



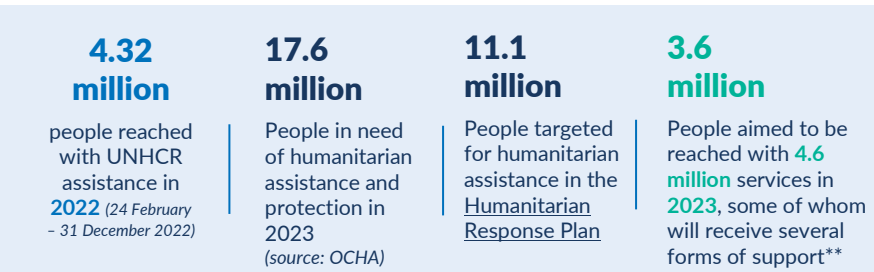
# UKRAINE EMERGENCY

## UNHCR Delivery Updates

22 June 2023

A UN interagency convoy delivering five trucks of supplies to Bilozerka, Khersonska oblast, to support communities heavily affected by the floods caused by the destruction of the Kakhovka dam. 9 June 2023. ©OCHA

### KEY FIGURES:



\*\*The total number of services UNHCR aim to deliver is 4.6 million. Approximately 20% of the people are expected to receive multiple forms of assistance.

### OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- **Increased airstrikes and other attacks** over the past week have left a path of destruction, with people being killed and injured, including in Kryvyi Rih on 13 June, and in Odesa on 14 June. Closer to the front line, in Donetska oblast, attacks damaged dozens of homes, and gas and electricity systems on both sides of the front line.
- Over two weeks since the **destruction of the Kakhovka Dam** on 6 June, the massive flooding has significantly receded, leaving behind a worsened humanitarian situation in areas already facing the dire consequences of the war. The reservoir – one of the largest in Europe and a source of drinking water for at least 700,000 people – has reportedly lost 70 per cent of its capacity. Large urban areas in Dnipropetrovska oblast are completely cut off from centralized water, while others have extremely limited access.
- The UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Ukraine, in a [statement](#) published on 18 June, urged the Russian authorities to act in accordance with their obligations under international humanitarian law to allow access for the effective delivery of humanitarian aid to all people affected by the devastating destruction of the Kakhovka Dam.
- UNHCR will continue to make every effort to help people in southern Ukraine, while also sustaining our humanitarian response in other parts of the country heavily impacted by the Russian invasion. In 2023, UNHCR and partners have now reached over 1.4 million people with assistance, including protection, emergency shelter, housing, cash and in-kind.

### WORKING WITH PARTNERS:

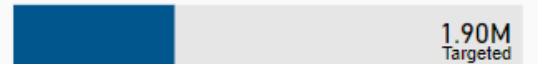


### 2023 RESPONSE in NUMBERS\*:

(Delivered with partners from 1 January to 15 June 2023)

**1.42M** People reached with assistance to date

**Protection**  
601,386 Received protection information, counselling, and support



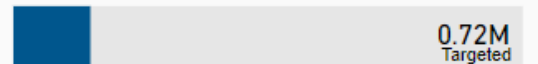
**MPC**  
263,344 Supported with multi-purpose cash assistance to meet basic needs



**NFI**  
510,102 Reached with essential items, including in hard-to-access areas by humanitarian convoys



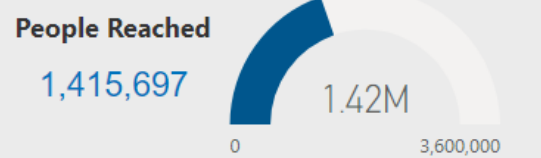
**Shelter/Housing**  
108,920 Received emergency shelter and housing support, including in collective sites



