

# **UKRAINE EMERGENCY**

**UNHCR Delivery Updates** 

8 March 2023

UNHCR Representative in Ukraine met with Hanna in the village of Arkhanhelske in Vysokopillia hromada, Khersonska oblast, which was under the temporary military occupation of the Russian Federation for seven months and heavily shelled. Hanna received an Emergency Shelter Kit and is now determined to rebuild her home and life, like so many war-affected people in Ukraine. © UNHCR

### **KEY FIGURES:**

people reached with UNHCR assistance in - 31 December 2022)People in need of humanitarian assistance and protection in 2023 (source: OCHA)People targeted for humanitarian assistance in the Humanitarian Response Plan support**People we aim to reach with assistance in 2023, some of whom will receive several forms of support**	4.32	17.6	11.1	3.6
	million	million	million	million
	with UNHCR assistance in <b>2022</b> (24 February	of humanitarian assistance and protection in 2023	for humanitarian assistance in the <u>Humanitarian</u>	reach with assistance in 2023, some of whom will receive several forms of

\*\*The total number of services we aim to deliver is 4.6 million. Approximately 20% of beneficiaries are expected to receive both protection support and, e.g. cash, in-kind or shelter assistance.

## **OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:**

- The war in Ukraine has devastated the lives of millions of people, and women from vulnerable groups, such as women and girls with disabilities, are disproportionately affected. 70% of all internally displaced people are women, who face specific protection risks, including of gender-based violence. In 2023, over 3 million people will require services for GBV prevention and survival support.
- The security situation in the front-line town of Bakhmut in the eastern Donetska oblast has <u>deteriorated</u> significantly. Intense shelling is compounding an already precarious humanitarian situation.
- On 2 March, a missile attack on a residential building in the city of Zaporizhzhia led to 13 deaths, including an eight-month-old child, while several people are still missing as of 6 March. UNHCR Representative in Ukraine <u>visited</u> the site where UNHCR's local NGO partner has provided assistance to those affected since the morning after the attack. Civilians are not a target.
- The UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres visited Ukraine on 8 March for the third time in less than a year to show the United Nations <u>full commitment</u> and to seek solutions.

### **WORKING WITH PARTNERS:**



#### **2023 RESPONSE in NUMBERS:** (Delivered with partners from 1 January to 8 March 2023)

0.59M	People reached with assistance to date
Protection 298,878	Received protection information, counselling, and support
	1.90M Targeted
мрс 155,038 <sup>Sup</sup>	pported with multi-purpose cash assistance to meet basic needs
	0.80M Targeted
NFI 217,445 <sup>Read</sup>	thed with essential items, including in hard- to-access areas by humanitarian convoys 1.00M Targeted
Shelter/Housir	ng
28,621	Received emergency shelter and housing support, including in collective sites
	0.72M Targeted
сссм 26,555	upported with safe access to multi-sectorial services in collective sites
	0.15M Targeted
The targets are subject	to the receipt of the funding requirements
People Reac	hed

Reached figures are subject to data cleaning and retro-active corrections may occur.

0.59M

3,600,000

Country target

585.033

#### Immediate response to the deadly attack in Zaporizhzhia

On 2 March, homes in a residential building in the city of Zaporizhzhia were destroyed by Russian missiles while families were sleeping, killing 13, including an eight-month-old baby, and leaving civilians homeless and traumatized.

UNHCR's local NGO partner Proliska was on-site in the early morning after the attack to support those who were impacted, providing residents with tarpaulin to cover the damaged homes, sleeping bags, blankets, hygiene kits, and psychological first aid.

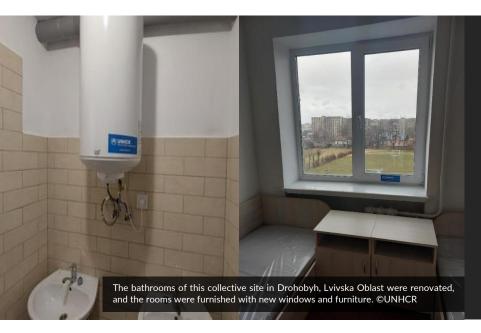


## NFI Essential Items & Thusing/Shelter

- On 3 March, UNHCR joined a <u>UN inter-agency convoy</u> that delivered blankets, bedding, kitchen sets, hygiene items, and solar lamps to cover the basic needs of some 4,500 residents in the Stanislavska community in Khersonska oblast, which has been severely affected by the hostilities. Reaching communities with assistance in heavily affected areas remains a priority.
- In close coordination with local authorities, UNHCR equips heating points, Invincibility Points, and bomb shelters. During the past week, 13 heating points in Lvivska oblast and three heating points in Volynska oblast were supported with items such as blankets so that people could stay warm while utilizing the heating points.
- To date, UNHCR has delivered **114 generators** benefitting more than 267,000 people across the

**country, with 68 generators in the pipeline.** In the past week, UNHCR delivered two high-capacity generators to support invincibility points and critical civilian infrastructure in Ivano-Frankivska oblast, expected to support some 1,000 people per month.

- The Zakarpatska State Administration informed that they have been receiving IDPs evacuated from hot spots such as Bakhmut to the western region, and expect to receive up to 1,000 IDPs in the upcoming weeks. Thus, NFI assistance will remain critical to support those who have been forced to flee with very limited belonging.
- 45 families in Mykolaivska oblast were supported with emergency shelter kits (ESKs) by UNHCR partner Tenth of April to conduct quick and provisional repairs of homes damaged by hostilities.



