



UKRAINE SITUATION FLASH UPDATE #38

16 January 2023

PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

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

7,968,510

Individual refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe (10 Jan)

4,928,311

Refugees from Ukraine registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe (10 Jan)

5,914,000

Estimated number of IDPs in Ukraine (as of 5 December)
Link : [Internal Displacement Report](#)

UNHCR RESPONSE 2022*

476,000

People have received cash assistance in Bulgaria, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia

185,600

Refugees were supported through Blue Dot Hubs in Bulgaria, Hungary, Moldova, Poland and Slovakia

273,000

Refugees from Ukraine received protection support (integration, legal support, social protection, accommodation, awareness raising sessions)

*All figures are indicative pending end-year reconciliations.

Poland. First Christmas in exile for refugees from Ukraine, 16 December 2022
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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

During the holiday season, UNHCR and partners have observed fluctuating pendular movements to and from Ukraine and hosting countries. While a slight increase in refugee arrivals was reported in some neighbouring countries due to the recurrent electricity cuts and harsh winter conditions, no significant increase have been reported. Host governments and UNHCR operations in the region continue responding to the needs of new arrivals.

On 14 January, a missile strike hit an apartment building in Dnipro in Ukraine, killing at least 35 people and injuring at least 75, including children, according to public sources. Dozens remain missing or trapped under the rubble at the time of writing. Responding immediately after the attack, UNHCR and partner Pro-liska assisted over 520 people.

UNHCR's Recommendations for the Swedish and Spanish Presidencies of the Council of the European Union (EU)



The UNHCR [recommendations](#) for the 2023 Swedish and Spanish EU Presidencies were issued on 11 January. Building on the many lessons and good practices that were generated by the activation of the Temporary Protection Directive, the recommendations put forth that the response to Ukraine should not be an exception but a blueprint for a future functioning system based on solidarity and responsibility sharing.

UKRAINE SITUATION UPDATE

- After the missile strike in Dnipro on 14 January, UNHCR and partner Proliska provided over 1,600 essential non-food items to the 520 people assisted. UNHCR also handed out 225 sheets of tarpaulin and transported 53 survivors to temporary accommodations in collective sites. Proliska's team of psychologists assisted over 90 survivors with first psychological aid.
- Despite the announced ceasefire of 36 hours on 6-7 January on the occasion of the Orthodox Christmas, fighting continued along the frontlines and attacks on residential areas continued.
- [Mine incidents](#) have increasingly been reported in Kharkivska, Khersonska, and Mykolaivska oblasts. The State Emergency Service of Ukraine presented an [interactive map](#) of mine hazard areas in the country.

UNHCR RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS - UKRAINE

- In 2022, UNHCR and partners supported **4 million** people with protection, emergency shelter and housing, essential items, and cash assistance in Ukraine.
- UNHCR winterization response has reached nearly **1.4 million people**, exceeding the target of 919,300 people by 150 per cent. This includes people assisted with winter cash, NFIs and shelter support, by the end of 2022.
- In response to the large-scale destruction of the energy infrastructure, generators for heating points remain a priority for oblast authorities, and distribution has been ongoing. UNHCR has so far distributed **81 generators** to 19 oblast authorities for locations such as heating points and medical facilities.
- In support to the efforts by local communities to repair homes, UNHCR has so far helped repair over 2,710 houses where close to 8,140 people live. For those unable to return home, UNHCR has worked with local authorities to refurbish over 7,750 sleeping spaces in collective sites.
- **Over 1.1 million people** were reached with protection activities, such as counselling, psychosocial support, referrals and community centres. A network of 300 trained outreach facilitators has been supporting people and isolated communities in need.
- **493,908** people have received assistance through **605** humanitarian convoys delivered to hard-hit areas.
- Find more information in the [regular Ukraine country operational updates](#) and on the UNHCR [Ukraine data portal](#) page

KEY RESPONSE AND TARGET FIGURES (as of end 2022)*



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REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES* AND UPDATES

