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7,643,944

refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe



4,207,891

refugees from Ukraine registered for Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe

More details: Operational Data Portal Ukraine Refugee Situation

6,243,000

estimated number of IDPs in Ukraine Source: Internal Displaceme

Source: Internal Displacement Report

BACKGROUND

Since the beginning of hostilities, nearly one-third of Ukrainians have been forced from their homes. This is one of the largest human displacement crises in the world today. Within Ukraine, over 6.2 million people remain displaced by the war.

As of today, over 7.6 million refugees from Ukraine are recorded across Europe. Over 4.2 million refugees from Ukraine have registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes.

 The estimated number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Ukraine decreased by an estimated 732,000 people between end August and end September, from 6.975 million to 6.243 million, according to the latest <u>Internal</u> <u>Displacement Report by IOM</u>.

KEY FIGURES IN UKRAINE (AS OF 6 OCTOBER)



2.2

million people reached with assistance to date



817,939

people reached with essential food and nonfood items (NFIs), winter clothes.



610,976

individuals received cash assistance from UNHCR to support their basic needs. Inter-agency Cash Working Group partners have reached 3.52 million people with cash assistance

(dashboard).



747,370

people received protection assistance, advice and referrals at border crossing points, transit, and reception centres and through hotlines, including psychosocial support and legal aid.



200,012

people have received assistance through

humanitarian convoys delivered to hard-hit areas. Access to people in these areas remains extremely challenging with continuing security risks, both for affected civilians as well as humanitarian actors.



112,809

sleeping places were improved with items such as beds and mattresses in a total of

426 reception & collective centres.

UNHCR RESPONSE TARGETS*



4.3 million

The number of people UNHCR aims to reach



1.2 million

people will receive protection assistance and information



1.5 million

people will be supported with essential food and non-food items



1.08 million

people will receive multipurpose cash assistances



140,000

people to receive shelter support, including through repairs and insulation of

8,200 homes

^{*}The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements detailed on the last page.

UNHCR RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS - UKRAINE

- Winter preparations remain a top priority and UNHCR is intensifying communication and coordination with the Government of Ukraine in this respect.
- UNHCR is aiming to assist people affected by conflict living in the newly accessible areas with a combination of shelter, non-food items (NFIs), cash and protection support.
- The Assistant High Commissioners for Protection and Operations <u>visited Ukraine</u> to get a first-hand impression of the impact of the war on protection and humanitarian needs of people and strengthen the coordination with authorities, as well as to reemphasize and reaffirm UNHCR's commitment to support and reinforce the resilience and determination of the people in Ukraine to recover and rebuild.
- On 29 September, the Ukraine Vice Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk and UNHCR Representative for Ukraine jointly visited homes in the Kyivska oblast. The homes, which were damaged during shelling earlier this year, were repaired through the <u>UNHCR</u> housing programme in support of the local oblast authorities' response. To date, **49 houses** have been finished with repairs and 356 are ongoing with many more to be started.

Protection

- Last week, UNHCR partners R2P and NGO Proliska assisted more than 1,180 people with specialized protection services such as legal and non-legal consultations for 480 people and psychosocial support sessions for 700 people. Assistance was provided during nearly 80 protection monitoring missions to IDP sites in Dnipropetrovska, Donetska, Kharkivska, Poltavska, Sumska and Zaporizka oblasts.
- In western Ukraine's Zakarpatska oblast, mobile teams visited Kolchyno and Chop last week to identify vulnerable IDPs for protection case management, and provided protection counselling, legal assistance, and referrals to public services for some 500 IDPs.
- UNHCR and its partners also conducted 57 monitoring visits to the border crossing points with Hungary, Poland, Moldova, Romania and

- Slovakia, from 27 September to 3 October, providing counselling, legal assistance, and social accompaniment to those in need.
- On 29 September, UNHCR and the Kyiv Regional State Administration signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to solidify ongoing collaboration in supporting people impacted by the war to recover and rebuild their homes and lives. The MoU sets out concrete areas of cooperation aimed at supporting people living in and returning to Kyiv region and will facilitate transfer of relief items and building materials to the administration for further distribution to the communities.

