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UNHCR Delivery Updates

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As part of a project with Artolution, UNHCR and its local partner Rokada inaugurated a mural by two Ukrainian artists who collaborated with children from a local school in Vinkivtsi, Khmelnytska oblast. © UNHCR/Kata Rudakova

KEY FIGURES:

4.32 million people reached with UNHCR assistance in 2022 *(24 February – 31 December 2022)*

17.6 million people in need of humanitarian assistance and protection in 2023 *(source: OCHA)*

11.1 million people targeted for humanitarian assistance in the Humanitarian Response Plan

3.6 million people aimed to be reached with 4.6 million services in 2023, some of whom will receive several forms of support**

***The total number of services UNHCR aims to deliver is 4.6 million. Approximately 20% of the people are expected to receive multiple forms of assistance.*

2023 RESPONSE in NUMBERS*:

(Delivered with partners from 1 January to 31 October 2023)

2,357,559 People reached with assistance to date

Winterization response (pg. 4)

Protection
1,217,719 — Received protection information, counselling, and support
1.90M Targeted

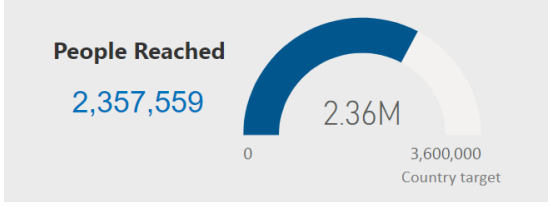
MPC
490,997 — Supported with multi-purpose cash assistance to meet basic needs
0.80M Targeted

NFI
702,354 — Reached with essential items, including in hard-to-access areas by humanitarian convoys
1.00M Targeted

Shelter/Housing
210,013 — Received emergency shelter and housing support, including in collective sites
0.72M Targeted

CCCM
94,365 — Supported with safe access to multi-sectorial services in collective sites
0.15M Targeted

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



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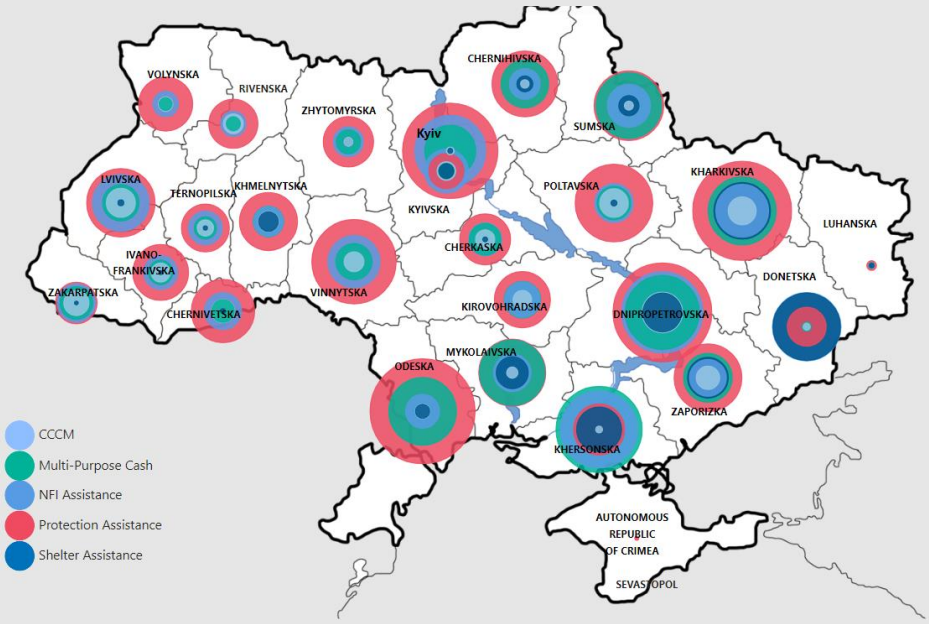
OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- **Attacks in many parts of the country continue to impact civilians – damaging homes and critical infrastructure as temperatures drop.** The south and eastern parts of Ukraine continue to be most affected, with multiple reports of civilian deaths and injuries. On 2 November, the Ukrainian Interior Minister said that Russia had bombarded 118 Ukrainian towns and villages over 24 hours, the highest number since the start of the year. The following day on 3 November, Ukrainian officials reported one of the largest wave of drone attacks in weeks which particularly affected Donetska and Kharkivska oblasts in the east and Khersonska oblast in the south, among other areas. On 5 November, Russia launched a major air attack on the Black Sea port of Odesa, wounding at least eight people, setting ablaze trucks loaded with grain and damaging one of the city's principal art galleries.
- **There has been an increase in the number of attacks on energy sector facilities, resulting in the disruption or suspension of power supplies.** On 25 October, the area near the Khmelnytskyi Nuclear Power Plant (Khmelnytska oblast) was attacked, leading to power cuts affecting around 1,860 people in adjacent towns. On 30 October, shelling also damaged a thermal power plant in Donetska oblast reportedly affecting the power supply to 18,300 people.
- **The UN is concerned about the escalation of these incidents and their impact on the lives of civilians, especially at the onset of the winter period.** The Spokesperson of the UN Secretary-General strongly condemned "the latest wave of attacks against critical infrastructure in various parts of the country, which reportedly resulted in injuries among the civilian population, including children, and caused damage to residential and commercial buildings."
- **Towards the end of October, Ukraine started the evacuation of around 1,000 children from areas near the frontline as Russian attacks intensify.** Parents have reportedly been told they must move their families to safety from villages in Donetska, Kharkivska and Khersonska oblasts.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS:

