



## UKRAINE SITUATION FLASH UPDATE #64

16 February 2024

**Krosno, Poland** – After fleeing hostilities in Zaporizhzhia, southeastern Ukraine, Lyudmila (not pictured), arrived to Poland in 2022 with few belongings. Through support from the Mayor of Krosno, Lyudmila launched a kitchen at a refugee shelter in the town in western Poland, where refugee women from Ukraine have found employment preparing traditional delicacies from the region, including pierogis UNHCR and partners recently undertook rehabilitation works on the shelter to improve insulation during the winter months. © UNHCR/Tarik Argaz



### PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

**6,004,100\***

refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (as of 15 Feb 2024)

**475,600**

refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (as of 16 Feb 2024)

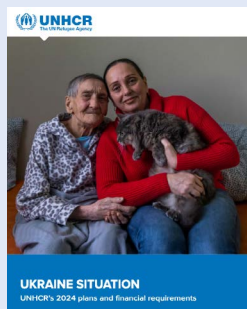
**6,479,700**

refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (as of 15 Feb 2024)

**3,689,000\*\***

Estimated number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine (as of 31 Dec 2023) (Source: [IOM](#))

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



#### Ukraine Situation - UNHCR's 2024 plans and financial requirements

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### RECENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Attacks by Russian Federation forces continued across Ukraine during the first two weeks of February, with Zaporizka oblast (south-east Ukraine) among the worst hit regions. During this period, Ukrainian authorities [recorded](#) more than 1,500 attacks targeting over 570 towns and villages, killing 12 civilians and injuring 60. The UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator issued a [statement](#) denouncing the attacks, which disrupted essential services for the local population, including electricity, water and gas supplies.
- The UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine [verified](#) that at least 641 civilians in total were killed or injured in Ukraine during January, continuing a trend from December 2023 of increasing civilian casualties. According to OHCHR, the attacks affected areas far from the frontline and resulted in an increase in the number of children killed and injured.
- Two aid workers from NGO 'HEKS/EPER' were [killed](#) and others injured in an attack on 1 February in southern Ukraine. This incident comes a few days after the vehicle of UNHCR partner Proliska was [struck](#) by a Russian drone while delivering aid in Chasiv Yar, Donetsk oblast. In 2023, the UN [reported](#) 50 aid workers were killed or injured in Ukraine, including 11 killed in the line of duty.

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\* 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.

\*\*There has been a significant reduction in the IDP figure in Ukraine based on the latest [IOM Internal Displacement Report](#), Internal Displacement Report, from 5.1 million in mid-2023 to 3.68 million by end-2023. It is important to note that this is not due to a significant return of IDPs, but rather primarily to a change in the methodology used in calculating the number of IDPs. The new baseline population figure used to extrapolate IDP estimates now takes into account the absence of some 6.2 million refugees from Ukraine who are no longer in the country. Baseline data is consolidated by UNFPA.

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- **Community space:** UNHCR and local NGO partner NEEKA [opened](#) a new community space in a collective site in the remote mountainous village of Dubove, Zakarpatska oblast in west Ukraine, which received people displaced by the war. The collective site accommodates more than 100 internally displaced people from Luhanska, Donetsk and Khersonska oblasts, including children, people with disabilities and older people. The community space provides protection counselling as well as legal assistance and protection case management, among other services.
- **Emergency response:** Following the [attacks](#) on 7 February, UNHCR's local NGO partners were [immediately on-site](#) in Kyiv, Mykolaiv and Sumy providing emergency shelter kits, psychosocial support, and registering people for cash assistance. The attacks damaged residential buildings, industrial infrastructure, power supply lines, and left 19,400 families, businesses and institutions [without](#) electricity. To help replace destroyed or damaged household items, UNHCR's partner Proliska has so far provided essential items such as blankets and mattresses to over 500 families affected by missile attacks in Dnipropetrovska, Donetsk, Kharkivska and Khersonska oblasts. Proliska has also assisted over 1,250 families with emergency shelter kits, consisting of materials to cover doors and windows in Khersonska oblast.
- **Social cohesion:** On 29 January, in cooperation with local authorities, UNHCR and partner Rokada [opened](#) an integration hub for children in Kamyanets-Podilskiy city, Khmelnytska oblast, in west Ukraine. The hub is located in a centre where almost 3,000 children attend classes, helping in their integration, adaptation and rehabilitation. Two more community centres have been [renovated and refurbished](#) by UNHCR and partner NEEKA to create multifunctional spaces to support Roma communities in Zakarpatska oblast (western Ukraine).

## 2024 TARGETS INSIDE UKRAINE\*



\*Includes individuals benefiting from multiple forms of assistance.

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

\*\*\*Also includes calls to hotlines.

