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UKRAINE SITUATION FLASH UPDATE #83

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Budapest, Hungary – During the Zsiget Festival in Budapest in early August, UNHCR staff engaged festival goers with an interactive map quiz on global refugee situations, and shared information about UNHCR's mandate. The activity reached more than 500 participants. © UNHCR/Erno Simon

PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

5,115,120*
refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (as of 31 July 2025)

560,560
refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (as of 1 July 2025)

5,675,680
refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (as of 31 July 2025)

3,340,140**
Estimated number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine (as of July 2025)

More details: UNHCR Operational Data Portal Ukraine Refugee Situation

Staying Safe: Inter-Agency Insights on Protection and Accountability for Refugees from Ukraine
To read the full report, click here.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- **On 15 August, U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin convened in Anchorage, Alaska as part of high-level peace talks**, though no formal ceasefire was realized. Following this, EU and European leaders joined Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Washington D.C. on 18 August in a show of western unity for ending the war.
- **Russian Armed Forces (RAF) launched a record 6,443 drones towards Ukraine in July,** according to Ukraine's Air Force. The total is the highest of the war to date, around 13 per cent more than in June, and a fourteen-fold increase in drones launched compared to July 2024.
- **The UN HRMMU reported a continued rise in civilian casualties in July,** with at least 1,674 civilian casualties (286 killed; 1,388 injured) – setting a new record for monthly overall casualties since May 2022.
- **OCHA's humanitarian access snapshot for May and June reported 36 access incidents across Ukraine**, two-thirds of which impacted humanitarian personnel, assets and facilities. The most predominant threat was drone strikes, the highest of which were in Khersonska and Kharkivska regions. Two humanitarian workers were injured, and frontline partners lost access to an estimated 10,000 residents who had been receiving assistance.
- **UNHCR's NGO partners continue to respond to people affected by ongoing attacks**, including in Chernihivska, Cherkaska, Dnipropetrovska, Donetska, Kharkivska, Kyivska, Odeska, Sumska, Vinnytska and Zaporizska regions. UNHCR and 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 19).

UNHCR UKRAINE RESPONSE

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

623,525
multi-sectoral services delivered in 2025, targeting
2.7 million
people, some of whom will receive several forms of support**

328,278
people reached with protection information, counselling and support, out of a goal of
900,000
people

76,975
people supported with essential items, out of a goal of
250,000
people

93,408
people supported with multi-purpose cash and/or cash for winter energy needs, out of a goal of
1.1 million
people

99,972
people received emergency shelter and housing support, out of a goal of
370,000
people

24,892
people reached with safe access to multi-sectoral services in collective sites, out of a goal of
40,000
people

* These goals are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements. ** Includes individuals benefiting from multiple forms of assistance and services.

- **Emergency Response:** In June, the situation remained volatile in the east of Ukraine, with the frontline in **Donetska region** shifting in multiple areas, daily attacks observed in frontline communities in **Dnipropetrovska** and **Zaporizka regions,** and flows of evac-uees to **Kharkivska** and **Sumska** regions**.** UNHCR and partners continued to deliver emergency assistance to those affected, responding to more than 95 incidents of shelling/aerial attacks. UNHCR and partner Proliska scaled up support, distributing hygiene kits to over 970 evacuees during July across three transit centres in Donetska. UNHCR is also assisting 758 evacuees at 40 collective sites in Poltavska, Donetska, Dnipropetrovska, Kirovohradska and Zaporizka regions. UNHCR and partners Proliska and R2P are also providing protection services such as psychosocial support, protection counselling, social accompaniment and legal aid, while partner Tenth of April (TTA) is supporting safety planning and risk reduction for women, girls and boys and response activities in coordination with relevant clusters.
- **Child Protection:** On 14 July, the third regional Child Rights Protection Centre in Ukraine was opened in Volynska oblast. The Centre was established with the support of UNICEF, Government of Norway and UNHCR. UNHCR provided office equipment and various appliances. The centre was established to safeguard the rights of children affected by war, deportation, the loss of parents, or other challenging life circumstances. It is equipped to conduct child-sensitive interviews in line with the Barnahus model.
- **Shelter/Housing:** On 28 July, UNHCR participated in the opening of a newly renovated IDP housing site in Berehove city, Zakar-patska oblast. The project, supported by UNHCR in partnership with local authorities and NGOs, offers safe, dignified, and inclusive accommodation for up to 200 people who have been forced to flee their homes - with most residents being recent evacuees from frontline areas. Located in an urban setting, the site ensures access to essential services including healthcare, education, social protection services and employment opportunities.
- **Coordination:** UNHCR chaired the Task Force on Social Services on 25 July, which convened stakeholders with expertise and programmes focused on strengthening and supporting reforms of social services systems. The Task Force was attended by UN, NGO, donors, government, and civil society, and focused on a presentation and consultation by Civitta on the development of the National Social Services Strategy, for which Task Force members contributed substantive and constructive feedback.
- **Cash Assistance:** From January - July 2025, UNHCR delivered cash assistance to more than 93,408 people totalling more than $27.4 million to help cover the cost of basic needs like accommodation, food, medicine, clothing, and heating. This includes almost 58,200 vulnerable people who were assisted because they were either in need of urgent support following aerial attacks or evacuation, were recently displaced within the last six months, or are returnees who are socio-economically vulnerable and have specific protection needs.

