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Humanitarian Response for Children and Refugee Families Outside of Ukraine

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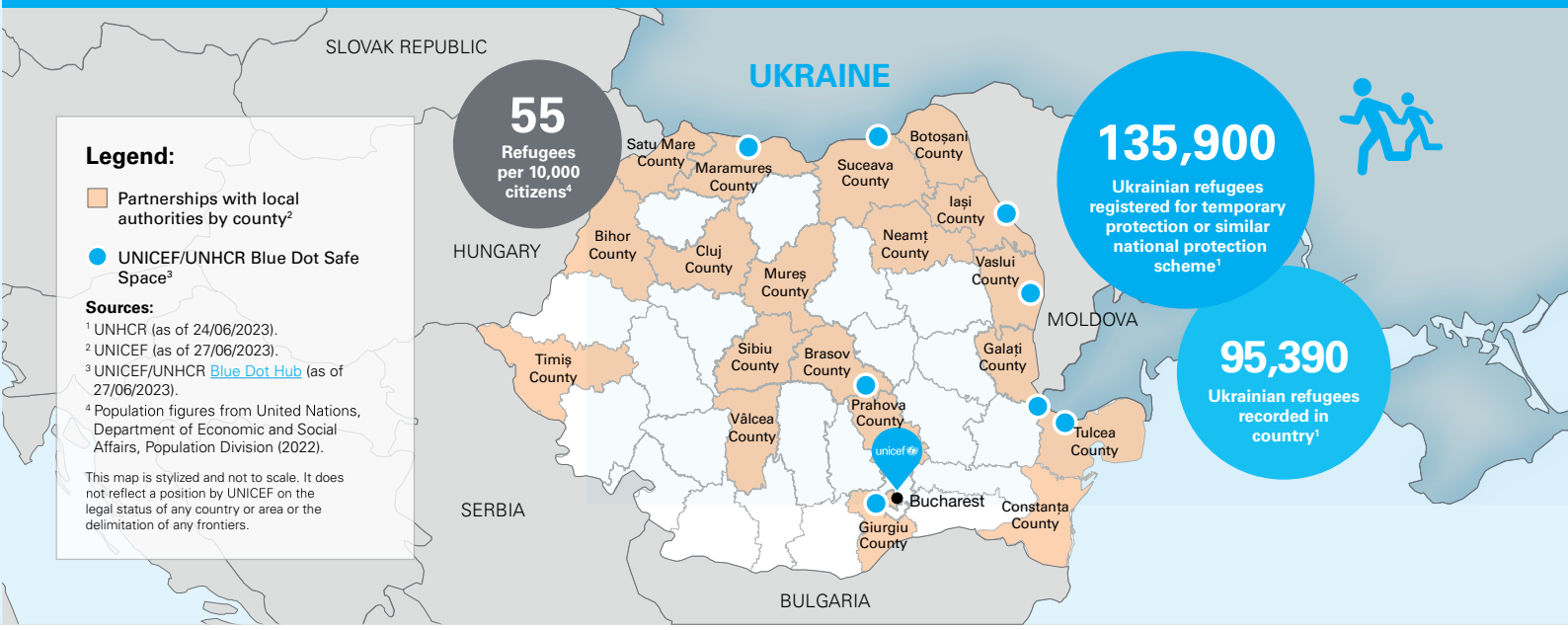


UNICEF Refugee response programme results

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.

Health

22,443
Children and women received primary health care services through UNICEF supported mechanisms

Education

24,806
Children accessed formal or non-formal education, including early learning

25,986
Children received individual learning materials

Social and Behavior Change

1,982,183
People reached through messaging on prevention and access to services

WASH

37,022
People accessing a sufficient quantity of potable water for domestic needs

20,817
People reached with critical WASH supplies

Child Protection

22,268
Children and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial support

174,888
People had access to safe spaces, protection and support hubs

Acronyms: WASH: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Sources: UNICEF (as of 27/06/2023, all time data)

In the spotlight

Overall, 63 learning hubs have continued to operate with UNICEF's support, including 28 play, learning and parenting hubs, 24 education hubs, and 11 youth hubs, extending access to non-formal learning opportunities to almost 9,5 thousand additional Ukrainian refugee children.

