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UKRAINE SITUATION FLASH UPDATE #81

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Ukraine – UNHCR's NGO partners Proliska and Rokada were on site to provide emergency assistance to affected families after a large-scale Russian attack on 6 June 2025. The attack, which counted more than 400 drones and 38 missiles hit cities in several regions across the country including Kyiv, Lutsk, Lviv and Ternopil, claiming lives and injured many people, while damaging civilian infrastructure including residential buildings, a kindergarten and energy facilities, and leaving thousands of families without access to water and electricity. © Proliska

PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

5,059,110*
refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (as of 31 May 2025)

560,560
refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (as of 31 May 2025)

5,619,670
refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (as of 17 May 2025)

3,757,000**
Estimated number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine (as of April 2025)

More details: UNHCR Operational Data Portal Ukraine Refugee Situation

Staying Safe: Inter-Agency Insights On Protection And Accountability For Refugees From Ukraine

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **The Russian Federation (RF) continued to attack Ukraine with a record number of drones and missiles throughout May and June, killing and injuring civilians and causing significant damage to civilian infrastructure and homes across the country.** Overnight on 16 - 17 June, Kyiv city was hit by a massive RF attack involving 175 drones and 16 missiles (of over 400 drones and missiles that targeted Ukraine overnight). The damage was extensive, affecting eight different districts of the city. So far, 28 people have been reported dead and over 100 injured – making this one of the deadliest RF attacks on Kyiv in almost a year (according to the UN HRMMU). Mass attacks were also observed overnight on 9-10 June, with the majority of these targeting Kyiv, where a civilian was killed. A further two people were killed and nine injured in Odesa, where a maternity hospital and residential buildings were struck. At least one civilian was killed in Belgorod with four others injured. On the previous night, from 8-9 June, Russian Armed Forces (RAF) launched almost 500 drones and missiles, targeting mostly the western and central areas of Ukraine, setting a record for the largest drone attack since the full-scale war began.
- **Continuing a trend of high civilian casualties this year, the UN HRMMU recorded at least 183 civilians killed and 836 injured in May.** The number of civilians killed in May is the second highest in 2025, following April. Overall, in May, civilian casualties were recorded across 17 regions of Ukraine and the city of Kyiv, highlighting the continued impact of the full-scale war across the entire country.
- **UNHCR's NGO partners continue to respond to people affected by ongoing attacks**, including in Sumy City, Kryvyi Rih, Dnipro city and region, Donetska region, Kharkiv, Kirovohrad, Kyivska region, Odesa and Zaporizhzhia. UNHCR partners are providing psychological first aid, emergency shelter material, emergency cash assistance, core relief and essential items, and legal counselling to families affected by recent attacks, complementing the response of local authorities.

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 Data Collection (Round 20)

UKRAINE UPDATE

UNHCR 2025 GOALS* & RESPONSE INSIDE UKRAINE (as of 31 May 2025)

456,216 multi-sectoral services delivered in 2025, reaching for **2.7 million** people, some of whom will receive several forms of support***

221,666 people reached with protection information, counselling and support***, out of a goal of **900,000** people

72,308 with essential items, out of a goal of **250,000** people

69,661 people supported with multi-purpose cash and/or cash for winter energy needs, out of a goal of **1.1 million** people

68,862 people received emergency shelter and housing support, out of a goal of **370,000** people

23,719 people reached with safe access to multi-sectoral services in collective sites, out of a goal of **40,000** people