**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. Narrative updates and figures on selected indicators will be published on a biweekly basis.*

RESPONSE AT A GLANCE (Delivered with partners from 1 January to 31 October 2023)



NFI Essential Items & Housing/Shelter

- **Building materials:** UNHCR is providing construction materials to partners including local authorities to support them to rapidly respond to needs as they arise, to expand their capacity to respond, and to increase reach. In Chernihiv city, UNHCR gave building materials to local authorities to repair a damaged art museum and create and equip a social space for children, adults, older persons and people with special needs to access a range of free services including psychological rehabilitation and art classes. The space also aims to promote the inclusion and social cohesion of displaced people in the community.
- **Emergency assistance:** UNHCR partners supported hundreds of people with essential non-food items and emergency shelter materials in response to the latest wave of attacks across the country. In Khmelnytska oblast, UNHCR and its local partner Rokada supported people whose homes were damaged in the attack at the end of October. Families received emergency shelter materials such as plastic sheeting and wooden boards to urgently fix their homes so they didn't have to relocate.
- On 3 November, following the terrible overnight attack on Kharkiv in the east, UNHCR's partner Proliska immediately delivered plastic sheeting and wooden boards to over 50 people, allowing them to quickly cover their damaged houses and offering some more protection from the cold and wet weather. People in need of psychosocial support were also able to approach Proliska staff who were on-site to help.
- The attack on 5 November on Odesa in the south left many people in shock and damaged homes in a residential area. Affected people were able to access psychosocial support services and receive emergency shelter materials through UNHCR's local partner The Tenth of April.
- **Referrals to legal assistance**: As part of programme monitoring, UNHCR has been verifying and assessing the quality of completed shelter repairs. Monitoring visits can also help identify vulnerable people who may need additional support. During a recent mission to Kharkiv city, the owner of one of the houses that had been repaired requested legal support to obtain updated property and inheritance documentation. UNHCR put them in touch with our partner Right to Protection (R2P) who is now providing the required legal assistance.

Our partner Proliska in Berislav, Khersonska oblast. © Proliska

Emergency assistance to communities in frontline areas

On 8 November, our local partner Proliska made another visit to Berislav in Khersonska oblast. Constant attacks are damaging many residential buildings in the area. People say that one of the most important things they need is building materials to quickly fix their houses – to cover broken roofs or shattered windows. So far this year, Proliska has delivered over 1,600 emergency shelter kits to affected residents of Berislav.

People in Berislav have also received essential items provided by UNHCR such as linen sets, shoes, solar lamps as well as hygiene items. Proliska's team of psychologists and protection specialists are also providing legal counselling and social support to vulnerable people in the community. See more here.

First all-Ukrainian Forum of IDP Councils held in Kyiv from 1-3 November

Over 400 people gathered at the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Councils Forum in Kyiv to work on joint algorithms for support, adaptation and integration of displaced people into local communities. UNHCR co-organized the event jointly with Stabilization Support Service (SSS) and IREX under the patronage of the Ministry of Reintegration of Ukraine.

The forum was opened by the Ministry for Reintegration of Temporarily Occupied Territories and the Vice-Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk and sent a strong signal of support to IDP Councils as critical platforms for the participation of displaced people in decisions that affect them.

The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, Paula Gaviria Betancur, and experts of the IDP Protection Expert Group also attended the Forum to learn from Ukraine's good practices and share global experiences on supporting the participation and inclusion of displaced people.

Opening of the Forum of IDP Councils in Kyiv. © Yevhen Vorontsov

Protection

- **Border monitoring:** In October, UNHCR partners R2P, NEEKA and The Tenth of April conducted over 300 monitoring visits to the border crossing points with Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. The border monitoring teams provide information, legal assistance, protection counselling and social support to people leaving Ukraine to seek international protection or to those returning to Ukraine. Partner lawyers provided advice on accessing social benefits, pensions, compensation for destroyed and damaged housing, procedures for receiving state aid, death certificates and inheritance documentation. For more information, see the latest border monitoring reports for Ukraine and Sumska oblast.
- **Social cohesion**: On 31 October, UNHCR and its local partner Rokada supported the opening of a new child-friendly space called "Mistse Syly" ("Power Place"), located in the Children's Municipal Library in Berezne, Rivnenska oblast. Local NGOs will be able to use the space for therapy-based art and games, crisis consultations for both children and their parents, training on children's safety, and workshops to promote inclusion and social cohesion for displaced people in Berezne hromada.
- **Capacity building for social protection**: UNHCR is providing laptops to support the local authorities to provide social protection services. In Odesa, UNHCR donated 10 laptops to the local Department of Social Protection to facilitate the registration of displaced people and provision of state living allowances. In Zhytomyrska oblast in the north, UNHCR's partner SSS provided three full workstations to the Department of Social Protection of Romanivska village, significantly improving their capacity to respond to the needs of displaced people and other people affected by war. This assistance is a crucial part of UNHCR's ongoing efforts to build the capacity of local authorities to provide social services.