Emergency assistance to families in Ukraine

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

REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES

2025 REGIONAL RESPONSE* (as of 1 July 2025)

211,024
people reached with different forms of assistance so far in 2025,** out of a goal of
752,000

124,470
people reached with protection information and services so far in 2025,*** out of a goal of
209,000

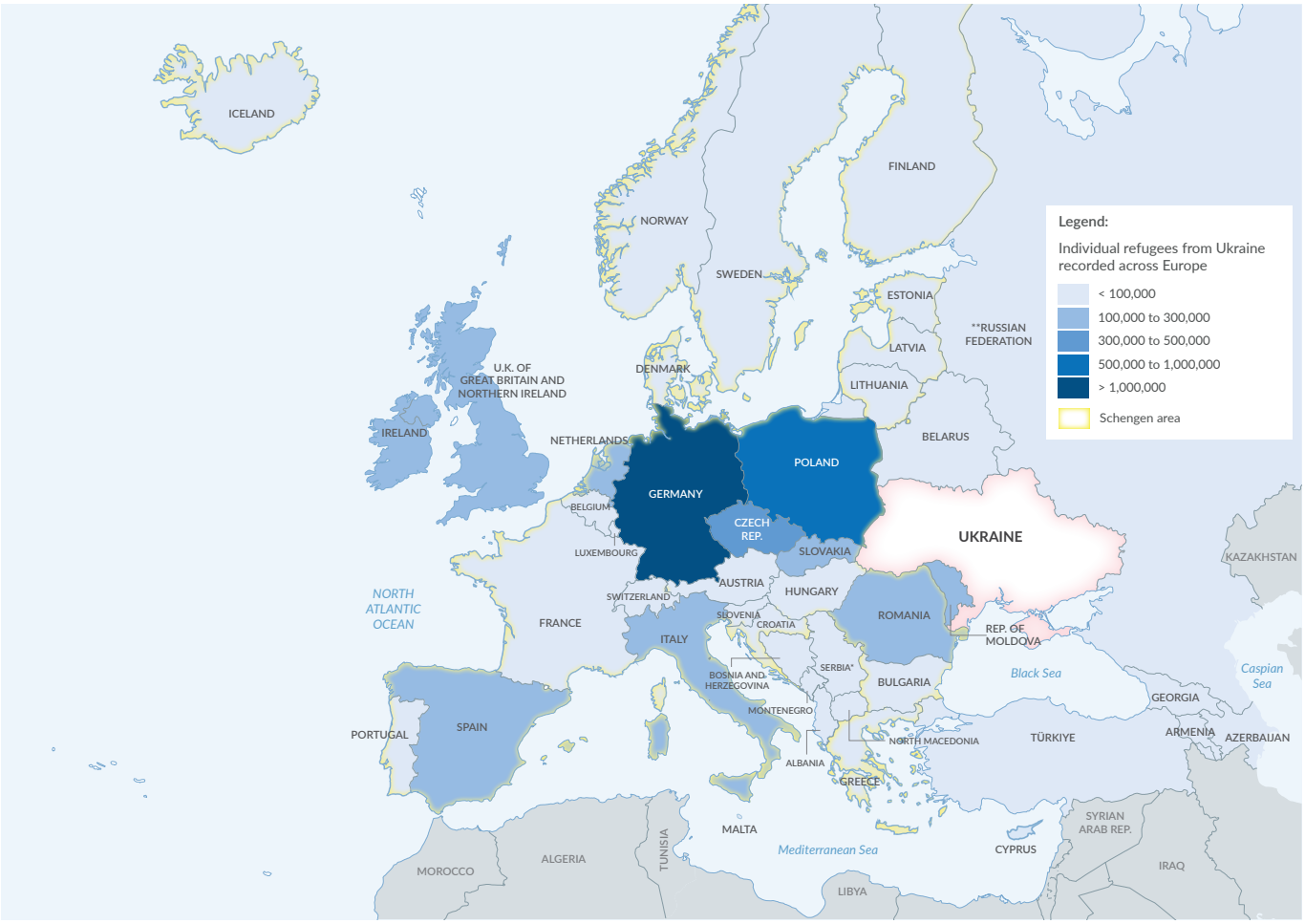
33,208
people reached so far in 2025 with legal assistance to access rights and services, out of a goal of
174,000

23,124
people reached with multi-purpose cash assistance so far in 2025, out of a goal of
58,600

18,900
people reached with socio-economic inclusion so far in 2025, including livelihoods support by UNHCR and partners, out of a goal of
77,200

* These goals are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements. All figures are calculated on quarterly bases and 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 July 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.