Shelter and NFI's

- Efforts to reach more people in the newly accessible areas continue. On 28 September, UNHCR delivered a truck with critical items such as solar lamps, jerrycans, blankets and sleeping bags to support 800 people living in the village of Volokhiv Yar in Kharkivska oblast. Watch a video of delivery here.
- Following the missile strikes on Dnipro on 28 September, UNHCR partner Proliska provided immediate emergency housing repair materials to assist the community living in 60 damaged or destroyed homes.
- House repairs have started in Chernihivska oblast, aiming to reach 2,000 houses by the end of 2022.
- The first modular houses donated by the Government of Denmark have been erected in Kyivska oblast, with installation nearly complete. The donation includes 95 modular houses which are fully winterized, connected to potable water and electricity, and will benefit persons whose homes have been destroyed by the hostilities.
- To date, 869,992 people have benefitted from core relief items and housing assistance across eastern, central and western Ukraine. This includes 817,939 people who received essential items, including hygiene kits, and 52,053 who received emergency shelter kits, benefited from repairs and improved or created sleeping spaces.

- 427,350 people have received cash assistance in Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia as of 6 October.
- The recalibrated 2022 Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) for the Ukraine Situation has been published, as an addendum to the full RRP document from April. The recalibration process, which was country-led and consultative with partners on the ground, was conducted to ensure that the coordinated response would be better positioned to support and complement the efforts of the Governments to respond to the winter-related needs of refugees, as well as to other emerging priorities. This stocktaking and prioritization exercise also aimed to ensure that the response remains closely tied to the needs as assessed on the ground and that the available resources are used as effectively as possible. To date, nearly USD 1.4 billion in funding has been received against the RRP 2022 - approximately 78 per cent of the revised RRP requirements.
- 36 Blue Dots established with UNICEF in Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.
- 8 regional warehouses have been established in Hungary (4), Moldova (2) Poland (1) and Romania (1) to store non-food and non-standard items for the regional response, pre-positioning, inter alia: 52 refugee housing units, 5,514 winterization kits, 9,000 tarpaulins, 14,037 tents, 20,088 solar lamps, 23,751 kitchen sets, 32,780 jerry cans,106,610 sleeping bags, 216,379 quilt, 245,686 blankets, 205,469 bed sets, 399,864 mattresses, and 621,232 hygiene kits.
- Digital Blue Dots (link) have been recently launched in Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Romania. The website provides localized and up-to-date information about services available to refugees in each country, a mapping of existing Blue Dots, including information on legal modalities of stay, work, livelihoods, accommodation, education, childcare, medical care, disability support, social assistance, protection services and other services.

HUNGARY

KEY FIGURES - HUNGARY

30,000

refugees registered for temporary protection

31,500

people provided with protection support by UNHCR and partners

3

Blue Dots

90,094

visits to the UNHCR Hungary Help Page



Protection

- UNHCR and partners Hungarian Helsinki Committee and Menedék Association have so far provided information, counselling, psychosocial support, and protection referrals to 31,500 refugees from Ukraine at border crossing points, help/info points and temporary shelters countrywide.
- To date, some 7,410 people have received general counselling, legal aid, protection referral, and psychosocial support at the three currently operational Blue Dots in Hungary.
- UNHCR has a daily presence at the Záhony train station to ensure adequate information provision for newly arriving refugees, while they are waiting for registration by the police. UNHCR provides individual counselling and information on rights and services in addition to legal advice and specific information on administrative procedures for staying in Hungary.

KEY FIGURES - REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

93,117

Ukrainian refugees from Ukraine estimated to have remained in the country

90.381

people have received cash assistance

9

Blue Dots

61,642

refugees received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners

349,375

visits to the UNHCR help page



 To date, 33,023 people have received support provided by UNHCR, UNICEF and partners at the nine Blue Dots in Moldova, including 16,225 children. Queries regarding documentation and the asylum procedure have been the most frequently asked questions to legal service providers.

