

UKRAINE EMERGENCY

UNHCR Operational Update

12 June 2026

Overnight on 13-14 May, a massive Russian aerial attack targeted Kyiv with hundreds of missiles and drones. An entire residential building in Kyiv collapsed, trapping people under the rubble and killing 24 people. UNHCR together with its NGO partners responded urgently with emergency assistance to impacted families. © UNHCR/Iryna Tymchyshyn

KEY FIGURES:

1.25 million

multi-sectorial services delivered to people in need in **2025***** (in addition to **1.7M** in 2024, **4.3M** in 2022 & **2.6M** in 2023)

10.8 million

people in need of humanitarian assistance and protection in 2026 (source: [2026 HNRP](#))

3.6 million

people prioritised (from 4.1M) for humanitarian assistance in the [2026 HNRP](#)

2.1 million

multi-sectorial services UNHCR aims to provide to internally displaced, returnees, and war-affected people in **2026*****

***People may receive multiple forms of assistance and services.

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT & HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Russian Federation launched record-high numbers of long-range weapons across Ukraine, resulting in significant civilian casualties in May and early June. A massive Russian attack on Kyiv overnight on [13-14 May](#) killed 24 people; on [23-24 May](#) Kyiv city and the Kyiv region came under one of the largest attacks since the start of the full-scale invasion, killing four people; and another largescale attack overnight on [1-2 June](#) killed at least 23 people across Ukraine – with Kyiv and Dnipro among the most affected. According to the [UN HRMMU](#), more civilians were killed and injured in Ukraine in May 2026 than in any other month in the last four years (since April 2022).
- On 20 May, a warehouse in Dnipro, eastern Ukraine, leased by UNHCR was directly hit by a missile in a Russian airstrike on the city. The attack killed at least two people, injured others and caused significant damage, destroying 900 pallets of basic aid items and shelter materials – valued at over \$1 million – ready for distribution to displaced and war-affected people in frontline regions. UNHCR extended its deepest condolences to the families of those affected by this attack, and by all strikes against civilians. Read the UNHCR Representative's [statement here](#), and UNHCR's [briefing note here](#).
- UNHCR is also alarmed by the growing risks faced by humanitarian workers operating near the frontline. In May, two clearly marked UN convoys with humanitarian workers were hit by drones – one truck delivering aid in [Dnipropetrovsk region](#), and a convoy on the way to [Ostriv in Kherson region](#).
- In the fifth year since the start of the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine, and more than 12 years since the war began, [UNHCR's programme in Ukraine](#) increasingly aims to help war-affected people and communities to recover, and displaced people to find durable solutions, particularly through housing and strategic protection advocacy.

2026 RESPONSE in NUMBERS*:

(Delivered with partners from 1 January–31 May 2026)

394,265

Multi-sectorial services delivered to people in need in 2026

Protection
222,734

Received protection services and support

0.96M
Targeted

Shelter/Housing
77,124

Received emergency shelter and housing support

0.33M
Targeted

Cash Assistance
71,484

Supported with cash assistance**

0.65M
Targeted

Essential Items
22,923

Reached with essential items

0.18M
Targeted

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

**Figures may be adjusted as they are subject to reconciliation and verification

Sources: UNHCR Ukraine Partner Reporting Portal (ActivityInfo);

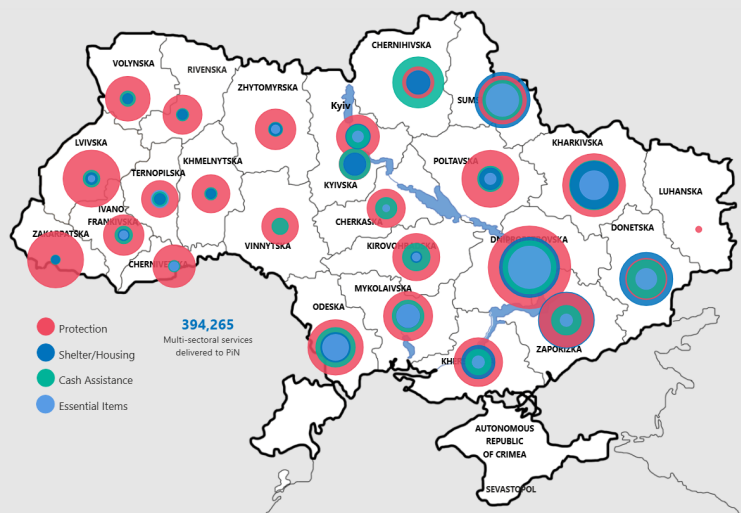
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All sectorial achievements/targets refer to individuals.
All reached figures are subject to data cleaning and verification.
Retro-active corrections may occur.

