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UKRAINE SITUATION FLASH UPDATE #80

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Brovary, Ukraine – On 30 April, UNHCR and Ukraine's Ministry of Social Policy signed an agreement formalizing the handover of a significant batch of humanitarian aid to support families displaced and affected by the ongoing war, including: 350,000 blankets, 150,000 sleeping bags, 70,000 bedding sets, 130,000 mattresses, 100,000 hygiene kits and other basic necessities. The Ministry will coordinate further distribution to vulnerable families, including IDPs, older people, and people with disabilities. © UNHCR / Dmytro Babenko

PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

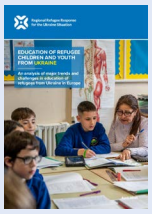
6,357,600*
refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (as of 17 Apr 2025)

560,200
refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (as of 17 Apr 2025)

6,917,800
refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (as of 17 Apr 2025)

3,665,000**
Estimated number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine (as of Dec 2024)

More details: UNHCR Operational Data Portal Ukraine Refugee Situation



High employment rates, but low Education of Refugee Children and Youth from Ukraine – Analysis of major trends and challenges
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KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- While a comprehensive ceasefire has yet to be realized**, delegations from Ukraine and the Russian Federation met face-to-face in Istanbul on 16 May for the first time since 2022,** with little outcome towards a tangible peace agreement. Both sides agreed to exchange 1,000 prisoners, the biggest such exchange since the full-scale war began; the first exchange took place on 26 May, with over 307 prisoners released from both sides.
- **Attacks inside Ukraine continue to escalate, devastating civilian infrastructure, shattering lives and fuelling displacement.** Attacks by the Russian Federation have intensified in April and early May across cities in Ukraine, increasing civilian casualties. During the weekend of 24 - 25 May, a record 355 Russian drone and missile strikes took place, affecting all regions in Ukraine, resulting in multiple civilian deaths. UN HRMMU recorded at least 209 civilians killed and 1,146 injured in April 2025 – the highest number of casualties recorded since September 2024.
- Civilians continue to flee hostilities in frontline regions, notably in Donetska, Kharkivska and Sumska. On 25 April, regional authorities announced new mandatory evacuation orders for children and their caregivers from multiple villages in Dnipropetrovska region. Many evacuees are highly vulnerable, with a significant number of older and people with disabilities.
- 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 19).

UNHCR UKRAINE RESPONSE

UNHCR 2025 GOALS* & RESPONSE INSIDE UKRAINE (as of 30 April 2025)

388,114 multi-sectoral services delivered in 2025, out of a goal of **2.7 million** people, some of whom will receive several forms of support**

176,072 people reached with protection information, counselling and support***, out of a goal of **900,000** people

71,531 people supported with essential items, out of a goal of **250,000** people

61,522 people supported with multi-purpose cash and/or cash for winter energy needs, out of a goal of **1.1 million** people

57,453 people received emergency shelter and housing support, out of a goal of **370,000** people

21,536 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. *** Also includes calls to hotlines.

