

Cash Based Interventions (CBI)

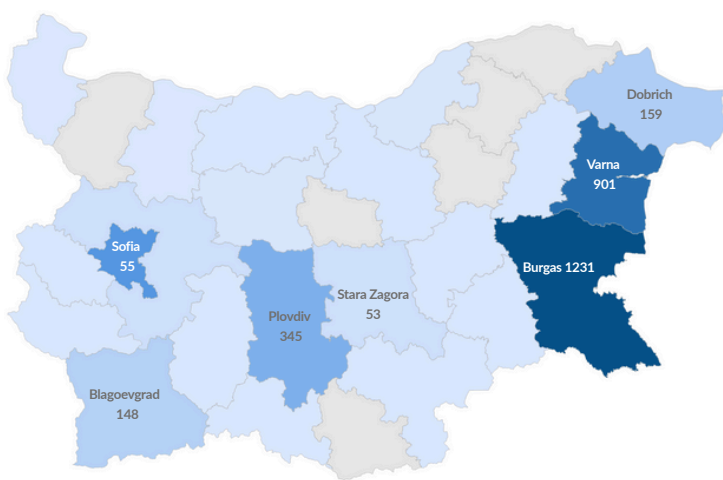
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UNHCR provides cash transfers in order to provide support, assistance, and services to the most vulnerable and displaced people, supporting protection solutions. CBI enables beneficiaries to prioritize and select their own needs in a dignified manner.

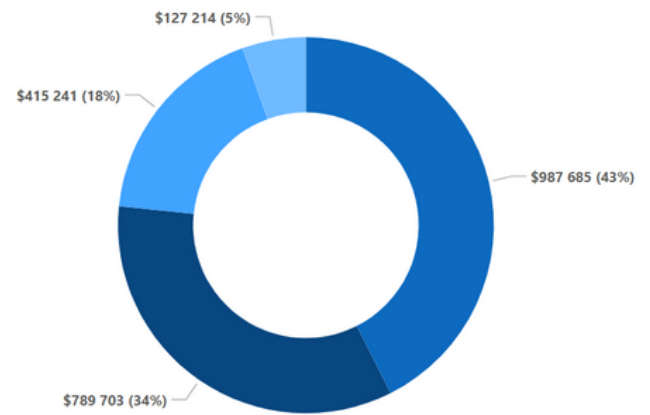
In Bulgaria, UNHCR's Cash-Based Interventions are targeted towards refugee households at risk, including those with elevated dependency ratios, disabilities, significant medical conditions, single parents and senior citizens.

In 2024, UNHCR implemented Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) and Winterization Programmes in Bulgaria to support basic needs, along with cash grants for Primary and Higher Education to encourage school enrollment and academic continuity.

CASH ASSISTANCE RECEIVED BY REGION (HOUSEHOLDS)



AMOUNT OF CASH BY PROGRAMME



● Winterisation ● Multipurpose Cash Assistance ● Primary Education ● Higher Education Grant

In 2024, UNHCR's cash-based interventions in Bulgaria supported refugees from Ukraine who fled after February 24, 2022, and people with International Protection status, with the total amount of **2,4 million USD**. The programmes reached over 4,200 households, benefiting more than 9,100 individuals, with a focus on those with high dependency ratios, specific protection needs, and older people.

Eligible households received a one-time cash transfer of 900 BGN (500 USD), consisting of 400 BGN (222 USD) for basic needs and 500 BGN (278 USD) for winterization support. Additionally, families with school-aged children received educational support of 300 BGN (167 USD) per child, while university students were provided with 3,000 BGN (1,667 USD) to cover tuition fees and educational materials.*

To assess the impact of the cash assistance, a Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) survey was conducted in January 2025. Findings revealed that 98% of beneficiary households preferred cash as their primary form of assistance, with 71% reporting improved living conditions and 74% experiencing reduced stress levels.

*The USD equivalent as of 15 October 2024.



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