



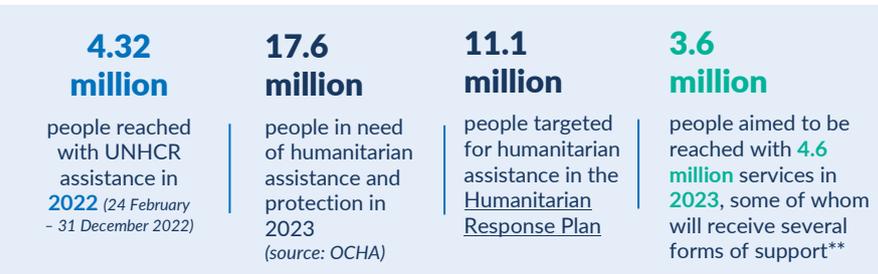
UKRAINE EMERGENCY

UNHCR Delivery Updates

8 September 2023

Following Russia's devastating attack on the market in Kostiantynivka, which took 16 lives and destroyed many homes, UNHCR's partner Proliska promptly responded on-site providing psychological first aid and emergency shelter kits to help people with quick home repairs. © Proliska

KEY FIGURES:



**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:

- Waves of Russian missiles and drones continue to hit people and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine.** On **30 August**, Russia launched multiple drones and missiles against Kyiv, killing two people and injuring three, in one of the most powerful strikes on the capital since spring. On **28 August**, Poltava oblast was hit by missiles that killed three people and injured two. On 23 August, shelling in Kherson city injured six people and damaged a kindergarten and residential buildings. On 23 August, a drone **hit** a school in Sumska oblast destroying the building and killing four civilians and injuring four. On 22 August, UNHCR's partner Proliska came **under fire** in Khersonska oblast while distributing emergency shelter materials to war-affected people. On 19 August - World Humanitarian Day - missiles struck Chernihiv city and killed seven people, including a child and **UNHCR's partner Right to Protection (R2P)** staff member, and injured dozens more. Also, on 19 August, missiles hit Khmelnytska oblast and injured two people and damaged many residential and public buildings.
- Assisting the people living in frontline areas remains a priority.** On 16, 18, 23, and 25 August, UNHCR joined four inter-agency humanitarian convoys to frontline towns in Kharkivska and Zaporizka oblasts. UNHCR delivered essential supplies including 1,100 solar lamps, 1,050 tarpaulins, 400 sleeping bags, 400 bed linen sets, and 5 plastic sheets 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 2.05 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 31 August 2023)

2.05M People reached with assistance to date

Protection

990,898

Received protection information, counselling, and support



MPC

441,100

Supported with multi-purpose cash assistance to meet basic needs



NFI

655,257

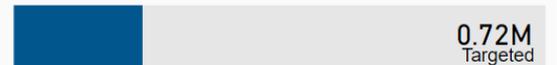
Reached with essential items, including in hard-to-access areas by humanitarian convoys