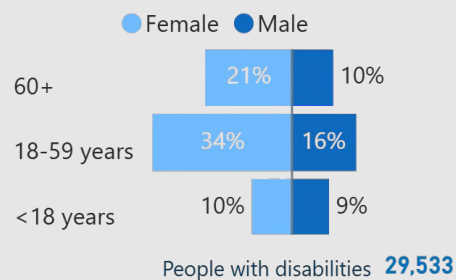
WORKING WITH PARTNERS:



*In alignment with the humanitarian inter-agency and cluster reporting systems, UNHCR and partners will continue to publish narrative and response figures on a monthly basis.



Age, gender and disability breakdown



Emergency Response

- **Emergency response to attacks:** Complementing the work of first responders, UNHCR's local NGO partners are among the first on the ground after a Russian aerial attacks, providing critical emergency shelter materials to quickly protect damaged homes, in addition to psychosocial support, legal assistance for example to restore lost documents or apply for state compensation, and cash assistance or essential items to help cover immediate needs. In May, UNHCR and NGO partners delivered emergency shelter materials to **12,884 people (7,227 families)** across Ukraine, primarily in Dnipropetrovska, Sumy, Donetsk, Zaporizka, and Kharkivska oblasts. In total in 2026, **61,741 people (35,168 families)** received emergency shelter assistance – **60.5% are women and girls, and 41.5% are older people** over the age of 60. In addition, UNHCR has provided emergency shelter assistance to **474** damaged facilities so far this year, including medical facilities, schools, administrative buildings, and other public facilities, allowing them to remain operational while more durable repairs can take place.
- Over the last month, UNHCR and partners responded to the needs of people affected by large attacks in [Dnipropetrovsk](#), [Donetsk](#), [Kharkiv](#) and [Sumy](#), [Kyiv](#), [Zaporizhzhia](#), and several [western regions](#) of Ukraine. Following a large Russian attack on Dnipro city on 17-18 May, which injured 28 people and damaged 48 multi-

storey apartment buildings, in addition to private houses, educational institutions, medical facilities, and other civilian infrastructure, around 640 people (314 families) received emergency shelter support through UNHCR and partners. In response to the largescale attacks in Kyiv city, in particular on 14 and 24 May, UNHCR partners provided over 600 families with emergency shelter materials, in addition to psychosocial support and counselling services.

- **Evacuations and response:** Forced displacement and evacuations from frontline regions continue. Since the start of 2026, [nearly 56,000](#) evacuees have passed through UNHCR-supported transit centres (TCs), but the actual number of people displaced is substantially higher, as many families flee without seeking support at the transit facilities. Evacuees arrive with few belongings, and many are vulnerable including older people and persons with reduced mobility or disabilities. In May, around **10,900 IDPs** passed through TCs, with the majority coming from Donetsk oblast, and 52% passing through the Lozova TC in Kharkivska oblast. Overall, displacement trends remained similar to April, with no significant increase reported. UNHCR and NGO partners continue to provide assistance to newly evacuated and war-affected families, including emergency shelter materials, cash assistance, and legal and psychosocial support.



Over 2,200 war-damaged communal facilities supported across Ukraine

As Russian attacks continue to damage civilian infrastructure across Ukraine, UNHCR continues working closely with authorities, providing emergency shelter response to help repair critical facilities. This ensures that vital functions can continue, and communities can access essential services in the most war-affected areas. Since the start of the full-scale invasion, UNHCR and its NGO partners have supported more than 2,200 community buildings such as administrative service centers, community centers, centers for social services, and other vital infrastructure like hospitals, kindergartens and schools, with emergency shelter materials. UNHCR remains the largest humanitarian provider of emergency shelter materials in Ukraine, working closely with regional and local authorities to identify urgent needs and respond quickly, particularly in areas experiencing frequent attacks. Read more [here](#).

By stabilizing buildings until more durable repairs can take place, materials such as tarpaulins and wooden boards help cover damaged roofs and shattered windows, allowing facilities to remain operational in the aftermath of attacks. © UNHCR/Iryna Tymchyshyn

New Human Rights Protection Centre expands nationwide access to essential rights and services

The network of Human Rights Centres across Ukraine continues to grow with the opening of a new regional centre in Lviv in May. This marks another important step in bringing vital protection services closer to people across Ukraine. The centre was established on the premises of the Office of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights (the Ombudsman of Ukraine) with the support of UNHCR and local authorities. These centres are designed as accessible spaces where people can receive legal counselling, information about access to human rights and direct assistance to resolve complex rights-related challenges affecting their daily lives, such as documentation issues for people displaced from temporarily occupied territories. Since August 2024, UNHCR has supported the Office of the Ombudsman in establishing similar regional centres in Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernivtsi, Zakarpattia, Khmelnytskyi, Kirovohrad, Odesa and Ternopil regions, as well as a national centre in Kyiv. Thousands of people have already received support in these centres since their openings. Read more [here](#).