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

- **Emergency Response:** In May, the situation remained volatile with the frontline in **Donetska region** continuing to shift in several areas, near daily shelling in many frontline communities in **Donetska, Zaporizka and Dnipropetrovska**, as well as persistent aerial attacks. The attacks damaged educational and medical institutions, apartments and private buildings. In response, UNHCR and NGO partners continue to deliver emergency assistance to those affected, reaching over 2,800 affected people during May with emergency shelter kits or emergency shelter materials as well as NFIs to help support their immediate needs. In addition, NGO partner Proliska provided over 400 people with psychosocial support, and almost 500 people with protection counselling, whilst Right to Protection (R2P) and The Tenth of April (TTA) supported over 180 people with legal counselling and almost 250 people with protection counselling in the aftermath of attacks.
- **Protection:** As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen response to various forms of violence affecting women and children, UNHCR conducted two field missions to Odesa and Lviv to enhance the capacity of government stakeholders and community-based organizations (CBOs), including women-led organizations (WLOs). A total of four training sessions were delivered across both locations, engaging 75 participants from the police, the Shelter/CCCM Cluster, and various CBOs. The sessions focused on survivor-centred response, safe disclosure and referral pathways, and risk mitigation strategies.
- **Housing/Shelter:** In the **Vinnytska region**, a newly renovated social housing facility was officially inaugurated. The project, implemented through the joint efforts of UNHCR, NGO partner Metalab, and local authorities, has transformed a once-abandoned dormitory into dignified, sustainable accommodation for internally displaced people. In the Kyivska region, UNHCR, together with partner Rokada and local authorities, opened a social housing facility in Pereyaslav. Nine apartments for displaced families will help ensure safe, dignified housing for these families. All the projects stand as a model of inclusive recovery, offering displaced families a stable foundation and renewed sense of home.
- **Cash assistance:** From January - April 2025, UNHCR delivered cash assistance to more than 69,660 people totalling more than $21.4 million to help cover the costs of basic needs like accommodation, food, medicine, clothing, and heating. So far this year, some 35,700 vulnerable people have been supported because they are either in need of urgent support following missile strikes or evacuation, or they live in protracted states of displacement, including socioeconomically vulnerable people, returnees and people with specific protection needs.
- **Legal trainings:** UNHCR's partners TTA and R2P continued trainings for legal aid providers. Aligned with the Coordination Centre for Free Legal Aid, trainings were held in in **Odesa, Dnipro, and Kropyvnytskiy,** capacitating lawyers and advocates on social protection of IDPs, compensation-related procedures for damaged and destroyed housing, and displacement-caused legal problems in the area of employment. Two trainings were held for judges in Odesa in April and Lviv in May, co-organized with the National School of Judges, covering questions of birth and death registration, IDP registration, IDP allowances, access to pensions and social benefits, as well housing, land and property-related topics, including long-term loans for property in occupied regions.

Shelter support for war-affected people in Ukraine

Kharkhiv, Ukraine – Mariia, 70, and Anatolii, 74, spent over 50 years in their village of Khatnie, Kharkiv region, before the war forced them to flee. Since then, Mariia and Anatolii have been living in a dormitory in Kharkiv city, at a collective site rehabilitated by UNHCR to improve conditions for displaced families. They brought with them a picture of their three sons, one of whom tragically passed away after fighting for his country. © UNHCR/Oleksii Barkov

REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES

2025 REGIONAL RESPONSE* (as of 31 March 2025)

129,866
people reached with different forms of assistance so far in 2025,** out of a goal of
752,000

62,702
people reached with protection information and services so far in 2025,*** out of a goal of
209,000