## Access to safe shelter and housing



**Horenka, Ukraine** – Tetiana and her husband Vladyslav previously lived in their private house in Horenka, Bucha Raion, Kyiv Oblast (northern Ukraine). After the full-scale invasion in February 2022, their home was destroyed during missile strikes in the area, forcing the couple to stay in temporary locations – including the basement of a neighbour's house for over one month.

In June 2023, UNHCR installed a prefabricated 'core home' on their land, helping them to return home. The family now hopes to rebuild their house in the near future.

Tetiana says: "I am glad to be staying on my own land. Of course this core home will not replace our house, but it is still very meaningful for me and my husband. Four generations have lived on this land, and I would never want to abandon it."

So far, UNHCR has repaired 110 private houses and installed five core homes in Horenka village



# REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES

## 2024 REGIONAL TARGETS\*



**850,000**

people are targeted for different forms of assistance in 2024\*\*



**515,000**

people are targeted for protection\*\*\* information and services



**190,000**

people are targeted for multi-purpose cash assistance



**267,000**

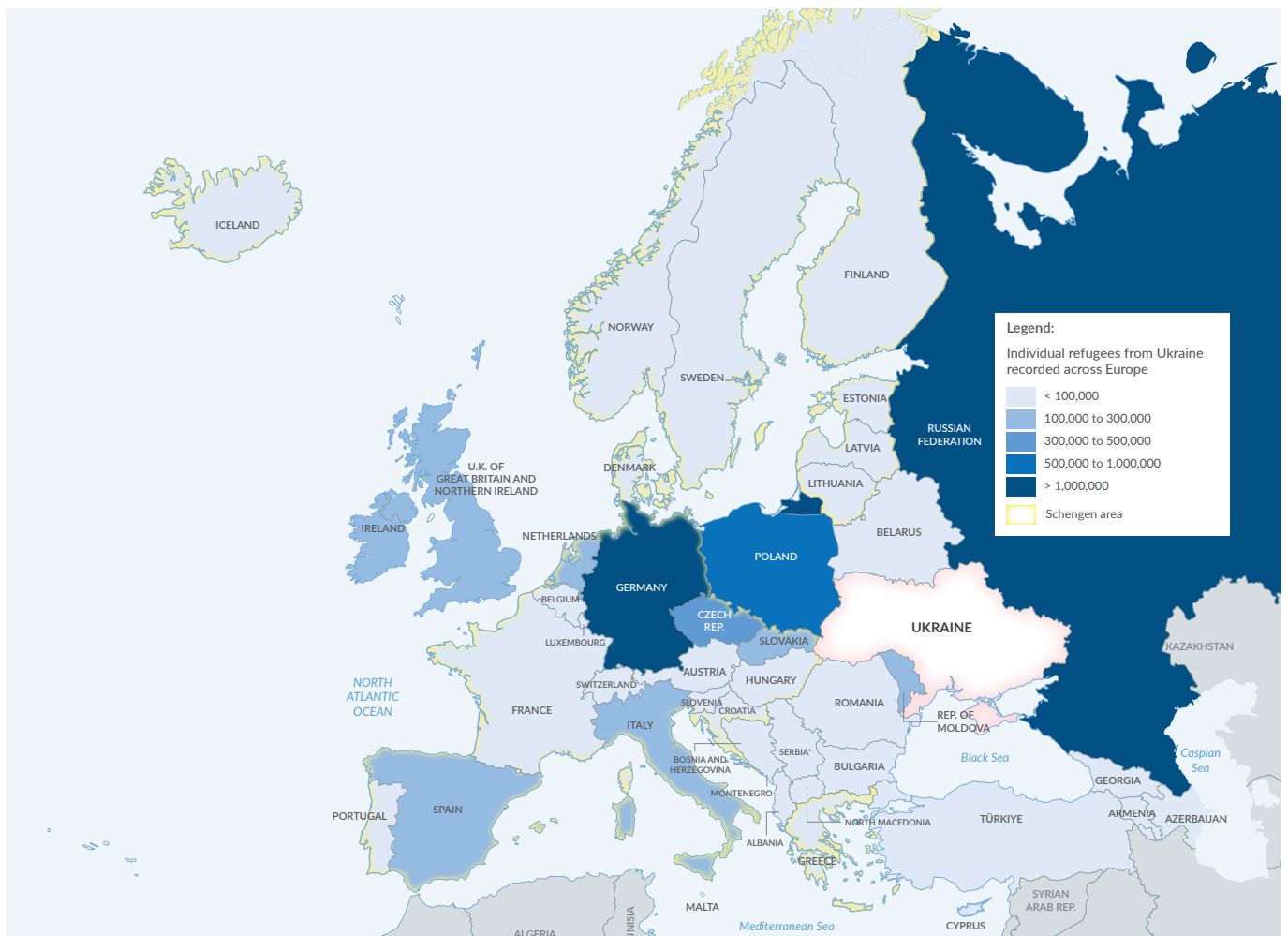
people are targeted with safe access to multi-sectoral services in collective sites

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## REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE ACROSS EUROPE (15 February 2024)



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

More information available on the UNHCR [Ukraine operational data portal](#) page.



