assistance

- Some 20 health care providers attended a five-day training organized by UNHCR and co-facilitated with UNFPA, Equita and WHO to improve their skills in preventing and addressing gender-based violence (GBV), protection against sexual exploitation and abuse, and clinical management of rape. Ensuring that GBV survivors can receive a comprehensive and survivor-centered health response was the main aim of the training.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Slovakia data portal](#).

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS

- As of 24 January, **19,673 refugees** from Ukraine had been recorded in Belarus.
- The online platform [WeHelp.by](#) was launched on 31 January by the Department of Citizenship and Migration with the support of IOM, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, and WHO. The platform compiles up-to-date information on types of assistance for refugees from Ukraine in Belarus.

ESTONIA

- As of 9 February, **42,831** refugees from Ukraine had registered for temporary protection.
- The City of Tallinn is expanding access to education for refugee children from Ukraine with 100 school places by opening a new branch of a local high school. Additionally, in cooperation with the Kopli Vocational School, an adaptation programme is offered with different learning opportunities to students who have not yet entered the Estonian education system.

LATVIA

- As of 9 February, **45,299** refugees from Ukraine had registered for temporary protection.
- UNHCR's local partner "I want to help refugees" (GPB) and other NGOs, continued to take in refugee inquiries visiting the GPB-operated information centre. Most frequent issues raised by refugees were the lack of access to basic needs such as food security, clothing, hygiene items and winter items.

LITHUANIA

- As of 9 February, **73,606** refugees from Ukraine had registered for temporary protection.
- A new policy was put in place on 30 January to enable refugees from Ukraine under temporary protection who are not covered by the compulsory health insurance to receive [free medication](#) for specific illnesses, such as cancer or cardiovascular diseases.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION:

- So far in 2023, 686 refugees have received psychosocial support through partners.
- So far in 2023, nearly 9,000 refugees have been counselled in-person in border regions of Voronezh, Kursk, Rostov-on-Don and Belgorod, as well as made use of the counseling lines by UNHCR and partners.

COORDINATION

UKRAINE

In Ukraine, UNHCR leads the Protection, Shelter and Non-Food Item (NFI), and Camp Coordination Camp Management (CCCM) Clusters. The CCCM Cluster was activated in March 2022 and coordinates nine UN and NGO partners who supported 245,000 people in collective sites by the end of 2022. The Protection Cluster consists of 126 partners, including sub-clusters (55 partners under General Protection) and operates through six coordination hubs, reaching 7 million people in 2022. The Shelter and NFI Cluster has 71 active partners across five coordination hubs, reaching more than 2.7 million people in 2022 with NFI kits, emergency shelter and housing repairs. UNHCR also co-chairs the Humanitarian Country Team Protection Strategy Working Group 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

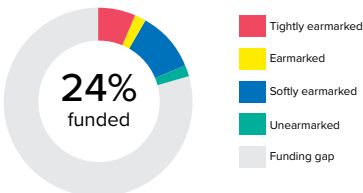
UNHCR has facilitated the establishment of coordination structures in the region, in line with the Refugee Coordination Model, in support of the Government-led response. An initial Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) was developed in early March, and then revised in April bringing together the joint efforts of 142 partners. The recalibrated RRP was published in October 2022, to adjust for winter-related needs and other emerging priorities. Inter-agency Refugee Coordination Forums (RCFs), led by UNHCR, and specific sectoral groups, have been established at country level in Belarus, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia to support the efforts of the concerned governments. The structures are intended to be agile and will be adjusted as the situation evolves. The 2023 RRP will be launched in Geneva on 15 February 2023.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

UNHCR Ukraine Situation Financial Update

(as of 7 Feb 2023)

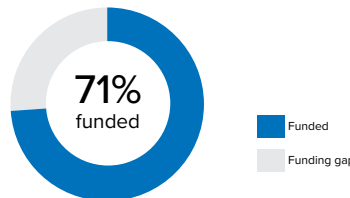
\$ 1.114 billion
required (USD)



Inter-Agency Financial Updates

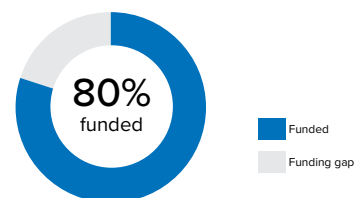
(as of 31 December 2022)

\$ 1.79 billion
required (USD)



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

\$ 4.29 billion
required (USD)



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

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