Opening of the Lviv Human Rights Protection Centre in May.
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Protection

- **Mental health and psychosocial support training:** In May, UNHCR conducted training for partners on mental health and psychosocial support services in collective sites, as part of broader efforts to strengthen community-based protection and solutions-oriented approaches in support of IDPs arriving to and staying in collective sites. The training focused on structured community and group-based psychosocial interventions to strengthen social connectedness, positive coping, self-reliance, and independent living, ultimately supporting pathways towards durable solutions and the sustainable integration of displaced people in host communities.
- **Strengthening access to services:** On 14 May, UNHCR jointly with the Interregional Directorate of the Ministry of Justice conducted a regional workshop on strengthening access to legal aid and protection services for IDPs and war-affected people. Participants included over 200 representatives from local authorities, notaries, civil registry offices, the Ombudsperson's Office, legal aid providers and NGO partners in Dnipropetrovska, Kirovohradska and Zaporizka oblasts. They discussed challenges and opportunities to strengthen cooperation between justice institutions and humanitarian actors.
- **New Resilience Centre:** On 26 May, a new Resilience Centre opened in Truskavets, Lvivska oblast, with the support of the Truskavets City Council, UNHCR, and

NGO partners, expanding access to community-based mental health and psychosocial support services. Designed as an accessible and inclusive space, the centre provides free psychological consultations, group activities, and social adaptation support for IDPs and host community members.

Cash Assistance

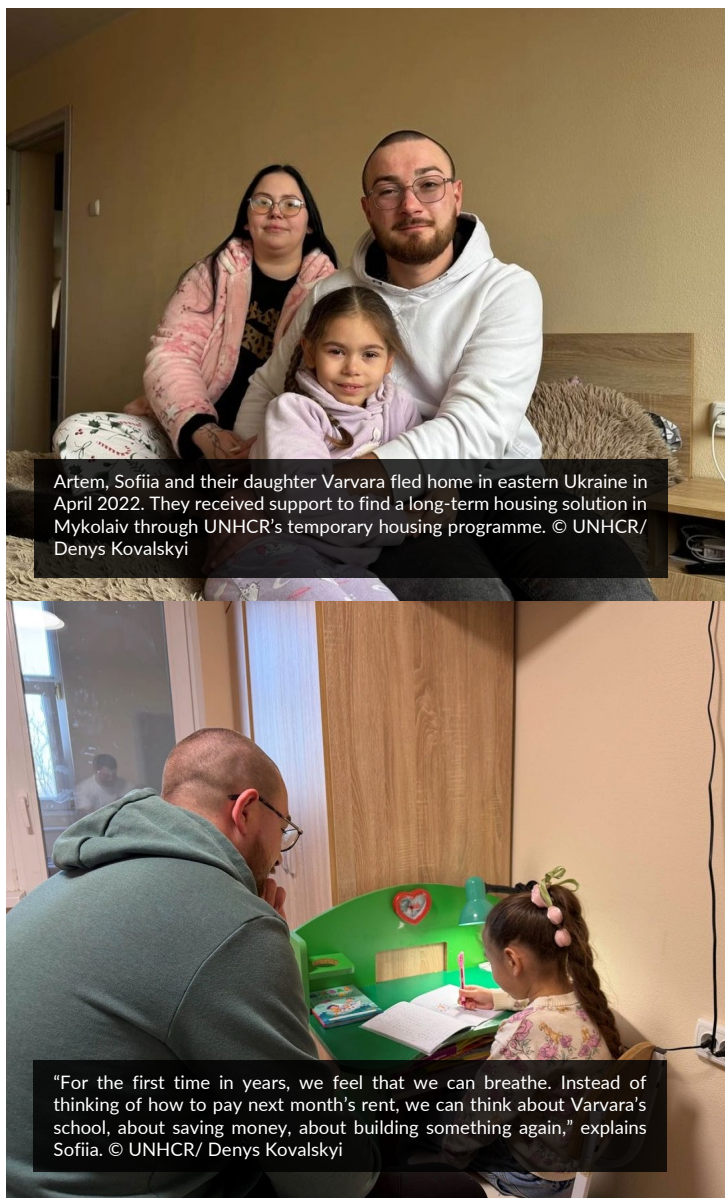
- From January-May, UNHCR delivered cash assistance to **71,484 war-affected people (64% are women and girls, and 40% older people)**, totalling over **\$18.4 million**.
- In April, UNHCR transitioned from its previous multi-purpose cash assistance programme to the Unified Cash transfer (UCT) approach, in line with the four strategic priorities set out in the 2026 HNRP. Through this approach, UNHCR continues to assist vulnerable IDPs, returnees and other vulnerable war-affected people with cash assistance to enable them to meet their basic needs, with a primary operational focus on supporting households affected by evacuation or new displacement (UCT2) and individuals impacted by strikes (UCT3). In May, around **75%** of individuals reached by UNHCR with cash assistance were affected by evacuation or new displacement (UCT2), and around **18%** were impacted by strikes (UCT3). Further information on UNHCR's cash assistance programme in Ukraine is available [here](#).



