



UKRAINE SITUATION FLASH UPDATE #50

7 July 2023

PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

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

5,967,100*

Refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (4 July)

364,000

Refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (24 June)

6,331,100

Refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (4 July)

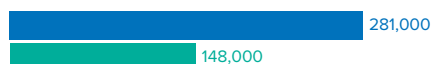
5,088,000

Estimated number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine (23 May) (Source IOM: [Internal Displacement Report](#))

UNHCR REFUGEE RESPONSE 2023

Target (blue) | People reached (green)

Refugees reached with cash assistance in Bulgaria, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Slovakia



Refugees reached with protection services (inclusion support, legal support, social protection, accommodation)



People reached with non-food items



* 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.

POLAND. Antonina, who arrived in Poland from Ukraine with her daughter in March 2022, attends a job fair organized by UNHCR in partnership with City of Warsaw. © UNHCR/Anna Liminowicz

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- On 6 July, UNHCR published its [Position on Voluntary Return to Ukraine](#). While UNHCR is not promoting returns to Ukraine at the current time due to the ongoing international armed conflict, this does not preclude some refugees from taking personal decisions to return. UNHCR's longstanding approach has been to respect the decisions of refugees regarding return, provided they are well-informed and fully voluntary.

KAKHOVKA DAM BREACH RESPONSE

- To date, UNHCR has contributed to 17 interagency convoys that delivered over 60 truckloads of crucial supplies to over 20 villages and towns in the Dnipro and Kherson regions, including Kherson city. From 26 – 27 June, UNHCR conducted a protection assessment in five flood-affected villages in Mykolaivska oblast. For more, see UNHCR's [dedicated Ukraine Emergency website](#).

[Click here](#) to read UNHCR's **Lives on hold: Intentions and Perspectives of Refugees and IDPs from Ukraine #4**, presenting updated findings regarding intentions of refugees and IDPs.

UKRAINE SITUATION UPDATE

- Civilian casualties rose sharply following a missile attack in Kramatorsk in Donetsk oblast on 28 June, resulting in [more than 50 civilian casualties](#). UNHCR and partner Proliska immediately mobilized first aid supplies on 28 June, including shelter support and cash assistance for more than 75 families. On 6 July, at least four were [killed](#) and 30 injured in a Russian missile strike on a residential block in Lviv, one of the largest attacks on the city’s civilian infrastructure since the start of the war.
- On 3 July, a drone attack was reported in Sumy city, resulting in [two fatalities and 19 injuries](#). In Sumska oblast, Ukrainian authorities [urged](#) civilians to evacuate areas close to the Russian border due to Russian forces’ continuous shelling of residential areas.

UNHCR RESPONSE AND TARGETS INSIDE UKRAINE 2023 (as of 30 June)



UNHCR RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Border Monitoring:** From 19 June - 3 July, UNHCR partners conducted 126 monitoring visits to border crossing points with Hungary, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, and Slovakia. During the monitoring visits, 568 people were provided with protection counselling, 58 with legal assistance, 13 were assisted with social accompaniment and 17 with transportation services.
- **Capacity-building:** From 20 – 22 June, UNHCR partner R2P conducted a series of legal trainings to enhance the capacity of 45 local staff at the Free Legal Aid Coordination (FLAC) Centre in Dnipropetrovska, Ternopilska and Zaporizka oblasts. The training focused on addressing issues related to internally displaced people (IDPs), such as cases of registration, acquiring personal documents, and documenting war-related damages to housing and property.
- **Community-based protection:** In June, over 1,000 individuals received counselling from trained outreach facilitators, while more than 100 community events were organized, focusing on recreational activities for children and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) group activities for adults.
- **IDP Council:** On 27 June, 30 participants from the authorities, civil society, and the IDP community discussed integration of IDPs. The event was organized by partner CF SSS in Zhytomyrska oblast.