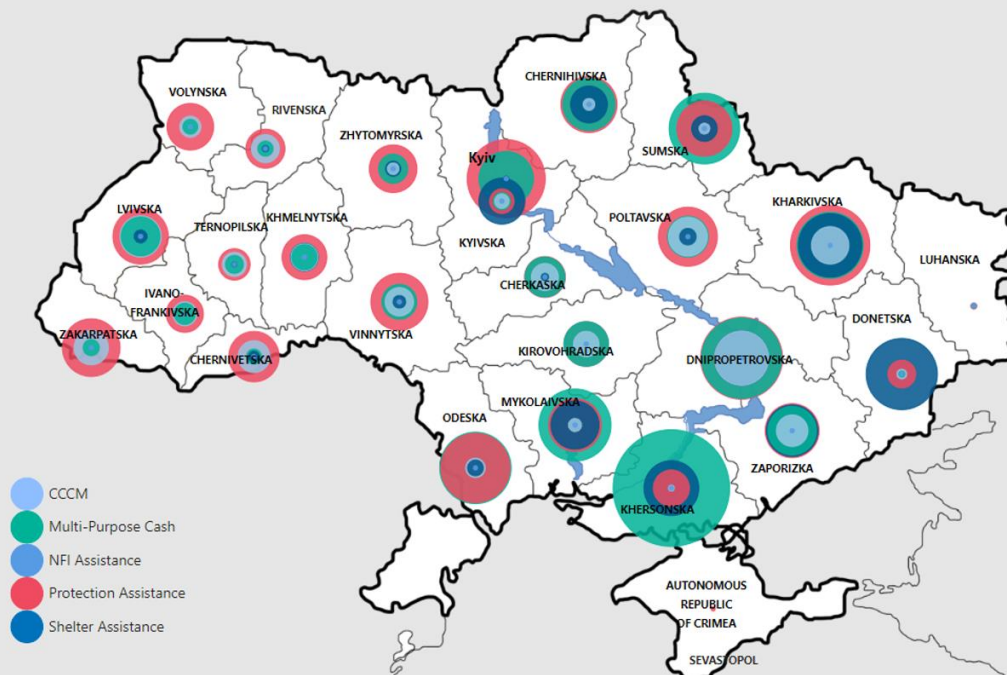
**CCCM**  
75,474 Supported with safe access to multi-sectorial services in collective sites



\* The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements



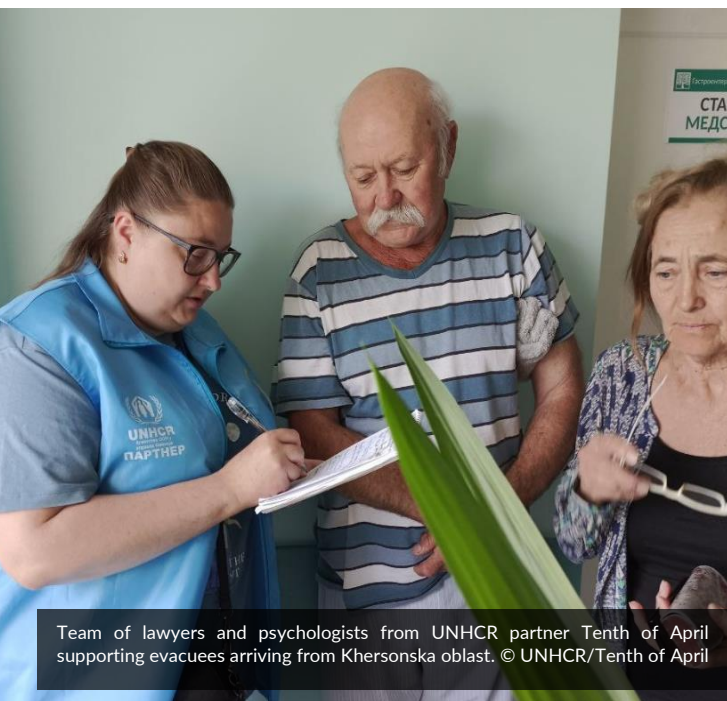
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## NFI Essential Items & Housing/Shelter