- The UNHCR response in 2022 in refugee-hosting countries initially focused on ensuring access to territory, providing adequate reception, including food, and meeting refugee's basic needs. Over time, it has shifted from an emergency response to a longer term response, supporting governments in fostering the inclusion of refugees into national systems.
- In 2022 UNHCR supported some **500,000 refugees** across the region with information on accessing their rights, such as education, healthcare, assistance for specific needs, accommodation, livelihoods, and avenues towards solutions. Given that the vast majority of refugees are women and children, UNHCR's priority was to identify, mitigate and respond to child protection issues, sexual exploitation and abuse, and gender-based violence, in addition to providing mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and support to persons with specific needs. Some **476,000 refugees** received multi-purpose and protection-specific cash assistance in neighbouring countries in 2022. Out of which, some 120,000 were recipients of winter cash assistance.
- Moreover, UNHCR in Bulgaria, Hungary, Moldova, Poland and Romania provided over **315,000 essential winter-related relief items** in 2022, including thermal blankets, mattresses, clothes, and other items.

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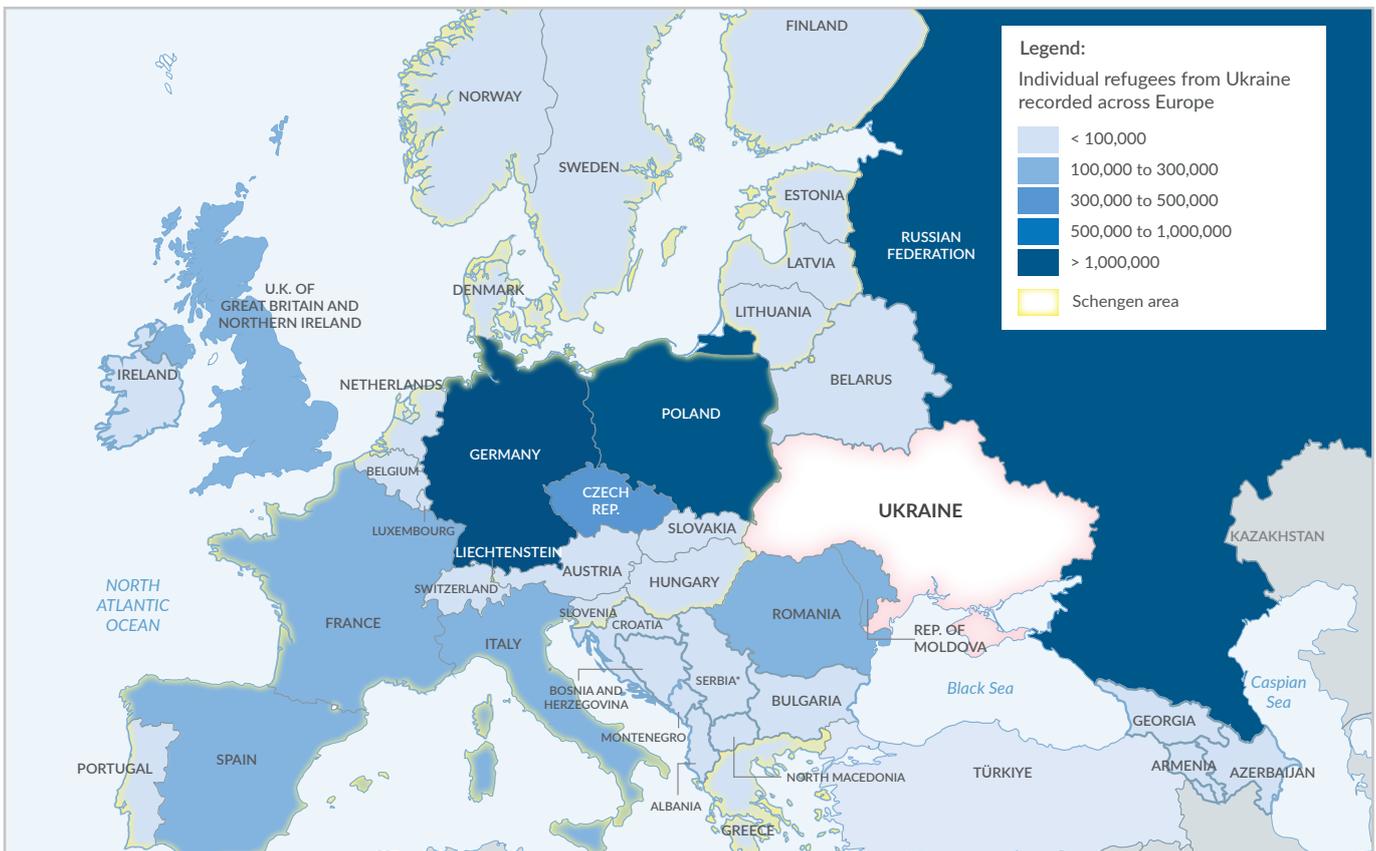
Blue Dots