Housing/NFIs:

- **Humanitarian convoys:** Over the past two weeks, UNHCR contributed to two interagency convoys to front line communities in Donetsk and Kharkivska oblasts, delivering critical items such as jerry cans and bed linen sets.
- **Immediate emergency response:** On 24 June, UNHCR partner Rokada provided more than 100 emergency shelter kits to affected residents following a missile attack on an apartment building in Kyiv that killed 12 and injured several others.
- **NFI assistance:** On 29 June, some 17 IDPs evacuated from Donetsk oblast and living in a temporary reception centre in Kyiv city received non-food item (NFI) support, legal aid and were registered for cash assistance with UNHCR.

- Support to collective sites:** On 26 June, UNHCR assisted the newly established collective site in Uzhhorod for 128 IDPs by providing furniture and NFIs. Additionally, UNHCR successfully completed repair works at two other collective sites in Uzhhorod, creating 140 new spaces for IDPs and improving 55 other spaces. UNHCR partner R2P inaugurated a multi-functional space as a recreational area in a collective site in Donetsk oblast, currently accommodating 58 IDPs. 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

35 Blue Dots Hubs are operational in:

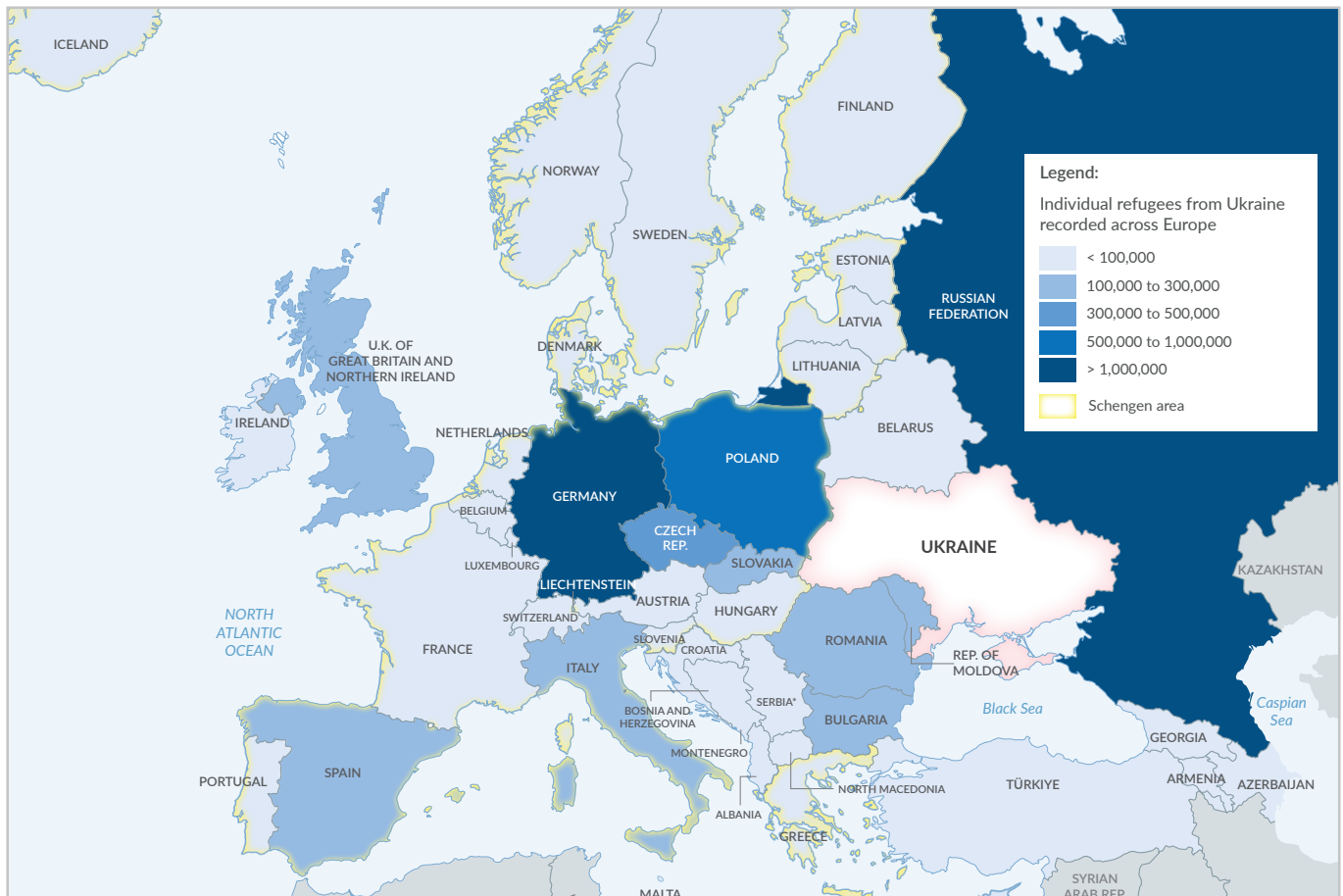
Bulgaria	5	Moldova	10	Slovakia	4
Hungary	3	Poland	5	Slovenia	1
		Romania	7		