- Humanitarian Convoys:** UN and humanitarian partners have been regularly delivering vital aid to front line areas in Donetsk oblast, including war-torn Avdiivka. On 14 June, UNHCR contributed to an [inter-agency convoy](#) bringing food, hygiene supplies, shelter materials, and other essential items to support the remaining 1,700 residents of the town.
- Non-Food Item (NFI) delivery:** Beyond the eastern regions, essential NFIs are also being delivered to areas where needs are identified. During the past two weeks, UNHCR partner Right to Protection supported a total of **300 IDPs evacuated from the border-line rayons of Chernihivska oblast** to safer villages with essential items. UNHCR also equipped two bomb shelters in a school and a local hospital in Korop city in the oblast, where evacuees are arriving, with NFIs such as sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, and hygiene items as a joint collaboration with the local administration. **600 people will have access to an improved shelter with the provided assistance.**
- Emergency preparedness:** UNHCR is actively prepositioning NFIs to enhance its readiness to quickly respond to urgent and increased humanitarian needs. NFIs intended for 140,000 individuals are pre-positioned across the country in key locations/warehouses and are ready for rapid mobilization, including to the east, when required, as part of the wider preparedness plan.

## Collective response to support people impacted by the Kakhovka dam destruction continues



Team of lawyers and psychologists from UNHCR partner Tenth of April supporting evacuees arriving from Khersonska oblast. © UNHCR/Tenth of April

The collective response continues to help people affected by the flooding from the destruction of Kakhovka dam. Since 9 June, UNHCR has contributed to **12 interagency convoys**, delivering over 33,000 vital items such as jerry cans, solar lamps, sleeping bags, mattresses, and tarpaulin to the heavily affected settlements in Khersonska and Dnipropetrovska oblasts.

UNHCR partners Proliska, Right to Protection, and the Tenth of April, are also present at bus and train stations in Kherson and nearby regions, including Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv, and Odesa, to provide **psychosocial support and legal counselling to arriving evacuees**. According to the psychologist teams on site, many arrive in a state of shock, having left quickly with few belongings and documents.

**Over 7,300 people from the affected oblasts, including those directly impacted by the flood, have been enrolled for UNHCR's cash assistance programme as of 17 June**, based on blanket targeting for all individuals impacted by the flooding.

This response is complemented by UNHCR's regular programme in the affected areas, which was reinforced to meet the increased level of humanitarian needs.

## Immediate assistance provided after devastating attacks on civilian's homes

The missile attack on Kryvyi Rih in Dnipropetrovska oblast on 13 June damaged at least six apartment buildings, [killing and injuring many civilians](#). UNHCR and local NGO partners were immediately on the ground to provide assistance to those affected. Proliska responded with the delivery of emergency shelter kits (ESKs), critical relief items, and psychosocial support while partner Right to Protection was on the ground supporting people with legal consultations on damaged property and lost documents.

In Odesa, an overnight strike on 14 June hit a residential building, a university, and shops. People woke up, once again, to see their loved ones [killed or injured by an airstrike](#). UNHCR and partner Tenth of April swiftly responded, delivering building materials so that families can cover their broken windows and doors and conduct urgent repairs.

The war in Ukraine continues to take the lives of people by targeting civilian infrastructure. International humanitarian law must be respected.



## Protection

- **Child protection:** On 14 June, Dolyna's child protection department launched a child-friendly space (CFS) supported by UNHCR partner Rokada in Ivano-Frankivska oblast. Many IDP children in Dolyna and nearby communities lack integration opportunities due to online schooling. The CFS, equipped by Rokada, will provide **social cohesion activities and child protection services** such as case management, awareness sessions, and child protection training for CFS facilitators.
- **Border monitoring:** From 31 May to 19 June, **185 monitoring visits were conducted by UNHCR partners to the border crossing points** with Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia. During the visits, 810 people were supported with protection counselling, 128 with legal assistance, and 14 people with social accompaniment to access services. The monitors have observed a **slight increase in movement from Ukraine**,

due to the deteriorating security situation in Khersonska oblast and the frequent attacks on civilian infrastructure over the past two weeks.