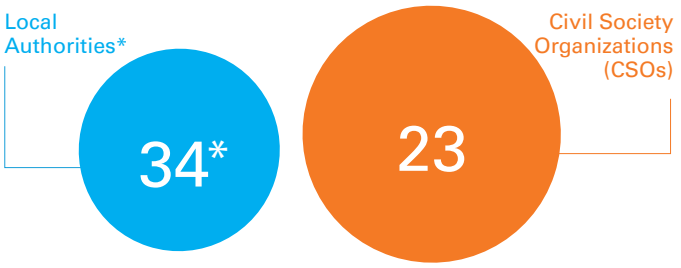
In collaboration with HP and the Global Business Coalition for Education, UNICEF and partners delivered almost 3,000 laptops across Romania as well as textbooks and learning materials, multilingual conversation guides and stationary supplies.

UNICEF supported the Ministry of Education to implement Romanian language classes and scale up learning services and facilitation in Ukrainian language

https://www.unicef.org/romania/stories/disrupted-normality-undisrupted-learning

Arthur, 5 years old, and his mother, Maryna, are building a LEGO tower at the Play, Learning and Parenting Hub. Maryna is working as early childhood educator at the Play, Learning, and Parenting Hub supported by UNICEF in Romania.
"This hub has helped the Ukrainian children a lot, because they don't spend time on their gadgets anymore, instead they are always engaged in activities here. I also try to protect them from the negative news they read on the Internet about what's going on back home," says Maryna from Ukraine, who also brings her 5-year-old son, Arthur, at the Play, Learning, and Parenting Hub.

Delivering through partnerships



* This includes partnerships with municipalities and local and central government.
Source: UNICEF (as of 27/06/2023)

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. Nearly 170 thousand people benefitted from at least one service in UNICEF- supported safe spaces, protection, education and health hubs.

Stories from our work

Olena learned about the Independent Midwives Association, which operates in Bucharest, through the support groups for refugees from Ukraine. Olena gave birth to a healthy baby girl, but she still had many anxieties and questions, so she contacted a specialist and asked for the support from the Independent Midwives Association. Midwife Livia Tobosaru came to support her, explaining everything calmly and patiently. Olena's face lit up when Livia taught her how to give her baby a gentle massage to soothe her. Oleana was curious, and at the same time she did not want to miss out on what Livia was explaining. Livia's visit was part of the project "Support network for reproductive health and increased access to pediatric care for refugee women and children", run by Independent Midwives Association with the support of UNICEF in Romania, funded by the Austrian Government, the Republic of Korea, and the United States Government.

This programme also contributes to the strengthening of the medical services provided to Romanian mothers and children, by offering trainings to medical staff working directly with mothers and children living in Romania.

Overall, 700 refugee children were vaccinated through UNICEF support, and 3,6 thousand Ukrainian parents received breastfeeding counseling.

Together with its partners UNICEF in Romania has also supporting nearly 22 thousand Ukrainian refugee mothers and their children to access primary health services so far.

Main donors for response

Top public donors*	Top-5 National Committee donors**
United States	Danish Committee for UNICEF
Japan	Swiss Committee for UNICEF
Austria	German Committee for UNICEF
Republic of Korea	Austrian Comittee for UNICEF
Switzerland	Belgian Committee for UNICEF

*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).

Sources: UNICEF (as of 27/06/2023)

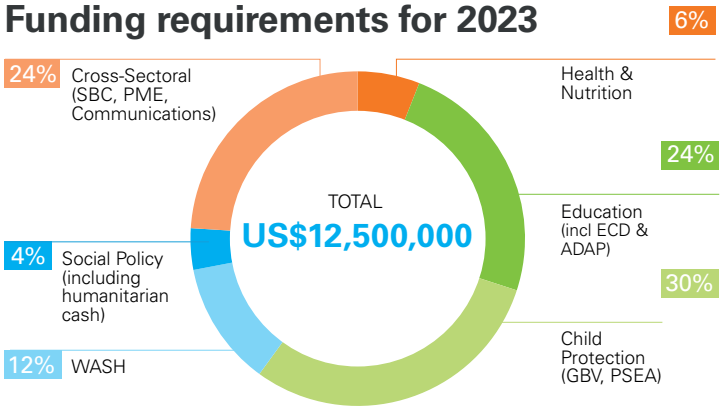
Looking ahead

Ukrainian children learn Romanian at the Center for Play, Learning and Parenting Education. "My son already understands the language but is a bit shy when he has to speak. This autumn I want to enroll him in a Romanian school and I would also like to enroll my daughter in a kindergarten here", says Anastasiia, who enrolled both her children in the center supported by UNICEF.

The 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 the 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.

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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