

# UKRAINE EMERGENCY

## UNHCR Delivery Updates

18 August 2023

UNHCR's partner The Tenth of April was among the first responders at the site of the Russian missile attack on a residential building in Odesa on 14 August. © Tenth of April

### KEY FIGURES:

**4.32 million**

people reached with UNHCR assistance in **2022** (24 February - 31 December 2022)

**17.6 million**

people in need of humanitarian assistance and protection in 2023 (source: OCHA)

**11.1 million**

people targeted for humanitarian assistance in the Humanitarian Response Plan

**3.6 million**

people aimed to be reached with **4.6 million** services in 2023, some of whom will receive several forms of support\*\*

\*\*The total number of services UNHCR aim to deliver is 4.6 million. Approximately 20% of the people are expected to receive multiple forms of assistance.

### OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- **A wave of Russian missile attacks continues to hit Ukraine.** From 1 – 15 August, Russian missile strikes resulted in over 40 deaths and more than 200 injuries. Facilities were hit in south-eastern Ukraine, including a hospital in Khersonska oblast, a blood transfusion centre in Kharkivska oblast, Reikartz hotel in Zaporizka oblast (frequently used by UN and NGO staff), and a warehouse of NGO ADRA in Khersonska oblast used for humanitarian aid. On 7 August, shelling in Donetsk oblast, eastern Ukraine, killed seven civilians and injured 81 people, including rescue workers from Ukraine's State Emergency Service. From 14-15 August, 28 Russian missiles struck the west of Ukraine in Lvivska and Volynska oblasts. Multiple locations across the country were also targeted, including Cherkaska, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Odeska and Zaporizka oblasts, damaging civilian infrastructure including a hospital, industrial facility, educational institution, supermarket and residential buildings.
- **Assisting the people staying in frontline areas remains a priority.** On 9 and 11 August, UNHCR joined two inter-agency humanitarian convoys to the frontline towns of Toretsk in Donetsk oblast, and Dobropillia in Zaporizka oblast. UNHCR delivered essential supplies including 1,500 solar lamps, 1,000 tarpaulins, 1,200 mattresses, 200 sleeping bags, 100 blankets and 100 jerrycans to war-affected people to meet their basic needs.
- UNHCR continues responding to the far-reaching and increasing urgent humanitarian needs, while supporting people's ongoing efforts to recover now, and achieve durable solutions. In 2023, **UNHCR and partners have so far reached over 1.88 million people with assistance**, including protection, emergency shelter, housing, cash and in-kind.

### WORKING WITH PARTNERS:



### 2023 RESPONSE in NUMBERS\*:

(Delivered with partners from 1 January to 15 August 2023)

**1.88M**

People reached with assistance to date

#### Protection

859,315

Received protection information, counselling, and support

**1.90M**  
Targeted

#### MPC

366,702

Supported with multi-purpose cash assistance to meet basic needs

**0.80M**  
Targeted

#### NFI

623,438

Reached with essential items, including in hard-to-access areas by humanitarian convoys