## Cash assistance

- **Digital wallet programme:** UNHCR completed the payment of 'cash for rent' assistance for six families in Vinnytsia, through the second pilot of the digital wallet programme. The [digital wallet programme](#), powered by blockchain payment solution through the Stellar network, enables fast, efficient, and secure digital cash distribution to IDPs and other war-affected individuals while ensuring traceability and accountability. The next payment for 'cash for rent' through the programme is scheduled to support 20 families.

## Human Impact Assessment reveals stark consequences of war on Ukrainian society

On 19 June, the UN in Ukraine released its [Human Impact Assessment \(HIA\)](#), providing comprehensive insights into the effects of Russia's invasion on living conditions, health, access to education, livelihoods, food security, social inclusion, and gender equality. 12 UN agencies, including UNHCR, contributed to the joint initiative, implemented at the request of the Office of the President and the Government of Ukraine.

The Assessment reveals that although living standards and access to basic services stabilized following the initial months of war, living conditions faced a setback in winter 2022/2023 due to country-wide utility disruptions. 44 percent of households cannot afford essential needs, driving food insecurity and 11 percent of youth identified a lack of access to quality education.

For more key findings and recommendations, read the [full report here](#).





**On World Refugee Day, UNHCR spotlights initiatives and actions that give internally displaced people and refugees hope and possibilities to actively contribute**

UNHCR Ukraine marked this year's World Refugee Day with an event focused on initiatives and actions that help people who have been forcibly displaced actively participate and be fully included in housing, job, and social programs in their new communities.

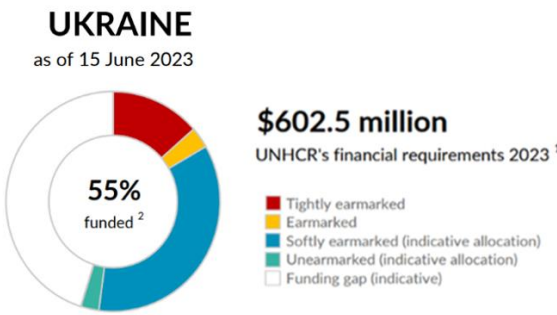
Building on the global World Refugee Day theme, "[Hope Away from Home. A world where refugees and internally displaced people are always included](#)", the event brought together some ninety participants representing national, regional, and local authorities, international partners, and civil society and community-based organisations who are championing initiatives that support "inclusion for solutions," and provided a platform to discuss and share best practices.

Keynote speaker, **Vice Prime Minister, the Minister for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories, Iryna Vereshchuk**, said that creation of employment opportunities for IDPs is one of the priorities for the Government of Ukraine, enabling the recovery of the war-torn country and called for further support from the international community.

**UNHCR Representative in Ukraine, Karolina Lindholm Billing**, emphasized the importance to nurture the hope of many Ukrainians longing to return home by providing support for the recovery of war-torn communities around Ukraine.

Key panelists included Aisha Hamza Isa, the youth leader of Muslim Congress in Ukraine, the heads of Kyiv and Rivne oblast state administrations, Ruslan Kravchenko and Vitalii Koval, the deputy mayor of Kryvyi Rih, Kostiantyn Bielikov, the deputy head of the IDP Coordination Council in Chernivtsi, Nataliia Frunze, and the head of the NGO "Veselka TV", Dina Ibragimova. ©UNHCR/Victoria Andrievska

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

- Visit Ukraine's [Operational Data Portal](#) for more information products [here](#).
- UNHCR's [Regional Flash Update](#) on the Ukraine situation can be found [here](#).
- Ukraine Protection Cluster Response Dashboard can be found [here](#).
- CCCM Cluster Collective Sites Mapping [here](#)
- Shelter Cluster Response Dashboard [here](#).

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