



UKRAINE. In July, UNHCR partner Proliska delivered emergency shelter materials to the town of Orikhiv, which has been regularly impacted by shelling and strikes. So far in 2023, 147,917 people have received emergency shelter and housing support from UNHCR and partners.. © UNHCR/Iryna Bystrytka

PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

5,872,700*
refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (1 August)

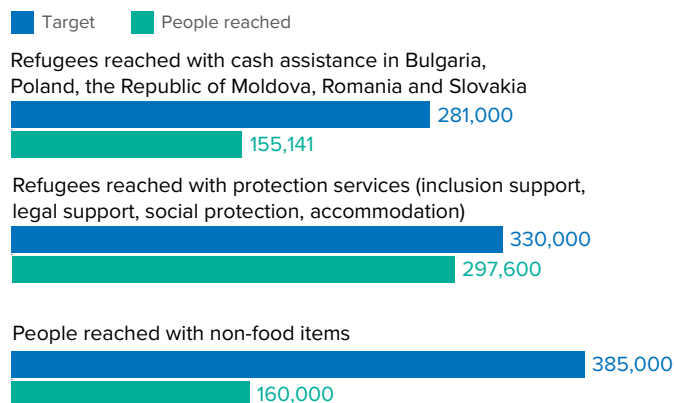
358,300
refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (22 July)

6,231,000
refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (1 August)

5,088,000
Estimated number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine (23 May) (Source: [IOM](#))

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

UNHCR REFUGEE RESPONSE 2023



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Against the backdrop of ongoing missile and drone attacks, UNHCR is delivering rapid life-saving humanitarian assistance to those located along existing frontlines in Ukraine, as well in newly accessible areas of the country. So far in 2023, UNHCR has participated in 424 humanitarian convoys which reached 345,756 individuals across 16 oblasts in Ukraine. Since the start of the full-scale invasion in February 2022, UNHCR joined 1,066 inter-agency convoys, which have reached nearly 900,000 war-affected people across 18 oblasts.
- To find out more about the situation and the response in Ukraine and the region, see [UNHCR's Ukraine Emergency website](#).

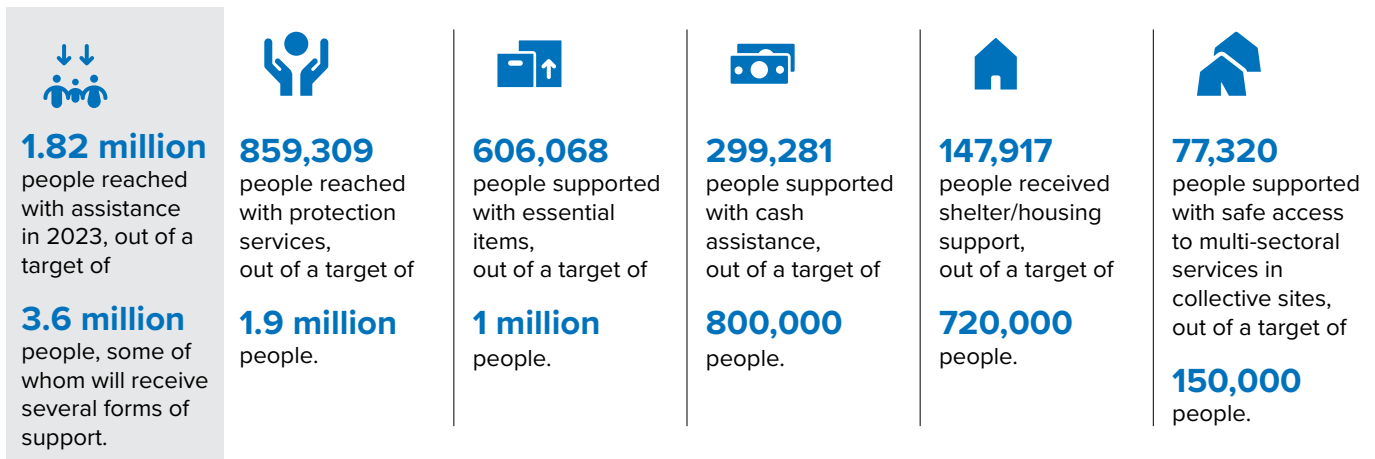
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* Europe corresponds to all Europe sub-regions as identified by Eurovoc (European Union, Thesaurus Eurovoc, Volume 2, Subject-oriented version, Publications Office, 2005), therefore including EU and non-EU countries belonging to Central and Eastern Europe, Northern Europe, Southern Europe, and Western Europe, plus Türkiye.