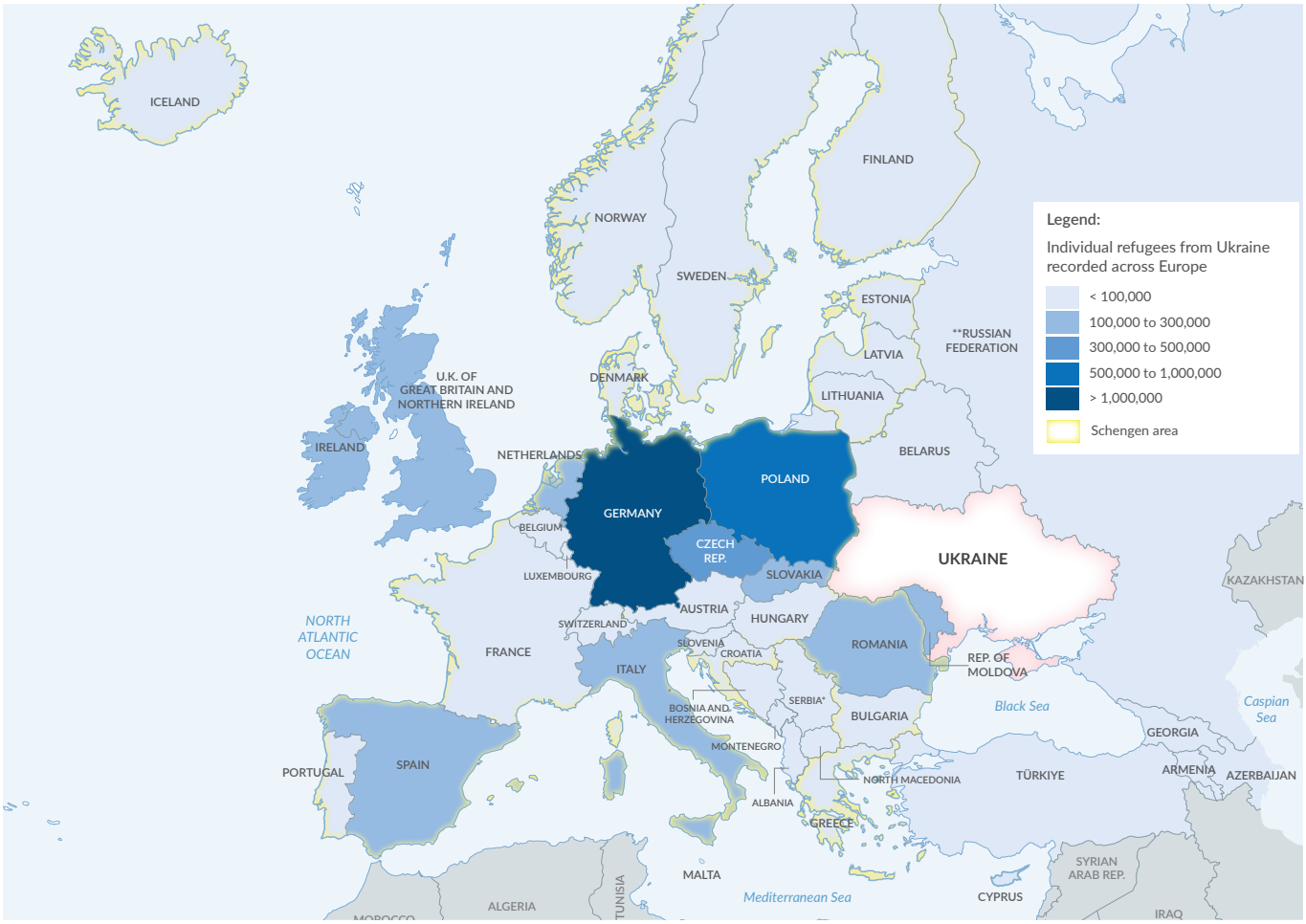
19,810
people reached so far in 2025 with legal assistance to access rights and services, out of a goal of
174,000

21,280
people reached with multi-purpose cash assistance so far in 2025, out of a goal of
58,600

11,595
people reached with socio-economic inclusion so far in 2025, including livelihoods support by UNHCR and partners, out of a goal of
77,200

* The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements. All figures pending final verification.
** Includes individuals benefiting from multiple forms of assistance and services.
*** Also includes calls to hotlines.

REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE ACROSS EUROPE (as of 31 May 2025)



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*Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]) Source: UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe
**As of mid-June 2023 an estimated 1.2 million Ukrainians were recorded in the Russian Federation under different legal forms of stay (other than refugee or temporary asylum status) and reported by UNHCR as persons in a refugee-like situation. However, this figure has not been updated since June 2023, and therefore can no longer be included in UNHCR's official statistics for end of 2024.

More information available on the UNHCR Ukraine operational data portal page.

PROTECTION

62,702

refugees from Ukraine reached with protection information and services through UNHCR and partners, out of a target of **209,000**

- **Bulgaria:** On 21 May UNHCR organized an online roundtable on "Effective Guardianship for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking and Refugee Children in Bulgaria". Jointly organized with the Council of Europe, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, and the European Guardianship Network, and with the support of EU Asylum Agency and UNICEF, the event brought together 60 Bulgarian authorities, civil society, and child protection professionals in an open dialogue on enhancing legal and institutional frameworks for unaccompanied and separated children.
- **Czechia:** To offset severe funding cuts affecting UNHCR's partner AMIGA, a new cooperation agreement was reached with the Czech Red Cross (CZRC). As of 1 May 2025, CZRC has covered 93% of the reduced budget, ensuring continuity of MHPSS services until at least 31 December 2025. This partnership marks a first for UNHCR Czechia and illustrates successful tripartite cooperation. AMIGA's mental health and psychosocial support services remain vital, targeting diverse refugee groups including children with disabilities, single mothers, youth, and the older people.
- **Hungary:** On 17 May, UNHCR held three Ukrainian-language information sessions on online safety for a total of 114 refugee students aged 12 - 15 at the Hungarian-Ukrainian Bilingual School in Budapest. The sessions aimed to raise awareness about digital security risks and promote safe online behavior through interactive discussions, quizzes, and case studies. Topics included identifying misinformation and disinformation, fact-checking methods, recognizing online scams, securing passwords, and protecting personal data.
- **Poland:** UNHCR together with child protection sub-working group members is developing the first draft of a national framework and assessment tool for determining the best interests of the child. The initiative, under the Ministry of Justice's Working Group, aims to institutionalize multidisciplinary cooperation at the local level to better prevent and respond to violence against children. The child protection sub-working group met during May to work on a first draft.
- **Moldova:** UNHCR partner CNPAC organized a workshop on 'Peer-to-Peer Facilitation: Challenges and Solutions', as part of its 2025 child protection program. The workshop sought to strengthen children's ability to lead peer discussions on child protection and violence prevention. Additionally, CNPAC, in collaboration with the Moldovan National Youth Council, held a second workshop on coping with stress.
- **Slovakia:** In May, UNHCR partner Human Rights League (HRL) provided 194 people with legal assistance, out of whom 5 people received information about the asylum process in Slovakia. The service provision has been significantly reduced due to the current funding situation. On 14 May, HRL organized a seminar for temporary protection holders with practical tips and information on how to launch a small business in Slovakia.

