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UNHCR Operational Update

14 August 2026

Following a Russian attack in Zaporizhzhia on 19 July, UNHCR and local NGO partners provided affected families with shelter repair materials, legal counselling and psychosocial support. © Proliska

KEY FIGURES:

1.25 million
multi-sectorial services delivered to people in need in 2025*** *(in addition to 1.7M in 2024, 4.3M in 2022 & 2.6M in 2023)*

10.8 million
people in need of humanitarian assistance and protection in 2026 *(source: 2026 HNRP)*

3.6 million
people prioritised (from 4.1M) for humanitarian assistance in the *2026 HNRP*

2.1 million
multi-sectorial services UNHCR aims to provide to internally displaced, returnees, and war-affected people in 2026***

****People may receive multiple forms of assistance and services.*

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT & HIGHLIGHTS:

- **The Russian Federation has continued to carry out massive attacks across Ukraine, including repeated large-scale attacks on Kyiv**. The increasing use of ballistic missiles and other long-range weapons in populated areas is contributing to rising civilian casualties and widespread damage to civilian homes and infrastructure. According to the UN HRMMU, at least 437 civilians were killed and 2,610 injured in Ukraine in July 2026, a 30% increase compared to June 2026, and a 70% increase compared to July 2025. The number of those killed and injured is the highest recorded since March 2022, while the number of those killed is the highest since May 2022. August 2026 has already started with more Russian attacks which have killed and injured civilians.
- Overnight on 31 July-1 August, **a Russian attack destroyed the warehouse and office of UNHCR's local NGO partner Proliska in Pavlohrad, Dnipropetrovska oblast**, impacting stocks of humanitarian supplies and emergency shelter materials. Fortunately, no staff members were injured.
- **The humanitarian community launched the inter-agency 2026-2027 Winter Response Plan** in July. As part of the inter-agency response, and as millions of people in Ukraine brace themselves for the fifth winter since the Russian full-scale invasion, **UNHCR plans to deliver critical assistance to help war-affected people stay safe and warm in their homes**. UNHCR's winter assistance will complement the response by the Government of Ukraine and will be delivered in close coordination with partners, prioritizing war-affected people with specific vulnerabilities. See UNHCR's winter response plan here.
- In the fifth year since the start of the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine, and more than 12 years since the war began, **UNHCR's programme in Ukraine increasingly aims to help war-affected people and communities to recover, and displaced people to find durable solutions**, particularly through housing and strategic protection advocacy.

2026 RESPONSE in NUMBERS*:

(Delivered with partners from **1 January–31 July 2026**)

572,417 Muti-sectoral services delivered to people in need in 2026

Protection	325,474	Received protection services and support — 0.96M Targeted
Shelter/Housing	117,253	Received emergency shelter and housing support — 0.33M Targeted
Cash Assistance	104,909	Supported with cash assistance** — 0.65M Targeted
Essential Items	24,781	Reached with essential items — 0.18M Targeted

* The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements

**Figures may be adjusted as they are subject to reconciliation and verification

Sources: UNHCR Ukraine Partner Reporting Portal (ActivityInfo);
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**All sectorial achievements/targets refer to individuals.
All reached figures are subject to data cleaning and verification.
Retro-active corrections may occur.**

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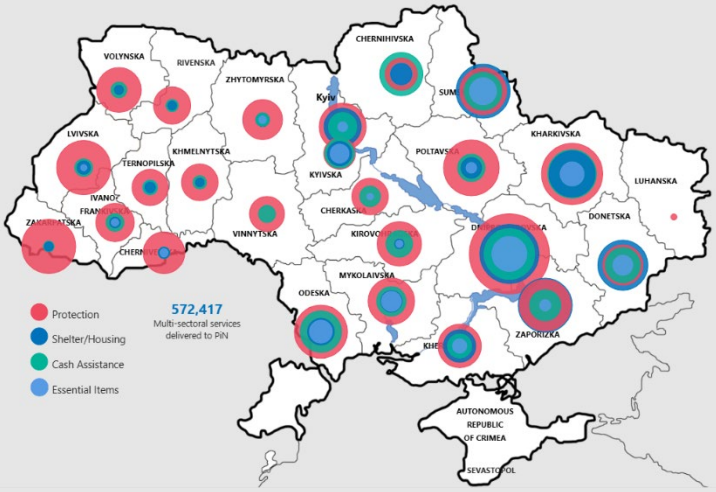
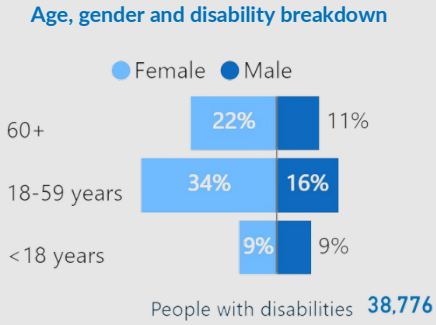
In alignment with the humanitarian inter-agency and cluster reporting systems, UNHCR and partners will continue to publish narrative and response figures on a monthly basis.

