



UKRAINE SITUATION

FLASH UPDATE #75

25 November 2024

Kyiv, Ukraine – As part of its winter response, in November UNHCR and partners provided people living in rural areas of Kyiv with Rapid Thermal Kits to help them insulate their homes and stay warm during the colder winter months. ©UNHCR



PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

6,225,700*

refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (as of 18 Nov 2024)

560,200

refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (as of 18 Nov 2024)

6,785,900

refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (as of 18 Nov 2024)

3,669,000**

Estimated number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine (as of Aug 2024)

More details: UNHCR Operational Data Portal [Ukraine Refugee Situation](#)



Lives on hold: Intentions & Perspectives of Refugees, Refugee Returnees & IDPs from Ukraine #6 (19 Nov 2024)

To read more, [click here](#).

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **As millions in Ukraine brace for the third winter since the full-scale invasion, UNHCR and partners have stepped up efforts to [deliver assistance](#) to help people stay safe and warm.** As part of the inter-agency response, and in support of Government efforts, UNHCR and NGO partners began delivering cash assistance to help vulnerable people cover additional winter needs, providing essential items for winter, and helping people to insulate their homes. [UNHCR aims to support](#) 550,000 displaced and war-affected people in Ukraine with cash for energy and heating needs during the 2024-25 winter season.
- According to [UNHCR protection profiling and monitoring](#), a notable increase in **cross-border movements** from February 2024 onwards was observed, followed by a significant decrease after the summer. In September, outbound movements surpassed inbound, reversing a trend from July - August. As of 23 October, less than 25 per cent of surveyed individuals reported leaving Ukraine for the first time since the beginning of the full-scale invasion in February 2022, a slight increase from the two months prior. While security and energy-related concerns continue to be the most commonly cited reasons for departures, shelter-related issues have emerged as the third, accounting for 22 per cent of departures from August - October.
- **Update on response to evacuations in Ukraine:**
 - According to the **Donetska** region administration, since 1 August over 128,000 people have reportedly left the region, including over 24,000 from areas experiencing active hostilities. Approximately 330,000 residents remained in Ukraine-controlled areas of the region, with an estimated 63,000 residing in zones of active hostilities. UNHCR and NGO partners are supporting transit sites for evacuees through refurbishment, supply of equipment, coordination and management. UNHCR is also providing lifesaving protection and multisectoral assistance to evacuees both inside and outside these centres.

For more about the situation and the response in Ukraine and the region, see [UNHCR's Ukraine Emergency website](#)

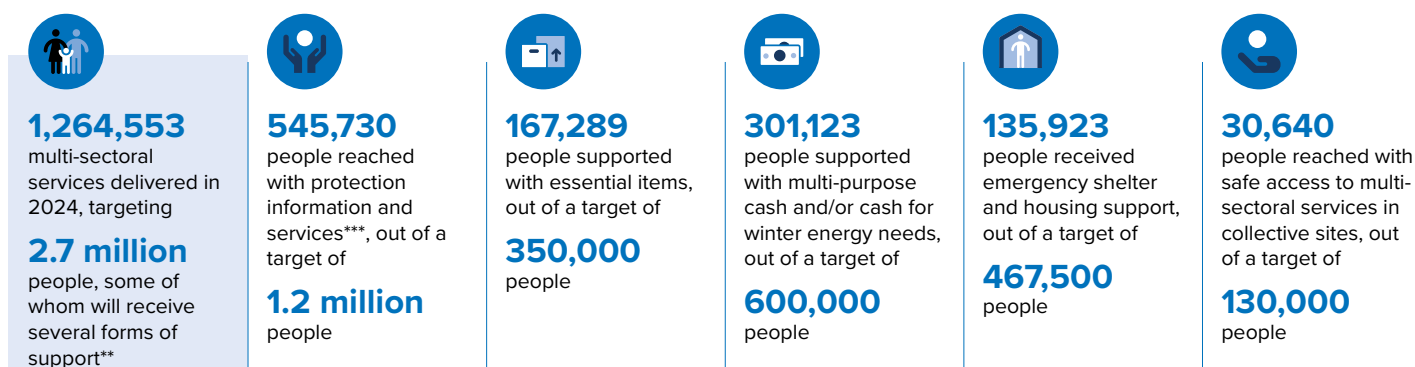
* Europe corresponds to all Europe sub-regions as identified by Eurovoc ([European Union, Thesaurus Eurovoc, Volume 2, Subject-oriented version, Publications Office, 2005](#)), therefore including EU and non-EU countries belonging to Central and Eastern Europe, Northern Europe, Southern Europe, and Western Europe, plus Türkiye.

