UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency

Regional Bureau for Europe

UKRAINE SITUATION FLASH UPDATE #72

27 August 2024

Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine – UNHCR together with partner Rokada and Ukraine's Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, Dmytro Lubinets, attended the opening of the first 'Centre for Protection of Human Rights' in Ivano-Frankivsk, western Ukraine. © Ombudsman of Ukraine

PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

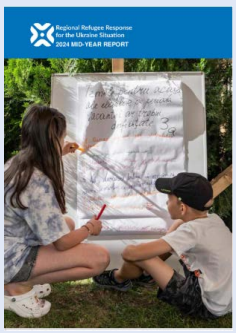
6,083,800*
refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (as of 19 Aug 2024)

571,300
refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (as of 19 Aug 2024)

6,655,100
refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (as of 15 July 2024)

3,548,000**
Estimated number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine (as of April 2024)

More details: UNHCR Operational Data Portal
Ukraine Refugee Situation



Ukraine Situation - 2024 RRP Mid-Year Report: (21 Aug 2024)

To read more about this inter-agency report, click here.

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Emergency response:** In July, to respond to the needs of people affected by almost daily attacks on different communities of Sumska, Ukraine, UNHCR's local partner Proliska delivered emergency shelter kits to 460 people to cover damaged houses, provided essential items (i.e. blankets, thermoses, solar lamps) and offered on-site psychosocial and legal support. UNHCR and Proliska further assisted over 4,000 people with essential items in areas affected by damaged civilian infrastructure, including Dnipropetrovska, Donetska, and Zaporizka regions).

- **Protection:** On 29 July, UNHCR together with the Ombudsman of Ukraine, Dmytro Lubinets, inaugurated the Human Rights Centre in Ivano Frankivsk, western Ukraine. This centre will provide advice and support to people in need to help safeguard their constitutional rights and freedoms. UNHCR supported renovations to furnish and equip the centre, which includes a meeting room, offices, and a child-friendly space.

- **Winter planning 2024-25**: With Ukraine's energy infrastructure deeply affected by continued aerial attacks, the coming winter is expected to be challenging for millions of war-affected people. To mitigate the risks of further displacement and to keep people safe and warm, UNHCR has launched a $170 million winter response plan. The Inter-Cluster Coordination Group also recently finalized the 2024-25 inter-agency winter response plan, which seeks $492 million to address humanitarian needs of 1.8 million people for the upcoming cold season in Ukraine.

Join our mailing list to receive regular updates

* 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 - There has been a slight reduction in the IDP figure in Ukraine based on the latest IOM Internal Displacement Report, from 3.7 to 3.5 million IDPs between December 2023 and April 2024.

UKRAINE SITUATION UPDATE

- **Shelter support:** In close cooperation with the Government of Ukraine and its regional and local authorities, as of end-July 2024 UNHCR together with its partners has completed the repair of over 30,000 homes across the country since the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022. Additionally, in July UNHCR's partner Proliska handed over 5,400 non-food items to various state institutions in Sumy and Konotop to equip 20 bomb shelters. This will enable over 2,000 people to stay in dignified conditions during air raid alerts.
- **Cash assistance:** Between January – June 2024, UNHCR provided multi-purpose cash assistance to 245,500 war-affected people, IDPs, recent frontline evacuees, and returnees. People with specific vulnerabilities have been prioritized for this assistance which helps cover the cost of basic items like food, medicines, clothes, accommodation and utilities. Around 17,000 people who have received cash assistance are registered for emergency cash support in the amount of US $260.
- **Durable solutions:** UNHCR and UNDP are partnering to support the "Mine Action and IDP Return in Southern Ukraine" project to address critical challenges affecting IDPs and other war-affected people's ability to return, recover and rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. The joint project will focus on enhancing the capacity of public and civil society actors, providing legal and protection services in targeted areas of southern Ukraine – specifically in Khersonska and Mykolaivska regions. The project will continue until August 2025, and has a budget of $4.9 million from the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Ukraine Community Recovery Fund, with UNDP and UNHCR receiving roughly equal amounts.
- **Livelihoods:** On 12 July, a Regional Employment Fair organized in Chernivtsi brought together local employers and 200 job seekers, including local residents and IDPs. UNHCR conducted awareness raising on employment rights for IDPs, emphasizing that displaced populations and companies are a valuable source of human capital and economic benefits for the region. In Zakarpatska oblast, UNHCR partner NEEKA organized another job fair in Berehove city on 18 July, with over 120 participants.
- **Inclusion:** On 18 - 19 July, UNHCR and partner Stabilization Support Service (SSS) organized two-day workshop for IDP Councils in Odeska region, southern Ukraine, to ensure effective interaction between regional, district, and local IDP councils. It further helped IDP councils develop joint strategic plans to improve support for IDPs. Over 20 representatives from communities and IDP Councils received training.