# PROTECTION

## 2024 TARGET



515,000

Refugees from Ukraine supported with protection information and services through UNHCR and partners.

- **Czech Republic:** Between 10 - 23 January, UNHCR disseminated a gender-based violence (GBV) Referral Pathway guide among frontline workers and partners (in Czech, English, and Ukrainian). The GBV Referral Pathway provides information on services offered to GBV survivors, including safety and security, health, case management, psychosocial and legal support, as well as follow-up services.
- **Hungary:** On 2 February, the first Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) of 2024 took place with the participation of UN agencies, NGOs and faith-based organizations, which focused on inclusion of older refugees and provision of targeted support. Several older refugee women aged 60+ shared their experiences since their displacement. Their insight and the discussion among participants will feed into a set of recommendations drafted by UNHCR to support the inclusion of older refugees in Hungary.
- **Lithuania:** As part of regular protection monitoring, on 17 January UNHCR visited a refugee centre in Girionys (west of Vilnius) where 63 Ukrainian citizens are currently accommodated. Most are aged 60+, with four having disabilities – though no immediate protection concerns were observed. The centre is staffed by a social worker, a psychologist, a social coordinator, a centre administrator and a manager.
- **Poland:** UNHCR's hotline responded to 470 calls, bringing the total number of calls responded in 2024 to over 1,250. During the reporting period, 80% of calls were related to cash assistance, followed by health (5%) and general protection (3%).
- **Republic of Moldova:** On 30 January, UNHCR published [Protection Brief #2](#) covering refugee profiles, protection risks and trends between January – November 2023. The analysis is based on 762 protection monitoring interviews for 1,886 refugees, as well as focus group discussions in partnership with the Accountability to Affected People (AAP) Task Force. Moreover, UNHCR, in coordination with partners in the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Network, has launched a new set of materials to raise awareness.
- **Russian Federation:** So far in 2024, 1,321 refugees from Ukraine have been counselled in person by UNHCR and partners in urban areas, while nearly 1,843 have been counselled in the border regions of Voronezh, Kursk, Rostov-on-Don and Belgorod. Over 3,827 refugees have been counselled via the hotline by UNHCR and partners.
- **Romania:** In January, UNHCR's partner the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR) provided protection services and counselling for over 3,400 refugees from Ukraine throughout Romania. During the month, CNRR and UNHCR assisted nearly 500 refugees with dedicated counselling at six border crossing from Ukraine and from the Republic of Moldova.
- **Slovakia:** Some 100 refugee children and adults participated in community events focusing on stress and anxiety relief, which were organized by UNHCR's partner People in Need Slovakia (PIN) in Banska Bystrica, Kosice, Presov, and Zilina regions. PIN also provided counselling assistance to ensure access to employment, healthcare, and housing.

# BASIC NEEDS, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

## 2024 TARGET




190,000

People are targeted for multi-purpose cash assistance by UNHCR and partners.

- **Hungary:** So far in 2024, UNHCR has delivered 2,600 family hygiene kits to 27 organizations throughout Hungary, mainly refugee-led ones. Meanwhile, partners have distributed nearly 1,900 hygiene kits to the most vulnerable refugee households.
- **Poland:** UNHCR [published](#) its 2023 Annual Report on cash assistance. Poland was the tenth largest UNHCR operation implementing cash in 2023, distributing USD 16.1 million to 36,081 refugees, focusing on highly vulnerable people such as older people and persons with vulnerabilities.
- **Romania:** During the reporting period, as part of its winterization assistance, UNHCR and partners delivered 786 core-relief items including clothing, bedding, hygiene kits, blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, and towels to 271 refugees from Ukraine in the cities of Arad, Galati, Suceava, Cluj, Targu Mures, Timis, and Tulcea. In addition, UNHCR continues to support refugees from Ukraine with cash for winter, enrolling nearly 1,000 individuals so far.
- **Russian Federation:** So far in 2024, 3,055 refugees have received psychosocial support through UNHCR partners in the Russian Federation.

# SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION AND LOCALIZATION

## 2024 TARGET

 190,000

People are targeted with safe access to multi-sectoral services in collective sites by UNHCR and partners.