- **Emergency Response:** Attacks by Russian Federation forces intensified in April and May across Ukraine, increasing civilian casualties. In April, UNHCR protection partners responded to more than 100 incidents of shelling/aerial attacks in **Dnipro**. In total across **Dnipropetrovska, Donetska, Poltavska** and **Zaporizka** regions, UNCHR partner Proliska supported 685 people with psychosocial support following attacks, and 432 with protection counselling, whilst R2P supported 501 people with legal counselling, and 246 with protection counselling. In addition, 509 families (628 people) in Dnipro received ESKs and emergency shelter materials from UNHCR. Responding to deadly attacks in **Kyiv** and **Zhytomyr** on 24 April, UNHCR and NGO partners provided over 820 people (393 families) with emergency shelter materials and conducted almost 200 legal and psychosocial support consultations. UNHCR through partner The Tenth of April (TTA) also provided support following numerous shelling incidents in **Odessa, Mykolaiv** and **Kherson** regions, delivering 174 legal counselling sessions and 44 primary psychological support services to affected people following attacks. A total of 506 families received emergency shelter assistance across **Odesa** during April, a slight decrease from March (694 families).
- **Protection:** As of 1 April, over 110,000 residents, including 10,000 internally displaced people in Stryiska hromada in Lvivska region, can now benefit from a newly launched Public Multifunctional Centre, supported by UNHCR, Rokada and People in Need. The Centre provides structured services for children, youth, and adults, including STEM education, psychosocial support sessions, employment guidance and vocational training. Activities promote social cohesion, digital and financial literacy and inclusion into the local labour market.
- **Housing/Shelter:** A temporary housing building with 29 apartments was recently refurbished in Pereyaslav, Kyivska region, providing safe and dignified housing for war-affected people who lost their homes. UNHCR partner Rokada oversaw repair works through a contractor, equipping the apartments with furniture and essential items. Additionally, during April UNHCR and partners Proliska and TTA equipped one bomb shelter in Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovska region, and two bomb shelters in Kropyvnytskyi city, Kirovohradska region, to provide basic comfort to those seeking refuge from potential aerial threats. On 17 April, UNHCR also opened a bomb shelter at a pre-school in Myrove, Dnipropetrovska region, located just 23 kms from the frontline.
- **Cash assistance:** From January - April 2025, UNHCR delivered cash assistance to more than 61,500 people totalling more than $19 million. UNHCR helps people to cover the costs of basic needs like accommodation, food, medicine, clothing, and heating. So far this year, almost 26,700 vulnerable people in Ukraine have been supported because they are either in need of urgent support following airstrikes or evacuation, or they live in protracted states of displacement, including socioeconomically vulnerable people, returnees, and people with specific protection needs.
- **Legal trainings:** On 29 - 30 April, UNHCR partner R2P conducted a training for the Free Legal Aid (FLA) system in Dnipropetrovska region, with 18 lawyers enhancing their expertise in safeguarding the social and legal rights of families of deceased, missing, or captured combatants. The second part of the training focused on House, Land and Property (HLP) issues, specifically addressing compensation mechanisms for damaged or destroyed property through both state and international frameworks.

Shelter support for war-affected people in Ukraine

Kyiv, Ukraine – Damage and destruction are visible in Kyiv, following a deadly overnight Russian aerial attack on the city on 24 April. The large-scale attack of 12 missiles and 45 drones hit Ukraine's capital, claiming several lives and injuring many. UNHCR and partners responded promptly and were on-site providing emergency assistance just a few hours after the attacks.

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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

