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Ensuring access to adequate shelter for refugees

KEY FIGURES

18 publicly owned buildings renovated and thermally upgraded

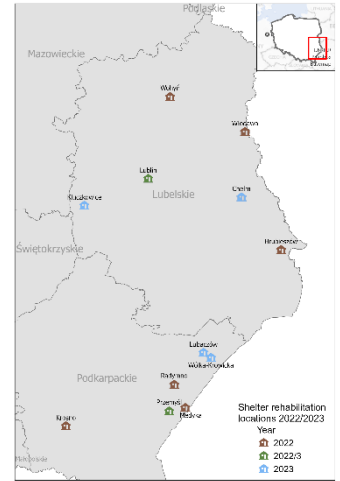
Improved conditions for a capacity of **3,000** beds

9000 refugees benefited (as of 10/2023)

600 additional beds only in Podkarpackie region



Municipal social flats in Ossowa, Wohyn



About the project:

To support local authorities and communities in the border areas of Poland, **UNHCR upgraded and rehabilitated refugee reception centres (short to mid-term accommodation as well as social houses) in the region bordering Ukraine in 2022-23**. These communities were at the forefront of the humanitarian response since February 2022 and continue to generously welcome refugees from Ukraine.

The rehabilitations and upgrades are also part of UNHCR's emergency preparedness efforts, in case of further or continuous influx from Ukraine. In 2022, UNHCR donated items and equipment to local authorities for emergency shelters (mattresses, sleeping bags, blankets, etc).

In 2023, items are prepositioned to be distributed as quickly as possible in case of need.

Technical interventions:

- **Installation of heavy-duty thermal insulation doors** to provide superior insulation and energy efficiency.
- **Installation of double or triple glazing PVC windows** to reduce heat loss.
- **Internal and external roof insulation with natural materials** to enhance temperature regulation.
- **Repairs, maintenance, or replacement of central heating equipment (radiators, pipes)** to maintain warmth and comfort.
- **Installation of photovoltaic panels** to reduce energy costs.

"Ensuring that refugees forced to flee from Ukraine in the winter have a warm place to stay is a top priority. The Polish authorities and local communities have demonstrated remarkable solidarity to achieve this."

Kevin Allen,
UNHCR Representative in Poland

UNHCR is committed to promoting the use of **environmentally friendly materials** throughout the project.

Project results – examples:

BEFORE



AFTER



Former school in Wolka Krowicka



Przemysl Sports Complex (POSiR)



Student dormitory in Kluczkowice



Municipal flats in Chelm

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