- **Bulgaria:** UNHCR [published](#) a call for proposals aimed at refugee-led organizations and community-based organizations to support community activities in 2024 for a maximum amount of USD 12,000. The deadline to submit proposals is 19 February.
- **Hungary:** So far in 2024, 680 refugees have been provided with access to information, legal assistance, and various social services by UNHCR and IOM at the Budapest Helps! Community Centre. The centre provides key services such as language classes, as well as community support and cultural activities. On 22 January, 80 refugees and host community members attended the UNHCR-supported event “Shine a Light on Peace” in

Budapest, which included an exhibition of lamps hand-crafted by refugee children. The project provided a platform for artistic exploration, fostering a sense of belonging and cultural exchange among participants.

- **Romania:** On 31 January, 23 refugees from Ukraine in Bistrița (northern Romania) attended an awareness session on job opportunities jointly organized by UNHCR partner Jobs for Ukraine, the Regional Employment Agency (AJOFM) and the Social Assistance Directorate. The session provided refugees with information on how to navigate the UNHCR platform [Services Advisor](#), as well as access to livelihoods-related support through AJOFM and the Jobs for Ukraine platform.
- **Slovakia:** UNHCR’s national partner SME SPOLU recently launched a new round of in-person and online 3D modeling requalification courses which offer vulnerable refugees—in particular women—a pathway to economic independence. 97 people participated online (75 women and 3 men) and 19 in person (16 women, 3 men). Furthermore, SME SPOLU held an information session for refugees on taxation in the context of employment in Slovakia, focusing on topics such as tax residency, tax bonuses (i.e. for individuals with children), and filing of tax reports.

## Protection, inclusion and access to services



**Horenka, Ukraine** – Standing next to his mother Evghenia, Daniil shows his government-issued Temporary Protection (TP) card, which facilitates legal stay in the country and access to various services for refugees from Ukraine.

In March 2023, Moldova introduced TP for Ukrainians and eligible third-country nationals, which access to a number of rights and services including employment, temporary accommodation, emergency and primary medical assistance, public education for children, and social assistance for families with children and unaccompanied children. By late-December 2023, some 26,382 individuals received TP, including 7,988 children. Registration is ongoing as of January 2024.



# COORDINATION

## UKRAINE

In Ukraine, UNHCR leads three Clusters, namely Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Protection, and Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI). The CCCM Cluster was activated in March 2022 and coordinates 18 UN and NGO partners across three hubs, with the aim of supporting 157,000 people in collective sites in 2024. The Protection Cluster consists of 166 partners, including sub-clusters, and operates three coordination hubs to reach an anticipated three million people in 2024. The Shelter and NFI Cluster coordinates 98 partners across three coordination hubs, targeting 3.9 million people in 2024 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 (AAP) Working Group. Through its leadership in these areas, UNHCR promotes the centrality of protection, as well as meaningful engagement and participation across the response.

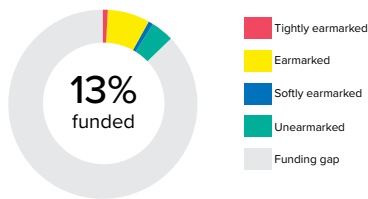
## REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Through the [2024 Regional Refugee Response Plan \(RRP\)](#), 313 partners in Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Slovakia work towards ensuring refugees have effective access to legal status, protection and rights in their host countries and that refugees with specific needs and vulnerabilities have access to targeted support and assistance. The plan also aims at strengthening refugees' socio-economic inclusion in their host communities and increasing their self-reliance, while at the same time reinforcing social cohesion between refugees and their hosts. In support of the government-led responses across the region, UNHCR leads and coordinates the implementation of the inter-agency RRP in line with the Refugee Coordination Model, collaborating and consulting with authorities, aid agencies, civil society, and with affected populations.

## FINANCIAL UPDATES

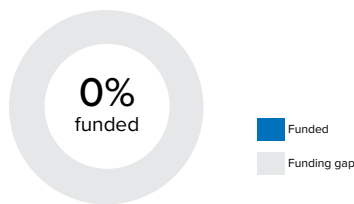
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**US\$ 993.3 million** required (as of 31 Jan 2024)



### INTER-AGENCY FINANCIAL UPDATES

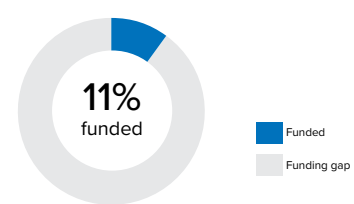
**US\$ 1.08 billion** required (as of 9 Feb 2024)\*



[Ukraine situation: 2024 Regional Refugee Response Plan](#)

\*RRP funding is updated on a quarterly basis

**US\$ 3.11 billion** required (as of 9 Feb 2024)



[Ukraine Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan 2024](#)

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