39 Blue Dots have been established by UNHCR and UNICEF in :

Bulgaria	6	Moldova	9	Slovakia	3
Hungary	4	Poland	6	Slovenia	1
Italy	2	Romania	8		

The [Digital Blue Dot Hub](#) is a regional website that provides localised and up-to-date information about services, a map of existing Blue Dot Hubs, information on accommodation, childcare, disability support, education, legal stay, livelihood, medical care, protection services, social assistance, work and other services.

Refugees from Ukraine across Europe (as of 10 January 2023)



Disclaimer: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. *Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]) Source: UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe

COUNTRY UPDATES

BULGARIA

150,510

refugees have registered for temporary protection

UNHCR RESPONSE IN 2022

51,854

refugees were provided with protection support by UNHCR and partners

52,400

refugees were supported through **6** Blue Dot Hubs

5,060

people have received cash assistance

- In 2022, UNHCR distributed over 21,000 non-food items (NFIs) for refugees from Ukraine, including nearly 15,000 winterization items.
- Over the course of the year, UNHCR and partners maintained various channels to promote socio-economic inclusion, such as collaboration with municipalities, public recognition of local refugee employers through awards, and a series of marketplaces for refugees to showcase and sell their products.
- UNHCR launched the Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment in mid-December to profile demographics and intentions of refugees from Ukraine and assess their priority needs, particularly during the winter period. So far, preliminary findings indicate that access to food, health and NFIs are priority needs, as well as information and counselling on rights and access to services, in particular specific needs. Socio-economic integration needs were also highlighted.

CZECH REPUBLIC

477,614

refugees have registered for temporary protection

UNHCR RESPONSE IN 2022

33,272

visits to the UNHCR Czech Republic Help Page

- To date, UNHCR partners have provided **2,877 people** with psycho-social support and psychological first aid.
- **1,350 people** were provided with various type of assistance, including legal counselling and integration services by partner OPU. Services are provided in offices, accommodation, reception centres, and in community centres.