- UNHCR manages the Green Line, a free helpline (0800 800 11) to address refugees' and host communities' questions, needs and concerns. Since mid-April, 38,813 calls have been received. UNHCR has supported the training of over 90 per cent of Green Line call centre staff on handling PSEA (Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) disclosures and how to report on them.
- 3,134 people have been trained on protection issues across the Republic of Moldova. This includes 2,599 frontline partners, government and NGO staff who have been trained on GBV (Gender Based Violence) safe disclosure and referral mechanisms in order to support the rollout of guidelines on referral pathways. Several referral pathways covering the entire country have been updated, while the GBV pocket guide has been translated into several languages and distributed among partners.
- UNHCR partner INTERSOS continues to identify people most in need of protection assistance, including those in need of psychological first aid and specialized psychosocial support (PSS). The services are provided at the main border crossing points Palanca, Tudora, as well as in the Palanca Bus Hub. To date, 3,100 refugees have been provided with PSS and psychological first aid assistance by INTERSOS, with those presenting severe psychological symptoms being referred to specialized mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).

POLAND

KEY FIGURES - POLAND

1,422,482

refugees registered for temporary protection

283,385

people have received cash assistance

6

Blue Dots

5.6 million

visits to the UNHCR Poland help page



Protection

- Poland help page to date. UNHCR continues to develop approaches to communicating with communities.

 14,320 calls have been received through the counseling hotlines since they were launched in late July. The counselling lines operate in four languages (English, Polish, Russian and Ukrainian) and the phone numbers are available via the HELP website. Among the main issues queried by refugees relate to school enrolment challenges, cash assistance, employment and housing issues.
- Six Blue Dots, including two in Warsaw and two in Krakow as well as five community centres and one interagency mobile community outreach team are currently operational in Poland. The mobile team

covers the border crossing points in Lubelskie Voivodeship, and is supported by UNHCR, DRC and Homo Faber. As of 27 September, **36,176 people** have been counselled through these centres and services. Legal aid remains a significant need, in addition to health and medical services, transport, financial support, protection and social services, child protection services and MHPSS.

- UNHCR conducted technical assessments on 12 facilities in Lubelskie Region, in preparation for upgrades that will take place to prepare the facilities for winter.
- UNHCR donated 135 partition walls previously used in a cash enrolment centre to the Warsaw Centre for Integration; the partitions will be used in collective accommodation centres operated by municipal authorities.
- As of 3 October, 968 people, including partner staff, local authorities, and border personnel, have received training from UNHCR on core protection elements.

UNHCR and the Municipality and Town Hall of Hrubieszów, in Lublin Voivodeship, conducted a full-day Contingency Planning workshop on 26 September, attended by 27 participants from various governmental departments and representatives from the Polish Red Cross, PCPM, and other stakeholders. UNHCR will support the municipality in drafting the city's Emergency Response Plan.



Multi-purpose Cash Assistance

UNHCR's multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) programme concluded on 23 September, reaching 291,816 refugees from 136,610 families. The new phase of the cash assistance programme is planned to start in October, applying new targeting criteria, which aims to cover basic needs for very vulnerable refugees, including for their increased needs during winter. The new phase is planned to last until end of 2022.

ROMANIA

KEY FIGURES - ROMANIA

67.064

refugees registered for temporary protection

22,143

refugees received cash assistance

42.894

refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone

6

Blue Dots

75,861

visits to the UNHCR Romania Help page



 UNHCR continues to provide protection information and counselling in person as well as through hotlines.
 As of 30 September, over 42,894 people have received protection support, advice, referrals, and information in person or remotely through helplines. This includes **29,567 people** who were supported in person and over **13,327 people** who received support through helplines.