UKRAINE SITUATION UPDATE

- A wave of missile attacks were observed across multiple cities in Ukraine. On 19 - 20 July, Odesa experienced two [consecutive attacks](#), damaging the infrastructure of the Black Sea civilian port – a crucial lifeline for Ukraine and the global community who depend on grain exports. Further attacks were observed in Mykolaiv city on 21 July, which damaged residential buildings and a nursery, and resulted in at least [two](#) deaths. On 28 July, a missile struck a high-rise in Dnipro, [resulting](#) in 10 casualties. On 30 July, Russian strikes were reported in Sumy, while on 31 July missile attacks [targeted](#) Kherson and Kryvyi Rih, damaging residential buildings and other civilian infrastructure and resulting in multiple deaths and injuries among civilians.
- Between 1 - 31 July 2023, the number of recorded civilian casualties in Ukraine stood at 748, including 143 killed and 605 injured, as [reported](#) by OHCHR; since 24 February 2022, over 26,015 civilian casualties have been recorded, including 9,369 deaths and 16,646 injuries.
- Following the destruction of Kakhovka Dam in June 2023, more than one million people in Ukraine are experiencing severe water shortages. Ukraine’s Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources said some 1.25 million people – including 310,000 children – from the Dnipro, Kherson, Mykolaiv and Zaporizhzhia regions are without stable water supplies, with [700,000](#) people requiring assistance to get safe drinking water.

UNHCR RESPONSE AND TARGETS INSIDE UKRAINE 2023 (AS OF 3 AUGUST 2023)



UNHCR RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Immediate emergency response:** On 19 and 24 July, UNHCR partner Rokada rapidly distributed 175 units of emergency shelter materials and provided psychosocial support to residents affected by drone attacks that damaged 800 households in Chudnivska, Vilshanska and Zhzytomyrska oblasts in the northwest of Ukraine. Following recent attacks on Odesa on 19 and 20 July, UNHCR partner TTA provided emergency assistance, including emergency shelter kits. In Dnipro, UNHCR partner Proliska provided psychosocial support and individual counselling for 66 individuals, as well as building materials for 171 people affected by a missile attack on 28 July. Meanwhile, following a severe storm in Khmelnytska oblast on 25 July, UNHCR through partner Rokada provided tarpaulins to 95 affected families to temporarily cover damaged roofs in Zakupne town.
- **Capacity building:** UNHCR and IOM participated in a training on General Protection Case Management facilitated by Triangle Génération Humanitaire (TGH) Ukraine. The purpose of the training was to examine and review case management processes and its importance in providing support to people at risk.
- **Community-Based Initiatives (CBI):** On 20 July, UNHCR partner Crimea SOS organized a mobilization event for IDP and war-affected children “Do Good – Because You Are Human” in Sumy city, northeast of Ukraine. Through active communication and creative engagement sessions, children shared common interests, learned about teamwork, and took part in psychological counselling sessions.
- **Border monitoring:** On 21 July, UNHCR visited the Porubne and Diakivtsi border crossing points (BCP) on the border between Ukraine and Romania to assess the sites. Following the visit, structures will be installed to provide shade, an information board will be set up, and a prefab installed at Porubne BCP to serve as a waiting area and shelter from the elements for people crossing the border.
- **Cash assistance:** So far in 2023, 357,266 individuals have been reached with cash assistance in Ukraine.

