



**UKRAINE SITUATION
FLASH UPDATE #73**

25 September 2024

Kyiv, Ukraine – Mykola and Nataliia’s home in the town of Hostomel, Kyiv region, was destroyed at the start of the full-scale invasion in February 2022. After seeking safety for two years in Poland, the family received a ‘core home’, or pre-fabricated house, which was installed on their land this year, enabling them to return home and providing them with a foundation to rebuild their lives and recover in their local community. © UNHCR



**PEOPLE
FORCED TO
FLEE**

6,154,000*

refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (as of 24 Sep 2024)

571,300

refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (as of 24 Sep 2024)

6,725,300

refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (as of 24 Sep 2024)

3,669,000**

Estimated number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine (as of Aug 2024)

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



UNHCR Ukraine 2024-25 Winterization Plan (Updated) 3 Sept 2024
To read more, [click here](#).

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Emergency response:** UNHCR through partner Proliska delivered emergency shelter kits to over 2,200 people in Sumska region, northeast Ukraine to cover damaged private houses and provided essential NFIs to over 1,000 evacuees from border areas. Proliska was on-site to offer psycho-social and protection support to more than 350 affected people after recent attacks. Following a strike on Maistrova Volya village, Zhytomyrska region on 15 August, UNHCR partner Rokada provided emergency shelter kits (ESKs) to help affected families quickly cover damages to their homes and delivered crisis counselling sessions, while partner Right to Protection enrolled 35 families for emergency cash assistance.
- **Updated Winter Response Plan 2024-25:** With Ukraine’s energy infrastructure crippled by continued aerial attacks, the coming winter is expected to be extraordinarily challenging for millions of vulnerable, displaced and war-affected people. To mitigate the risks of further dislocation and to keep people safe and warm in their homes, UNHCR launched a multi-faceted [winter response plan](#). **\$170 million** is needed to assist around **550,000 people** by providing cash, alternative energy support, shelter/housing, and essential items. The Inter-Cluster Coordination Group also recently finalized the [2024-25 inter-agency winter response plan](#) which seeks **\$492 million** to address specific humanitarian needs of **1.8 M people** caused or exacerbated by the cold season.

For more about the situation and the response in Ukraine and the region, see UNHCR’s Ukraine Emergency website

* 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.

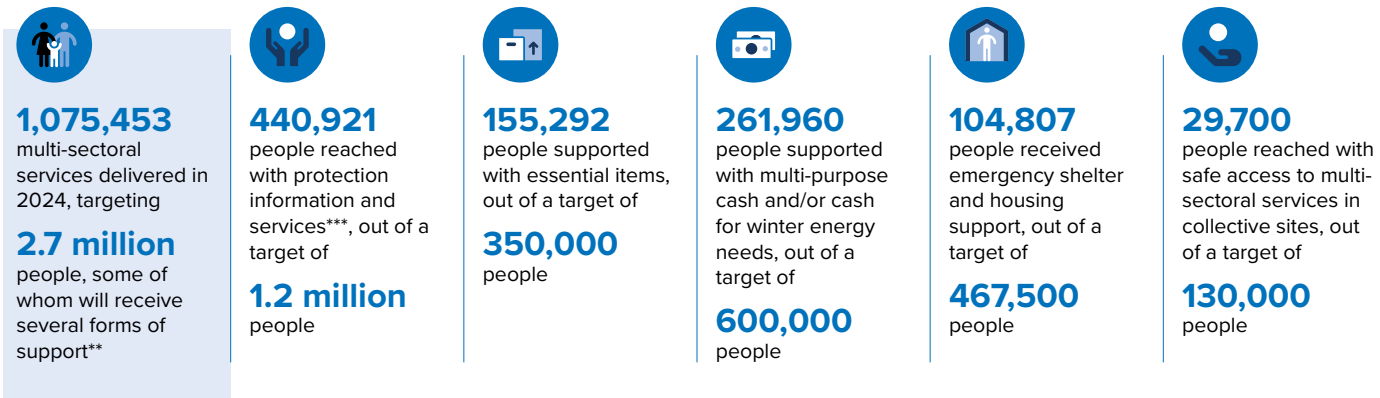
** Source: [IOM DTM](#).