* These goals are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements. All figures are calculated on quarterly bases and pending final verification.
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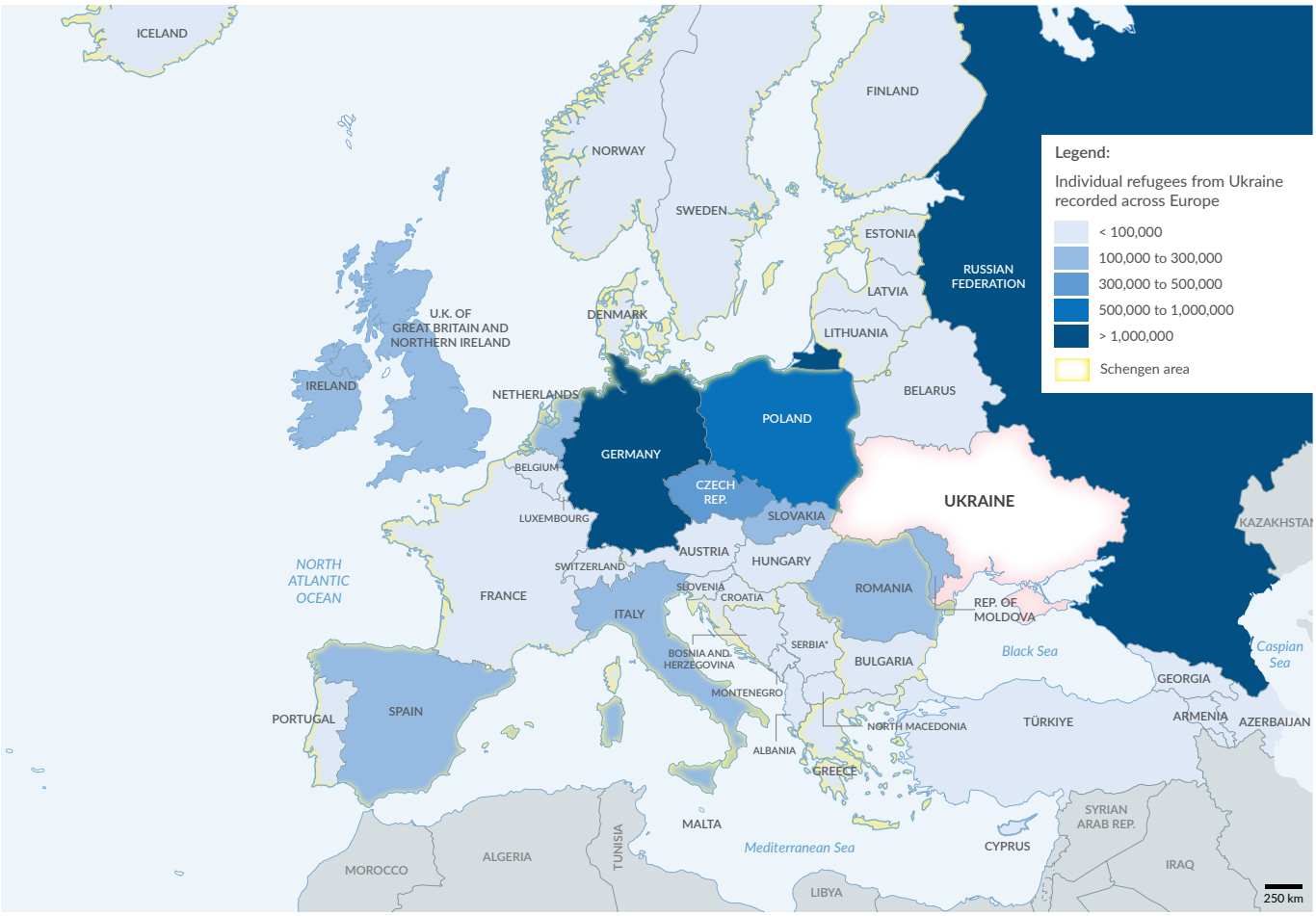
REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE ACROSS EUROPE (as of 17 April 2025)



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*Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999])

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 goal of **209,000**

- **Bulgaria:** In late-April, UNHCR and Ukraine Support and Renovation Foundation organized a training for 31 teachers from Plovdiv region to inform a larger number of local educational experts on challenges faced by refugees, and to provide working models of support through a session by Teach for Bulgaria. The events were part of a series of inclusive education and trauma-informed sessions organized by UNHCR, the Ministry of Education and Science Academy for Refugee Teachers.
- **Hungary:** During April, UNHCR partner Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) supported 6 survivors of different forms of violence affecting women and children with case management and other services, and 110 women and adolescent girls with awareness and prevention activities. The program as well as the safe shelter initiative between HIA and Chances for Families is set to be terminated in late-July due to limiting funding, which will impact at least 14 women, men and children.
- **Moldova:** In April, UNHCR and OHCHR completed a joint protection monitoring mission of Transnistria region along the border with Ukraine, focusing on the situation of Ukrainians currently present on the left bank of Dniester River. Conducted as part of ongoing protection monitoring, the assessment sought to better unpack refugees' profiles, living conditions and needs in order to strengthen advocacy and guide coordination efforts to improve access to essential services for refugees in the area.
- **Poland:** On 8 and 25 April, UNHCR participated in two Ministry of Justice working group meetings on developing principles for local multi-disciplinary cooperation to prevent and respond to violence against children. The sub-group led by UNHCR is preparing the first draft of the framework and the tool for assessing the best interests of the child, with the final report expected in June.
- **Romania:** UNHCR's newly renovated Community Centre at RomExpo in Bucharest continues providing refugees with access to critical services, including Temporary Protection issuance by the General Inspectorate for Immigration, inclusion support and mental health and psychosocial support, while promoting peaceful coexistence with host communities. The centre is also the primary venue for refugees to inquire and register for UNHCR cash assistance. The centre currently assists up to 250 refugees from Ukraine daily.
- **Slovakia:** On 24 April, UNHCR and IOM convened a Task Force on Trafficking in Persons, during which the Ministry of Interior briefed on national efforts to identify survivors and victims of sexual exploitation and abuse. Authorities observed a continued rise in the number of children, as well as a projected rise in foreigners susceptible to trafficking. The meeting also assessed findings and recommendations from the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA), with a view to enhancing national response and coordination.