RESPONSE AT A GLANCE (Delivered with partners from 1 January-31 July 2026)





Emergency Response

- **Emergency response to attacks:** Complementing the work of first responders, UNHCR's local NGO partners provide critical emergency shelter materials to people affected by Russian aerial attacks to quickly protect their damaged homes. UNHCR and partners also provide psychosocial support, legal assistance, for example to restore lost documents or apply for state compensation, and cash assistance or essential items to help cover immediate needs. Kyiv city was again the focus of combined missile and drone attacks, with an increased use of ballistic missiles. In Kyiv city and oblast, UNHCR partners provided 1,400 affected families with emergency shelter materials, 342 legal consultations and 466 psychological consultations during July. Overall, in July UNHCR and NGO partners delivered emergency shelter materials to **18,462 people (9,855 families)** across Ukraine. The largest numbers of people assisted in July were in Sumska, Zaporizka, Donetska, Kyivska and Dnipropetrovska oblasts. So far in 2026, **98,348 people (54,905 families)** received emergency shelter assistance – **60.1% are women and girls, and 41% are older people over the age of 60**. In addition, UNHCR has provided emergency shelter assistance to **720** damaged facilities so far this year, including medical facilities, schools, and administrative or heritage buildings, allowing them to remain operational while more durable repairs can take place.
- **Evacuations and response**: UNHCR and partners continue to respond to people forcibly displaced and evacuated from frontline regions. From January-July 2026, almost 93,000 evacuees, including around 6,000 people with a disability, have passed through UNHCR-supported transit centres (TCs), though the actual number of people displaced is substantially higher, as many flee without seeking support at TCs. **July saw the highest number of arrivals at TCs so far this year**, with around **20,400 IDPs** passing through TCs – **50% were women and girls, and 36% older people above the age of 60.** This represents an increase from the previous month (15,800 in June) and is almost double the average of around 11,000 IDPs arriving per month from January-May. In July, the majority of IDPs were displaced from Dnipropetrovska and Donetska oblasts, with most passing through the Pavlohrad, Lozova, and Kharkiv TCs. UNHCR and NGO partners are supporting IDPs with essential items, emergency shelter materials, cash assistance, and legal and psychosocial support.
- **Support to frontline communities**: On 29 July, UNHCR joined a UN inter-agency convoy to the village of Vyshchetarasivka in Dnipropetrovska oblast, delivering 240 solar lamps to support residents living close to the frontline. UNHCR also provided information leaflets, helping people access guidance on available assistance and evacuation procedures.
- **Bomb shelters:** UNHCR is considering supporting the construction of mobile bomb shelters in affected urban areas, where drone attacks are increasing exponentially, as a life-saving intervention to protect people and help prevent the risk of (further) displacement.

Eduard in his neighbourhood in Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovska oblast. © UNHCR/Yaroslava Dubrovska

UNHCR helps protect people's homes with emergency shelter support after attacks

Residents of Kryvyi Rih — a major industrial city in Dnipropetrovksa oblast — face ongoing insecurity and repeated damage to homes. Eduard Vashchenko, 57, lives there with his family, in a city where air raids and explosions have become part of daily life. He shares an apartment with his wife, daughter, and two-year-old grandson. He also takes care of his 85-year-old mother, who lives nearby. One of the most severe strikes hit during winter just 20 metres from their building, shattering windows, damaging the balcony and walls, and sending missile fragments into their apartment. "My wife is traumatized after the third strike and still does not want to return to the apartment," Eduard says. His mother's building was also significantly damaged. Emergency tarpaulin and plastic sheeting provided by UNHCR's NGO partner Proliska were a vital temporary solution, helping residents cover shattered roofs and windows before more permanent repairs could begin. Read more here.