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- Protection:** In August, 163 scheduled evacuations by train took place from [Zakarpatska region](#), mainly to the train stations in Uzhhorod and Mukachevo. Evacuees, who were mostly from Pokrovsk area in Donetsk region, were received by UNHCR partners NEEKA, Neemia, Proliska and regional authorities and settled in seven Collective Sites across the region. Among them were older people and persons with low mobility, families with multiple children and single mothers with school-age children.
- Shelter support:** UNHCR supported the rehabilitation of a Collective Site in Reshetylivka, Poltava region, which was inaugurated on 3 September by UNHCR together with the local Governor. The collective site can accommodate up to 150 IDPs. In August, UNHCR partner Tenth of April (TTA) also provided non-food items (NFI) to seven bomb shelters in Chorno-baivka Community, Khersonska region, to increase the capacity of the bomb shelter and make it safer and more comfortable for children and adults during periods of shelling.
- Cash assistance:** Between January – August 2024, UNHCR provided multi-purpose cash assistance to over 261,960 war-affected people, IDPs, recent frontline evacuees, and returnees. People with specific vulnerabilities

- have been prioritized for this assistance which helps cover the cost of basic items like food, medicines, clothes, accommodation and utilities. Around 18,100 people who have received cash assistance are registered for emergency cash support to the amount of US \$260.
- Livelihoods:** In August, UNHCR organized several job fairs to support the reintegration of IDPs into local labour markets. On 20 August, UNHCR’s Sub-Office in Vinnytsia region, along with local authorities and partner Right to Protection, facilitated a job fair for IDPs in Ladyzhyn. On 22 August, partner Caritas [held](#) a fair in Kalush, Ivano-Frankivska region, followed by an event on 23 August in Chernivtsi, where attendees received consultations on state business start-up grants. Additionally, in Odesa and Mykolaiv, UNHCR and partner Tenth of April researched local job markets in preparation for a job fair in Odesa in September 2024.
- Inclusion:** UNHCR and partner Age of Happiness facilitated a digital literacy training for older people titled “The Smartphone is My Friend.” Following the training, workshops involving city officials were conducted to help older IDPs adapt and integrate into their communities. The initiative also aimed to raise public awareness about the challenges faced by older IDPs.

UNHCR RESPONSE & TARGETS INSIDE UKRAINE 2024* (as of 12 September 2024)



*Includes individuals benefiting from multiple forms of assistance. **The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements. ***Also includes calls to hotlines.





Supporting displaced Ukrainians with cash and legal assistance

Kharkiv, Ukraine – Olga along with her 12-year-old daughter and their pets arrived in the Rivne region in eastern Ukraine in August 2024, having been evacuated due to hostilities in Donetsk. They are currently staying at a collective site for IDPs. To support their basic needs, Olga registered for UNHCR cash assistance, while NGO partner Right to Protect provided her with legal assistance. She says: “The money we received from UNHCR will go towards buying the essentials, a kettle and a bed. We live in a small room that we share with other IDPs like us, and I want to provide my daughter with as much comfort as possible.” Despite the adversity, Olga remains determined to find employment and enroll her daughter in a local school. © UNHCR

REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES

2024 REGIONAL TARGETS*

 <p>518,981 people reached with different forms of assistance in 2024*, out of a target of 850,000 people, some of whom will receive several forms of support**</p>	 <p>411,470 people reached with protection information and services***, out of a target of 515,000 people</p>	 <p>68,205 people targeted for multi-purpose cash assistance, out of a target of 190,000 people</p>	 <p>152,297 people supported with socio-economic inclusion, including livelihoods support by UNHCR and partners, out of a target of 267,000 people</p>
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REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE ACROSS EUROPE (as of 24 Sep 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.