Supporting for young refugee mothers in Hungary

Budapest, Hungary – Through UNHCR partner Budapest-Józsefváros Lutheran Congregation, refugees in Hungary are provided with support and assistance at the Devai Inn community centre. Fourteen staff and a group of volunteers provide some 5,000 registered beneficiaries with services and activities including English language courses, art therapy and youth clubs, in addition to warm meals. The Centre also supports some 20 young mothers from Ukraine, providing a welcoming environment for them to share their needs and concerns, and engage with other displaced families.

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BASIC NEEDS & 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 137 households, encompassing a total of 325 individuals who have arrived in Belarus from Ukraine. This represents approximately 40 per cent of the planned goal of 800 individuals from Ukraine for cash assistance in 2025.
- **Hungary:** Between January - March, UNHCR partner From Streets to Homes Association (ULE) assisted 112 people with an average rental support of HUF 80,000 (USD 220) monthly. More than half of these individuals previously resided in state-subsidized accommodation until recent legislative changes in August 2024, which resulted in many facing challenges in paying their rent.
- **Poland:** As part of UNHCR's collaboration with the Government on contingency planning and emergency preparedness, UNHCR allocated additional NFI stocks to bolster emergency reserve supplies in voivodeships and municipalities. UNHCR, together with the Polish Red Cross in Lubelskie and the Voivodship Office in Lublin, assisted 7 districts in Lubelskie with 667 mattresses and 1,050 bedding sets for distribution to some 21 collective shelters where refugees from Ukraine are hosted.
- **Romania:** Since April, UNHCR in coordination with the General Directorate of Social Assistance of Bucharest Municipality has been preparing a large-scale distribution of over 305,000 NFIs at RomExpo. This initiative will assist around 7,000 vulnerable individuals, including refugees from Ukraine and vulnerable members of the host community. The NFIs include bedding, mattresses, towels, clothing, and personal hygiene items. So far in 2025, the General Directorate and UNHCR distributed 13,116 NFIs, reaching 9,991 individuals.
- **Russian Federation:** In April 2025, 1,254 refugees from Ukraine were counselled in person by UNHCR and partners in urban areas, while 1,097 were counselled in the border regions of Voronezh, Kursk, Rostov-on-Don, Bryansk and Belgorod. A total of 3,899 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**: UNHCR launched a partnership with NGO 'Innovative Technologies Studio' in Gomel, southeast Belarus, in collaboration with Gomel's Regional Executive Committee to enhance inclusion of forcibly displaced people into local communities by encouraging self-reliance through access to decent work opportunities and development of entrepreneurial skills.
- **Bulgaria**: During April, local organizations, businesses and refugees commemorated the one-year anniversary of the Compass Protection and Inclusion centre in Plovdiv, part of the national network of protection and inclusion centres supported by UNHCR. The centre provided vital support to over 1,000 refugees during its first year, including Bulgarian language courses, legal consultations, psychological support, and career consultation.
- **Czechia:** As part of its ongoing collaboration with the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice, on 30 April UNHCR delivered a lecture for social worker students .The sessions provided an in-depth overview of refugee inclusion in Czechia, covering the State Integration Programme, key terminology, and broader contextual insights. Additionally, students explored UNHCR's virtual reality tools.
- **Hungary:** Along with three refugee-led organizations, UNHCR held several information sessions for parents at community centres as part of the upcoming Back-to-School information campaign at collective shelters in Győr (western Hungary) Eger (eastern Hungary), and various locations in Budapest.
- **Moldova:** During April, UNHCR marked key milestones under the 'Cities of Solidarity' initiative promoting inclusion for displaced people and vulnerable Moldovans. On 8 April, a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) was signed with the Comrat Mayor's Office to formalize joint efforts for inclusive community development. On 24 April, a similar MoC was signed in Balti, where UNHCR and local authorities launched a Peaceful Coexistence Project, including the opening of a sports field to foster youth engagement; that same day, a new Balti Community Service Centre was inaugurated, with partners IOM, UNFPA, ACTED and representatives from the Embassy of Norway in attendance.
- **Poland:** In April, UNHR together with partners HaKoach Association and Beyond Pride conducted an anti-discrimination training for 70 government officials in Krakow, Katowice and Lodz. Participants included personnel from public institutions such as Regional Labor Offices, social services, and staff members of Foreigners Integration Centres, who were briefed on antidiscrimination approaches, refugee inclusion, and together developed a Diversity Code to better inform practices.

