



UNHCR, together with partners, continued to provide critical assistance including psychosocial support, legal aid, cash support, and essential items to the residents of Khersonska oblast severely impacted by the devastating Kakhovka dam breach. © NGO Mission Proliska

**OPERATIONAL CONTEXT**

The destruction of the Kakhovka dam in Khersonska oblast on 6 June is one of the most significant incidents of damage to civilian infrastructure since the start of the full-scale invasion in February 2022. The subsequent flooding of Kherson city and surrounding areas has had **an immediate and profound impact on local communities, infrastructure, and the environment.** By the end of June, the massive flooding receded, leaving behind destruction and **a worsened humanitarian situation in areas already facing the dire consequences of the war.** The longer-term impact of flooding of homes is significant. During the month, **country-wide attacks on residential areas and civilian infrastructure continued,** causing a devastating rise in civilian casualties. As of 30 June, OHCHR [recorded](#) 25,170 civilian casualties in 1,504 settlements of Ukraine, including 9,177 killed and 15,993 injured, since the full-scale invasion. The actual figures are believed to be considerably higher. While UNHCR prioritizes life-saving humanitarian assistance and quickly responds to support communities impacted by the attacks and new shocks, UNHCR's programmes are also focusing on interventions that **enable IDPs and returnees to recover and attain durable solutions where possible,** given the stable interest of return among refugees and IDPs to areas perceived as safe, as described in UNHCR's most recent [intention survey](#).

**1.63M**

People reached with assistance between January to June 2023

**Protection**

Received protection information, counselling, and support



**MPC**

Supported with multi-purpose cash assistance to meet basic needs



**NFI**

Reached with essential items, including in hard-to-access areas by humanitarian convoys



**Shelter/Housing**

Received emergency shelter and housing support, including in collective sites



**CCCM**

Supported with safe access to multi-sectoral services in collective sites



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

**KEY FIGURES**

**4.3M**

people reached with UNHCR assistance in **2022** (24 February - 31 December 2022)

**17.6M**

people in need of humanitarian assistance and protection in 2023 (source: OCHA)

**11.1M**

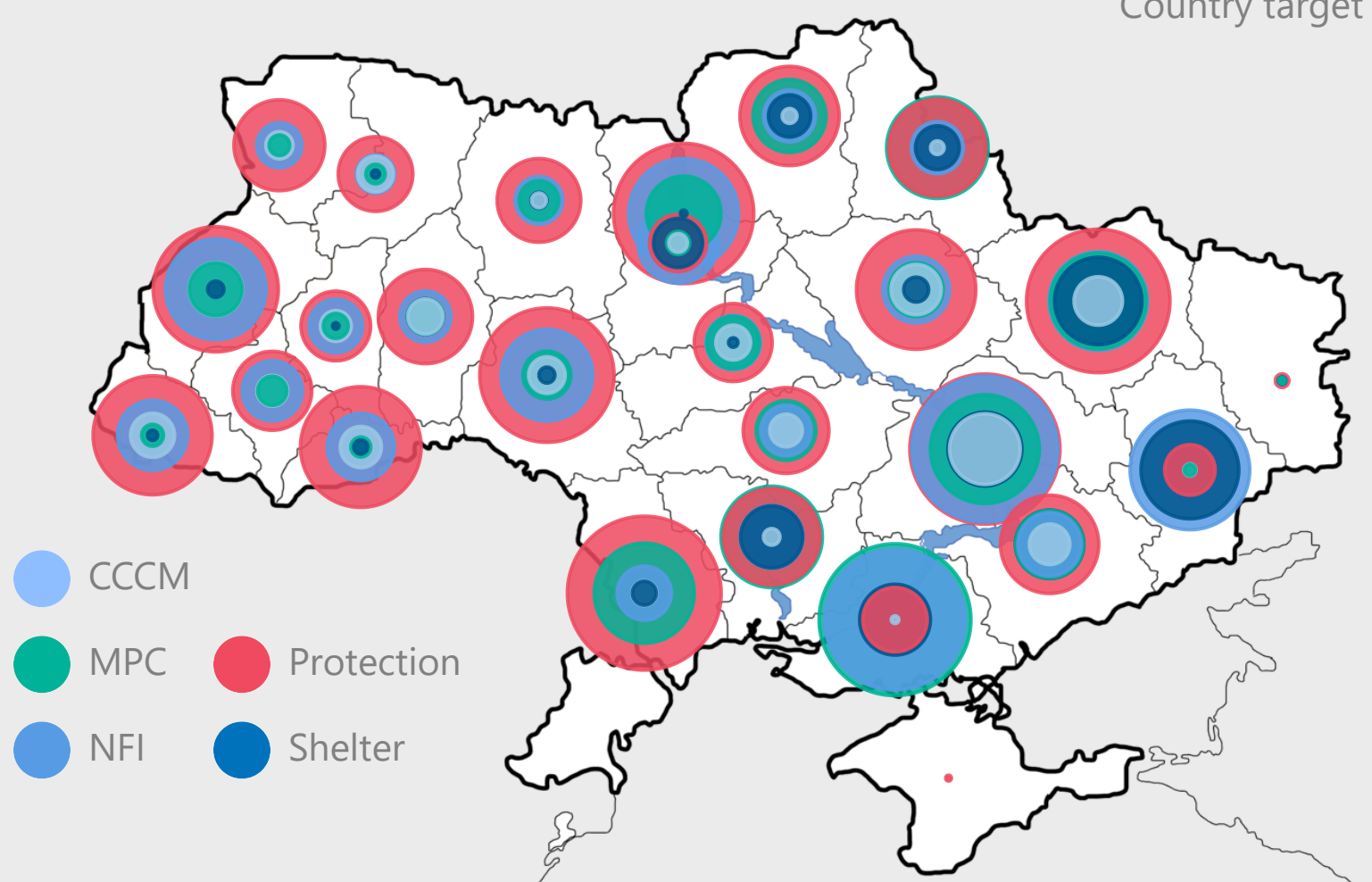
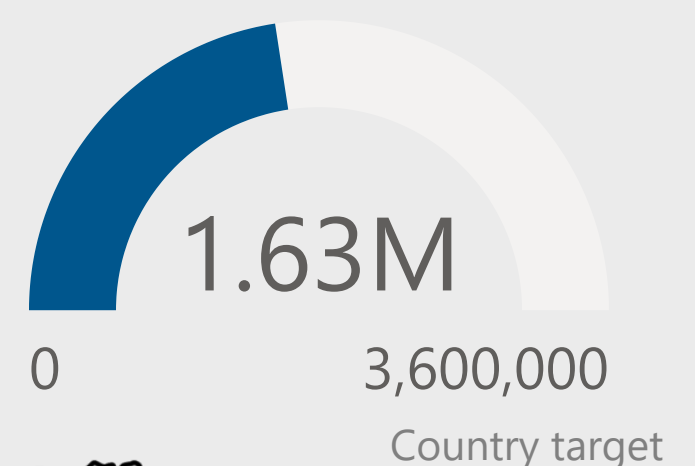
people targeted for humanitarian assistance in the Humanitarian Response Plan