Housing/NFIs

- **Advocacy:** As part of advocacy for expanding social housing stocks and promoting alternatives to collective sites, UNHCR engaged with regional oblast authorities on several issues, including: (1) raising awareness on IDP needs for access to adequate housing solutions; (2) providing technical advice to authorities on housing, land and property rights in Ukraine; (3) mapping potential buildings that could be converted into social housing stocks; and (4) supporting authorities with technical assistance for the conversion/refurbishment of these buildings.
- **Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM):** UNHCR partner R2P held seven trainings for 128 IDPs residing at collective sites in Dnipropetrovska and Zaporizka oblasts, addressing safety issues following explosions and medical first aid.

REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE ACROSS EUROPE (AS OF 1 AUGUST 2023)



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Find more information in the [regular Ukraine country operational updates](#) and on the UNHCR [Ukraine portal](#) page.

REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES AND UPDATES

BLUE DOTS

36

Blue Dots Hubs are operational in:

Bulgaria	5	Moldova	10	Romania	7	Slovenia	1
Hungary	3	Poland	4	Slovakia	6		

156,910

refugees were reached through the Blue Dot Hubs in Bulgaria, Hungary, the Republic of Moldova, Poland and Slovakia so far in 2023.

The [Digital Blue Dot](#) is a regional website that provides localized and up-to-date information about services available in Bulgaria, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. The website provides a map of existing Blue Dot Hubs with information on accommodation, childcare, disability support, education, legal stay, livelihood, medical care, protection services, social assistance, work and other services.

COUNTRY UPDATES

BULGARIA

162,935

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

61,578

refugees have received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners

48,366

refugees have been reached through **5** Blue Dot Hubs

8,827

refugees received cash assistance

46,395

visits to the UNHCR Bulgaria [Help Page](#)

- **Coordination:** The Bulgarian National Statistical Institute endorsed the 2023 Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) methodology in an official communication to UNHCR on 24 July. The data collection for a randomized sample of 1,000 Ukrainian refugee households is taking place countrywide from 22 July - 18 August based on Temporary Protection (TP) registration data.
- **MHPSS:** So far in 2023, over 5,672 refugees from Ukraine were provided with mental health and psychosocial support.
- **Protection:** During a training for MSNA enumerators, UNHCR delivered a presentation on key protection principles and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), while the Bulgarian Association of Social Workers provided sessions on interviewing tips and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS). UNHCR also observed the MSNA surveys in Plovdiv, Sofia and Varna, and shared feedback from inter-agency partners. To date, some 390 surveys have been conducted since data collection began on 22 July.

CZECH REPUBLIC

358,225

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

7,307

refugees from Ukraine have received protection services as of 30 June

20,429

visits to the UNHCR Czech Republic [Help Page](#)

- **Communication and outreach:** UNHCR exchanged with the government about harmonizing online communication channels and information platforms for Ukrainian refugees operated by the state and NGOs. It was agreed that existing mechanisms would be streamlined, while ensuring quality as well as a vetting mechanism for service providers. The need for coordination and complementarity with the NGO's information channels was also highlighted.
- **Coordination:** On 26 July, UNHCR discussed with the National Coordinator for the Adaptation and Integration of Refugees from Ukraine modalities for enhanced cooperation to respond to the needs of refugees. Discussions also focused on the need to further strengthen the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF), co-chaired by both UNHCR and the government.
- **Inclusion:** On 18 July, UNHCR published a call for expression of interest by Refugee-led Organizations (RLOs) for projects focusing on inclusion, resilience, and legal and social assistance to refugees. In total, up to 12 RLO proposals will be supported with up to USD 4,000 each.