** Source: IOM

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- Emergency Response:** Following the 25 October airstrikes in central Dnipro, UNHCR and partners Proliska and Right to Protection assisted affected 237 households with emergency Shelter Kits (ESKs) to facilitate quick repairs, along with non-food items (NFI), 49 individuals with psychological support, and 75 people with legal consultations. In Kryvyi Rih, following aerial attacks, UNHCR and Proliska provided emergency shelter materials, essential items and warm clothing to 215 families and psychosocial support to 262 people. In Zaporizhzhia, UNHCR and Proliska distributed emergency construction materials to 540 families, NFIs to 300 families and psychosocial assistance to 141 affected individuals. In total during the reporting period, UNHCR's partner Proliska provided emergency NFI assistance to over 2,200 people.
- Protection:** On 11 October, UNHCR and partner Intersos/Light of Hope inaugurated a new child-friendly space (CFS) on the premises of the Light of Hope GBV shelter in Poltava city. In the CFS, children will have the opportunity to engage in distance learning and participate in group classes under the supervision of social workers. On 30 October, UNHCR partner Rokada Ivano-Frankivsk and local city council, with financial support from UNHCR, also opened a CFS in the city of Bolekhiv in Ivano-Frankivska region.
- Cash assistance:** Between Jan - Sept 2024, UNHCR distributed multi-purpose cash assistance to 301,123 war-affected people, IDPs, recent evacuees from frontline areas, returnees, and people with specific vulnerabilities to help cover the cost of basic items like food, medicines, clothes, accommodation and utilities. So far this year, \$73.7 million has been disbursed, including to some 30,149 people supported with emergency cash following missile attacks and evacuations.
- Collective sites:** During October, UNHCR provided building materials and NFIs to three collective centers in Zhytomyrska region in order to improve living conditions for 71 older IDPs and those with disabilities. Upon the request of local authorities, UNHCR also provided over 375 people in 14 collective sites in Chernivtska region with standard NFIs, as well as information sessions on site management.
- Statelessness:** UNHCR and the Office of the Ombudsman of Ukraine hosted a forum on statelessness on 25 October to showcase achievements, propose solutions, and foster cooperation towards addressing statelessness in the country. The event brought together representatives of the government (the State Migration Service, the Ministry of Justice, judicial system, the Office of the Ombudsman), civil society and international organizations (including UNDP and Council of Europe)

UNHCR RESPONSE & TARGETS INSIDE UKRAINE 2024* (as of 15 November 2024)



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

UNHCR's Deputy High Commissioner Visits Ukraine



Saltivka, Ukraine – Ahead of the 1,000 day mark since the full scale invasion of Ukraine, UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees Kelly T. Clements [visited](#) Ukraine on 4 - 7 November, where she met with partners, government officials and war-affected families, including in Saltivka – among the most heavily impacted areas of Kharkiv region. “The deepening emotional toll on innocent people became clear during my visit to the country last week; the intense attacks on critical infrastructure and civilian sites – and constant air-raid warnings – are exacting a grave toll on physical and mental health”.

To read more, [click here](#).

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REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES

2024 REGIONAL TARGETS* (as of 20 November 2024)



552,258

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



438,410

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

515,000

people



73,687

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

190,000

people



120,690

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

267,000

people

* Includes individuals benefiting from multiple forms of assistance and services.

** Also includes calls to hotlines.

REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE ACROSS EUROPE (as of 14 Nov 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