**3.6M**

people aimed to be reached with **4.6M services** in 2023, some of whom will receive several forms of support

**People Reached in 2023**

**1,625,678**



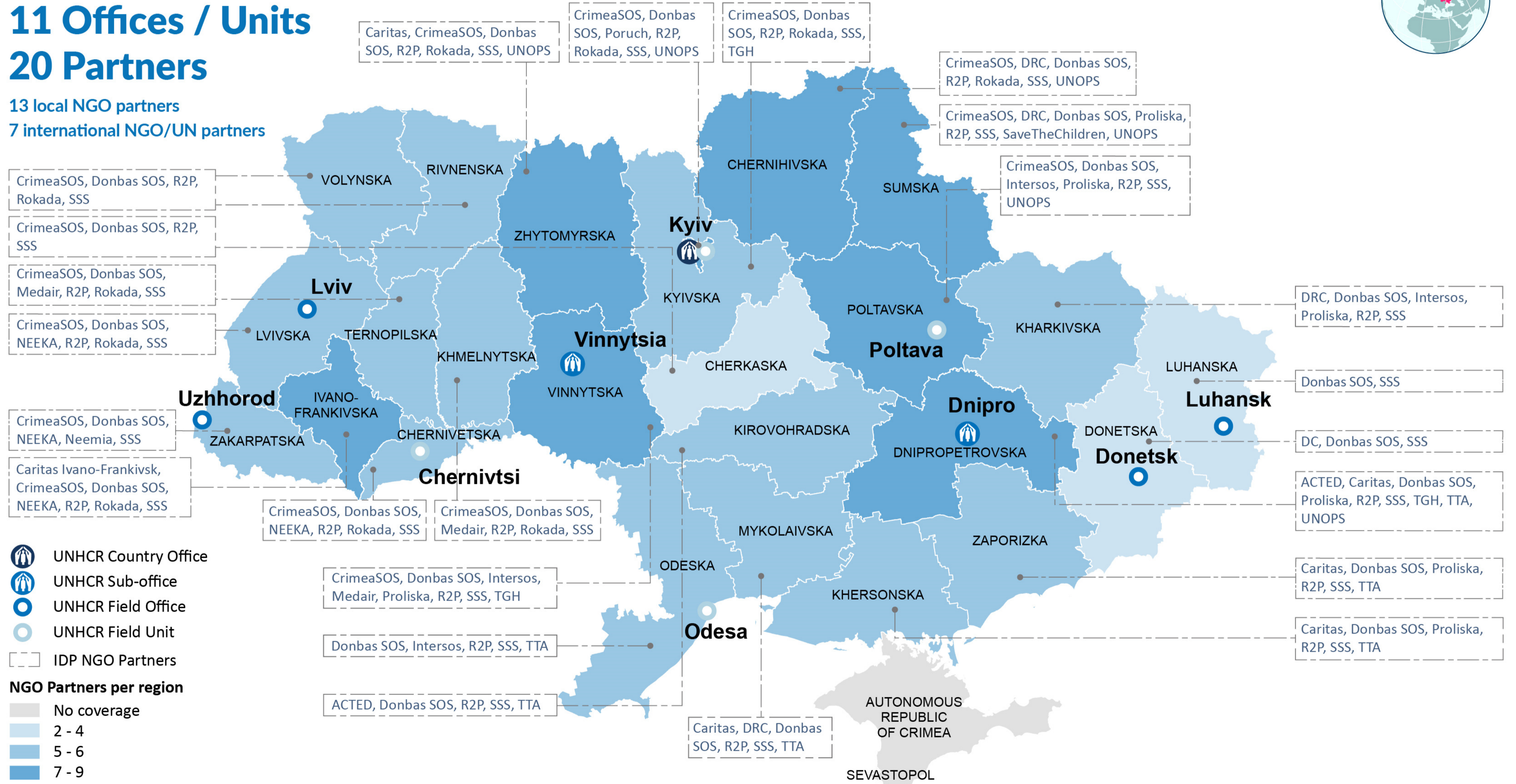


# 11 Offices / Units

# 20 Partners

13 local NGO partners

7 international NGO/UN partners



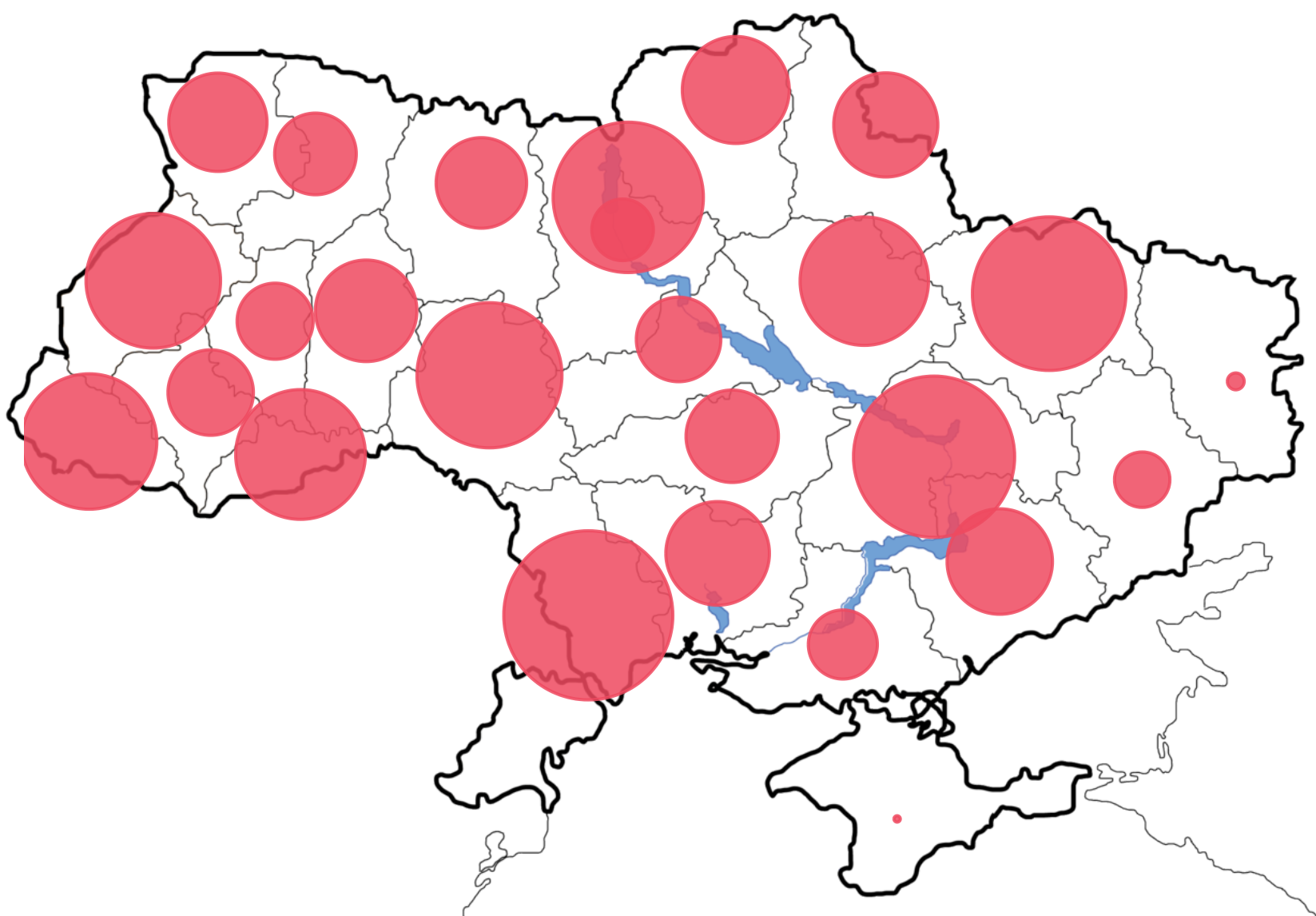
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# Protection services

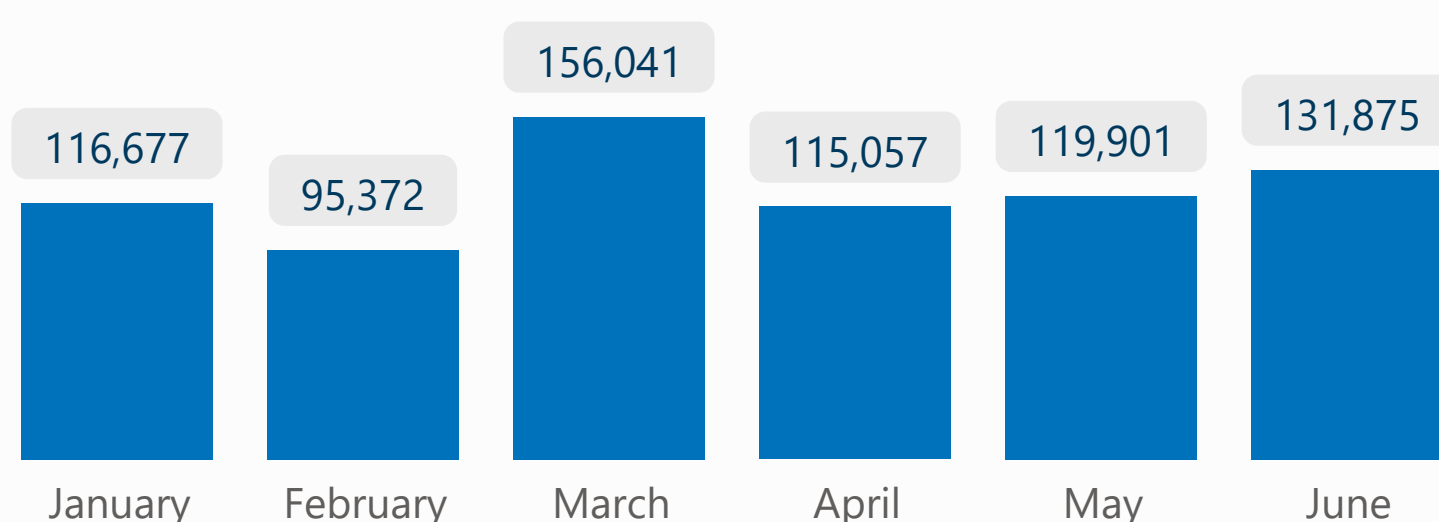


Team of lawyers and psychologists from UNHCR partner The Tenth of April supporting evacuees arriving from Khersonska oblast. © UNHCR/The Tenth of April

UNHCR’s protection programmes are designed to complement or reinforce the capacity of the national system and local protection services and are centred on 4 objectives: (i) ensuring access to social, legal and other protection services; (ii) strengthening access to information, complaints and feedback mechanism and participation in decisions and solutions; (iii) strengthening national legal and policy frameworks; and (iv) promoting rights-based solutions.



People reached by Month



## PROTECTION: KEY FIGURES

**742,099** Reached as of June 2023

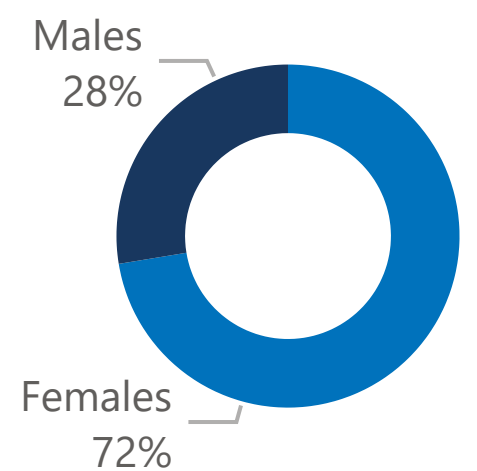
**55,038** Individuals receiving PSS/PFA