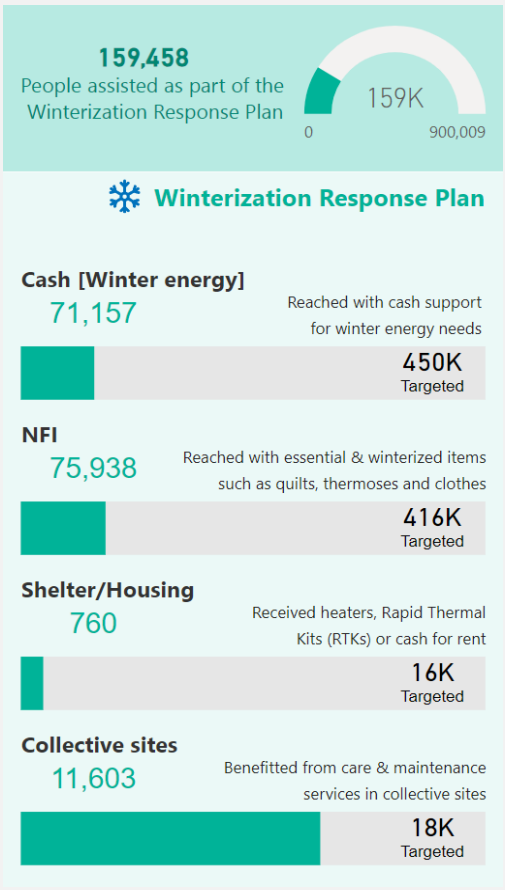
Cash assistance

- In 2023, UNHCR has so far distributed **US$98.3 million** through the multipurpose cash programme to **490,997** people, helping socioeconomically and otherwise vulnerable war-affected and displaced families cover the costs of basic items like food, medicines, clothes, accommodation and pay for utilities.
- In addition, in September UNHCR started providing cash support for winter energy needs in the amount of UAH 6,660 per person to vulnerable individuals and families. As of end-October, **71,157 displaced and vulnerable people** had received this cash assistance to help cover the additional costs associated with winter.

In October, a kindergarten damaged during the war reopened in Hora village, Kyivska oblast. UNHCR helped furnish the bomb shelter for children by providing beds, bedding sets and other essential items. Safety for children helps give parents peace of mind and enables children to continue their education. © Dmytriy September

WINTERIZATION RESPONSE

The winterization response is UNHCR's priority over the coming months. *In coordination with the Government of Ukraine, and contributing to the broader Ukraine Winter Response Plan (updated September 2023), UNHCR's winterization response will target* ***900,000 vulnerable, displaced and war-affected people*** *between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024.* ***Strengthened protection referrals****, with a particular focus on psychosocial support and legal assistance to support access to key civil and housing, land, and property documentation to support solutions from the start, accompany UNHCR's winterization response.*



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Surviving shelling, displacement, flooding, and now fearing the harsh winter

"Winter months are freezing in our village, so we fear cut-offs and blackouts similar to the last winter. After all we lived through, I just want to stay in our home together with my family," says Anna. She lives in Afanasiivka village, which is one of 29 villages severely affected by flooding from the destruction of the Kakhovka dam in June this year.

"It is likely to be very cold and we fear that attacks on critical infrastructure will further increase people's exposure to the cold and wet weather," said UNHCR Representative Karolina Lindholm Billing, after visiting the areas affected by the flooding. "UNHCR is prioritizing our winterization response to help people carry out rapid insulation of their homes, cover the increased costs of heating and solid fuel, and receive winterized items like thermal blankets. Thanks to timely and generous funding from our donors, UNHCR and our partners will do everything in our power to contribute to the collective winterization response, so people in Ukraine can stay safe and warm this winter." Read the full story here.

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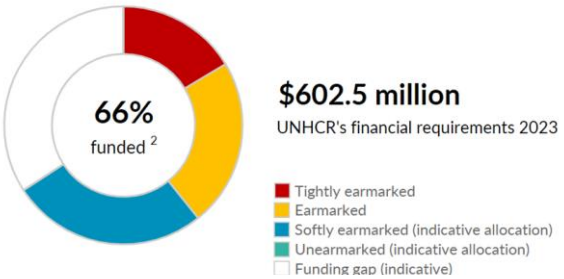

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

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