

# Ukraine

September 2022

**Scale-up:** Since the start of the international armed conflict in February 2022, UNHCR has quickly expanded the scale and coverage of programmes with offices and field presence now in ten locations across the country.

**Emergency response:** UNHCR's operational delivery aims to support and complement the Government-led response with protection services, shelter and housing assistance, cash assistance and distributions of essential items.

**Durable solutions:** UNHCR continues to promote, and integrate into its own response, an approach that seeks to not only address immediate needs but also support recovery and durable solutions.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022\*

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

## TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN\*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Afghanistan	<b>890</b>	Afghanistan	<b>1,068</b>
Syrian Arab Rep.	<b>512</b>	Bangladesh	<b>187</b>
Russian Federation	<b>175</b>	Russian Federation	<b>167</b>

\*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data

## UKRAINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

**17.7 million** people inside Ukraine are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance and protection (source: OCHA).

**6.98 million** people are internally displaced as of 23 August. (source:IOM)

**Protection:** UNHCR is delivering a protection response targeting **1.2 million people** that provides and promotes access to social, legal, and other protection services for displaced and other conflict-affected communities.

**Cash assistance:** A multi-purpose cash assistance programme with the total budget of USD 347 million was rolled out to support the most vulnerable profiles to meet their basic needs aiming to reach **1.08 million people** in 2022.

**Shelter and housing:** UNHCR is providing emergency shelter materials, helping to repair damaged houses, and expanding access to accommodation for those who cannot live at home targeting **140,000 people**.

**Essential items:** Non-food items (ie. blankets and hygiene kits) have been distributed, including in heavily affected areas, to support immediate needs and improve conditions at reception and collective centres, aiming to reach **1.5 million people** by the year end.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Over 2 million people reached

with UNHCR assistance by beginning of September, including with protection advice and information, assistance to cover their basic needs through cash or essential items, and shelter materials to repair their damaged homes.

### Three MoUs signed with key Ministries

on cooperation in the areas of **shelter and housing solutions**, **cash assistance** and **durable solutions** for IDPs to ensure alignment between UNHCR's activities and social programmes and reinforcement of national systems.

### Life-saving supplies to hardest-to-reach areas

were delivered through some **265 humanitarian convoys** to support communities most in need in places such as Donetsk, Kharkivska, Mikolaivska and Sumska oblasts.

### Reception capacity of centres was enhanced

through support with essential items such as mattresses and beds. More than **100,000 sleeping places** were improved in nearly **400 reception and collective centres**.

## UNHCR CASH ASSISTANCE SUPPORTS FOUR GENERATIONS



Amidst increasing fighting, Lilia and her family packed their most essential belongings and moved to the city of Vinnytsia, where they found shelter. 'Thanks to UNHCR support, we can buy medicines for grandmother. This support is critical for us,' said Lilia. Read the story [here](#).

## Key Priorities

- **Winterization response:** UNHCR is complementing the strong lead role of the Government of Ukraine in assisting the most vulnerable 4.2 million people in need of support during the winter within Ukraine as part of the collective response, through three main areas – protection, shelter and NFIs. UNHCR targets almost 1 million individuals.
- **Protection:** UNHCR is building the capacity of local partners and local social protection systems through trainings and delivery of equipment to facilitate quality service provision to IDPs and affected population.
- **CCCM:** Monitoring and management of collective centres to ensure that inclusive, community-based protection approaches are applied and access is facilitated to protection services among populations in sites.
- **PSEA:** A new action plan was rolled out, which includes the adoption of standard operating procedures, joint risk assessments, awareness campaigns as well as capacity building sessions targeting both UNHCR and partners' staff.
- **Early recovery:** UNHCR is engaging key development partners and has launched several assessments, including an intentions survey, that will help to support longer-term planning and decision making for sustainable returns and durable solutions.
- **Refugees and asylum-seekers:** UNHCR and partners continue to identify and support refugees and asylum-seekers who remain in Ukraine. Since the war started, **1,364** refugees and asylum-seekers received services such as psychosocial support, legal assistance, and counselling.
- **Advocacy:** 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.

## Working with Partners

- **Localization:** Since the emergency, UNHCR has expanded partnerships to enhance coverage and capacity and now works with 14 NGO partners, including 11 local NGOs, to deliver assistance and support the localization of the response.
- **Support to authorities:** In line with three MoUs signed, UNHCR maintains strong links with central and local authorities in order to ensure our work aligns with and effectively complements the Government-led efforts to respond to the existing needs.

## Internally Displaced Persons

- Under the leadership of the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, UNHCR operates as part of the inter-agency humanitarian response.
- UNHCR is leading three clusters - **Protection, Shelter and NFI** and **CCCM**, and participates actively in the Cash Working Group.

## 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. [Read more here.](#)

## UNHCR Presence in Ukraine

### Staff:

189 National Staff  
 94 International Staff  
 119 Female 164 Male  
 51 Nationalities

### Offices:

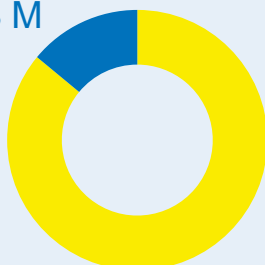
1 Country Office in Kyiv  
 4 Field Offices in Lviv, Uzhhorod, Donetsk and Luhansk  
 4 Field Units in Chernivtsi, Kyiv, Odesa and Poltava  
 2 Sub Offices in Vinnytsia and Dnipro

## Financial information (September 2022)

### Financial requirements

USD 729.3 M

Funding gap  
 14%  
 104.8 M



Funded  
 86%  
 624.5 M

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