HUNGARY

33,446

refugees have registered for temporary protection

UNHCR RESPONSE IN 2022

50,000

people received protection and legal support by UNHCR and partners

13,000

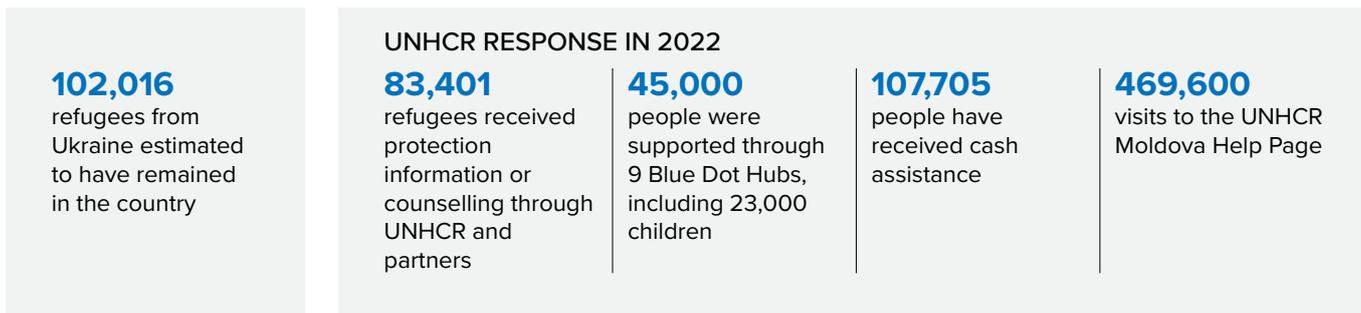
people were supported through **4** Blue Dot Hubs

107,283

visits to the UNHCR Hungary Help Page

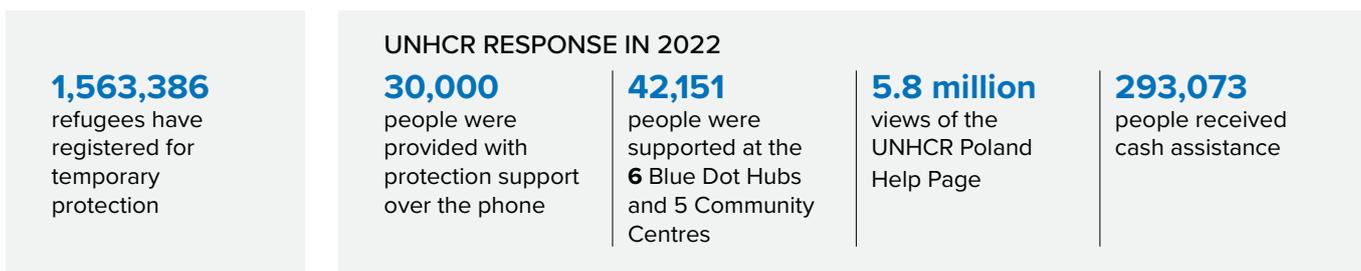
- In 2022, nearly **9,000 individuals** received winter-related NFIs, such as quilts and winter clothes. Additionally, UNHCR and partners provided 2,800 individuals with multi-purpose winter cash vouchers for food and basic needs.
- UNHCR and partners have provided transit shelter for some **5,400 people** in 2022, as well as medium and long-term accommodation in collective sites for some 540 people and in rental flats for 700 people. In general, access to accommodation and affordable housing has been challenging for Ukrainian refugees in Hungary.
- In 2022, 8 refugee-led organizations received grants, and up to 1,000 individuals participated in events, including a camp for children, enrolment in Hungarian language courses, or receiving food vouchers.
- Find more on the UNHCR [Hungary data portal](#)

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA



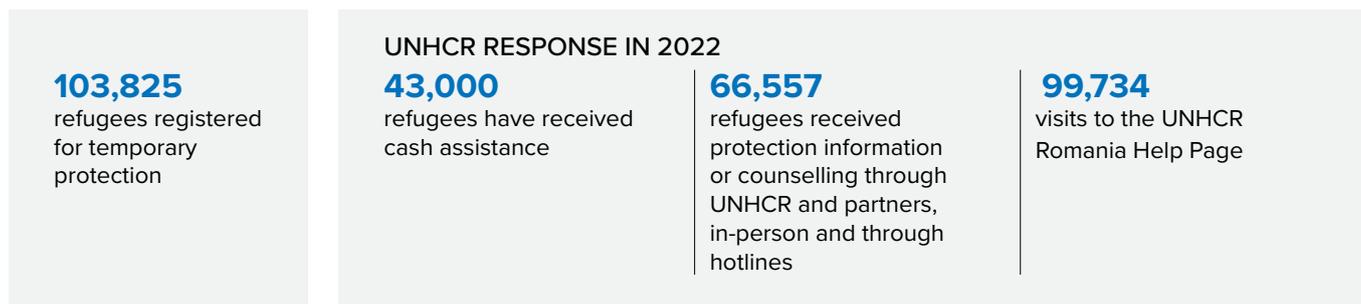
- In the course of 2022, UNHCR and partners assisted **51,800 refugees** from Ukraine with over 114,000 NFIs, including 65,000 winterization items, mostly blankets, bed linen and hygiene sets.
- In coordination with IOM and partners, **2,058 refugees**, including people with severe medical issues, older people and single mothers, were referred to the EU+ Air Transfer from March to December 2022 and transferred in 13 EU+ countries via 122 commercial and charter flights.
- In 2022, UNHCR partner INTERSOS provided **3,736 people** with psychosocial support and psychological first aid.
- Find more on the UNHCR [Moldova data portal](#)