HUNGARY

49,375

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

14,446

refugees have received protection and legal support by UNHCR and partners

13,299

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

37,112

visits to the UNHCR Hungary [Help Page](#)

- **Education:** UNHCR and the Education Sub-Working Group have begun the rollout of the 'Back to School' [campaign](#) about school enrolment and access to information and services. Through in-person and online trainings, social media channels as well as info sessions, the campaign targets refugee parents and local entities providing assistance. So far, three online sessions have reached 28 frontline staff across eight organizations, including refugee-led organizations and community-based organizations.
- **GBV:** UNHCR partner Hungarian Interchurch Aid has launched their Crisis Ambulance team, consisting of two social experts, one psychologist and an interpreter. The team will deliver case management and psychological services mainly for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV).
- **Protection:** So far this year, UNHCR and IOM provided 8,156 refugees with access to information, legal assistance, and various social services at the Budapest Helps! Community Center. Most requests for information were related to financial aid & assistance, education, and registration/documentation.
- **Shelter:** On 24 July, the government adopted new legislation regarding subsidies for accommodation facilities hosting refugees from Ukraine, which include new provisions on subsidies for employers of refugees. The new provisions indicate a gradual reduction in state-designated accommodation, while incentivizing employment of TP holders and the accommodation of TP holders by employers. UNHCR is clarifying the new legislation and its implementation with relevant government bodies, while examining the compatibility of the new rules with the TP Directive.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Hungary data portal](#)

POLAND

968,390

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

29,896

people were provided with protection support over the phone

44,768

people were counselled at the **4** Blue Dot Hubs and **7** Community Centres

18,972

refugees received cash assistance

332,768

visits to the UNHCR Poland [Help Page](#)

- **Inclusion:** In order to support access to employment, regional authorities in Mazovia and UNHCR have identified several vulnerable Ukrainian refugees seeking employment living at Ptak collective centre. Several among them have participated in a facilitated job recruitment process with UNIQLO, in partnership with UNHCR; of whom three have been employed by UNIQLO.
- **Legal Counselling:** From January until mid-July 2023, 12,076 refugees from Ukraine benefited from legal counselling offered by UNHCR's legal partners Association for Legal Intervention (SIP), Halina Nieć Legal Aid Centre and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). Main queries related to residency and documentation, social benefits, and employment.
- **Mobile Outreach:** During the reporting period, UNHCR and partners conducted visits through mobile multifunctional outreach teams in Masovian, Dolnośląskie, Małopolskie, Lubelskie and Podkarpackie regions, benefitting 785 refugees. The visits aimed at support vulnerable refugees unable to access UNHCR Community Centres, Blue Dot Hubs or cash enrolment centres. Refugees with specific protection needs were identified and referred to specialized services. Social and psychological counselling was provided, as well as information on available services, including enrolment in cash assistance. Main concerns raised include financial support, accommodation, access to employment and medical support.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Poland data portal](#)

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

116,835

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

43,572

refugees received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners

9,191

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

77,999

refugees received cash assistance

197,629

visits to the UNHCR Moldova [Help Page](#)

- **Accommodation:** In mid-July, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection (MLSP) presented the Refugee Accommodation Centre (RAC) Consolidation Strategy to the Basic Needs Working Group. In 2023 alone, some 20 RACs will be closing, each with a two-month notification period. To ensure a smooth transition, UNHCR is coordinating protection monitoring in the Protection Working Group (PWG) to establish adequate referral mechanisms and protection case management structures.
- **Child protection:** Between 24 – 27 July, UNHCR's implementing partner CNPAC organized the first series of workshops for RAC managers, local authorities, and civil society leaders on child protection and prevention of child abuse. The workshops took place across three regions, and are part of a larger capacity building initiative for RAC managers. Two additional workshops will follow during the year.
- **GBV:** On 24 July, the GBV Sub-Working Group, co-chaired by UNHCR and UNFPA, organized an online training on intimate partner violence, referring to the [Mandatory Reporting is Not Neutral project](#). In total, 42 participants attended, including from the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and Chisinau Municipality, as well as local and international NGOs. The project seeks to inform communities on harm reduction practices and change mindsets that lead to violence and abuse by strengthening accountability.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Moldova portal page](#)