Ukraine: a country that welcomes refugees and one whose people need protection themselves

As the Refugee Convention marks its 75th year, Ukraine's experience reflects both sides of displacement — hosting refugees from around the world while millions of Ukrainians seek safety from the full-scale war abroad. When Abbas arrived in Ukraine 30 years ago, fleeing persecution in Iran, he had only a toothbrush, a razor and a few photos in his bag. Now, he is a citizen of the country that granted him protection and became his second home. After sleepless nights during massive aerial attacks in Kyiv, Abbas wakes up in the morning with purpose – to help people affected by the full-scale war and displacement through his work with Rokada, UNHCR's local NGO partner. "I love this country very much. This is my family, and I do not want to leave, even if the situation is very difficult. I am staying and trying to do everything I can to help people, because as a refugee from Iran I know what displacement is," Abbas said. Read more here.

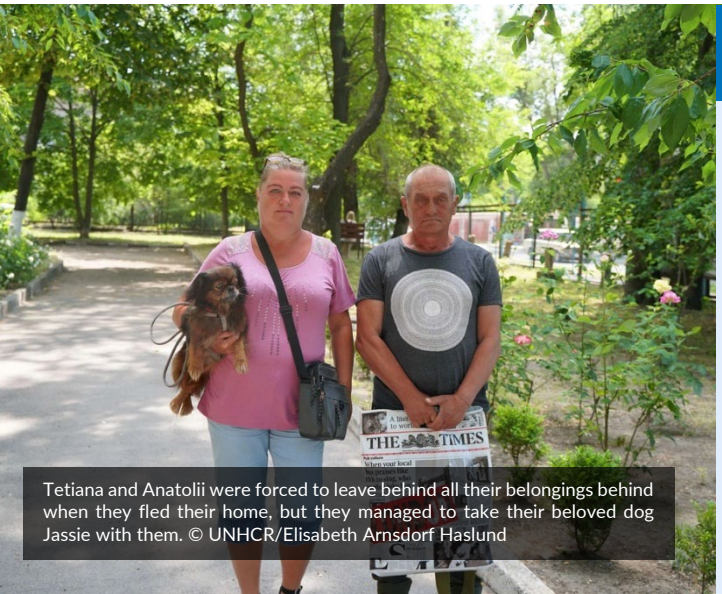
Abbas arrived in Ukraine 30 years ago, fleeing persecution in Iran. He now works with UNHCR's local NGO partner Rokada. © UNHCR/Iryna Tymchyshyn

Protection

- **New protection survey:** On 14 August, UNHCR and the Office of the Ombudsman of Ukraine presented the results of the third protection survey which analyses data from more than 13,000 interviews with IDPs, returnees, and other war-affected populations collected between April 2025 and April 2026 (58% of respondents are female and 42% male, and nearly half reported a vulnerability or a specific need). The findings highlight the far-reaching impact forced displacement and the broader consequences of the war have on people's access to rights and essential services, affecting multiple aspects of their lives. The report also contains a number of recommendations for the Government of Ukraine in the field of improving access to services and the realization of the rights of IDPs and people affected by war. Read the Ukraine Protection Survey #3 here.
- **Intentions and perspectives of refugees from Ukraine**: A new UNHCR report, *"Lives on hold: Intentions and Perspectives of Refugees from Ukraine #7"* was published on 13 July presenting findings from 4,375 interviews with refugee households across Europe, conducted between December 2025 and January 2026. Overall, findings indicate that uncertainty around the evolution of the war weighs on refugees' return aspirations, with 49% of refugees still hoping or planning to return in the future, down from 61% in 2024. Yet a majority would return if the war ended and territorial integrity is restored. Read the "Lives on Hold" report here.