POLAND



- As part of its winterization efforts in 2022, in coordination with the local authorities, UNHCR and partners have finalised the thermal shelter upgrades and minor repairs in 12 accommodation centres in Podkarpackie and Lubelskie regions with the capacity for **2,076 refugees**.
- Over the course of 2022, 52,388 protection monitoring and profiling interviews were conducted among refugees from Ukraine by UNHCR and its partners. Most urgent needs mentioned were accommodation, cash, access to employment, medical treatment and education.
- In 2022, UNHCR provided **180,000 essential non-food items** to help refugees from Ukraine, including mattresses, blankets, bed linen, sleeping bags. In addition, UNHCR distributed 85,000 pieces of winter clothes.
- Find more on the UNHCR [Poland data portal](#)

ROMANIA



- UNHCR trained 762 representatives of staff of local authorities and partners as well as volunteers on refugee protection, child protection, prevention of and response to gender-based violence.
- As part of winterization efforts, in 2022 UNHCR provided over **165,000 non-food items** to the refugees. UNHCR has also been working with emergency authorities to address the needs of those refugees who arrived during the winter season.
- In 2022 UNHCR supported 14,636 fact-track transfers, facilitated jointly with IOM from the border of Moldova-Ukraine (Palanca border crossing point) to Huși, Romania. As of 8 January, 14,707 people had been transported to Romania.
- Find more on the UNHCR [Romania data portal](#)

SLOVAKIA

105,533

refugees registered for temporary protection

UNHCR RESPONSE IN 2022

33,000

people were supported with legal counselling at 3 Blue Dots

29,458

refugees have received cash assistance

292,103

visits to the UNHCR HELP website

- UNHCR's helpline in Slovakia received **12,421 calls** in 2022. Queries related to registration for temporary protection, winterization assistance, employment, cash assistance, access to food assistance, protection services, and education. Some **118,000 people** have received protection services outside the Blue Dots.
- UNHCR in cooperation with UNICEF and the government provided in December a one-time winter cash assistance for **10,414 families** from Ukraine and asylum-seekers of any nationality.
- Find more on the UNHCR Slovakia [data portal](#)



Poland. The most vulnerable refugees from Ukraine in need of better targeted humanitarian assistance, 16 December 2022, © UNHCR/Anna Liminowicz

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS

- In 2022, UNHCR disbursed cash for winter-related assistance to 346 households (500 individuals), amounting to some USD 50,000. In addition, in December, some 128 households (256 individuals), received a USD 200 voucher for household and winter needs, including winter clothing and footwear.

ESTONIA

- As of 11 January, nearly **42,000 refugees** from Ukraine had registered for temporary protection.
- UNHCR and partner the Estonian Human Rights Centre provided legal assistance to over 1,000 refugees in 2022 and conducted 20 protection monitoring visits to borders, detention centers and reception centers. Eleven advocacy interventions were carried out to promote legal, psychosocial, medical and material assistance upon arrival and 121 social events were organized for refugees from Ukraine to strengthen community-building and inclusion.