For more information, see 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 15 – 16 October, UNHCR organized a workshop for the network of six Compass Protection and Inclusion centres, which was attended by 35 participants. During the sessions, materials on good practices were shared, as well as mapping of local partners. Partners also discussed current challenges.
- **Czech Republic:** During October, UNHCR's partner proFem delivered trainings to 22 representatives from Czech NGOs on mitigating risks related to Gender-Based Violence (GBV). The trainings, co-designed and funded by UNHCR, targeted social workers assisting Ukrainian refugees. UNHCR provided guidance on recognizing and reporting misconduct, including sexual exploitation and abuse, and distributed GBV and PSEA materials available on the [HELP website](#) and refugee helpline.
- **Hungary:** UNHCR and partner Cordelia conducted an interactive training on child protection and mental health for 25 participants at the unaccompanied children's home in Fót, near Budapest. Participants included care home managers, caregivers, guardians, guardianship office staff, and children's rights representatives. The training fostered new avenues for collaboration, including with child protection focal points from the Ministry of Interior.
- **Lithuania:** On 18 October, UNHCR visited a care institution for unaccompanied and separated Ukrainian children in Kaunas, following reports of children being returned to Ukraine, notably to conflict-affected areas such as the Kharkiv region. Since mid-August, seven children under 6 years, mostly from Kharkiv, have been returned to Ukraine. UNHCR continues to advocate for durable and safe solutions for children from Ukraine.
- **Moldova:** UNHCR and partner National Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CNPAC) launched an advocacy campaign titled 'Education Doesn't Hurt' to combat violence and abuse in school, as part of the '19 Days of Activism for the Prevention of Violence and Abuse Against Children and Youth', which promotes a safer

learning environment. Recent data shows a significant increase in school enrolment rates of Ukrainian children in Moldovan primary and secondary schools, rising from 1,626 to 2,390. UNHCR is also expanding language support in Balti, while addressing enrolment barriers for Roma children in Soroca, northern Moldova.

- **Poland:** In October, the Counselling Line in Poland received 170 calls, bringing the total number to 4,136 in 2024. Some 80 per cent of callers were from Ukraine. The most common inquiries received during this period were primarily about cash assistance, followed by available protection services and accommodation.
- **Russian Federation:** A total of 2,832 refugees from Ukraine received psychosocial support from UNHCR's partners in October, while 907 refugees from Ukraine were counselled in person by UNHCR and partners in urban areas. Some 1,082 were counselled in the border regions of Voronezh, Kursk, Rostov-on-Don and Belgorod.
- **Slovakia:** On 10 October, UNHCR organized the first Best Interest Procedures workshop for 20 participants from the Offices of Labour, Social Affairs, and Families, as well as national child protection authorities. It emphasized key legal and policy instruments such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), UNHCR's approach and mandate for child protection, and the four-factor analysis used to determine the best interests of displaced children. The workshop also focused on child-friendly interaction and interview techniques.

BASIC NEEDS, HEALTH & WELL-BEING

2024 TARGET



190,000

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

- **Belarus:** So far in 2024, UNHCR has provided 530 refugees with cash assistance in Minsk, Vitebsk, Brest, and Grodno regions.
- **Bulgaria:** In October, as part of UNHCR cash assistance program, a grant scheme was launched to support 300

Referral Pathways Workshop for Refugees from Ukraine



Cahul, Republic of Moldova – In October, UNHCR and IOM co-hosted a two-day referral pathways workshop for local NGOs, institutions, and organizations. The workshop helped to enhance local coordination to support refugees, and covered key topics such as child protection, gender-based violence (GBV), employment, and inclusive communication for people with disabilities.

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refugee students in Bulgaria with their university enrolment fees, as part of UNHCR cash assistance program.

- **Hungary:** UNHCR began enrollment for winter cash assistance in October, including financial support to Temporary Protection (TP) holders who have been evicted or are at risk of eviction after recent legislative changes limiting access to state-subsidized collective shelters. Eligible households will receive a one-off amount up to HUF 210,000 (\$570) if they have eligible minor dependents. Some 210 households (680 individuals) have already been enrolled. Additionally, UNHCR assisted 12 refugees with severe disabilities with cash during October, with 64 beneficiaries supported overall since the programme launched in September 2023.
- **Moldova:** UNHCR distributed 2,016 boxes of non-food items (NFIs) to support vulnerable refugees and host community members in Bălți. This distribution targeted two main groups: refugees (who comprise half of the recipients), and vulnerable Moldovans (who make up the other half). By addressing urgent needs in both communities, UNHCR's support helps enhance resilience, ease economic burdens, and promote stability and social cohesion within the region.
- **Romania:** So far in 2024, UNHCR has provided cash assistance to a total of 12,022 refugees from Ukraine in Romania, including for individuals with specific needs. Some 5,700 refugees are receiving RON 720 (\$158) to meet their urgent needs during the winter months.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION & LOCALIZATION

