



UKRAINE SITUATION
Supporting an area-based approach to durable solutions

Completed Qhome. UNHCR is piloting the provision of locally-made, durable modular homes to people whose houses have been destroyed during the war, enabling people to remain or reestablish families on their own land—and to rebuild over time, at their own pace. 2023. © UNHCR

While the war in Ukraine continues and millions remain in need of humanitarian assistance, there is increased focus on reconstruction and durable solutions for people in many parts of the country—and where early recovery activities are well-underway. Ukrainian refugees, internally displaced people (IDPs), and returnees face significant barriers to solutions, including damaged or destroyed homes, exhaustion or depletion of savings, limited access to essential services, loss of livelihood, fractured family and community support structures and loss of household items. The scale of the challenge is immense: some 5 million people are forcibly displaced within Ukraine, while an estimated 6.3 million have

fled to neighbouring countries as refugees. Spontaneous returns continue—and the strain on access to housing, core public services, job markets, and local social cohesion is increasingly evident. Transparent, equitable and impactful recovery will require joined up, area-based approaches and sustained investments by a range of actors. Guided by the Government's *National Recovery Plan*, UNHCR co-leads the UN Durable Solutions Steering Committee, which seeks to establish an inclusive, holistic approach to early recovery. With total financial requirements of \$230 million in 2023-24, UNHCR will focus its solutions programming in six key priority areas.

UNHCR PRIORITY AREAS OF INTERVENTION



AREAS OF UNHCR COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE



THREE-PRONGED APPROACH TO DURABLE SOLUTIONS



ALIGNED TO KEY THEMATIC AREAS MAINSTREAMED ACROSS ACTIVITIES



Cash Assistance

- Provide multi-purpose cash assistance to enhance self-reliance, promote access to livelihoods, housing and transition into national social safety nets.
- Provide multi-purpose cash assistance in support of return and initial reintegration needs.

Housing

- Provide information regarding housing policies, procedures and entitlements, and how to access government compensation and/or assistance from humanitarian shelter partners.
- Advocate for and catalyze the support to financial institutions, investors, and bilateral donors to increase the affordable and accessible housing stock and assistance for repairs.
- Provide support to help people repair damaged or destroyed homes.
- Work to address legal/administrative barriers to housing, land and property solutions and the compensation mechanisms for people whose homes were damaged or destroyed.
- Support households with temporary housing solutions: modular housing, targeted cash (for rent, deposit, tenure, realtor costs) as well as financial support to hosting families.
- Support IDPs living in collective sites find longer-term, affordable housing solutions.

Livelihoods

- Strengthen linkages between IDP communities and local labour market actors, the private sector and government services in areas of displacement through community-based awareness raising, counselling and mentorship.
- Complement government business and training grants through support to war-affected people who may be unable to meet the requirements for government grants.
- Support socially-responsible initiatives and investments among interested private companies through complementary programmes—including in-kind support, securing of premises, or development of joined up activities—to promote access to livelihoods and address barriers.
- Support and build capacity of community-based initiatives and public services that contribute to improving access to employment through material or financial support to, for example, vocational and employment centres, community-centres, IDP led organizations.
- Provide support to private and public childcare solutions, addressing a key barrier to employment particularly for single mothers.

Community Empowerment and Participation

- Support capacity building of civil society initiatives led by displaced people to empower and strengthen community resilience, capacity for self-protection and participation in decisions impacting them.
- Support development and creation of community spaces, in collaboration with local and displaced civil society organizations and returnee groups, where community members can meet for social events, recreation, education and livelihood programmes and information exchange.
- Promote and support self-organized advisory bodies or IDP councils to ensure displaced people participate in public affairs and specific needs and concerns are considered in local policy development and decision-making.
- Advocate for the full socio-economic inclusion and engagement of displaced people in public services and host community life, including vulnerable community members and residents of collective sites.

Access to Justice and Documentation

- Establish information and service hubs for displaced people to serve as “one-stop-shops” to provide information, legal counselling and advice, and mechanisms to ensure effective access to rights and relevant services.

- Support the capacity building of Free Legal Aid Centres (FLACs) to ensure people impacted by the war can access legal services tailored to the specific needs of affected populations, such as access to documentation.

Access to services and social infrastructure

- Support projects aimed at strengthening social cohesion between the host, returnee and displaced communities, such as the creation of inclusion hubs and community centres for the joint use of local and displaced population/organizations.
- Support the infrastructure repairs, rehabilitation and reconstruction of public service premises, such as schools, community centres and local social protection departments.
- Provide material and technical support to the national and local social protection services to enhance their capacity to meet the increased needs of people for social services.

**Total funding requirements for 2023-2024 – USD
230,000,000**

Ukraine. UNHCR partners provide protection in the war-affected Dnipropetrovska Oblast, February 2023. © UNHCR/Alina-Kovalenko