- The UNHCR Help website has received 75,861
 visits as of 3 October. A Telegram channel has been activated with gradually increasing outreach.
- As of 2 October, space to accommodate 53,179 people has been made available by local authorities and civil society; out of these, 7,421 are occupied. UNHCR continues to conduct regular reception monitoring visits and assessments of reception sites and residential care facilities. UNHCR is also determining needs for core relief items and other assistance in the accommodation facilities to offer support.
- UNHCR and IOM continue to jointly facilitate fast-track transfers from Palanca BCP with Ukraine in Moldova, to Huşi, Romania. As of 2 October, 12,935 people had been transported to Romania through this mechanism.
- At a 23 September Refugee Coordination Forum event, UNHCR presented the results of the recent recalibration exercise undertaken by over 30 RRP partners, as well as partners' winterization plans. State Counsellor Madalina Turza delivered opening remarks

at the event attended by around 60 participants from relevant government authorities, UN agencies, embassies, national and international NGOs.

- The UNHCR-supported Jobs4UKR platform continues to expand its reach with over 5,604 unique job seekers, 1,912 employers, 2,500 available job postings listed, helping connect refugees with employment opportunities.
- On 29–30 September, UNHCR partner the Sensiblu Foundation held a workshop for 26 representatives from the Romanian Police, public social services, and NGOs on psychosocial assistance for survivors of gender-based violence. In addition, on 30 September UNHCR provided a training session on

prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) to **21 Government and partner staff**, including social workers and officers of the Romanian police.



Multipurpose Cash Assistance

22,143 people have received cash assistance to date.
 The cash assistance enrolment centre in RomExpo, Bucharest is fully operational, with additional legal and health referral services available from sister UN Agencies and NGOs on site. In addition to the enrolment centre in Bucharest, there are four others in Brasov, Galati, lasi and Suceava.

SLOVAKIA

KEY FIGURES - SLOVAKIA

96,140

refugees registered for temporary protection

31,441

refugees have received cash assistance

3

Blue Dots

339,882

visits to the to the UNHCR Slovakia Help page



- UNHCR is setting up a DAFI (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative) scholarship programme in Slovakia, with a pilot of 10 scholarships slated for this semester and more planned for the first semester of 2023. Selection criteria for the DAFI scholarship recipients will be developed together with the selected universities.
- UNHCR and the Council of Europe's Office of the Special Representative on Migration and Refuges (SRSG) organised a Roundtable on 21 September aimed at strengthening PSEA measures for vulnerable

persons, in particular children and women fleeing the war in Ukraine. Participants included the Government and other actors, including IOM and UNICEF.

- The <u>UNHCR Help page</u> has been updated with FAQs –
 available in Slovak, Ukrainian and English on access
 to education, providing information to parents and/or
 guardians on enrolment in kindergartens and schools
 in Slovakia.
- UNHCR's public <u>Telegram channel</u> for Slovakia has increased its reach in recent weeks, with nearly 2,000 followers and 10,000 views as of 25 September.
- Three Blue Dots are in operation in Bratislava, Michalovce and Košice, with over 2,000 people assisted at the locations in the past two weeks.
- On 26 September, UNHCR and the NGO Gender Stream organised a workshop to promote inclusion of LGBTIQ+ refugees. Participants included the Ministry of Justice Human Rights Department, NGO Tenenet, the Office of the Public Defender of Rights, NGO Equita, Human Rights League, and Ministry of Justice Legal Aid Centre.
- As of 30 September, UNHCR held protection profiling interviews with 4,294 refugees to strengthen and promote its evidence-based protection response in Slovakia.
- UNHCR and its two implementing partners SHC and Mareena continue to monitor the situation at the border and provide the necessary services. UNHCR staff members carry out field monitoring visits to identify issues and provide support as appropriate.

Belarus

- From March to September 2022, 1,788 Ukrainians have applied for asylum out of whom over 1,000 persons were assisted with their asylum applications. As of September, 1,041 Ukrainians have been granted complementary protection in Belarus. In addition, about 120 refugees from Ukraine were reached at Temporary Accommodation Facilities (TAF) in Gomel region with individual counselling and group awareness sessions on applying for asylum in Belarus, related rights and obligations and so forth.
- The UNHCR Help website has received 11,015 visits as of 1 October.
- To assist refugee children in purchasing school supplies, UNHCR jointly with UNICEF are distributing through the Belarus Red Cross Society additional vouchers for pre-school and school age children. Around 100 children are expected to be supported via this initiative.
- As of 4 October, UNHCR distributed textiles and blankets to 494 refugees from Ukraine through its partner Refugee Counselling Service in the Gomel region of Belarus, including at the border crossing points and in TAF.