For more information, see UNHCR's Operational Data Portal for the Ukraine Refugee Situation.

PROTECTION

124,470 refugees from Ukraine reached with protection information and services through UNHCR and partners, out of a goal of **209,000**

- **Bulgaria:** On 3 July, UNHCR service provider Animus Association Foundation conducted a mental health and psycho-social support (MHPSS) group session for refugees, including 5 refugees from Ukraine, at their Safe Hut space in Sofia. Further sessions are planned in for August.
- **Hungary:** In July, UNHCR's Regional Contact Centre (RCC) handled 41 interactions (17 women and 15 men), with 37 calls from Ukrainian nationals. The most common topic was housing support. UNHCR also received 53 email inquiries (21 from women and 32 from men) from refugees from Ukraine, individuals in Ukraine seeking temporary protection, and asylum-seekers from other countries.
- **Moldova:** In July, UNHCR delivered three capacity-building sessions on safety planning and risk reduction for women, girls and boys for 16 protection desk staff, border monitors and legal counsellors in Chișinău, Bălți, and Căușeni. These sessions enhanced participants' ability to identify risks, make safe referrals, and respond effectively to survivors.
- **Poland:** On 2 - 3 July, UNHCR together with the Ombudsman for Children's Rights, delivered a training session for border guards on the topics of vulnerability assessment, alternatives to detention, child protection and administrative procedures within the legal framework on asylum.
- **Romania:** UNHCR continued its participatory assessment exercise, engaging over 270 refugees from Ukraine through 30 focus group discussions across Romania. The exercise is a structured, inclusive consultation process that involves direct engagement with refugees to ensure their voices inform UNHCR's protection strategies, services and solutions for the coming year, while promoting dignity, inclusion, and accountability.
- **Slovakia:** On 23 July, UNHCR partner Human Rights League (HRL) organized a workshop on rights and duties of children with Temporary Protection concerning school attendance at the Integration Centre in Košice. HRL also continued its provision of legal assistance, including information on the asylum procedure in Slovakia.

World Refugee Day Commemorations in Slovakia

Slovakia – UNHCR national partner People in Peril (PiP) organized summer camps as part of the "United in Sport" project. The initiative aims to promote social integration and mental well-be-ing among refugee children and youth through inclu-sive sports activities. By connecting refugee and host community children through team sports, the project fosters lasting friendships and builds stronger, more cohesive communities across Slovakia. Funded by LIV Golf, the project is implemented nationwide and is part of UNHCR's broader efforts to support durable solu-tions for refugees through meaningful engagement and access to opportunities. © PiP

BASIC NEEDS & WELL-BEING

23,124 people reached with multi-purpose cash assistance by UNHCR and partners so far in 2025, out of a goal of **56,100**

- **Belarus:** As of 11 August, UNHCR provided cash assistance to 215 households, encompassing a total of 520 individuals. This assistance represents 65 per cent of the planned target of 800 individuals from Ukraine for cash assistance in 2025.
- **Hungary:** In July, UNHCR distributed 585 Family-Size Hygiene Kits and 540 individual parcels, with allocations provided to 10 partner organizations and refugee-led organizations (RLOs) across Hungary.
- **Moldova:** Following discussions with the Government, UNHCR confirmed the continuation of its Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) programme for refugees from Ukraine. Despite operating within a highly constrained financial environment, UNHCR will proceed with the current scale of the MPCA programme while recognizing associated risks. As part of its longer-term transition strategy, UNHCR initiated preparatory steps for a comprehensive reassessment of the refugee population, planned for later in the year.
- **Poland:** On 23 July, UNHCR distributed Non-Food Items (NFI) at Hotel Królewski in Janów Lubelski for 105 refugees, primarily mothers with children, older people, and people with a disability who arrived in Poland following the full-scale war in Ukraine. The distribution included 54 family hygiene kits and 38 Women & Child hygiene kits to support their basic needs.
- **Romania:** On 1 July, UNHCR donated 243 boxes of hygiene items to the Galați Clinical Emergency Hospital for Children "Sfântul Ioan". The contribution supports essential hygiene and health care for vulnerable children, including both refugees and members of the host community. UNHCR partner Inimă de Copil also distributed 253 core-relief items such as bedding, towels, and hygiene items to 67 vulnerable families, reinforcing UNHCR's commitment to meeting the basic needs of displaced and at-risk populations through targeted assistance.
- **Russian Federation:** In July, 928 refugees from Ukraine were counselled in person by UNHCR and partners in urban areas, while 501 were counselled in the border regions of Voronezh, Kursk, Rostov-on-Don, Bryansk and Belgorod. A total of 1,112 refugees were counselled via the hotline by UNHCR and partners in July.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION & LOCALIZATION

