

# Ukraine

September 2023

**Life-saving assistance:** UNHCR delivers critical assistance to people living in [frontline and newly regained areas](#) where needs are most acute, and responds to new shocks and attacks on civilian homes and infrastructure.

**Supporting protracted internally displaced people (IDPs):** UNHCR is improving living conditions and access to services in [collective sites](#) hosting many vulnerable IDPs in a protracted situation, while also supporting them with durable [housing solutions](#).

**Early recovery & durable solutions:** UNHCR contributes to recovery and [durable solutions](#) through community-based, psychosocial and legal protection programmes, repair of homes and support to social services.

## UNHCR POPULATION STATISTICS (as of mid-2023)\*

Refugees	<b>2,547</b>
Asylum-seekers	<b>491</b>
Stateless people	<b>36,249</b>
Internally displaced persons (IDPs)	<b>5,088,000</b>
Others of concern	<b>347,259</b>

### Top three countries of origin\*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Afghanistan	<b>1,018</b>	Russian Federation	<b>122</b>
Syrian Arab Republic	<b>517</b>	Tajikistan	<b>50</b>
Russian Federation	<b>195</b>	Belarus	<b>30</b>

\*UNHCR 2023 Mid-Year Trends and UNHCR [data finder](#)

## UKRAINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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

**2.04 million** people impacted by the war have been reached so far in 2023 with [protection counselling and services](#), [emergency shelter and durable housing support](#), and [cash and in-kind assistance](#) from UNHCR and partners, as part of the collective response.

**11.1 million will be targeted** with [multisectoral humanitarian assistance](#) including **3.8 million** IDPs, **2.5 million** returnees, and **4.8 million** people who have remained in their homes throughout the war.

**Community Mobilization:** UNHCR supports a network of some 200 community outreach facilitators, and more than 200 community-based organizations to link people to support services to meet their essential needs.

**Coordination:** UNHCR works within the framework of the inter-agency humanitarian response, in close coordination with the authorities as well as humanitarian and development partners, and coordinates three humanitarian clusters.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**12,230 households assisted with house repairs** and energy efficient insulation so far in 2023. Since the start of the full-scale war in 2022, 17,665 homes have been repaired, including providing prefabricated housing, enabling displaced and war-affected people to move back into their homes.

### 2023/2024 Winterization Response

From 1 September 2023 - 29 February 2024, UNHCR will target 900,000 displaced and war-affected people with cash for winter energy needs, housing and insulation support, winterized NFI kits, winter clothing, generators, collective site management and winter preparation support to collective sites.

### Cash assistance

remains the preferred modality of assistance for displaced and war-affected people to respond to new shocks and attacks. UNHCR has disbursed cash assistance to **441,100 vulnerable people** so far in 2023.



### UNHCR and partners immediate emergency response after a missile attack in Lviv

On 6 July, UNHCR's local NGO partners were among the first responders at the site of a Russian missile attack in a residential quarter in Lviv, a city located more than 1,000 kilometres from the frontline. Within hours, Rokada and NEEKA were on the ground providing psychosocial support, and distributing essential items such as bedding, blankets and hygiene kits, as well as emergency shelter materials to quickly fix windows and roofs. Read more [here](#).

## Key Priorities

- **Protection:** UNHCR works with the social protection services by supporting the identification of people with specific needs and case management, providing information and legal advice, particularly on civil documentation and housing, land and property rights, and providing psychosocial support.
- **Shelter and Housing:** UNHCR provides emergency shelter in frontline and newly regained areas, and supports durable house repairs that help displaced people return to their homes. Jointly launched with the Ministry of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development, the [Ukraine is Home](#) initiative aims to connect humanitarian and government-supported housing repairs, and expand access to information and free legal aid on housing assistance and compensation.
- **Durable Solutions:** In coordination with local authorities, UN and I/NGO partners, UNHCR helps war-affected people's to attain [durable solutions](#) through access to documentation and services; cash assistance; community empowerment and participation; housing; and linkages to job opportunities. UNHCR co-leads the Durable Solutions Steering Group with IOM and UNDP.
- **Refugees and asylum-seekers:** UNHCR and partners continue to identify and support refugees and asylum-seekers who remain in Ukraine. Between January - August 2023, **613** refugees and asylum-seekers from **27** countries received services, such as psychosocial support, legal assistance, livelihoods counselling, and cash assistance.

## Working with Partners

- **Localization:** UNHCR works with 29 partners, including 20 local partners comprising 14 local NGOs and 6 IDP-led organizations to deliver assistance and support the localization of the response.
- **Community-led response:** UNHCR works with and supports a network of 350 community groups and civil society organizations. Eighty diverse community-based projects enable integration and protection of children,

women's empowerment and improved access for people with disabilities.

- UNHCR signed [four Memorandums of Understanding \(MoU\)](#) with key ministries, and 17 with regional oblast authorities to reinforce ongoing collaboration and respond to humanitarian needs, while supporting durable solutions for IDPs, returnees and war-affected communities under the leadership of and in alignment with national, regional and local authorities and priorities.

## Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

- Within the inter-agency response, UNHCR leads three clusters – **Protection, Shelter and non-food items (NFIs)** and **CCCM**. UNHCR also leads the Legal Aid Task Force under the Protection Cluster, co-leads the AAP Task Force with OCHA, and is an active member of the PSEA and Cash Working Groups.

## Statelessness

- Ukraine acceded to the 1954 and 1961 UN Conventions on Statelessness. With the strong support of UNHCR, the Government adopted a law introducing a Statelessness Determination Procedure in June 2020, which is operational since May 2021.
- UNHCR advocates for all stateless persons, persons with undetermined nationality and persons at risk of statelessness, including [Roma](#), to have equal access to protection and assistance.

## UNHCR Presence in Ukraine

### Staff:

206 National Staff  
 55 International Staff  
 47 Nationalities

### Offices:

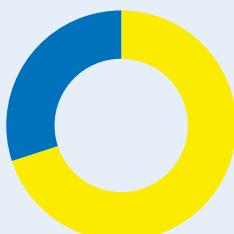
1 Country Office in Kyiv  
 4 Field Offices in Kyiv, Lviv, Odesa, Uzhhorod  
 2 Field Units in Chernivtsi, Poltava  
 2 Sub Offices in Dnipro, Vinnytsia

## Financial information (September 2023)

### Financial requirements

\$ 602.5 M

Funding gap  
 27%  
 \$ 221.4 M



Funded 63%  
 \$ 381.1 M

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