

UKRAINE SITUATION: OVERVIEW OF UNHCR 2023 RESPONSE AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

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



Total financial requirements

While the Governments of Ukraine and neighbouring host countries continue to lead the humanitarian response in support of people displaced or affected by the war in Ukraine, the international community's support is urgently needed. An uptick in fighting in the East and the deliberate targeting of energy infrastructure have increased the toll of the conflict on the civilian population. UNHCR will provide protection services and legal support, cash assistance, non-food items, durable housing and shelter materials, while contributing to early recovery and solutions-oriented interventions in a coordinated inter-agency response in Ukraine. In nearby refugee-hosting countries, UNHCR will work with Governments and local authorities to include refugees in national systems, with a focus on support to the most vulnerable, and work with local host communities to expand access to needed services. Contingency plans in place will allow UNHCR and partners to quickly scale up the response if needed. UNHCR is appealing for \$1.1 billion – \$602.5 million inside Ukraine and \$517 million in countries hosting Ukrainian refugees in Europe.1

UKRAINE 2023 SUMMARY



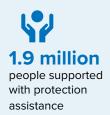


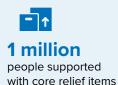


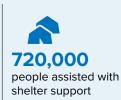
UNHCR supports and complements the Ukrainian authorities' response with protection services, emergency shelter and housing support as well as cash and in-kind assistance. To support the Government's commitment to returns, reintegration and recovery, and in line with the National Recovery Plan, UNHCR will advance area-based and participatory approaches to sustain returnees in communities of origin and promote economic recovery and reconstruction with the support of development and other actors. UNHCR's response supports the action of local partners, including national NGOs and community-based organizations. In the inter-agency response, UNHCR leads three clusters: Protection, Shelter and Non-Food Items, and Camp Coordination and Camp Management; and co-leads the Durable Solutions Steering Group with IOM, OCHA and UNDP.

2023 TARGETS*











*All targets are indicative and subject to the availability of funds. Targets may also be adjusted in response to changes in the operational situation.

REFUGEE-HOSTING COUNTRIES 2023 SUMMARY



\$517 million

220 partners including over 180 national NGOs

people targeted for assistance

UNHCR financial requirements

In the post-emergency phase, UNHCR's primary effort will be to support and advocate for governments to assist, include and protect refugees through national systems. While much of UNHCR's direct assistance to refugees in European Union Member States will be gradually scaled down, governments will still require sustained support to assist the most vulnerable refugees. UNHCR will continue to coordinate the inter-agency response in line with the Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) to assist an estimated 4 million refugees in, or transiting through, the ten countries included in the RRP. As the trend of transiting to other countries in Europe is likely to continue, UNHCR's protection and advocacy activities will also aim to reach 2.3 million refugees outside the geographic scope of the RRP.

The European Union's Temporary Protection Directive and similar protection schemes have helped ensure swift access to rights and protection for a large proportion of refugees, but some practical and administrative barriers remain. UNHCR will continue to advocate for refugees' legal status and their enjoyment of rights. Protection monitoring, consultation with refugee communities, legal counselling and services to obtain status and documentation will continue. UNHCR's technical support, capacity-building and joint initiatives with government counterparts and refugee-led, community-based and women-led organizations aim to enhance accountability to affected populations, ensuring that programmes and advocacy are adapted to the priorities, concerns, and resilience of refugees. UNHCR will further enhance outreach to communities through UNHCR help pages, social media, Blue Dot hubs (in-person and digital), and community centres.

REFUGEE RESPONSE FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS*

Countries	USD
Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania)	\$ 11 m
Bulgaria	\$ 19.4m
Czech Republic	\$ 15m
Hungary	\$ 17.5m
Republic of Moldova	\$ 115.5m
Poland	\$ 103 m
Romania	\$ 57m
Slovakia	\$ 21.5m
Regional	\$ 49m
RRP Countries total	\$ 409m
Non-RRP Countries Total**	\$ 108m
Total Ukraine Situation (refugee response)	\$ 517m

^{*}Financial requirements are as of 31 January 2023 and are regularly reprioritized within the overall budget to adjust to the evolving situation.

UNHCR will help pave the way to solutions by partnering with national and local actors, including ministries, municipal authorities, NGOs and refugee-led organizations, to expand access to education, employment, housing, social welfare and medical or other assistance. It will address barriers to socio-economic inclusion with language training, childcare or other support, and it will promote interventions to strengthen social cohesion.

UNHCR will maintain small-scale, targeted cash assistance for the most vulnerable to address protection risks and gaps in basic needs in European Union countries. In the Republic of Moldova, cash assistance will continue on the same scale as 2022, and will be integrated with Government and municipal protection assistance schemes. While some targeted shelter interventions will continue in RRP countries, UNHCR will adopt more of a catalytic role to ensure adequate housing for refugees, particularly catering to the specific needs of vulnerable people.

Given that 90 per cent of refugees are women and children, scaling up prevention and response to child protection issues, gender-based violence, sexual exploitation and abuse and trafficking as well as reproductive health remains a priority. This includes continuous safety audits of reception centers, enhancing referral pathways and ensuring accessibility of gender-based violence service information. UNHCR will also work with authorities and partners to strengthen national child protection systems and services.

2023 TARGETS IN REFUGEE HOSTING COUNTRIES



^{**}Protection and life-saving assistance across other affected countries in the region, allowing for flexible and timely support to respond to emerging priorities.