18,900 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**: In July, UNHCR facilitated a dance workshop led by a Swedish choreographer, designed to foster inclusion and networking among refugees from Ukraine. The session was attended by nine refugees, representing three households, including four children. This initiative underscores UNHCR's commitment to promoting social integration and cultural exchange between communities.
- **Bulgaria:** UNHCR launched the application process for Refugee-Led Grants, inviting applications from refugee-led organizations (RLOs) under the 2025 Refugee Response Plan. An online information session was held for interested RLOs on 17 July. A total of five RLOs submitted their applications by end-July, with the selection of two projects to be completed in August.
- **Czechia:** UNHCR continued enrolling learners to the Coursera Social Impact programme, providing access to 572 refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless people. During July, UNHCR re-admitted learners whose documentation had expired to enable them to continue their studies on the platform. Popular courses include data analysis and analytics, graphic design, healthcare, psychology, engineering, and English. Based on a survey conducted by UNHCR, learners reported improved academic performance, finding employment opportunities, and managing career changes as some of the benefits of the programme.
- **Hungary:** UNHCR partner Menedék Association has established a pool of experts in Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), who have begun delivering services through contracted professionals, including a clinical psychologist, a child psychiatrist, and an art therapist.
- **Poland:** In July, UNHCR carried out a wide distribution of Communication with Communities (CWC) materials across Lubelskie and Podkarpackie. Materials were delivered to 71 locations in 31 county-level towns, targeting social welfare institutions, crisis management centres and partner organisations. The distribution will continue to cover remaining locations and 10 Border Crossing Points.

- **Romania:** On 24 July, UNHCR partner World Vision Romania finalized its six-week long entrepreneurship training programme with refugees from Ukraine, with 295 participants successfully completing the course. The programme provided refugees with entrepreneurship training comprising of six online sessions helping refugees to learn about developing a business plan, SMART objectives, tax and other legal requirements of setting up a company in Romania.
- **Slovakia:** Throughout July, inclusive sports activities were implemented under the Sport for Protection project "United in Sport". UNHCR's national partner People in Peril (PiP) organized summer camps for Slovak and Ukrainian children and youth in Košice, Zvolen, and Žilina. In total, the camps welcomed 62 participants

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 32 UN and NGO partners across three coordination hubs, with the goal of supporting 149,000 people in collective sites in 2025. The Protection Cluster consists of 88 partners, including sub-clusters, and operates three coordination hubs to reach an anticipated three million people in 2024. The Shelter and NFI Cluster coordinates 157 partners across three coordination hubs, with the goal of reaching 3 million people 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

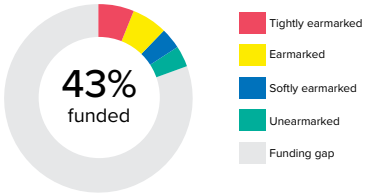
UNHCR leads and coordinates the 2025-2026 Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP), bringing together 266 partners in Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Slovakia in support of the government-led response efforts. Partners work 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 increase their self-reliance, while reinforcing social cohesion between refugees and their hosts. Through the coordinated plan, partners are advancing the localization of the response by supporting national and local civil society, municipalities, local authorities and coordination structures.

Due to the magnitude and gravity of sudden funding cuts in early 2025, UNHCR recently published its 2025 Regional RRP Hyper-Prioritization Factsheet to identify those most in need of urgent assistance.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

UNHCR UKRAINE SITUATION FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR 2025

US$ 803.4 million
required



As of 31 July 2025

INTER-AGENCY FINANCIAL UPDATES 2025

US$ 690.3 million*
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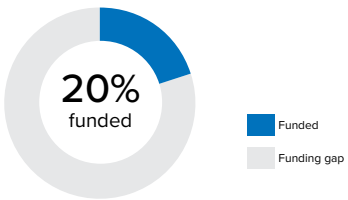
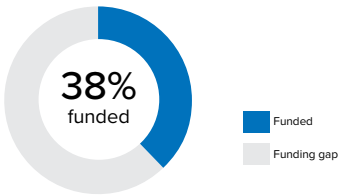


As of 26 August 2025
Ukraine Situation: 2025-2026 Regional Refugee Response Plan
*Funding updated on quarterly basis

US$ 2.63 billion
required



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