**103,577** Legal consultations provided

**1,980** Persons received targeted GBV services

**14,188** Individuals supported with case management services

**1,874** Supported with other protection services



**734,923** IDPs and war-affected population

**4,468** Stateless

**2,708** Refugees & asylum seekers

## Highlights:

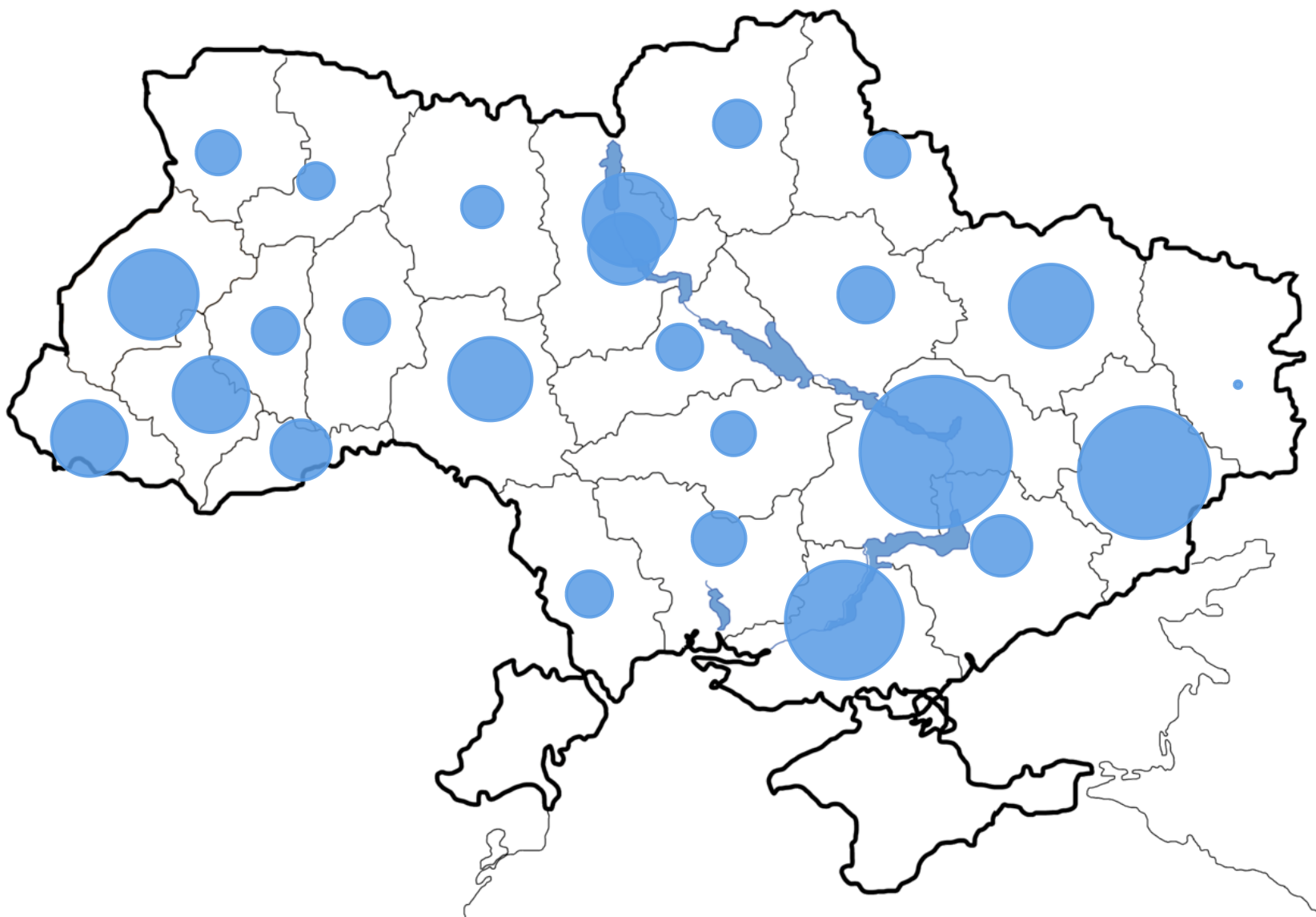
- Kakhovka dam response: Over 8,300 people affected by the flooding caused by the destruction of the Kakhovka dam were supported with protection services** including protection counselling, psychosocial support, and legal aid from UNHCR partners Proliska, Right to Protection, The Tenth of April, and INTERSOS in Khersonska, Mykolaivska, and Odeska oblasts. Psychologist teams on the ground noted that many evacuees were arriving in a state of shock, having left quickly with few belongings and documents.
- Gender-based Violence (GBV):** According to the Ukraine Protection Cluster’s [Protection Analysis Update of June 2023](#), 8% of households report concerns about sexual violence, physical abuse, or verbal harassment or economic violence against women, and 27% of households in the most war affected Eastern regions reporting non-availability of GBV services. UNHCR has enhanced awareness-raising through the production and dissemination of 20,000 GBV and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence posters and booklets across 10 regions placed in collective sites and among partner staff. During the month, **a total of 3,159 individuals were reached by UNHCR partners with information on GBV services, referrals, and prevention actions.**
- Border monitoring:** Movements at the western borders with EU and Moldova during the month displayed a net outflow of about 128,000 people. The State Border Guard Service issued an [official statement](#) regarding the increased number of people leaving Ukraine stating that the increase in outflow is linked to seasonal reasons and expect the reverse after summer. During June, **over 1,500 services were provided to people crossing the border** including protection counselling, legal assistance, social accompaniment, and transportation.

## Essential items

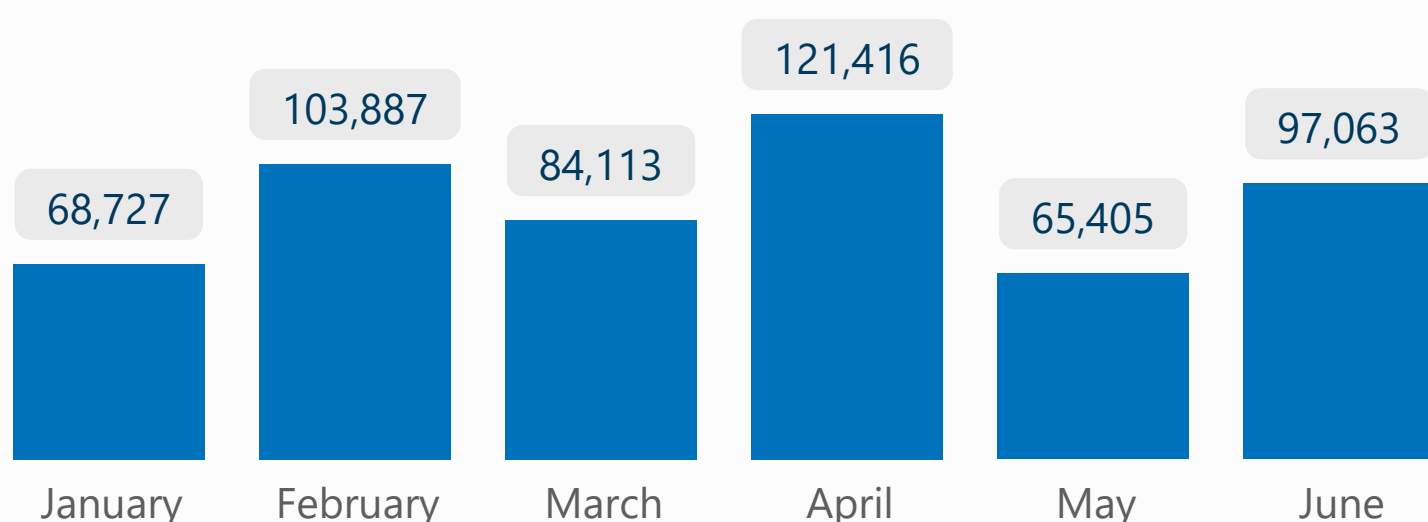


Humanitarians have been regularly delivering vital aid to front line areas in Donetsk oblast, including Avdiivka. UNHCR contributed to a UN interagency convoy bringing critical supplies to the remaining 1,700 residents of the town on 14 June. © OCHA