Cash Assistance

- From January-July, **UNHCR delivered cash assistance to 104,909 war-affected people (64% are women and girls, and 39% older people)**, totalling over **$28.3 million**.
- Through the Unified Cash transfer (UCT) approach adopted in April, and in alignment with the four strategic priorities set out in the 2026 HNRP, UNHCR continues to assist vulnerable IDPs, returnees and other vulnerable war-affected people with cash assistance to enable them to meet their basic needs. UNHCR's primary operational focus remains on supporting households affected by evacuation or new displacement (UCT2) and individuals impacted by strikes (UCT3). In July, UNHCR's cash assistance remained highly shock responsive. Around **69%** of individuals assisted received emergency cash following evacuation or new displacement (UCT2), while around **22%** received the cash after being affected by strikes (UCT3). The remaining were assisted through other cash interventions based on assessed needs.
- **Post distribution monitoring (PDM)**: Findings from a new PDM report confirm that UNHCR's regular and emergency cash assistance continues to have a meaningful impact for vulnerable households and remains highly relevant in addressing immediate humanitarian needs. An overwhelming 98% of respondents expressed a preference for cash assistance, either as a standalone modality or in combination with in-kind support, reinforcing the relevance of cash-based interventions in Ukraine. Read the PDM report here.



Tetiana and Anatolii were forced to leave behind all their belongings behind when they fled their home, but they managed to take their beloved dog Jassie with them. © UNHCR/Elisabeth Arnsdorf Haslund

Emergency cash provides lifeline for people who have fled frontline areas, leaving all behind

Tetiana and her husband Anatolii lived in the village of Liubymivka in Zaporizka oblast under the constant threat from Russian attacks. "It was really scary. Our village is maybe 10-15 km from the frontline, and we tried to get used to it, tried to continue our lives. It became very difficult when they began using glided bombs," explains Tetiana. The couple clung on to home, built by Anatolii, until March 2026 when their house was struck in an attack. "We had to flee, and we left with the clothes we had on," Tetiana recalls. The couple fled to Zaporizhzhia city, where attacks are also regular, but where they feel safer than in their home village. They received emergency cash assistance from UNHCR though its NGO partner Right to Protection – essential support provided to newly displaced people who flee from frontline areas as well as families whose homes are directly impacted by aerial strikes. "This cash support helps us a lot. We were able to buy some clothing, as we came with nothing, and we can cover the rent and utilities bills for now." Read more here.

Alina stands outside her family's repaired home in Tsyrkuny, Kharkivska oblast. © UNHCR/Alina Kovalenko

UNHCR's local NGO partner Angels of Salvation supported repair works on Alina's family home. © UNHCR/Alina Kovalenko

UNHCR has repaired over 60,000 war-damaged homes in Ukraine, helping families return and rebuild their lives

In close coordination with the Ukrainian authorities and together with partners, UNHCR continues to undertake durable house repairs of war-damaged homes – a key enabler for families and communities to begin their path towards recovery.

With the Russian full-scale invasion well into its fifth year, UNHCR and local NGO partners have recently reached a key milestone: 60,684 homes damaged by the war have been repaired since the launch of this programme in July 2022, enabling families to return to or remain in their communities.

For families like Alina's, who live in frontline and border regions, making urgent repairs to war-damaged homes is essential to help rebuild their lives. Alina returned to her family home in Tsyrkuny, Kharkivksa oblast, despite continued shelling and insecurity. UNHCR's NGO partner Angels of Salvation visited the home to assess the damages and provided the family with building materials to help restore their home.

"All our family and my husband are very glad that the house is being repaired, and the roof is not leaking anymore. They repaired the corridor, installed a new door and window. No matter how hard and scary, there is nothing better than being home," Alina said.

Working with authorities and partners, UNHCR provides targeted repair assistance, materials or cash to restore war-damaged homes. The programme complements the Government of Ukraine's compensation scheme by supporting vulnerable families whose repair needs remain unmet.

Watch Alina share her story here, and see UNHCR's latest Emergency Shelter and Housing Assistance Factsheet here for more information on UNHCR's response in Ukraine.

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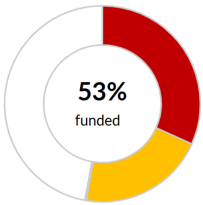

$470.0 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2026

- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)

UNHCR is grateful for the support from our top government donors and for the generous contributions from individuals and the private sector. Given the immense humanitarian needs, UNHCR continues to seek support to deliver assistance inside Ukraine. For more information, see the UNHCR Ukraine Situation Appeal 2026 and the UNHCR Ukraine 2026 Programme Summary.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Visit Ukraine's **Operational Data Portal** for more information products here.
- **Ukraine Protection Cluster Response Dashboard** can be found here.
- **Ukraine Protection Cluster Transit Centres Tracker** here.
- **Shelter Cluster Response Dashboard** here.

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