**1.00M**  
Targeted

#### Shelter/Housing

159,214

Received emergency shelter and housing support, including in collective sites

**0.72M**  
Targeted

#### CCCM

77,558

Supported with safe access to multi-sectorial services in collective sites

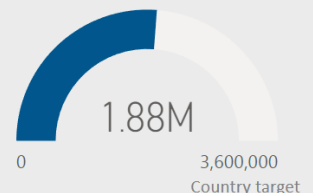
**0.15M**  
Targeted

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

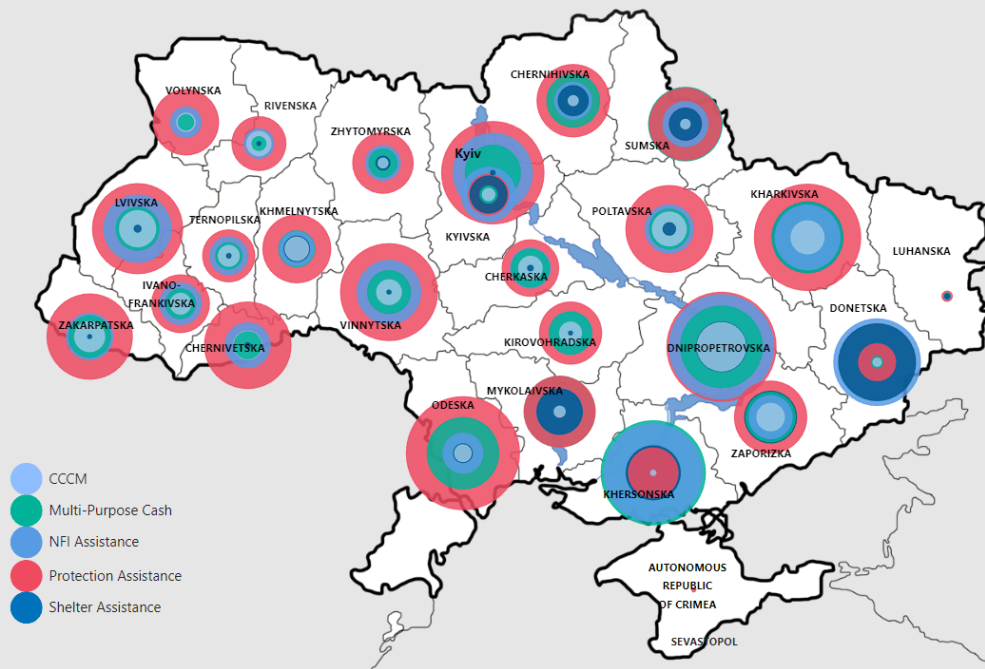
#### People Reached

1,884,771

1.88M



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**NFI Essential Items &  Housing/Shelter**

- **Emergency assistance:** In response to the missile strikes on 7 August in Donetsk oblast and on 10 August in Zaporizka oblast, UNHCR’s local partner Proliska, in coordination with the regional authorities, **quickly delivered emergency shelter materials to protect damaged properties and provided psychological support to people affected by the hostilities.**
- Following the devastating missile attack on Lviv, where more than 100 homes and a kindergarten were damaged, UNHCR’s local partner Rokada swiftly responded on-site and **provided psychosocial support and emergency shelter materials to over 60 families.**
- On 14 August, UNHCR’s local partner The Tenth of April distributed emergency shelter materials to **300 families in Odesa for quick repairs to their houses damaged as a result of a missile attack on the same day.**
- **Housing solutions:** In mid-August, UNHCR **completed the installation of 100 prefabricated houses** produced by the Ukrainian company QHome in collaboration with the Chernihivska and Kyivska Oblast Administrations, as part of a pilot project to help 100 families whose houses were completely destroyed in these oblasts by the hostilities. These new core homes allow the families to stay on their own land, in their communities, while preparing to rebuild the houses.
- **Non-food items:** On 1 August, UNHCR **delivered 40 bunk beds** to the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Centre for Child and Family Social Support in Tlumach city. On 1 August, UNHCR’s partner Proliska **donated 35 solid fuel heaters to local authorities in Sumy for use in safe shelters**, which have a total hosting capacity of 24,941 people.
- On 7 August, UNHCR **delivered 90 laptops** to the border guards of the Lviv, Chop, Mukachevo, and Chernivtsi Detachments to facilitate and ensure safe and dignified cross-border movements for war-affected people.



UN agencies together brought food and water, solar lamps, shelter and hygiene kits, and clothing for the residents of Toretsk in Donetsk oblast. ©OCHA

**Humanitarian convoy delivers aid to front-line towns**

On 9 August, UNHCR contributed 1,000 tarpaulin sheets, 500 bedding items, and 500 solar lamps to a [UN interagency convoy](#) that delivered aid to Toretsk in Donetsk oblast, a town close to the front lines, southwest of the embattled city of Bakhmut and next to the temporarily occupied city of Horlivka. Civilians who remain in Toretsk have no regular access to gas, water, or food.

Reaching heavily affected communities in areas close to the front line with life-saving assistance remains a priority.

## UNHCR's shelter programme: local partners assess damaged homes for self-repairs



UNHCR partner Rokada shelter team inspect a damaged home for potential repairs. ©Rokada

From Mondays to Fridays, 9:00-18:00, UNHCR's local partner Rokada manages a hotline where they process requests for support with housing repairs.

Following a request for support, the Rokada shelter team goes out to the residential building or house that has been damaged by the hostilities. The team assesses the damage of the home and identifies the owners' willingness and ability to carry out the needed repairs themselves. The families then receive building materials provided by UNHCR, which they use to repair their homes.

Providing construction materials is one of the modalities through which UNHCR supports house repairs. Other modalities are contractor led repairs, and cash for repairs.

The Rokada hotline is open to the war-affected population on phone number 067-337-01-61.