UNHCR distributes standard relief items, such as blankets, kitchen sets and solar lamps, and non-standard items such as dignity kits, mattresses, and clothes to people in need, mainly in areas along the front line and to newly displaced people, as well as to people living in newly accessible areas who have endured months of constant shelling. NFI distribution is done through implementing partners, local administrations, direct distribution, or contribution to inter-agency responses.

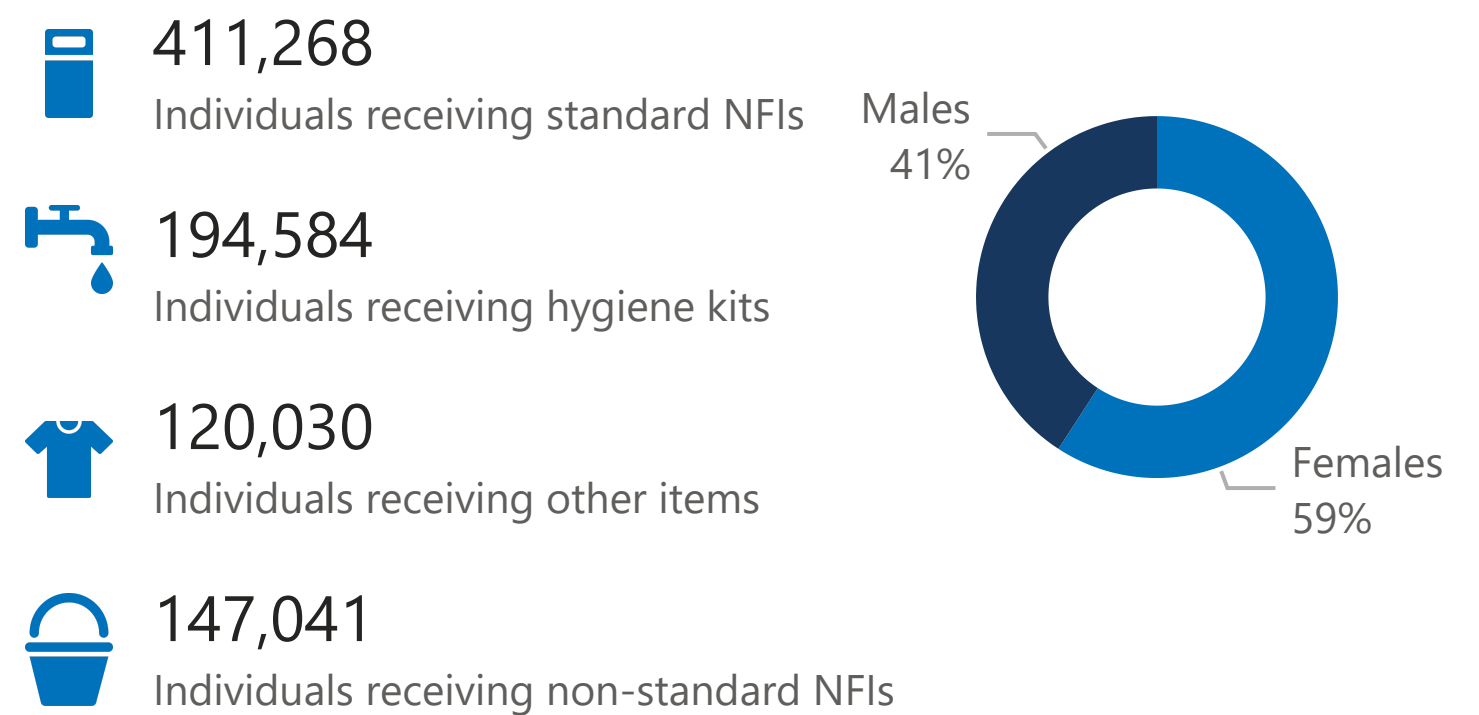


People reached by Month



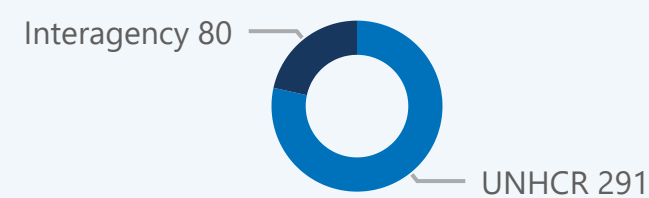
### NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFIs): KEY FIGURES