- **Romania:** So far this year, UNHCR partner Project Voyager registered 363 individuals on the Jobs for Ukraine platform, connecting refugees with decent work opportunities and supporting their transition into local labour markets. UNHCR sub-partner ROUA Centre in Baia Mare, northwest Romania has assisted 327 people through CV workshops, interview skills, job referrals and other support.
- **Slovakia:** On 23 – 24 April, UNHCR participated in Slovakia's largest job fair 'Profesia Days' with an awareness-raising stand promoting refugee inclusion. UNHCR also facilitated participation of a job counsellor from the new Bratislava Municipal Support Center for foreigners, who provided job counselling to attendees of the event.

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.

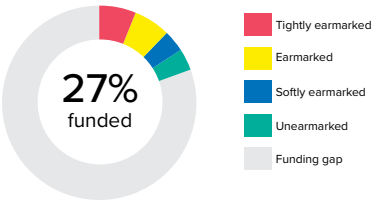
REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Through the 2025-2026 Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP), 266 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 tailored support and assistance. The plan also aims at strengthening refugees' socio-economic inclusion in their host communities and increasing their self-reliance, while 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. In May, UNHCR's Regional Bureau for Europe organized online guidance sessions in English, Polish, Romanian and Ukrainian aimed at strengthening their fundraising capacities with the private sector. Some 100 NGOs took part, sharing their experiences and learning from UNHCR.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

UNHCR UKRAINE SITUATION FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR 2025

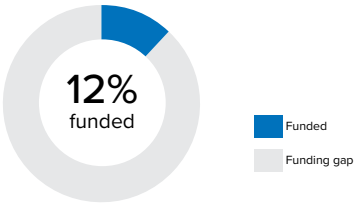
US$ 803.4 million
required



As of 30 April 2025

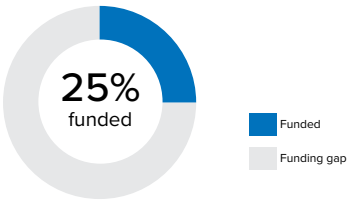
INTER-AGENCY FINANCIAL UPDATES 2025

US$ 690.3 million*
required*



As of 25 April 2025
Ukraine Situation: 2025-2026 Regional Refugee Response Plan
*Funding updated on quarterly basis

US$ 2.63 billion
required



As of 21 May 2025
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