130,000

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.

Refugees from Ukraine across Europe (as of 4 July)



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

162,935

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

52,224

refugees have received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners

42,100

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

9,145

refugees received cash assistance

46,395

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

- **MHPSS:** Over 5,100 refugees from Ukraine have been provided with mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) since 1 January 2023.
- **World Refugee Day:** UNHCR and partners marked World Refugee Day with a series of events across the country, including the [lighting in blue](#) of the National Palace of Culture, [child drawings exhibition](#) at the National Assembly, a [football tournament](#) with refugees and partners, and [a concert](#) at the American University in Bulgaria.

CZECH REPUBLIC

355,344

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

6,173

refugees from Ukraine have received protection services

19,961

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

- **Coordination:** UNHCR selected 19 small-scale projects to receive grants aiming to support the integration of temporary protection holders and beneficiaries of international protection at the municipal level in 2023.

HUNGARY

52,335

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

12,435

refugees have received protection and legal support by UNHCR and partners

11,414

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

35,335

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

- **Education:** On 15 June, the Education Working Group, with UNHCR partner Menedék, published [Advocacy Messages on Access to Education for Refugees from Ukraine in Hungary](#) on challenges preventing refugee children from accessing education.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Hungary data portal](#)

POLAND

999,690

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

27,426

people were provided with protection support over the phone

32,090

people were counselled at the **5** Blue Dot Hubs and **6** Community Centres

17,359

refugees were reached with cash assistance

300,279

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

- **Capacity-building:** During the reporting period, 60 staff from UNHCR and partners staff in Warsaw, Poznań and Rzeszów were trained during three workshops on labour law and labour exploitation referrals.
- **Coordination:** UNHCR will support the Ukrainian diplomatic mission in Poland with helpline staffing over six months, training, and IT equipment to reinforce technical capacity and improve delivery of information on consular services through UNHCR's hotline.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Poland data portal](#)

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

110,855

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

10,146

refugees received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners

8,827

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

76,429

people have received cash assistance

180,139

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

- **Social cohesion:** On 18 June, some 1,000 refugees and members of the local community attended an event in Balti organized by UNHCR, other UN Agencies and local authorities. On 21 June, UNHCR and partners inaugurated a new community service centre in Causeni, where UNHCR partners will provide legal counselling, psychosocial support and language courses.
- **Health Response:** From 26 June – 1 July, over 800 people including refugees and Moldovan nationals received an eye exam and corrective eyeglasses in Chisinau and Ungheni, which was supported by UNHCR, NGO Low Vision and local authorities.
- **World Refugee Day:** On 20 June, UNHCR along with partners and local authorities organized an event at a high school in Edineț to mark World Refugee Day, in the presence of the Republic of Moldova's President Sandu.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Moldova portal page](#)