Shelter/Housing

174,289

Received emergency shelter and housing support, including in collective sites



CCCM

87,780

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



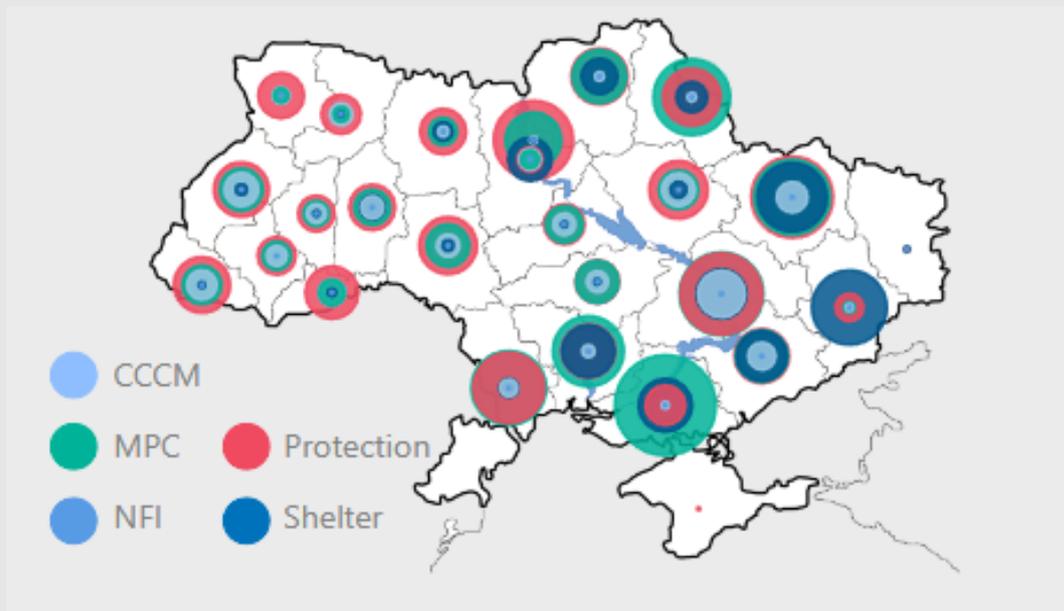
* The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements

People Reached

2,054,759



Reached figures are subject to data cleaning and retro-active corrections may occur.



NFI Essential Items & Housing/Shelter

- **Emergency assistance:** In response to the drone strike on 23 August in Sumska oblast, UNHCR's local partner Proliska, **provided psychological first aid and emergency shelter items** to people whose homes were affected by the blast so they could carry out quick repairs.
- On 19 August, UNHCR's partner Rokada **delivered emergency shelter items** and **provided psychosocial support** to people affected by the attack in **Chernihiv**. Rokada also provided immediate on-site psychosocial support and emergency shelter items to families affected by the attack in Khmelnytska oblast.
- As part of an **inter-agency convoy to Vovchansk on 6 September**, UNHCR provided 1,000 bed linen sets and 600 solar lamps to people whose houses have been damaged by shelling. Reaching people in frontline communities remains a priority.
- **Housing solutions:** So far in 2023, UNHCR has supported the repair of 12,230 houses and apartments, enabling people to return to and to stay in their own homes and communities. One of the three modalities used is cash-for-repair that helps the families assisted to purchase the materials they need and undertake the repairs themselves. Through this method, UNHCR and its partners have disbursed US\$2.9 million to 2,241 households. Since the start of UNHCR's housing repair programme in 2022, 17,665 households have been assisted with durable housing solutions, including prefabricated housing to replace fully destroyed homes.
- **Non-food items:** NFIs continue to be distributed to support communities in need. In the last two weeks, UNHCR and its partners **provided essential items to over 3,700 war-affected and displaced people** in Lvivska, Rivnenska, Ternopilska, and Volynska oblasts.



Social spaces help support the well being of displaced people in collective centres

UNHCR and its local partner, Right to Protection, **opened** a community space in a collective site in Kharkiv for people who lost their homes due to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Tamara, whose apartment in Saltivka was destroyed by shelling, shared "This November, I'm celebrating my 75th birthday. The only wish I have, is to celebrate at home."

UNHCR Representative Karolina Lindholm Billing at the opening of a community space in the collective site in Kharkiv for people who lost their homes due to war. ©UNHCR



UNHCR continues to strengthen its cooperation with the local authorities

UNHCR Representative in Ukraine signed four new Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with [Donetska](#), [Kharkivska](#), [Luhanska](#), and [Sumska](#) oblast administrations, bringing the total to 17 MoUs signed by UNHCR at the oblast level.

These MOUs are concluded to demonstrate and solidify UNHCR's commitment to work under the leadership of the Ukrainian authorities, and design and deliver its programmes in a way that complement and reinforce the national and local capacities and systems, which are overstretched due to the war and the consequent massive humanitarian needs.