UNHCR RESPONSE & TARGETS INSIDE UKRAINE 2024* (as of 12 August 2024)

989,068
multi-sectoral services delivered in 2024, targeting
2.7 million
people, some of whom will receive several forms of support**

393,110
people reached with protection information and services***, out of a target of
1.2 million
people

149,311
people supported with essential items, out of a target of
350,000
people

245,507
people supported with multi-purpose cash and/or cash for winter energy needs, out of a target of
600,000
people

91,671
people received emergency shelter and housing support, out of a target of
467,500
people

29,081
people reached with safe access to multi-sectoral services in collective sites, out of a target of
130,000
people

*Includes individuals benefiting from multiple forms of assistance.
**The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements.
***Also includes calls to hotlines.

Emergency housing repairs for war affected people in Ukraine

Kyiv, Ukraine – During a series of airstrikes in Kyiv on 8 July, Nataliia and her beloved dog took shelter in the basement of her apartment building. During the attacks her home suffered considerable damage, including to the windows. UNHCR and partners provided emergency repair materials to help fix and fortify the immediate damage. "I am very thankful for this support. Now I have hope that I can continue living in my house and stay warm during the upcoming winter".

© UNHCR

REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES (as of 26 August 2024)

2024 REGIONAL TARGETS*

495,447
people reached with different forms of assistance in 2024*, out of a target of

850,000
people, some of whom will receive several forms of support**

381,921
people reached with protection information and services***, out of a target of

515,000
people

66,567
people targeted for multi-purpose cash assistance, out of a target of

190,000
people

105,296
people supported with socio-economic inclusion, including livelihoods support by UNHCR and partners, out of a target of

267,000
people

* The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements.
** Includes individuals benefiting from multiple forms of assistance and services.
*** Also includes calls to hotlines.

REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE ACROSS EUROPE (as of 20 August 2024)

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.
*Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]) Source: UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe

More information is available on the UNHCR Ukraine operational data portal page.

PROTECTION

2024 TARGET

515,000

Refugees from Ukraine supported with protection information and services through UNHCR and partners.

- **Bulgaria:** On 29 July, with the support of UNHCR the Compass Community Centre in Burgas in eastern Bulgaria officially opened, one of six across the country. Coordinated by UNHCR's partner, Bulgarian Red Cross (BRC), the centre provides support to refugees with a focus on self-reliance. Services are provided at the location and through mobile outreach to collective accommodation sites at remote locations by partnering organizations BRC, Foundation for Access to Rights and Caritas.
- **Hungary:** On 11 July, UNHCR organized a workshop for caregivers, child protection guardians and psychologists of the Unaccompanied Children's Home at Fót. Participants developed communication skills, with special attention to child-friendly communication and identification/referral of children with specific needs, particularly child victims of trafficking and child survivors of GBV. The workshop was the first in a series of capacity-building occasions planned for the same target group.
- **Moldova:** On 29 July, UNHCR conducted a child protection training and discussion with Roma mediators from the Transnistria region. The discussion centred on support needs, such as NFIs and school supplies as well as assistance to address sensitive topics such as child marriage and sexual and reproductive health. Additionally, the Moldovan Ministry of Education and Research launched a pilot project for classes in Ukrainian, following the Moldovan curriculum, at a school in Chișinău. In response to the identified needs in the school selected for the pilot, UNHCR and the Education sector partners are rehabilitating four classrooms and providing furniture and learning materials to support the initiative.
- **Romania:** On 26 July, UNHCR facilitated a training on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) in Constanta with 12 Focal points from World Vision, Centre for Civic Resources (CRC), Sensiblu, Save the Children, RO-UA Novapolis and Life for Ukraine. In addition, on 23 - 25 July UNHCR and partner Sensiblu conducted gender awareness sessions for a youth group in Constanta; 19 female and male adolescents aged 13 - 17 participated in these two sessions which focused on tackling gender roles, inequalities and power imbalances.
- **Russian Federation:** So far in 2024, UNHCR and partners have assisted over 20,406 refugees from Ukraine with mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS).