**540,611** Reached as of June 2023

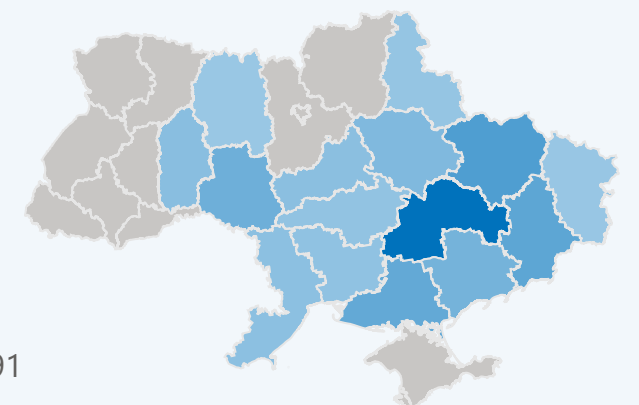


15 Regions covered

371 Number of convoys



### Humanitarian Convoys



### Highlights:

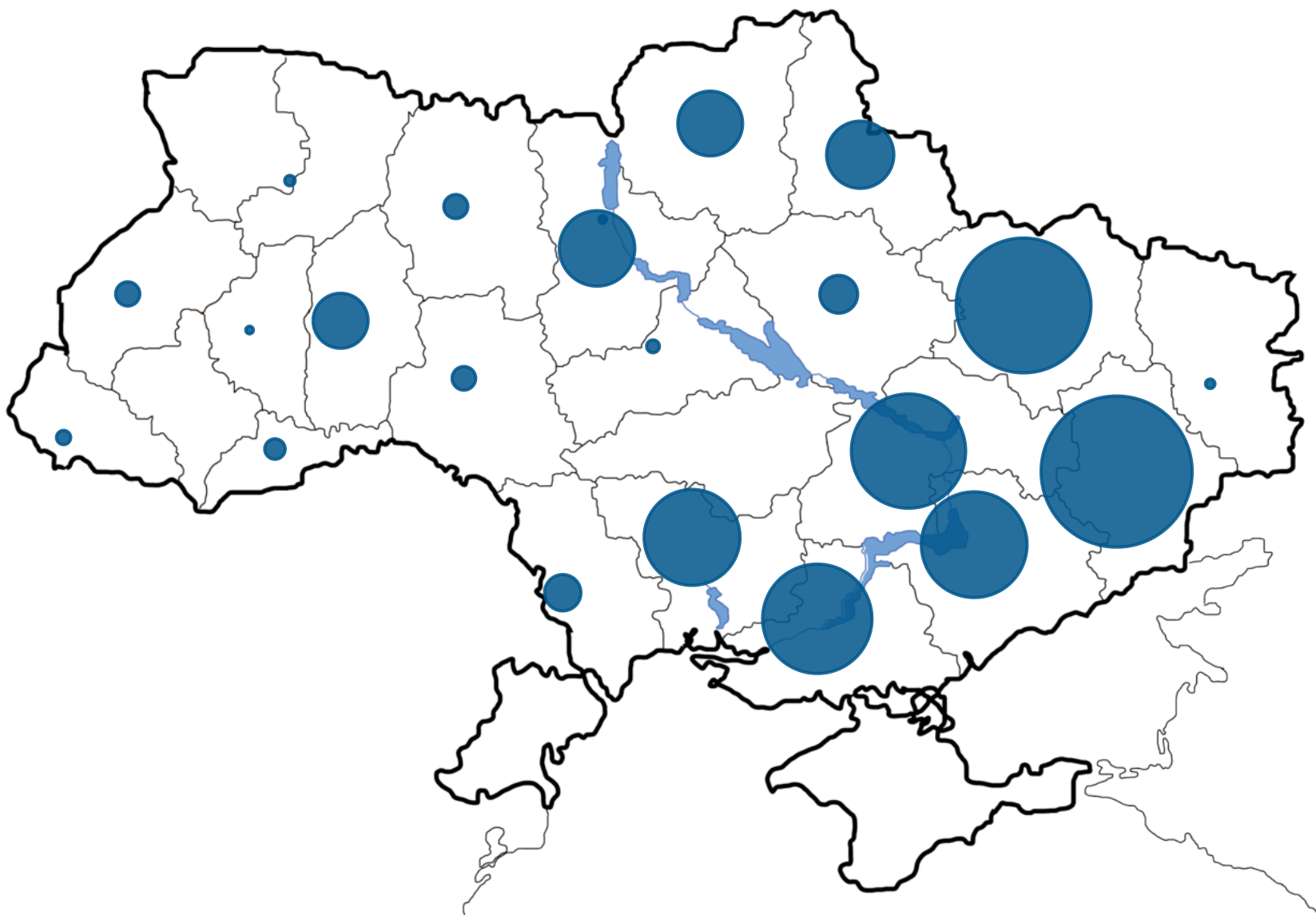
- Kakhovka dam response:** Following the devastating destruction of the Kakhovka dam, UNHCR swiftly acted by providing vital non-food items to individuals residing in or have evacuated from the affected regions. These essential supplies include beds, bedding items, hygiene kits, solar lamps, and jerry cans. The distribution of these NFIs was carried out through partners as well as direct provision to local authorities. **More than 66,710 affected people were supported.**
- In addition, UNHCR played a crucial role in contributing to **17 interagency convoys as part of the collective UN effort to reach more than 20 heavily impacted villages and towns in Dnipropetrovska and Khersonska oblast**, such as Beryslav, Bilozerka, Darivka, Kherson city, Vesele, and other communities situated close to the front line.
- NFI distribution:** Beyond the eastern regions, essential NFIs are also being delivered to areas where needs are identified. For example, during the second week of June, UNHCR partner Right to Protection supported 300 IDPs evacuated from the border-line rayons of Chernihivska oblast to safer villages with essential items, and equipped bomb shelters with sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, and hygiene items for 600 people. Overall, **some 97,000 people were supported with essential items during the month of June across the country.**

# Shelter and Housing

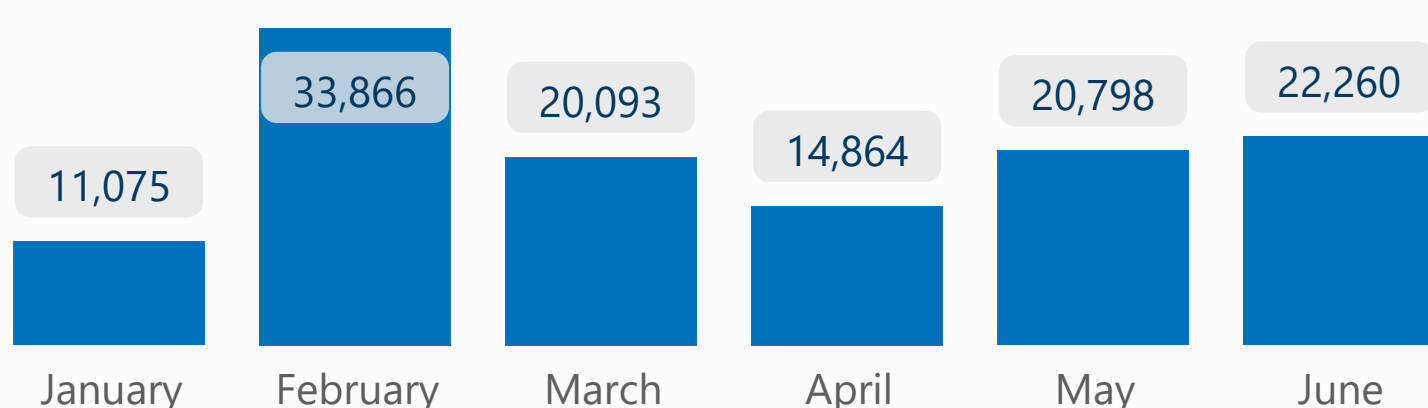


Emergency shelter materials being distributed at the site of the horrible missile attack in Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovska oblast, to support the impacted families. ©UNHCR / NGO Mission Proliska

UNHCR's shelter and housing programme supports people impacted by the war through three activities: (i) emergency shelter for those with immediate needs in areas directly impacted by shelling and attacks (ii) repairs and housing solutions that can help people return to their homes, where possible and (iii) improvement or creation of accommodation in collective sites for IDPs who cannot live at home.