ROMANIA

137,130

refugees have been recorded

UNHCR OPERATIONAL DELIVERIES 2023

48,608

refugees received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners

36,195

refugees were reached with cash assistance

43,750

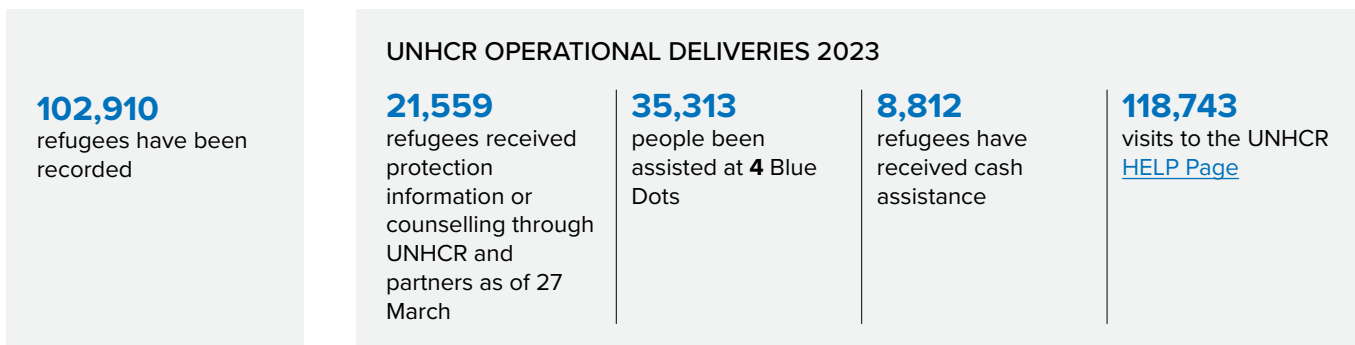
visits to the UNHCR Romania [Help Page](#)

1,015

refugees have been provided with psychosocial support and psychological first aid

- **Non-food items:** On 28 June, UNHCR delivered 5,735 NFIs, including 2,062 hygiene kits, children’s clothing, and 80 blankets to the government-run centre for Ukrainian children without parental care in Bucium, as well as to the FONSS’ Nicolina Centre for further distribution. UNHCR also completed a needs assessment for some 4,000 refugees from Ukraine residing in Constanța in preparation for an upcoming distribution of NFIs.
- **Social cohesion:** On 3 July, UNHCR launched an [awareness campaign](#) promoting refugee inclusion and social cohesion within host communities in Romania.
- **Socioeconomic inclusion:** On 28 June, UNHCR and partner HEKS/EPER organized a job fair in Cluj, which attracted 13 employers offering over 210 job vacancies, which was attended by 250 mostly female refugees. So far in 2023, 544 refugees have been provided with career counselling by UNHCR partners, and an additional 528 refugees have been supported with job-related information at RomExpo, Bucharest. So far in 2023, 427 refugees have been enrolled in language courses by partner AFF and HEKS/EPER, 70 refugees received vocational training, and 138 refugees found employment through direct assistance from UNHCR and partners.
- Find out more on the [UNHCR Romania data portal](#)

SLOVAKIA



- **Coordination:** Seven refugee-led and community-based organizations will be supported by UNHCR with a USD 4,000 grant to organize various community activities and strengthen overall capacities. Meanwhile, on 23 June UNHCR held an information stand during a sporting event organized by the Slovak Olympic and Sports Committee in Bratislava, which was attended by some 1,500 children, including refugees.
- **GBV:** On 27 June, eight GBV focal points from UNHCR partners and IOM attended a training of trainers on safe responses to GBV. The training covered basic GBV concepts, legal frameworks, and an overview of services available for survivors of GBV.
- **Social cohesion:** During the reporting period, over 160 refugees and host community members attended community events organized by UNHCR partner People in Need in the Banská Bystrica and Žilina regions.
- Find out more on the UNHCR Slovakia data portal [UNHCR Slovakia data portal](#).

OTHER COUNTRIES

BELARUS:

- As of 1 May, **27,675 refugees** from Ukraine have been recorded in Belarus.
- **Coordination:** UNHCR will support 28 community initiatives in 2023, including baking and beauty services, which will be implemented by 38 refugees from Ukraine.
- **Protection profiling and monitoring:** On 16 June, UNHCR published results of the [protection profiling and monitoring](#) carried out with 879 refugees from Ukraine. Among them, 54% have received asylum in Belarus, 56% of children were enrolled in public schools, 67% reported not experiencing difficulties accessing healthcare, 24% were employed and 64% had no plan to return to Ukraine within the next three months. Refugees noted NFIs and clothes, followed by food and accommodation as the top needs.