UNHCR Ukraine: Quarterly Operational Update Q2 (June 2024)

To read more, click here.

BASIC NEEDS AND WELL-BEING

2024 TARGET

190,000

People are targeted for multi-purpose cash assistance by UNHCR and partners.

- **Belarus:** In July, UNHCR cash payments to 161 refugees (including 61 from Ukraine) out of total target of 1,100 individuals in 2024.
- **Czech Republic:** In preparation for the next Cash for Protection program, the process for identifying duplicate records within proGres has been finalized. On 31 July, UNHCR conducted a proGres training for partner staff of the Bulgarian Red Cross, focusing on registering family members for cash assistance.
- **Romania:** In July, UNHCR conducted a series of home visits and mobile missions to enrol vulnerable refugees with specific needs for cash assistance in Baia Mare and Constanta (northern and eastern Romania, respectively). Through the five enrolment centres as well as mobile missions, UNHCR has enrolled 15,526 refugees this year, including 12,517 refugees with specific needs. Among those enrolled, 5,823 eligible refugees identified through a vulnerability score card developed in consultation with authorities and partners will receive four instalments of $136 per person/per month.
- **Slovakia:** In July, UNHCR assisted 80 refugees with vulnerabilities with 151 EUR each under the new joint UNHCR-UNICEF Cash Assistance programme. Additionally, UNHCR completed the process of Transfer of Ownership of core relief items (CRIs) to the Ministry of Interior, that were secured for Slovakia as a part of emergency preparedness. The CRIs have been transported to designated warehouses across Slovakia and will benefit approximately 15,000 individuals.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION & LOCALIZATION

2024 TARGET

267,000

People are targeted for socio-economic inclusion, including livelihoods support by UNHCR and partners..

- **Belarus:** UNHCR facilitated a workshop in Minsk for nine refugees from Ukraine titled “From CV to Employment”, aiming to equip refugees with the skills and knowledge to access employment opportunities. Topics covered included job searching and CV writing, interview skills and managing job-seeking anxiety. This was the second workshop in a series being delivered in 2024.
- **Bulgaria:** On 4 July, UNHCR organized a professional development day for 17 Bulgarian Helsinki Committee partner lawyers and paralegals focusing on resilience, communication and working with unaccompanied and separated children, trauma survivors, people with disabilities and LGBTIQ+ individuals, aiming to enhance their skills and improving coordination and communication with UNHCR.
- **Czech Republic:** On 13 July, UNHCR, partner AMIGA and refugee-led organization Prague Maidan launched a digital arts project featuring a series of graphic design workshops for 15 Ukrainian refugee youth. Funded by the UNHCR Digital Innovation Fund, the project will be implemented in five regions. The project aims to enhance self-expression, empowerment, social cohesion, skills development, and resilience among Ukrainian refugee youth. Following the workshop, participants will design a mural with members of the host community.
- **Hungary:** Since 1 January 2024, UNHCR and IOM provided 9,969 refugees with access to information, legal assistance and various social services at Budapest Helps! Community Centre. The centre provides services, such as language classes, community support and cultural activities. In July, 140 refugees received information about their status and access to services. Most requests for information received by UNHCR were related to financial aid and assistance, accommodation and housing, registration and documentation.
- **Latvia:** UNHCR partner 'I Want to Help Refugees' launched a new Latvian language café programme in Riga for parents of children from Ukraine enrolled in the local education system. The aim of the programme is to enhance their integration and support access to employment and inclusion. UNHCR also signed an agreement with refugee-led organization Art Laboratory to provide extracurricular activities for refugee children for the rest of 2024.
- **Moldova:** UNHCR evaluated 60 applications for UNHCR-funded grants for local refugee led organizations and community-based organizations. Of these, six were selected for funding, and 15 additional organizations were placed on a 2025 waiting list. Selected organizations will receive up to $12,000, depending on the needs of their projects, with the implementation period starting in September 2024.
- **Poland:** Following legislative amendments making school enrolment mandatory for refugee children starting September, UNHCR updated its Help Page and is holding regular meetings with education focal points, while sharing updates and resources with teachers. UNHCR partners are engaged in education, notably inclusion programmes for children in Rzeszow with partner PSAR, on consultations and counselling in Pomorskie with partner Center for the Support of Immigrants (CWII) and OVUM Association, as well as specifically on outreach to Roma families with Central Roma Council and Toward Dialogue Foundation.
- **Romania:** On 24 July, UNHCR in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce in Iasi, eastern Romania organized a livelihoods, employment, and integration session to support entrepreneurship among the Ukrainian refugee population. Participants included representatives from NGOs, companies, BCR Bank, and 41 members of the refugee community.