People reached by Month



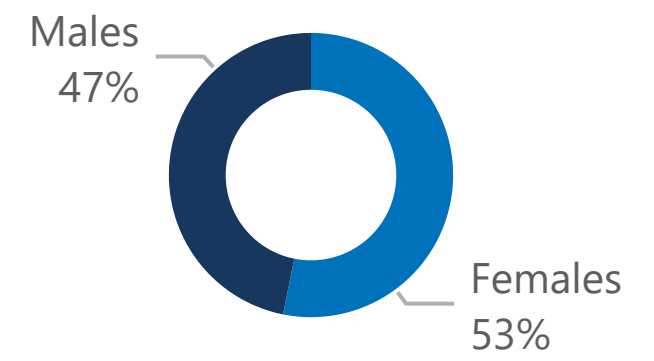
## EMERGENCY SHELTER AND HOUSING: KEY FIGURES

**122,956** Reached as of June 2023

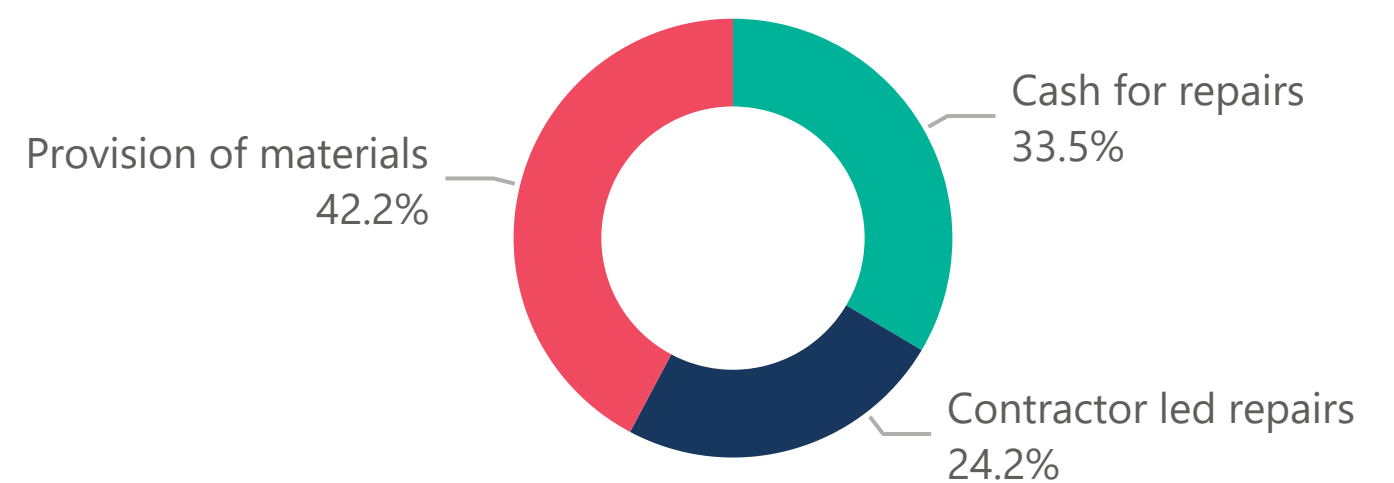
**94,461** Individuals supported by ESKs