### Improving living conditions in collective sites through repairs

Major repair works were completed for a collective site in Drohobych, Lvivska oblast, where 100 IDPs are currently living, many of whom are children and older people.

The refurbishment project created more than 170 comfortable sleeping places and equipped the site with modern and well-functioning kitchens and bathrooms. The collective site would now be able to host up to 275 displaced people if needed.

Socioeconomically or otherwise vulnerable IDPs are likely to remain in collective sites until they consider their area of origin is safe for return thus, supporting dignified living conditions in collective sites is critical.



Signing ceremony by UNHCR Representative in Ukraine and the Head of Zaporizhzhia Regional State Administration on 8 March. Zaporizhzhia Regional State Administration

## Protection

- UNHCR supports local social protection services by strengthening the identification and case management of persons with specific needs, providing information and legal advice, especially on civil documentation and housing, land and property rights, and psychosocial support (PSS). Since January 2023, 298,878 people have been supported with protection services.
- Protection monitoring: More than 130 monitoring missions were conducted to IDP sites in Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, Poltavska, Sumska, and Zaporizaka oblasts by protection monitoring teams in the past two weeks. During the visits, nearly 710 IDPs were supported with protection counselling and legal assistance.
- Protection at borders: Over the past two weeks, 136 monitoring visits were conducted at the border crossing points with Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia and Poland. During the visits, 431 people were supported with protection counseling, 115 with

#### Solidifying ongoing collaboration with Zaporizhzhia Regional State Administration to support people impacted by the war

On 8 March, UNHCR **signed** a Memorandum of Understanding with the Zaporizhzhia Regional State Administration to solidify the ongoing collaboration to support people impacted by the war with humanitarian and recovery assistance, including responses to cover basic needs, legal assistance, construction materials for house repairs, materials for equipping heating points and bomb shelters, cash assistance, and psychosocial support.

During the signing, the Head of Zaporizhzhia Regional State Administration expressed appreciation for UNHCR's ongoing efficient and effective cooperation, enabling UNHCR and partners to provide much-needed assistance for people impacted by the war.

legal assistance, and 23 with social accompaniments, which entails comprehensive assistance to access services.

The Protection Cluster published the second round (1-28 February) of findings from the Protection Monitoring Tool in 2023. 771 Key Informants have been interviewed by 11 reporting partners, assessing a total of 477 hromadas in 21 oblasts. The main protection concerns raised were issues around safety and security, including the destruction of civilian property and public infrastructure caused by armed or security actors; lack of compensation mechanisms for damaged or destroyed houses, land and/or property due to active conflict; and severe restrictions in accessing specific mechanisms to remedies/ compensations for conflict-related injuries. More information can be found on the Protection Cluster's Interactive Dashboard.



#### Supporting child-friendly spaces for waraffected children

UNHCR has been equipping child-friendly spaces in collaboration with local authorities and partners across Ukraine to provide waraffected children with a safe space to play, heal, and recover.

In the past week, UNHCR joined the opening of the child-friendly space in Khmelnytska oblast. The space was renovated and equipped by UNHCR partner Rokada where 200 children would have access to each week. In Lvivska oblast, UNHCR finished equipping a child-friendly space with items for creative play, art activities, and learning events that will be organized by the local administration and local social clubs. Nearly 80 IDP children would be able to utilize the space.

#### **STORY:** Giving strength and support through gastronomy

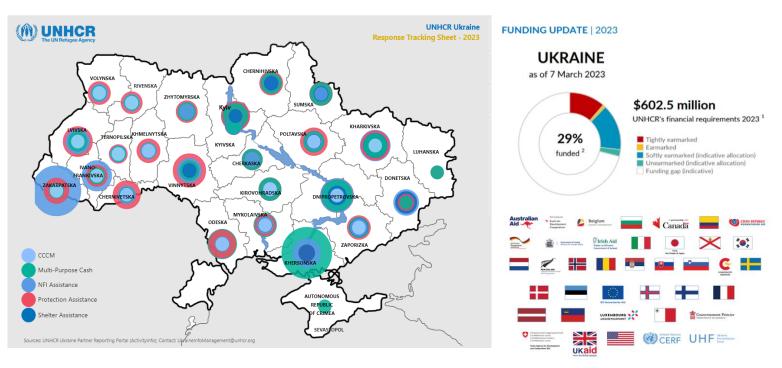


With the onset of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine last February, many displaced people found safety in Zakarpatska oblast. Liubov, a pastry chef, wanted to help them overcome the trauma of war and displacement by sharing her passion for food and teaching them how to cook.

"People often come here depressed and distressed, but I see how they plunge themselves into cooking, putting aside their worries and troubles," says Liubov.

Liubov dreams of turning her training courses into something bigger like a cookery school that can help people get back on their feet.

Liubov's initiative is one example of a local community-led business that UNHCR supports through partner Neemia. Read more <u>here</u>.



**RESPONSE MAP** (Delivered with partners from 1 January to 8 March 2023)

Given the immense humanitarian needs, UNHCR continues to seek support to deliver assistance inside Ukraine in the 2023 Supplementary Appeal.

#### 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.

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- CCCM Cluster Collective Sites Mapping here
- Shelter Cluster Response Dashboard here.

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\*In alignment with the humanitarian inter-agency and cluster reporting systems and frequency established by OCHA for 2023, UNHCR and partners will publish response figures in full on a monthly basis. In addition, UNHCR will publish narrative updates and figures on selected indicators on a biweekly basis.