

Ukraine

February 2023

Emergency Response: UNHCR is complementing the government-led response with protection services, shelter and housing assistance, cash assistance and distribution of essential items.

Winterization: Since September 2022, UNHCR prioritized programmes that enabled IDPs, war-affected persons, and returnees to access warm and dignified accommodation during the winter months.

Early recovery & durable solutions: UNHCR programmes are designed to support sustainability and people's ability to recover and attain durable solutions to their situation.

UNHCR POPULATION STATISTICS AS OF MID-2022*

Refugees	2,345
Asylum-seekers	1,325
Stateless persons	36,459
Internally displaced persons	6.275 million

Top three countries of origin*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Afghanistan	893	Afghanistan	483
Syrian Arab Republic	513	Bangladesh	136
Russian Federation	167	Russian Federation	115

*UNHCR 2022 Mid-Year Trends and UNHCR [data finder](#)

UKRAINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

4.32 million people impacted by the war were reached with various forms of assistance from UNHCR and its partners by the end of 2022.

99 generators have been delivered to 23 oblasts to equip heating points identified by the oblast authorities in response to the serious impact of wide-spread destruction of energy infrastructure.

17.6 million people inside Ukraine are estimated to be in need of multisectoral humanitarian assistance in 2023. This includes **6.3 million** IDPs, **4.4 million** returnees, and **6.9 million** who have remained in their homes throughout the war. (source: [OCHA](#))

3.6 million people are aimed to be reached with UNHCR assistance in 2023 as part of the collective response, including with [protection services and durable solutions](#), [emergency shelter and housing support](#), and [cash and in-kind assistance](#).

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

HIGHLIGHTS

UNHCR reached over 1.5 million people in vulnerable situations with winter assistance

including winter items, housing repairs, and cash to cover additional winter costs by the end of 2022. Strengthened protection referrals accompanied the winterization response.

Eleven Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) signed with authorities

UNHCR signed seven MoU with key Ministries and six with regional oblast authorities to solidify ongoing collaboration and support durable solutions for IDPs, returnees, and war-affected communities as well as ensure alignment with national and local systems.

Life-saving assistance to frontline areas

was delivered in 2022 through some **695 humanitarian convoys** – 33 inter-agency and 662 organized by UNHCR – to support communities enduring heavy hostilities.



UNHCR SHELTER PROGRAMME REPAIRS HOMES DAMAGED BY AIRSTRIKES AND SHELLING

The house of Tamara (65) and her granddaughter Melania (6) was damaged by the hostilities in Bobrovytsya, Chernihivska oblast. The family was enrolled in UNHCR shelter programme and soon after, the house was repaired – receiving new windows, roof and doors - to help keep the warmth during the harsh winter months in Ukraine. Read the story [here](#).

Key Priorities

- **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, as well as providing psychosocial support.
- **Community Mobilization:** UNHCR is working with a renewed network of some 200 community outreach facilitators and more than 200 community-based organizations to link people to the services they need.
- **Sustainable Housing:** UNHCR is continuing to provide emergency shelter in heavily affected areas while also investing in repairs and housing solutions that can help people to return and facilitate early recovery where possible. Jointly launched with the Ministry of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development, the initiative *Ukraine is Home* envisions to serve as an innovative and accessible platform to facilitate housing solutions.
- **Durable Solutions:** UNHCR will leverage its expertise and quarterly IDP intention surveys carried out in partnership with the World Bank to ensure that people's voices are part of area-based approaches to recovery, reconstruction, economic inclusion, livelihoods and development that can be implemented with development actors and in support of the Government of Ukraine. UNHCR co-leads the Durable Solutions Steering Group with IOM, OCHA and UNDP.
- **Refugees and asylum-seekers:** UNHCR and partners continue to identify and support refugees and asylum-seekers who remain in Ukraine. Since the beginning of the full-scale war, **2,651** refugees and asylum-seekers from 56 countries received services such as psychosocial support, legal assistance, and counselling.

Working with Partners

- **Localization:** UNHCR now works with 21 partners, including 13 local NGOs, to deliver assistance and support the localization of the response.
- **Community-led response:** UNHCR supports small-scale community projects through in-kind support and mini-grants to community based organizations.

Internally Displaced Persons

- Within the inter-agency response, UNHCR is leading three clusters - **Protection, Shelter and Non-Food Items** and **Camp Coordination and Camp Management**. UNHCR also leads the Legal Aid Task Force under the national protection cluster, and co-leads the Accountability to Affected Populations Task Force.

Statelessness

- Ukraine acceded to the 1954 and 1961 Statelessness Conventions in 2013. In June 2020, the Government adopted a law introducing a Statelessness Determination Procedure, operational since May 2021, with the strong support of UNHCR.
- 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:

239 National Staff

88 International Staff

Offices:

1 Country Office in Kyiv

4 Field Offices in Lviv, Uzhhorod, Donetsk and Luhansk

4 Field Units in Chernivtsi, Kyiv, Odesa and Poltava;

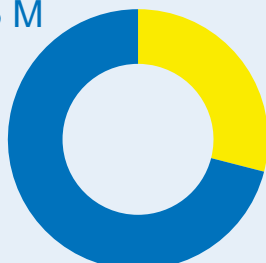
2 Sub Offices in Vinnytsia and Dnipro

Financial information (February 2023)

Financial requirements

USD 602.5 M

Funding gap
71%
429.4 M



Funded
29%
173.1 M

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