Since Tetiana (right) started renting a room in Valentyna's (left) home, the two women have developed a supportive relationship. "A roof above your head is important. But even more important is understanding that you are not alone," explains Tetiana. © UNHCR/Denys Kovalskyi

Finding alternative housing solutions and friendship in Mykolaiv

Tetiana Chursova, 62 years old, was evacuated from Shyroka Balka village in Khersonska oblast to Mykolaiv in August 2025. Her house was partially destroyed, and the ongoing insecurity, shelling and high transportation costs prevent her from returning to assess the damage. Following displacement, she moved through several temporary accommodations, including staying with friends, a church-run shelter, and a collective site for displaced people in the village of Mishkovo-Pohorilove, Mykolaivska oblast. Through UNHCR's NGO partner The Tenth of April (TTA), a case worker helped Tetiana find more sustainable housing through a community-based solution. TTA identified a rental arrangement with Valentyna, a 75-year-old local resident, and Tetiana has now lived there for a couple of months. The two women have developed a supportive relationship, with Tetiana initially assisting Valentyna with her care needs. Tetiana has also received essential household items, including a cooker and refrigerator.



Artem, Sofiia and their daughter Varvara fled home in eastern Ukraine in April 2022. They received support to find a long-term housing solution in Mykolaiv through UNHCR's temporary housing programme. © UNHCR/ Denys Kovalskiy

"For the first time in years, we feel that we can breathe. Instead of thinking of how to pay next month's rent, we can think about Varvara's school, about saving money, about building something again," explains Sofiia. © UNHCR/ Denys Kovalskiy

Social housing support helps a displaced family to find stability and rebuild their future

When Artem and Sofiia fled home in eastern Ukraine in April 2022, they carried little more than documents and a few essential belongings. Artem, 29, a family doctor from Siversk in Donetsk oblast, and Sofiia, 24, a psychologist from Kramatorsk, arrived in Berezanka, Mykolaivska oblast with their young daughter Varvara after escaping intense shelling that left their hometown severely damaged.

Like many internally displaced families, their first months were marked by uncertainty. The family moved between temporary accommodations before settling in rented housing in Berezanka, allocating most of their income to cover rent and utilities. Despite these challenges, Artem quickly integrated into the local healthcare system and began working as a family doctor in the community.

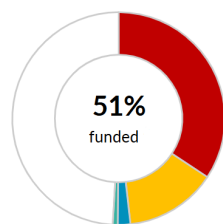
A turning point came when the family was selected for a housing support programme, implemented in Mykolaivska oblast by UNHCR and its NGO partner Caritas Ukraine, in coordination with regional authorities. This initiative aims at providing longer-term solutions for IDPs, enabling many of them to move out of collective sites or inadequate or unstable accommodation. Through this programme, UNHCR helps to transform communal facilities into dignified accommodation for displaced families, contributing to the government's stock of social housing for people forced to flee.

In Berezanka, eight apartments have been fully rehabilitated, including the installation of engineering systems and basic furnishing, enabling displaced families to move in immediately and restore a sense of home and normalcy. Since the start of the full-scale Russian invasion, UNHCR has so far helped create social housing for IDPs across Ukraine for over 460 displaced families. Read more [here](#).

FUNDING UPDATE | 2026

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as of 31 May 2026



\$470.0 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2026

- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)



UNHCR is grateful for the support from our top government donors and for the generous contributions from individuals and the private sector. Given the immense humanitarian needs, UNHCR continues to seek support to deliver assistance inside Ukraine. For more information, see the [UNHCR Ukraine Situation Appeal 2026](#) and the [UNHCR Ukraine 2026 Programme Summary](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Visit Ukraine's Operational Data Portal for more information products [here](#).
- UNHCR's Regional Flash Update on the Ukraine situation can be found [here](#).
- Ukraine Protection Cluster Response Dashboard can be found [here](#).
- Ukraine Protection Cluster Transit Centres Tracker [here](#).
- Shelter Cluster Response Dashboard [here](#).

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