Estonia

- Since the start of the Ukraine emergency, Estonia has received some 36,000 refugees from Ukraine, corresponding to 2.6 per cent of the overall population of Estonia.
- UNHCR has scaled up its support in protecting children, preventing gender-based violence and communicating with refugee communities. Through protection monitoring and assessment, including the implementation of temporary protection framework and dialogue with refugees from Ukraine, UNHCR aims to ensure access to international protection for refugees fleeing Ukraine.

Georgia

- As of 30 September, 139,091 refugees from Ukraine entered Georgia, and 26,135 remained in Georgia.
 444 have applied for asylum and over 308 have been granted humanitarian status. The temporary protection has not been activated.
- UNHCR supports the efforts of the Government in responding to the arrival refugees from Ukraine. It has provided expertise as well as material support, such

- as complementary cash assistance for refugees with specific vulnerabilities for a defined period of time. To identify humanitarian needs UNHCR is collaborating with World Vision International on a set of needs assessment and intention surveys, with the Georgian Red Cross Society on a general needs assessment focusing on healthcare and food, as well as with PMCG Research on access to services and integration programmes.
- On 30 September, UNHCR organized a capacity building event for NGO Tbilisi Volunteers focusing on basic protection principles, asylum, access to services and GBV.

Latvia

- As of 30 September, 38,915 refugees from Ukraine are currently present in Latvia. 40,666 refugees from Ukraine were registered for temporary protection in Latvia. During the last two weeks, UNHCR and its partner conducted 25 interviews at registration and accommodation sites in Riga.
- Latvian authorities have established a one-stop shop support centre in Riga to ensure timely registration and effective assistance to refugees from Ukraine. UNHCR partner "I Want to Help Refugees" provided counselling to some 120 refugees visiting the Information Centre in Riga during the last two weeks. Main questions focused on formalities after arrival, access to food, non-food items, psychological support, and availability of Latvian language classes.
- On 30 September, UNHCR together with IOM conducted a monitoring visit to the Latvia— Belarus border crossing point Silene to examine accommodation facilities and access to information for new arrivals.
- On 28 September, UNHCR met with the Children Rights Inspectorate to discuss the situation of unaccompanied and separated children. A temporary solution to a few cases of invalid birth certificates for Ukrainian children has been identified.

Lithuania

- As of 30 September, 66,368 refugees from Ukraine are currently present in Lithuania and registered for temporary protection.
- UNHCR continues to visit border crossing points to observe population movements and reception centres to evaluate their conditions. UNHCR is supporting the

Ministry of Social Security and Labour to prepare new accommodation facilities for potential new Ukrainian arrivals in the context of the upcoming winter season.

- On 16 September, UNHCR visited the Kaunas Division of the Migration Department and interviewed new arrivals from Ukraine. On 20 and 21 September, UNHCR and its partner the Red Cross Society interviewed 30 new arrivals from Ukraine at the Vilnius Division of the Migration Department and provided counselling on access to humanitarian assistance and medical assistance, among others.
- UNHCR is monitoring how foster care arrangements are implemented to ensure proper protection of children's rights and to secure their access to all necessary services for unaccompanied minors arriving to study in Lithuania from Ukraine.
- UNHCR has recently pledged to support the Government with 500 field cots, 560 mattresses, 720 pillows and 1,080 duvets for refugees from Ukraine.

Russian Federation

 As reported by national authorities, 2.8 million refugees from Ukraine have arrived in the Russian Federation (RF) according to the data provided by the FR authorities.