Supporting continuous learning for refugee children from Ukraine

Budapest, Hungary – Ruslan, 9, and his parents fled to Budapest from Melitopol, southeastern Ukraine in 2022 following the full-scale invasion. After resuming his education at a local school in Budapest, he took part in a computer programming workshop in July organized by UNHCR’s partner Hungarian Interchurch Aid for refugee children from Ukraine. His mother, Ludmilla, is grateful he has been able to adapt, saying proudly: “He started speaking Hungarian after six months of school. At the end of the year, he graduated with honours in language & literature.” © UNHCR

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 18 UN and NGO partners across three hubs, with the aim of supporting 157,000 people in collective sites in 2024. The Protection Cluster consists of 166 partners, including sub-clusters, and operates three coordination hubs to reach an anticipated three million people in 2024. The Shelter and NFI Cluster coordinates 98 active partners across three coordination hubs, targeting 3.9 million people in 2024 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.

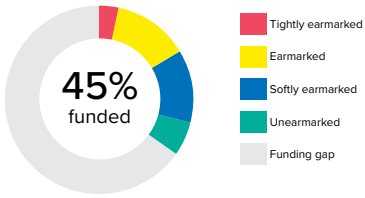
REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Through the 2024 Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP), 313 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 targeted support and assistance. The plan also aims at strengthening refugees' socio-economic inclusion in their host communities and increasing their self-reliance, while at the same time 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, collaborating and consulting with authorities, aid agencies, civil society, and with affected populations. To learn more about the 2023 RRP response, please see here.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

UNHCR UKRAINE SITUATION FINANCIAL UPDATE 2024

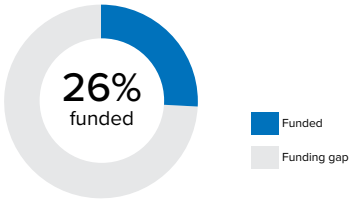
US$ 993.3 million
required



As of 31 July 2024

INTER-AGENCY FINANCIAL UPDATES

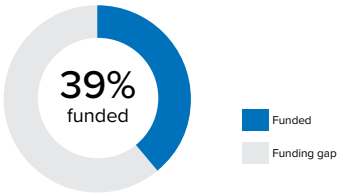
US$ 1.08 billion
required*



Revised:
Ukraine situation: 2024 Regional Refugee Response Plan

As of 30 June 2024

US$ 3.11 billion
required



Revised:
Ukraine Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan 2024

As of 23 August 2024

UNHCR is grateful for the support from our top government donors:

Australia | Belgium | Canada | Denmark | European Union | Finland | France | Germany | Iceland | Ireland | Japan | Netherlands (Kingdom of) | Norway | Poland | Republic of Korea | Sweden | Switzerland | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | United States of America

Join our mailing list to receive regular updates

UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe | www.unhcr.org/europe | rbeext@unhcr.org