ROMANIA

95,035

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

55,532

refugees received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners

39,398

refugees received cash assistance

1,015

refugees have been provided with psychosocial support and psychological first aid

46,511

visits to the UNHCR Romania [Help Page](#)

- **Cash:** UNHCR continues enrolling refugees for the new 'cash for protection' programme, with 49 families enrolled at UNHCR's centre in Suceava, and another 29 families received counselling and information on UNHCR's services and assistance; since 3 July, UNHCR has enrolled 4,333 refugees (1,430 households) across Romania in the new programme.
- **Inclusion:** So far in 2023, 610 refugees have been provided with career counselling by UNHCR partners, and an additional 582 refugees have been supported with information provision at RomExpo, Bucharest. So far in 2023, 427 refugees have been enrolled in language courses by partners AFF and HEKS EPER, and 90 refugees have received vocational training. 152 refugees have gained employment through direct assistance from UNHCR and partners.
- **Counselling:** So far in 2023, UNHCR and partners provided over 55,532 refugees with protection and counselling services in person, including 12,530 via telephone hotline.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Romania data portal](#)

SLOVAKIA

105,600

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

21,559

refugees received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners as of 27 March

41,102

people been assisted at **6** Blue Dots

9,945

refugees received cash assistance

126,167

visits to the UNHCR [HELP Page](#)

- **Blue Dots:** On 1 August, UNHCR launched a Blue Dot hub in Trenčín region (northwest Slovakia), in collaboration with partners Mareena and Legal Aid Centre.
- **Coordination:** On 18 July, UNHCR discussed with the Ministry of Education (MoE), UNICEF and the Research Institute of Child Psychology violence prevention in schools; the situation of unaccompanied children accommodated in university dormitories; and inclusion of children with disabilities in the national education system. The aim of the meeting was to strengthen cooperation, with a joint workshop planned on the topic of prevention of violence ahead of the new school year.
- **Education:** On 20 July, UNHCR received a request from the MoE for support with data collection on Ukrainian families to enrol their children for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. UNHCR will collect the data through an online form, which will be connected to the registration for cash for education.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Slovakia data portal](#).

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS:

- As of 1 May, **27,675 refugees** from Ukraine have been recorded in Belarus.
- **Coordination:** On 26 July, UNHCR and UNICEF discussed a joint Work Plan under the Strategic Collaboration Framework. The cooperation will focus on inclusion, child protection, statelessness, and data sharing.
- **Counselling:** So far in 2023, 2,223 individuals received protection services, counselling and legal support.
- **Food and non-food items:** So far in 2023, UNHCR and partners assisted over 1,572 refugees from Ukraine with food items, and 594 refugees with non-food items.

ESTONIA:

- **Border monitoring:** UNHCR and Estonia's Police and Border Guard are finalizing a cooperation agreement that will facilitate monitoring of access to territory and asylum by UNHCR and partners. The process is expected to be confirmed later in August.
- **Counselling:** As of end-July, nearly 800 refugees from Ukraine received legal assistance from UNHCR and partners, including advice in-person, by telephone and e-mail.

GEORGIA:

- **Health:** UNHCR and partner World Vision, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Ajara, organized an information session with health service providers focusing on access to health services such as emergency medical assistance, primary health services, and planned surgical interventions. Additionally, modalities for improved information exchange were explored during the meeting.
- **Protection:** On 27 July, UNHCR issued its [Mid-year Protection Monitoring Report](#) featuring priority areas in the Ukraine refugee response over the first six months in 2023, namely access to territory and asylum, accommodation and basic needs, education, access to documentation, access to healthcare, access to social assistance, employment, legal assistance and information needs. The report is based on various sources, such as community meetings, focus group discussions, border monitoring and surveys and aims to provide an update about current trends, as well as give an insight into any existing challenges and refugee needs.