- Due to the influx, UNHCR has shifted its protection focus to bolster support to actors working on the response. UNHCR and national NGO partners (Russian Red Cross Society, Civic Assistance, Health and Life, Hope, Faith and Love, Human Rights Institute and a network of lawyers and legal counsellors) have expanded their services through in-person counselling and the activation of hotlines.
- Since 24 February, UNHCR partner the Russian Red Cross Society has provided in-person counselling in the Russian Federation to 11,200 refugees and displaced persons from Ukraine in the border regions. Main queries include how to obtain humanitarian, legal, financial, and medical assistance; PSS; access to education and re-establish family links. In other regions, UNHCR and partners have provided counselling in person and by phone to 60,000 persons. Queries include information on temporary protection and asylum, how to obtain a temporary residence permit or Russian citizenship, and access to the labour market, social rights, education, and humanitarian assistance.
- The UNHCR Help website has received 73,276 visits to date.
- Since March 2022, in Rostov, Vladimir, Voronezh, Bryansk, Kaluga, Tula, Kazan, Lipetsk and Volgograd regions.

COORDINATION

Ukraine

UNHCR leads the Protection and Shelter Clusters as well as the Camp Coordination Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster which was activated as of 1 March in Ukraine. In addition, as co-lead of the Logistics Working Group in Ukraine, UNHCR is facilitating the movement of humanitarian convoys in coordination with OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs). The UNHCR-led Protection Cluster has established a national coordination office in Lviv and plans to establish sub-national coordinators in Dnipro, Lviv, Uzhhorod and Vinnytsia. Both the Child Protection and GBV Sub-Clusters are similarly expanding their presence.

Regional Refugee Response

UNHCR has facilitated the establishment of coordination structures in line with the Refugee Coordination Model, in order to support the overall coordination of relevant governments. An initial Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) was developed in early March. A revised

version of the RRP extending through December 2022 was published in April bringing together the joint efforts of 142 partners. The RRP underwent a recalibration exercise in September, to adjust for winter-related needs and other emerging priorities. Inter-agency Refugee Coordination Forums (RCFs), led by UNHCR, and specific sectoral groups, have been established at country level in Belarus, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia to support the efforts of the concerned governments. The structures are intended to be agile and will be adjusted as the situation evolves.

UNHCR leads the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) at country-level in **Hungary** to ensure a harmonized response within existing government structures and among inter-agency partners, NGOs, volunteers and other stakeholders, with associated working groups (Protection, including Child Protection and Education, and Basic Needs – including Shelter, Food, and Non-Food Items) and two cross-cutting task forces (the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Mental Health and

Psychosocial Support) to effectively coordinate interagency partners' response.

In Moldova, an Inter-Agency Coordination Group has been established with more than 70 participating members. UNHCR leads the RCF and co-chairs the Cash, Education, Information Management (IM), Protection, Accommodation & Transportation, and Logistics & Supply Working Groups; GBV and Child Protection Sub-Working Groups; the Gender Task Force; and the PSEA Network. The Government of Moldova has established Single Emergency Management Centre under the Prime Minister's Office, where UNHCR represents the Inter-Agency Coordination Group, ensuring coordination between the two.

In **Poland**, UNHCR leads the overarching refugee coordination structure in Poland, in support of the Government-led response. The thematic sector working groups include Protection (with sub-sector working groups on Child Protection, Gender-based Violence, Counter-trafficking, Third-Country Nationals, and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support); Health; Education; Shelter; Basic Needs, including Food Security, Water and Sanitation and Core Relief Items; and Logistics. In addition, there are transversal working groups on Cash, Information Management, Accountability to Affected Populations and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

In Romania, UNHCR has set up the Refugee Coordination Model structure made up of eight sector Working Groups, one Anti-Trafficking Task Force and a PSEA network, which are co-led by UNHCR and other UN agencies, government counterparts and NGOs. UNHCR leads the Protection Working Group and PSEA network, and coleads the Child Protection Sub-Working Group, Information Management Working Group, Cash Working Group and Basic Needs Working Group. Leads and co-leads attend the governmental sectoral Working Group meetings. As such, governmental and humanitarian coordination structures are operating to mutually reinforce each other, under governmental leadership. A total of 23 international and national partners are part of the Refugee Response Plan for Romania.