ESTONIA

- As of 5 June, **48,590** refugees from Ukraine have been recorded in Estonia.
- **Protection profiling and monitoring:** In June, UNHCR and partner Estonian Refugee Council carried out protection monitoring interviews with 279 refugees from Ukraine. Results of the protection profiling and monitoring will be published online in the summer.

GEORGIA

- As of 9 May, **24,180** refugees from Ukraine have been recorded in Georgia.
- **Coordination:** On 28 June, UNHCR signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Batumi municipality, who is a signatory to UNHCR's Cities #WithRefugees campaign since 2020. Through the signing of the MoU, the parties commit to building and strengthening an inclusive and encouraging environment for refugee integration, and to promote and encourage participation of refugees in social and economic activities.

LATVIA

- As of 31 December 2022, **38,145 refugees** from Ukraine have been recorded.
- **Counselling:** As of 12 June, UNHCR partners GPB, Latvian Centre for Human Rights and Shelter Safe House assisted 2,540 refugees from Ukraine with legal counselling and protection-related information at border crossing points and information points.

LITHUANIA

- As of 2 June, **77,545 refugees** from Ukraine have been recorded.
- **Field visit:** On 9 June, UNHCR discussed with local authorities in Kaunas District the situation of refugees from Ukraine and the socio-economic inclusion project in Ežerėlis, which is home to 100 refugees from Ukraine. Later in June, UNHCR carried out protection monitoring interviews with refugees from Ukraine staying in a collective accommodation in Kaunas District, noting refugees' concerns regarding the lack of longer-term housing solutions.
- **Protection profiling and monitoring:** In June, UNHCR and partner Lithuanian Red Cross carried out protection monitoring interviews with 328 refugees from Ukraine across 10 cities and towns. Results of the survey will be published in the summer.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION:

- **Counselling:** So far in 2023, **101,101 refugees** from Ukraine have been counselled in person by UNHCR and partners in urban areas, while over 6,900 have been counselled in the border regions of Belgorod, Kursk, Rostov-on-Don, and Voronezh. Over 32,900 refugees have been counselled via the hotline by UNHCR and partners.
- **MHPSS:** So far in 2023, 14,857 refugees have received psychosocial support through partners in the Russian Federation.

COORDINATION

UKRAINE

In Ukraine, UNHCR leads three Clusters, namely Camp Co-ordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Protection, and Shelter and Non-Food Items. 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 at ensuring refugees' access to protection and assistance on a non-discriminatory basis, with a special focus on refugees at risk of becoming vulnerable. The 2023 plan places an emphasis on refugees' socio-economic 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 will be crucial for promoting solidarity and social cohesion between host and refugee communities. Inter-agency Refugee Coordination Forums (RCFs) led by UNHCR, and 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.

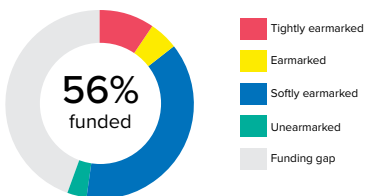
FINANCIAL UPDATES

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Financial Update

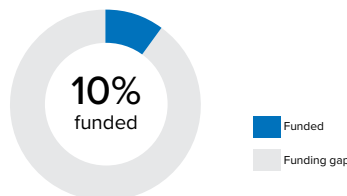
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\$ 1.1 billion
required (USD)



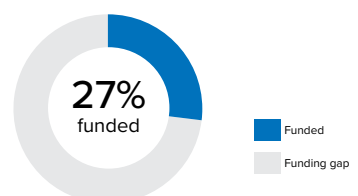
Inter-Agency Financial Updates

\$ 1.68 billion
required (USD)
(as of 6 July 2023)



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

\$ 3.95 billion
required (USD)
(as of 6 July 2023)



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

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