LATVIA:

- **Protection:** During July, UNHCR and partner GPB conducted 75 protection monitoring interviews among refugees from Ukraine. While 36% of respondents declared not having any urgent needs, 15% cited accommodation and 14% employment as the most pressing need.
- **Reception:** On 20 July, UNHCR and partner GPB took part in a discussion focusing on reception of Ukrainian refugees in Latvia. The event was attended by more than 40 individuals from 12 municipalities, eight state institutions, four NGOs and two international organisations. The event aimed to establish a 'one-stop shop' for Ukrainian refugees in Latvia's capital Riga, a unique model where municipal, state and non-governmental organizations could provide support, including via the information centre run by GPB.

LITHUANIA:

- **Coordination:** On 18 July, UNHCR participated in a working group led by the Ministry of Social Security and Labour (MSSL) for developing guidelines for frontline workers to identify signs of trauma and refer refugees to MHPSS services. Participants agreed to develop brochures on available psychosocial services, and prepare online trainings, focusing on identifying trauma and referrals to appropriate services.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION:

- **Counselling:** So far in 2023, 11,554 refugees from Ukraine have been counselled in person by UNHCR and partners in urban areas, while 8,172 have been counselled in the border regions of Voronezh, Kursk, Rostov-on-Don and Belgorod. Over 36,081 refugees have been counselled via the hotline by UNHCR and partners.
- **MHPSS:** So far in 2023, 17,284 refugees have received psychosocial support through partners in the Russian Federation.

COORDINATION

UKRAINE

In Ukraine, UNHCR leads three Clusters, namely Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Protection, and Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI). The CCCM Cluster was activated in March 2022 and coordinates eleven UN and NGO partners across three hubs, with the aim of supporting 400,000 people in collective sites in 2023. The Protection Cluster consists of 136 partners, including sub-clusters (57 partners under General Protection) and operates through five coordination hubs to reach an anticipated 7 million people in 2023. The Shelter and NFI Cluster coordinates 97 active partners across five coordination hubs, targeting 3.3 million people in 2023 with NFI kits, emergency shelter and housing repairs. UNHCR also co-chairs the Protection Strategy Working Group under the Humanitarian Country Team, 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.

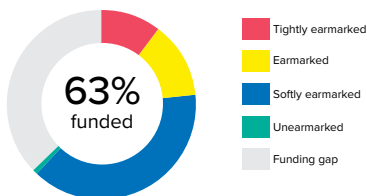
REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

The 2023 RRP aims to ensure refugees' access to protection and assistance on a non-discriminatory basis, with a particular focus on refugees at risk of becoming vulnerable. The 2023 plan places an emphasis on refugees' socioeconomic inclusion, in recognition of the challenges faced by refugees due to their prolonged displacement. Support is foreseen to institutions, services and facilities used both by refugees and members of host communities, which remain crucial for promoting solidarity and social cohesion between refugee and host communities. Inter-agency Refugee Coordination Forums led by UNHCR, as well as specific sectoral groups, will continue working at country level in Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, and Slovakia to support the efforts of the concerned governments.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

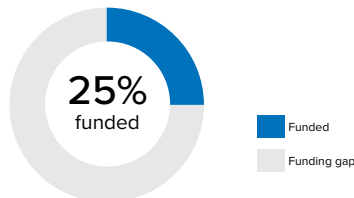
UNHCR UKRAINE SITUATION FINANCIAL UPDATE

US\$ 1.1 billion required



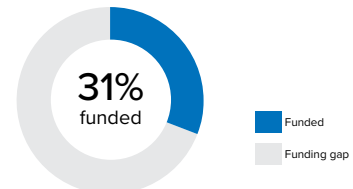
INTER-AGENCY FINANCIAL UPDATES

US\$ 1.68 billion required (as of 4 August 2023)



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

US\$ 3.95 billion required (as of 4 August 2023)



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

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