In **Slovakia**, a response-wide Refugee Consultation Forum (RCF) is in place that meets alternatively in Bratislava and in eastern Slovakia and is co-chaired by the Government

Blue Dots

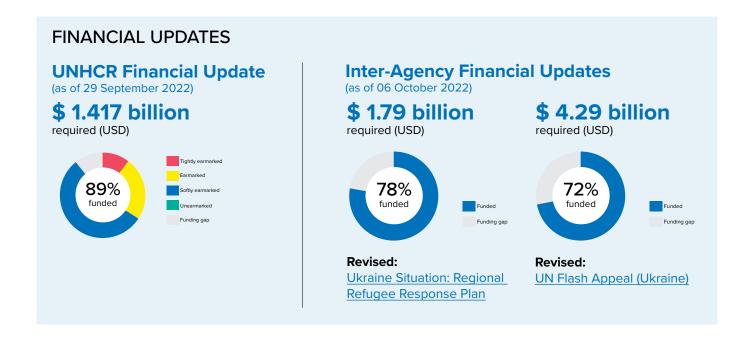
UNHCR and UNICEF are jointly establishing 'Blue Dots' in multiple countries receiving refugees fleeing Ukraine. To date, a total of 36 are already operational including in:

Bulgaria 6 Moldova 9 Slovakia 3 Hungary 3 Poland 6 Slovenia 1 Italy 2 Romania 6

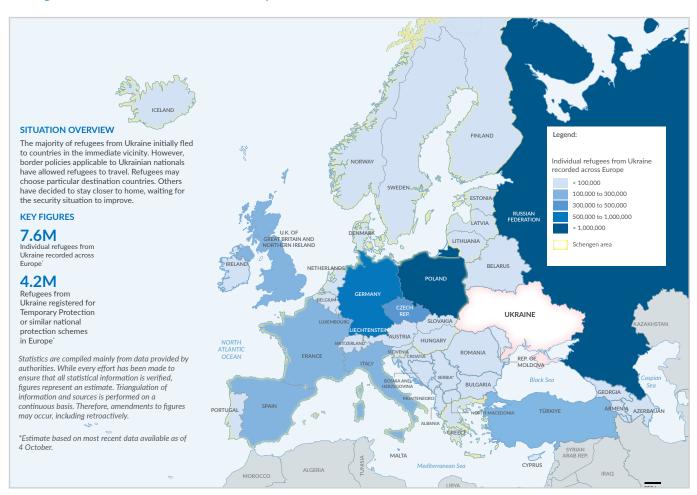
Responding to the critical need of safety, stability, updated and accurate information and specialised protection services, UNHCR and UNICEF have jointly established the Blue Dot Safe Space, Protection and Support Hubs, spaces where refugees can find information, support and referrals for health care, education, psychosocial support and more, all under one roof. Services available at Blue Dot hubs aim to assist all refugees, with a specialised focus on children and those at greatest risk, people with disabilities, people who might have been trafficked, survivors of violence and refugees from the LGBTQI+ community.

and UNHCR. Within the RCF, seven working groups and sub-working groups are operating (Anti-Trafficking, Cash, Child Protection, Health, Information Management, MHPSS, Protection and Inclusion) as well as a UNHCR-led PSEA Task Force while Accountability to Affected Persons (AAP) is mainstreamed across all groups and made an RCF standing agenda item. UNHCR also convenes a regular humanitarian and development Donor Group.

In early June, the Prime Minister announced the reactivation of a Steering Committee dedicated to integration. This body, created in 2014, to 'find solutions for foreigners and looking at ways to integrate them', is now being reactivated and tasked with the inclusion and integration of Ukrainian refugees. RCF partners are furthermore supporting the ongoing engagement of the Slovak Republic with the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) as a means of systematizing and sharing good practices with other countries facing similar challenges, and in view of cultivating pledges related to its national response for the Global Refugee Forum in 2023.



Refugees from Ukraine across Europe as of 4 October 2022



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