- **Bulgaria:** During August, UNHCR held six focus group discussions in Sofia to assess socio-economic and financial inclusion challenges faced by refugees. Refugees from Ukraine identified the lack of language courses as a key barrier to employment and vocational training. High accommodation costs and real estate agency fees were also highlighted. Refugees stressed the need for accommodation support as they work to establish their lives and find employment. The results of the discussions will inform UNHCR's future protection response.
- **Hungary:** To assess the impact of the [legislative changes](#) on state-subsidized accommodation, UNHCR conducted field monitoring visits to several collective shelters to gather information for advocacy, identify cases with specific needs, make referrals and provide counselling to affected individuals. In coordination with partners, UNHCR monitored shelters as the legislative changes took effect, when over a hundred refugees lost their accommodation at certain locations. UNHCR worked with civil society, municipalities, and shelter operators to identify alternative shelter options. In addition to monitoring activities, UNHCR is continuing advocacy regarding legislative changes affecting refugees in subsidized shelters, including identifying solutions for evicted families.
- **Lithuania:** As part of regular protection monitoring, on 9 August UNHCR undertook a monitoring visit to Pastogė child welfare centre in Kanaus (west of Vilnius), which is among the institutional care facilities housing unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) from Ukraine. Ten children from Ukraine are currently present at the centre — with four preparing to attend university and the others in secondary school, most of whom are aged 16+. UNHCR continues to monitor the situation of UASC in the country while supporting local capacities for caregiver institutions.
- **Moldova:** The UNHCR-led PSEA Network trained 16 staff from Moldova's National Centre for Prevention of Abuse to Children on PSEA standards. This training equipped frontline workers with critical knowledge and essential skills to identify, prevent, and respond to abuse, enhancing child protection and creating safer environments for vulnerable children in Moldova.
- **Poland:** In August, UNHCR responded to 227 calls through its Counselling Line/RCC, totaling 3,740 in 2024. Refugees from Ukraine made up 86 per cent of the callers.

- **Romania:** On 29 August, UNHCR held an awareness session with 25 Roma refugees from Ukraine at the Roma Education Center in Bucharest. The session—which included adolescents and adults—focused on GBV prevention and self-defense techniques. Managed by the Roma Education Fund, the center provides vital educational and integration support for Roma refugees.
- **Slovakia:** As part of Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) response, UNHCR shared its [Protection Brief III with refugee communities in Ukrainian, Slovak, and English](#) languages via its Communication with Communities (CWC) channels. The brief provides information on how UNHCR supports the government and municipalities in enhancing protection and inclusion, its advocacy for refugee rights as well as how it uses information gathered from assessments.

BASIC NEEDS, HEALTH & WELL-BEING

2024 TARGET



190,000

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

- **Regional:** So far in 2024, UNHCR has reached 68,205 individuals with cash assistance in six countries neighboring Ukraine, including cash for basic needs.
- **Belarus:** As of 2 September, UNHCR has distributed cash assistance to 342 individuals, including 204 refugees from Ukraine, reaching 30 per cent of the annual target of 1,100 beneficiaries. Throughout August, 159 refugees from Ukraine received cash across Minsk, Brest, and Vitebsk. The financial service provider contract is expected to be finalized in September.
- **Czech Republic:** UNHCR, in partnership with NGO [Agency for Migration and Adaptation](#) launched the 'Digital Arts for Youth and Community Wellbeing' project, funded by the Digital Innovation Fund. Between 17 - 26 August, refugee youth and local community members collaborated on a mural along Prague's Vltava river, promoting digital design skills, social cohesion and mental well-being. Additionally, UNHCR introduced free online courses Ukrainian refugee youth, while gathering feedback for improvements.
- **Romania:** On 28 August, UNHCR conducted field missions to Medias and Sibiu (central Romania), together with two refugee-led organizations. The missions aimed at identifying refugee needs and providing information. UNHCR conducted participatory assessments and held two awareness sessions for refugee women on digital safety. A similar discussion was held in Cluj-Napoca, northwestern Romania focusing on older refugees and people with disabilities.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION & LOCALIZATION

2024 TARGET



267,000

people are targeted for socio-economic inclusion, including livelihoods support by UNHCR and partners.