LATVIA

- As of 11 January, nearly **45,000 refugees** from Ukraine had registered for temporary protection.
- In 2022, over 14,300 refugees from Ukraine were supported with basic needs, information about rights and available services, in addition to receiving hot meals and space for rest in assistance centres established at the end of October in border areas.
- Over the course of 2022, UNHCR and partners assisted some 60 refugees from Ukraine with legal assistance and conducted at least 75 monitoring visits in Latvia.

LITHUANIA

- As of 11 January, nearly **73,000 refugees** from Ukraine had registered for temporary protection in Lithuania.
- In 2022, UNHCR partner the Lithuanian Red Cross Society provided community-based protection to over 4,200 refugees from Ukraine to facilitate their inclusion and access to rights and services.
- Over the course of 2022, UNHCR conducted 39 monitoring visits to border crossing points, registration centres, accommodation sites and service providers for unaccompanied children from Ukraine.
- In 2022, UNHCR trained 50 staff of NGOs and authorities on core protection principles.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

- In 2022, UNHCR and local partners have counselled over 89,000 people in person or over the phone. Queries related to humanitarian assistance, including winter items, government-measures of social support (such as one-off payments to Ukrainian refugees, monthly pension payments and social payments to persons with disabilities), asylum, temporary and permanent residence permits, restoration of family links, access to temporary accommodation points (TAPs), access to the labour market, social rights, education and health care.
- The [UNHCR Russia Help Page](#) has received over 90,000 visits in 2022.
- By the end of 2022, over 9,320 refugees had received psychosocial support through since the beginning of the war.

COORDINATION

UKRAINE

In Ukraine, UNHCR leads the Protection, Shelter and Non-Food Item (NFI), and Camp Coordination Camp Management (CCCM) Clusters. The CCCM Cluster was activated in March 2022 and coordinates nine UN and NGO partners who supported 245,000 people in collective sites by the end of 2022. The Protection Cluster consists of 126 partners, including sub-clusters (55 partners under General Protection) and operates through six coordination hubs, reaching 7 million people in 2022. The SNFI Cluster has 71 active partners across five coordination hubs, reaching more than 2.7 million people in 2022 with NFI kits, emergency shelter and housing repairs. UNHCR also co-chairs the Humanitarian Country Team Protection Strategy Working Group 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

UNHCR has facilitated the establishment of coordination structures in line with the Refugee Coordination Model, in support of the Government-led response. An initial Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) was developed in early March, and then revised in April bringing together the joint efforts of 142 partners. The recalibrated RRP was published in October, to adjust for winter-related needs and other emerging priorities.

Inter-agency Refugee Coordination Forums (RCFs), led by UNHCR, and specific sectoral groups, have been established at country level in Belarus, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia to support the efforts of the concerned governments. The structures are intended to be agile and will be adjusted as the situation evolves.

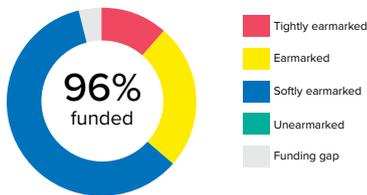
FINANCIAL UPDATES

UNHCR financial Update

(as of 29 December 2022)

\$ 1.417 billion

required (USD)



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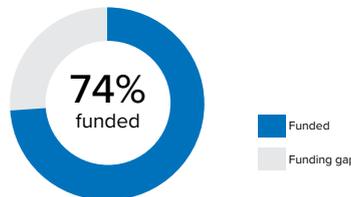
[Addendum to the Revised Supplementary Appeal](#)

Inter-Agency Financial Updates

(as of 31 December 2022)

\$ 1.79 billion

required (USD)

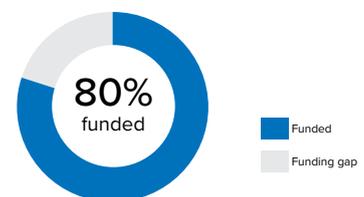


Revised:

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

\$ 4.29 billion

required (USD)



Revised:

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

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