BASIC NEEDS, HEALTH & WELL-BEING

21,280

people reached with multi-purpose cash assistance by UNHCR and partners so far in 2025, out of a goal of **56,100**

- **Belarus:** So far in 2025, UNHCR provided cash assistance to 169 households, encompassing a total of 325 individuals who have arrived in Belarus from Ukraine. This represents approximately 51 per cent of the planned goal of 800 individuals from Ukraine for cash assistance in 2025.
- **Bulgaria** In late May, UNHCR, EducArt and Teach for Bulgaria have carried out two final sessions as part of the Academy for Refugee Teachers, in Sofia and in Plovdiv. The in-person events focused on the establishment of language inclusive schools and provided teachers with tips on involving colleagues and parents in the support to refugees. The last session with the group will be held online on 7 June in Burgas.
- **Hungary:** As of May, UNHCR's planning for the distribution of 585 Family Size Hygiene Kits and 740 individual parcels for summer 2025 was finalized, with allocations made to 10 partner organizations and RLOs across Hungary, to be distributed in the coming weeks.
- **Romania:** In May, UNHCR in close coordination with the General Directorate of Social Assistance of Bucharest Municipality (DGASMB) initiated a large-scale distribution of over 305,000 NFIs at the RomExpo Community Centre. This initiative, part of a broader humanitarian response, aimed at meeting the basic needs of approximately 7,000 vulnerable individuals - including Ukrainian refugees fleeing conflict and at-risk members of the host community.
- **Russian Federation:** In May, 1,020 refugees from Ukraine were counselled in person by UNHCR and partners in urban areas, while 871 were counselled in the border regions of Voronezh, Kursk, Rostov-on-Don, Bryansk and Belgorod. A total of 3,271 refugees were counselled via the hotline by UNHCR and partners in April.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION & LOCALIZATION

11,595

people reached with socio-economic inclusion services so far in 2025, including livelihoods support by UNHCR and partners, out of a goal of **77,200**

- **Belarus**: Since late-May, UNHCR has been piloting a collaboration with the consulting company ProLex, which supports foreigners with accessing decent work. Since then, three Ukrainian refugees were referred to the company by UNHCR.
- **Bulgaria**: In late May, UNHCR, EducArt and Teach for Bulgaria have carried out two final sessions as part of the Academy for Refugee Teachers, in Sofia and in Plovdiv. The in-person events focused on the establishment of language inclusive schools and provided teachers with tips on involving colleagues and parents in the support to refugees. Certificates were distributed. The last session – with the group in Burgas, will be held online on 7 June.
- **Czechia:** In June, the Youth Academy—a UNHCR-supported initiative—successfully concluded its three-month programme, offering career development and job placement support to young refugees. The project will continue independently under the leadership of the Czech Language and Culture Institute and Škoda Auto University, with private sector backing. UNHCR will remain involved in an advisory capacity.
- **Hungary:** On 21 May, UNHCR took part in a job fair for refugees organized by partner, Devai Inn at their community center. Among potential employers, several multinational companies were also present including Auchan, Decathlon and Jysk, along with labour loan agencies. UNHCR promoted its Guide for Employers among the companies and organizations present and provided information and counselling to job-seeking refugees.
- **Moldova:** In May, UNHCR delivered six wheelchairs to its partner Keystone for distribution to persons with disabilities from both refugee and host communities. The assistance was provided based on assessed needs, aiming to improve mobility and promote inclusion for individuals with limited physical access. This initiative is part of UNHCR's broader efforts to support persons with specific needs and ensure equitable access to services.
- **Poland:** On 10 June, UNHCR in collaboration with Deloitte launched the report Analysis of the impact of refugees from Ukraine on the economy of Poland. The report finds that Ukrainian refugees contributed a net 2.7% to Poland's GDP in 2024. Labour market inclusion has been rapid, with 69% of working-age Ukrainian refugees now employed—only slightly below the 75% employment rate of Polish citizens. Their entry into the Polish labour market has led to higher overall employment, increased productivity across firms, and even wage growth among Polish workers. As refugees have become more economically integrated and improve their position on the job market, their average monthly wages have risen from around PLN 3,100 (USD 830) to PLN 4,000 (USD 1,070).
- **Romania:** On 30 May, UNHCR, together with partner Project Voyager, held a job fair at the RomExpo Community Centre in Bucharest. The event included the participation of 15 employers offering over 60 vacancies, mainly in the hospitality and service sectors. The event was attended by more than 150 refugees and members of the host community - Romanian citizens - looking for work. In addition to bringing jobseekers and employers together in a convivial atmosphere, participants received career and legal counselling and attended thematic workshops.
- **Slovakia:** On 20 May, UNHCR Slovakia launched the Coursera Social Impact Programme for forcibly displaced people currently in Slovakia to access certified online study programs from universities and organizations. The Programme is currently being promoted among refugee communities, mainly through partner organizations, RLOs and DAFI scholars. The initiative encourages access to suitable employment in Slovakia through development of skills/expertise and in support of inclusion.

