UNHCR UKRAINE 2025 PROGRAMME SUMMARY



Tetiana from Kharkiv, who cares for her husband with a disability, received winter cash assistance from UNHCR. "Thanks to this support, we purchased firewood, coal, and a small stove. Your compassion is extraordinary, and now we can face the winter without fear of freezing," shared Tetiana. © UNHCR/Oleksii Barkov







OVERVIEW OF NEEDS

As the full-scale war in Ukraine enters its fourth year on 24 February 2025, Russian attacks on frontline towns and destruction and occupation of settlements, coupled with massive aerial strikes targeting civilian infrastructure across the country, continue to drive further displacement, family separation and destruction of homes. The 2025 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) estimates that 12.7 million people require urgent assistance and protection services in 2025. According to the HNRP, 3.6 million people remain displaced inside the country with the severity of humanitarian needs increasing. Over 79,000 of the most vulnerable displaced people continue to reside in nearly 1,800 collective sites throughout the country, in urgent need of durable solutions. The most critical protection and humanitarian needs are largely concentrated along the war's frontlines in the east and south of Ukraine, where intensified fighting in 2024 has resulted in new displacement and an increase in protection risks to the civilian population. At the same time, those newly evacuated and displaced to nearby regions or to central and western Ukraine are primarily highly vulnerable people of older age and low mobility, as well as low-income families with children. According to the Third Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (RDNA3), more than 2 million homes have been damaged or destroyed during the first two years of full-scale war and civilian and critical infrastructure is heavily impacted highlighting the devastating toll of the war on countless families.

Despite the ongoing war, the will to recover, return to one's home, reconstruct and maintain hope for the future remains strong among the people of Ukraine. Timely humanitarian support helps sustain the protection and resilience of the war-affected population. Simultaneously, UNHCR's contributions to the Government-led recovery efforts help sustain voluntary returns to areas impacted by hostilities, and the integration of internally displaced people unable to return to their home communities and their inclusion in local services and access to job opportunities.

2025 RESPONSE PLAN | KEY FIGURES



900,000 people supported with protection services \$77.5 million



1.1 million people supported with cash assistance \$225.9 million



365,000 people supported with emergency shelter material, home repairs and housing solutions \$212.3 million



250,000 people supported with core relief items \$29.4 million



37,500 people provided with multi-sectorial assistance in collective sites \$4.9 million



UNHCR'S 2025 RESPONSE STRATEGY IN UKRAINE | KEY PRIORITY AREAS

Aligned with the 2025 HNRP, the 2025-2029 UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), and in support and reinforcement of the Government of Ukraine's humanitarian and recovery priorities, UNHCR's strategy is centred around four overarching objectives:



Provide life-saving humanitarian assistance and protection to evacuated and other newly displaced people as well as to war-affected people in frontline areas facing hostilities, and those impacted by aerial attacks.



Support IDPs with specific vulnerabilities in protracted displacement-through targeted programmes to promote access to rights, dignified accommodation, and durable solutions.



Support durable solutions and recovery of IDPs, returnees and vulnerable people who have remained in war-affected areas through community-based, psychosocial, and legal protection programmes, repair of homes and support to access inclusive social protection services and job opportunities.



Promote inclusive and rights-based laws, policies and procedures in protection, housing and durable solutions areas through evidencebased advocacy and technical advice leveraging reform processes.

As lead agency for the humanitarian Protection, Emergency Shelter/non-food items, and collective site management (CCCM) clusters, UNHCR will continue to leverage its technical expertise, extensive operational footprint and trusted relationships with national and local authorities, IDP Councils, and network of over 550 community-based organizations in Ukraine to deliver humanitarian assistance and protection services to IDPs, returnees, non-displaced war-affected people, refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless people. UNHCR is also actively engaged in the development and coordination of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework and co-leads, with UNDP, Results Group 4 on Governance, which will support the Government of Ukraine in its reform, recovery and development priorities. Through a three-year strategy, UNHCR applies a sustainability and 'solutions from the start' approach to new displacement and humanitarian needs, while simultaneously working with a range of stakeholders - mainly local - to create conditions conducive to sustainable return and recovery.

UNHCR's response in Ukraine focuses on complementing and reinforcing national systems and services, sustaining strong partnerships with local and regional authorities, and supporting local and national civil society actors, including national NGO partners as well as community-based organizations. At the core of UNHCR's strategy is supporting the development of Ukraine's human capital, civil society, and national social protection system. UNHCR aims to ensure that vulnerable populations receive timely and needed humanitarian and early recovery support while the national capacity remains overstretched due to the war, and contribute with its protection, housing, durable solutions and other technical expertise to an inclusive and rightsbased reform and recovery agenda.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- UNHCR's 2025 plans for the Ukraine Situation can be found here.
- Visit Ukraine's Operational Data Portal for more information products 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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