## Protection

- **Evacuations:** In the last two weeks, an average of 60 people per day arrived in Kyiv city by evacuation trains from Donetsk, Khersonska, Sumska and Luhanska oblasts. Under the leadership of the Kyivska Regional State Administration and the Head of Kyiv railway station, UNHCR's local partner Right to Protection (R2P) supported IDPs with reduced mobility, older persons and families with children with free luggage transportation, legal counselling and general information on available services.
- **Border monitoring:** In recent weeks, partners' observations and the State Border Guard Service's official border crossing statistics show an increase in people were entering Ukraine in July and August compared to in May and June, when more people were exiting Ukraine. The increase in entries to Ukraine is linked to people on summer holiday travels and refugees returning to Ukraine prior to the start of the school year. The 4th round of UNHCR's Intention Surveys conducted in April and May 2023 indicated that 14% of Ukrainian refugees planned to return home in the next three months.
- From 31 July until 14 August 2023, UNHCR local partners Right to Protection, NEEKA and The Tenth of April conducted 124 monitoring visits to border crossing points with Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia, where they provided protection counselling, legal assistance, social accompaniment, and transportation services for people crossing the border.
- **Statelessness:** On 9 August, UNHCR partner NEEKA jointly with the Berehovo Free Legal Aid Centre provided legal consultations to undocumented Roma

people, including advising mothers on obtaining passports and birth certificates for their children.

- **Child Protection:** On 7 and 10 August, UNHCR partners Poruch and Crimea SOS organized festivals in Kyiv and Sumy, where over 250 IDP children, war-affected people and host community members participated in art and recreational activities, to improve their psychosocial well-being.

## Cash assistance

- In 2023, UNHCR has so far distributed around US\$66 million through the multipurpose cash programme to over 366,700 people, helping vulnerable war-affected and displaced families cover the costs of basic items like food, medicines, clothes, accommodation and pay for utilities.

## Collective sites

- On 11 August, UNHCR's local partner Rokada organized a social event for IDPs from collective sites in Lvivska oblast, including transportation support for IDPs with disabilities to and from the venue. IDPs expressed gratitude for bringing them out of the collective sites and ensuring equal access to the event for everyone.
- In Mukachevo on 11 August, UNHCR's local partner NEEKA facilitated an event for displaced youth from collective sites and local children to celebrate International Youth Day, engaging them in art workshops, sport competitions, and first aid classes. The event was broadcasted by both local and national TV channels.

## Social cohesion during wartime: Festival for internally displaced children and kids in hosting communities

On 7 August, UNHCR local partner Poruch organized a festival in Kyiv where over 250 children participated in art therapy, sports, and creative activities.

The aim of the festival was to improve the children's psychosocial well-being and provide internally displaced kids with an opportunity to meet new friends in their hosting communities.



UNHCR's partner Poruch engage IDP and host community children in a creative activity. ©Poruch

## UNHCR's gender-based violence programme – One woman's 18-month long journey from hurt to healing

After Russia's full-scale invasion began, 37-year-old Lavra\* and her 13-year-old son, Anton, had to flee their home in a small industrial town in eastern Ukraine.

"This has been an absolute horror," says Lavra, as she recounts her life during the initial weeks of the war. "Not only due to the missiles raining down on our city, but also because of the dreadful and abusive relationship with my former husband, which deeply affected my son and me."

They arrived in Uzhhorod and went to the "Owl's Nest" – a local reception point that serves as a 'one-stop-shop' for displaced people. It was here that they met social workers from UNHCR's local NGO partner, Nehemiah, including Liudmyla Kohana, the gender-based violence (GBV) response team leader, and received psychosocial counselling.

"When Liudmyla and her colleagues left...I just sat and cried; I was so happy and grateful for all the support provided to me," said Lavra. "Their support gave me so much strength and the feeling that I am not left alone with my problems."

UNHCR and its partner organizations work with GBV survivors across Ukraine within the scope of our protection work for displaced and other war-affected people and their families.

Read more [here](#).

\*Names and other details were changed to ensure protection of the family.

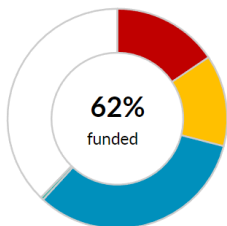


Liudmyla Kohana, a GBV response team leader of Nehemiah, stands inside a reception point for displaced people in Uzhhorod. @UNHCR/Victoria Andrievska



### FUNDING UPDATE | 2023

#### UKRAINE as of 15 August 2023



**\$602.5 million**  
UNHCR's financial requirements 2023

- 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 in the [2023 Supplementary Appeal](#).



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Visit Ukraine's [Operational Data Portal](#) for more information products [here](#).
- UNHCR's [Regional Flash Update](#) on the Ukraine situation can be found [here](#).
- [Ukraine Protection Cluster Response Dashboard](#) can be found [here](#).
- [CCCM Cluster Collective Sites Mapping](#) [here](#)
- [Shelter Cluster Response Dashboard](#) [here](#).

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