Supporting refugees from Ukraine in Hungary

Budapest, Hungary – Through his school, Andriy, a 10-year-old refugee from Ukraine—whose family is supported by UNHCR's partner Carpathian Foundation—decided to donate all his savings to support the therapy of two local brothers diagnosed with Duchenne syndrome, a rare genetic illness. The organizers of the campaign reached out to a telecom company who honored the boy's generosity by providing him with a smartphone – which he had been saving for. The phone was delivered to the boy at a small event with the help of Carpathian Foundation. The story was covered among others by one of Hungary's top TV channels, "RTL Klub". ©UNHCR/Erno Simon

COORDINATION

UKRAINE

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 30 UN and NGO partners across three coordination hubs, with the goal of supporting 70,000 people in collective sites in 2025. The Protection Cluster (co-led with the national organization Right to Protection) consists of 118 partners, including Areas of Responsibilities, and operates three coordination hubs to reach an anticipated 3.8 million people in 2025. The Shelter and NFI Cluster coordinates 157 partners across three coordination hubs, reaching for 3 million people with NFI kits, emer-gency shelter and housing repairs. UNHCR also co-chairs the Protection Strategy Working Group and the Accountability to Affected Populations Working Group. Through its leadership in these areas, UNHCR leads on centrality of protection together with OHCHR and Right to Protection to advice the HCT on prioritizing protection in collective strategic humanitarian decision-making.

REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

UNHCR leads and coordinates the 2025-2026 Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP), bringing together 266 partners in Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Slovakia in support of the government-led response efforts. Partners 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 tailored support and assistance. The plan also seeks to strengthen refugees' socio-economic inclusion in their host communities and increasing their self-reliance, while reinforcing social cohe-sion between refugees and their hosts. Through the coor-dinated plan, partners are advancing the localization of the response by supporting national and local civil society, municipalities, local authorities and coordination structures.

UNHCR is issuing a fact sheet setting out priorities for funding drawn from the RRP. This will be published online by the end of June - please see the Operational Data Portal.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

UNHCR UKRAINE SITUATION FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR 2025

US$ 803.4 million
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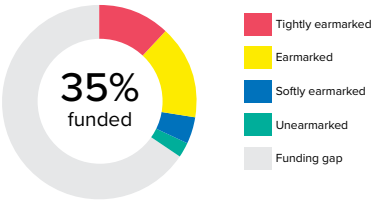

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INTER-AGENCY FINANCIAL UPDATES 2025

US$ 690.3 million
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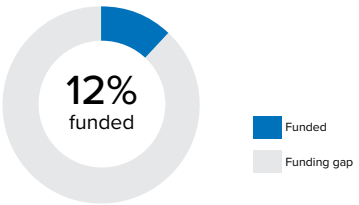

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Ukraine Situation: 2025-2026 Regional Refugee Response Plan

*Funding updated on quarterly basis

US$ 2.63 billion
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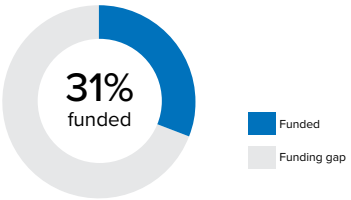

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