2024 TARGET



267,000

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

- **Belarus:** UNHCR in collaboration with UNFPA convened a one-day workshop in Brest titled "From CV to Employment" for 24 refugees from Ukraine. The workshop focused on CV writing and job search skills for the Belarus job market, interview techniques, and managing job-seeking anxiety. This was the fourth workshop in a series being delivered in all regional cities in 2024.
- **Bulgaria:** In October, UNHCR initiated the 2nd edition of the Academy for Refugee Teachers, together with partners EducArt and Teach for Bulgaria to promote inclusive education and teaching Bulgarian as a foreign language. 90 teachers in the formal education system joined the Academy from six key refugee-hosting regions (Burgas, Dobrich, Haskovo, Plovdiv, Sofia, Varna).
- **Czech Republic:** During October, UNHCR's partner Slovo 21 relaunched two key integration projects: 'Family Next Door', which promotes cross-cultural understanding by bringing together Czech and foreign families over a shared meal hosted in one of the families' homes, and 'Hello Czech Republic', which provides workshops for educators and students, equipping them with tools to address themes such as asylum, integration, identity, and stereotypes.
- **Hungary:** Since 1 January 2024, 14,163 refugees have been provided with access to information, legal assistance, and various social services by UNHCR and IOM at Budapest Helps! Community Center. The center also provides services such as language classes, as well as community support and cultural activities.
- **Latvia:** During October, UNHCR continued to visit municipalities and schools to identify gaps and best practices regarding inclusion of refugee children from Ukraine into the Latvian education system. During the visits, UNHCR met with teachers to better understand the needs, which will inform future discussion and advocacy with relevant authorities.
- **Lithuania:** On 24 October, UNHCR presented the findings of the Socio-Economic Insights Survey to 120 representatives from various municipalities. The presentation focused on topics such as enrolment in Lithuanian educational institutions, the acquisition of the Lithuanian language, and promoting social cohesion among communities, while emphasizing the importance of local integration activities.
- **Moldova:** On 18 October, in partnership with the National Congress of Ukrainians of Moldova, UNHCR launched an [online platform](#) connecting refugees with job opportunities across various sectors. Co-funded by UNHCR and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the platform features tools to link refugees with employers, which will significantly improve refugees' access to employment and support their integration into Moldovan society.
- **Poland:** On 16 October, UNHCR co-organized a Job and Entrepreneurship Fair in Warsaw, attracting over 3,500 participants. UNHCR provided consultations and moderated a debate on refugee employment barriers. Additionally, UNHCR participated in job fairs in Krakow, Lublin, Rzeszów, and other cities throughout October, offering legal counseling, CV consultations, and job-hunting resources to refugees and locals.
- **Romania:** On 15 October, UNHCR and EBRD held an online info session on funding opportunities for refugees wishing to start or expand their businesses in Romania. The session included an online presentation followed by Q&A, and was attended by around 85 participants. So far in 2024, UNHCR and partners have supported 8,305 refugees from Ukraine with various assistance to promote access to decent work, as well as financial and economic inclusion.
- **Slovakia:** During October, 11 refugee students currently enrolled in universities in Bratislava, Nitra, Banská Bystrica, Žilina, Košice and Prešov were awarded DAFL scholarships. In total, the DAFL programme in Slovakia is supporting 40 students during the 2024-25 academic year.

COORDINATION

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In Ukraine, UNHCR leads three Clusters, namely Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Protection, and Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI). 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.

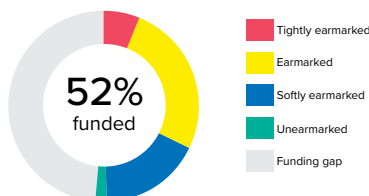
REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

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 2024 RRP response, please [see here](#).

FINANCIAL UPDATES

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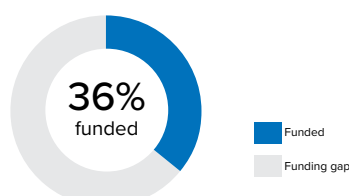
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INTER-AGENCY FINANCIAL UPDATES

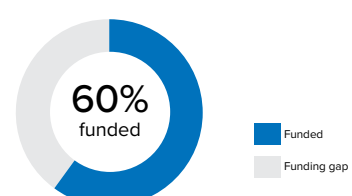
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