- **Bulgaria:** Supported by UNHCR and the Ministry of Education and Science, the Personal (Child) Development Centres in Sofia, Burgas, Plovdiv, and Varna initiated language and preparatory courses for refugee children from Ukraine, which will use textbooks provided through a UNHCR-Caritas partnership. UNHCR is also collaborating with the Ministry's Inclusive Education Department and Teach Bulgaria to develop preparatory classes, and is finalizing an agreement to launch inclusive education courses under the UNHCR Teachers Academy's accredited programme.
- **Czech Republic:** During September, UNHCR in partnership with the Czech Language and Cultural Institute, will launch a Youth Academy in Mladá Boleslav to support young refugees, particularly from Ukraine. The academy will provide tailored extracurricular activities to enhance academic skills and personal development. Through key private sector partnerships, UNHCR will identify mentorships, internships, and potential employment opportunities. This initiative aims to promote refugee inclusion by addressing gaps in education and employment.
- **Moldova:** The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has approved funding to enhance

the job-matching platform for the National Congress of Ukrainians of Moldova, which is supported by UNHCR. The upgrade will add interactive features to improve connections between refugee job-seekers and employers. Additionally, EBRD launched an entrepreneurship training for refugees, developed in collaboration with UNHCR.

- **Poland:** On 29 August, UNHCR along with the Economic Council and Rzeszów Municipality hosted a consultation with 15 companies to discuss integrating refugees from Ukraine into the workforce. Manufacturing was highlighted as a key growth sector. Proposed opportunities to support inclusion include offering job-specific training and language courses, sharing entrepreneurship opportunities and improving legal frameworks by adopting successful recruitment practices. These consultations will inform UNHCR future response enhancing refugee inclusion.
- **Romania:** On 21 - 22 August, UNHCR partner World Vision held two online workshops for refugee entrepreneurs, which focused on financial planning and realizing a cohesive business plan. The sessions covered various topics, including preparing a cash flow analysis, income statements, and sales forecasting. A total of 181 refugees from Ukraine attended the sessions.
- **Slovakia:** The Ministry of Education has asked UNHCR to assist with the enrolment of refugee children for the 2024-25 academic year. As in 2023, refugee families seeking Slovak kindergarten or school placements can use an online form on UNHCR's [Help Site](#) starting this month. UNHCR will regularly share the collected data with the Ministry of Education for follow-up by regional coordinators at the National Institute of Education and Youth.



Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS) for Refugees from Ukraine

Przemyśl, Poland – Kateryna, and her two sons arrived at the Hope Foundation in Przemyśl, Poland, after fleeing hostilities in her hometown of Pokrovsk, Ukraine. There, UNHCR and partners provided them with information on MHPSS services, to help her family cope with the trauma following their displacement. © UNHCR

COORDINATION

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In Ukraine, UNHCR leads three Clusters, namely Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Protection, and Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs). 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 active 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.

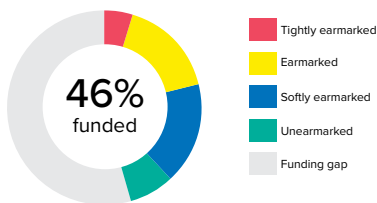
REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

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. To learn more about the 2023 RRP response, please [see here](#).

FINANCIAL UPDATES

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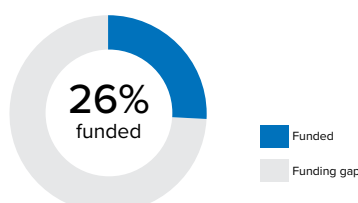
US\$ 993.3 million required



As of 31 Aug 2024

INTER-AGENCY FINANCIAL UPDATES

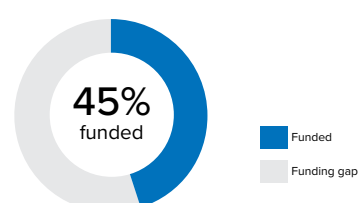
US\$ 1.08 billion required*



As of 30 Jun 2024

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

US\$ 3.11 billion required



As of 23 Sep 2024

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

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