UNHCR Representative, Karolina Lindholm Billing, signed MOUs with the Governors of Donetska, Kharkivska, Luhanska and Sumska oblasts. ©UNHCR

Protection

- **Evacuations:** In the last two weeks, **306 people were evacuated from Khersonska oblast to Odeska oblast, including 41 children and seven people with disabilities.** In coordination with the local authorities, UNHCR's local partner, The Tenth of April (TTA), supported the displaced people with accommodation, transportation, information on available services and legal counseling. Meanwhile in Khmelnytska oblast, UNHCR's local partner, Right to Protection, supported 72 evacuees from Khersonska oblast with legal assistance and enrolment into the cash programme.
- **Child Protection:** On 21 August, UNHCR's partner Rokada **opened a child-friendly space in Lvivska oblast** bringing together internally displaced children and children from the local community to foster social cohesion.
- **Gender-Based Violence (GBV):** On 21 August, UNHCR's partner, Neemia, organized the **4th Forum on Prevention and Combatting GBV in Zakarpatska oblast.** The Forum was facilitated by UNHCR and UNFPA and brought together more than 150 participants from the national social protection departments, local authorities at the hromada level, national and oblast police departments, and local humanitarian NGOs. Participants discussed key trends and concerns, notably the increased number of GBV cases reported since January 2023 and the lack of sufficient specialized staff to support survivors, and agreed on closer cooperation to establish common mechanisms to successfully prevent GBV.
- **Counter-Trafficking:** From 21 to 22 August, UNHCR, jointly with IOM, conducted **two trainings in Uzhhorod**

on prevention and response to human trafficking, including identification and assistance to unaccompanied minors. The training involved 36 personnel from the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine and UNHCR's partner NEEKA. Just a few days after the joint UNHCR and IOM training, it was **reported** that the Lviv Detachment of SBGS arrested people engaged in recruiting and transporting women to EU countries for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

- **IDP Councils:** From 17 to 18 August, UNHCR's partner, Stabilization Support Services (SSS), organized a **forum for the IDP Councils of Eastern Ukraine.** During the two-day event, close to 100 participants composed of IDP Councils, local and oblast authorities, activists, and NGOs from Kharkivska, Luhanska, Poltavska and Sumska oblasts exchanged experiences and best-practices on durable solutions for IDPs.

Cash assistance

- In 2023, UNHCR has so far distributed US\$79.4 million through the multipurpose cash programme **to 441,100 people**, helping socioeconomically and otherwise vulnerable war-affected and displaced families cover the costs of basic items like food, medicines, clothes, accommodation and pay for utilities.

Collective sites

- On 18 August, UNHCR and its partner, R2P, **opened a community space in a collective site** in Kharkivska oblast, providing IDPs who have fled from their homes due to the war with an area for recreational and educational activities.



From asylum seeker to aid worker: one Odesa resident's empowering journey

The full-fledged escalation of the war in February 2022 plunged 36-year-old Ali into a state of desperation. Having previously endured war in Afghanistan, Ali quickly realised the far-reaching implications that the hostilities would have on the lives of civilians.

"24 years ago, my parents took me and my brother and sister and moved from Afghanistan, fleeing war and persecution. Back then, I was 12 years old," Ali recalls.

Immediately, Ali and his wife, the owners of a small clothing store in Odesa, began to engage in charity work and donate clothes to displaced people. With each passing day, an increasing number of people sought their assistance. Ali used his proficiency in multiple languages to aid refugees and asylum seekers who had earlier fled to Ukraine in search of international protection and started to volunteer with the NGO, The Tenth of April (TTA). Subsequently, Ali was invited by TTA to join their team as a social worker and logistician.

Ali has now been working for TTA for more than a year. Despite the physically and psychologically demanding nature of the work, he has never once regretted choosing such a job. Read more [here](#).

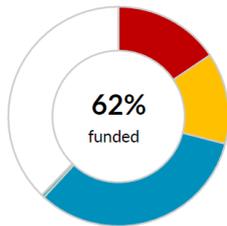
UNHCR cooperates with 29 partner organizations, such as The Tenth of April, to help people in need throughout Ukraine.

"Gratitude in people's eyes inspires me the most; because of it, I forget about tiredness," says Ali. @UNHCR/Victoria Andrievska

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as of 31 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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