**4,242** Sleeping spaces created/improved

**23,084** Individuals benefitting from repairs



### Beneficiaries of repairs by modality



## Highlights:

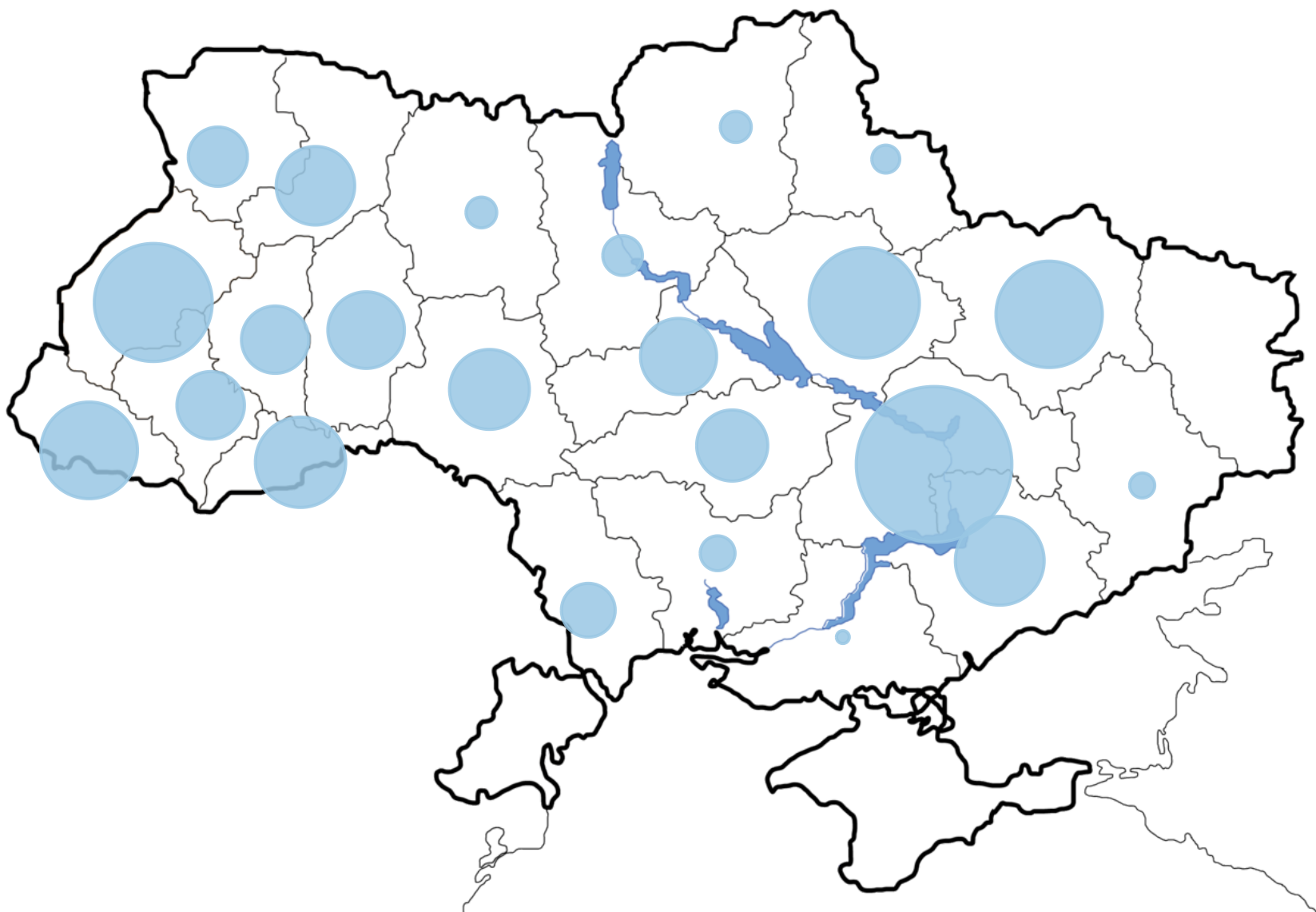
- Kakhovka dam response:** On 26 and 27 June, UNHCR team surveyed flooded villages in Mykolaivska oblast after the Kakhovka dam breach to assess damages. The assessment revealed that houses with clay foundations were severely impacted by the floodwater, causing houses to collapse or become structurally unstable. Houses with cement foundations fared comparatively better, however, many still experienced considerable damage. Based on the findings, **UNHCR is working on a shelter response plan to assist affected families in rebuilding their homes and restoring their lives.**
- Emergency shelter:** Recent missile strikes in Ukraine have inflicted significant damage on houses, apartments, and their surrounding areas. **With partners and warehouses strategically positioned nationwide, UNHCR remains prepared to respond swiftly.** Following a night attack on Kryvyi Rih in Dnipropetrovska oblast on 13 June, UNHCR and its partners Right to Protection and Proliska provided emergency shelter kits at daybreak, supporting 120 damaged houses. After the deadly attack on Odesa on 14 June, UNHCR and partner The Tenth of April immediately assisted 100 families with emergency shelter materials. When Kyiv city was struck on 28 June, UNHCR and partner Rokada promptly responded to support 50 affected families.
- House repairs:** UNHCR places house owners and local authorities in the driving seat when it comes to repairing damaged homes by providing essential building materials or cash assistance for repairs. This activity complements UNHCR's other modalities for durable house repair such as contractor-led repairs. In June alone, **130 trucks of building materials were sent to Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, and Mykolaivska oblasts**, worth a value of over US\$1.15 million.

## Collective sites

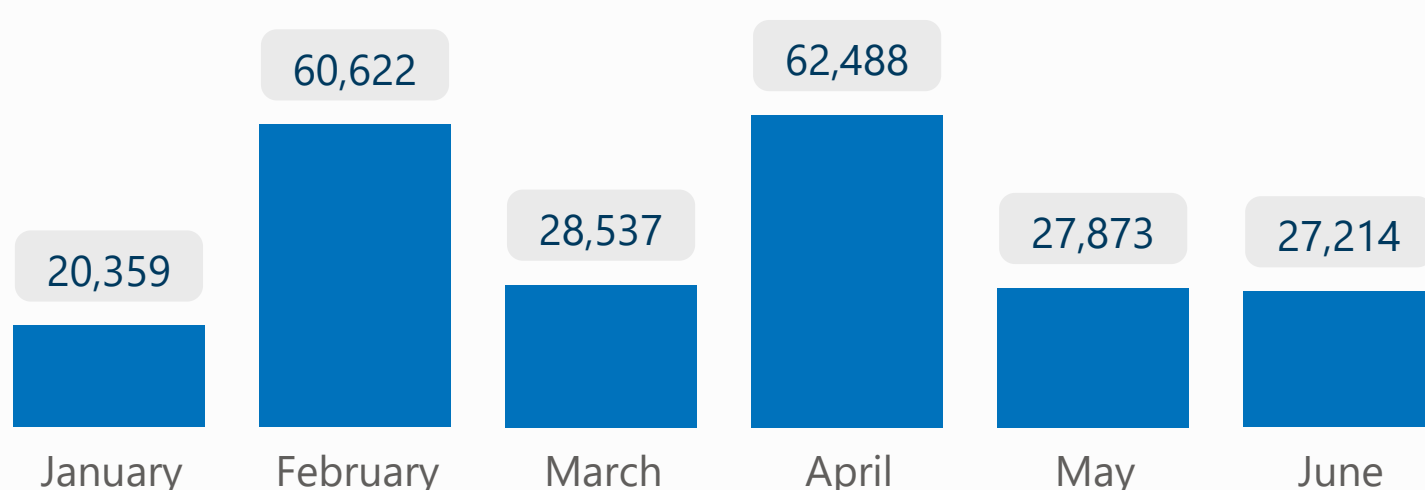


IDP residents joining the outdoor activities UNHCR partner Rokada organized around the collective sites in Chernivetska oblast. © UNHCR

UNHCR provides support to the management of collective sites to ensure protection services are accessible, inclusive, and community-based and works to improve the quality of life and dignity of IDPs during displacement. As part of the CCCM response, conditions and needs in collective sites will be closely monitored. Socio-economically or otherwise vulnerable IDPs are likely to remain in collective sites until they consider their area of origin is safe for return, and they will have access to basic services there.



People reached by Month



### CCCM: KEY FIGURES

**76,126** Reached as of June 2023

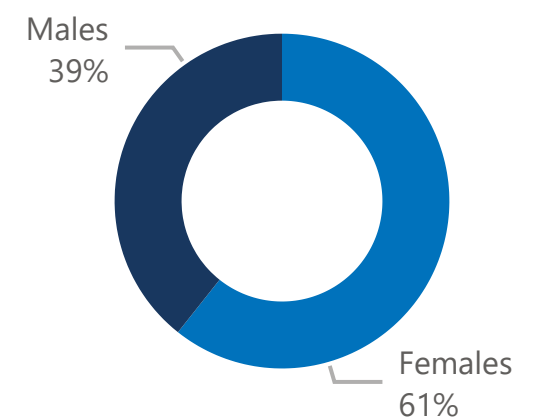
**3,567** Site assessments conducted & recorded

**76,126** People residing at sites supported with CCCM services

**5,123** Individuals trained

**10,065** Individuals participated in awareness raising sessions

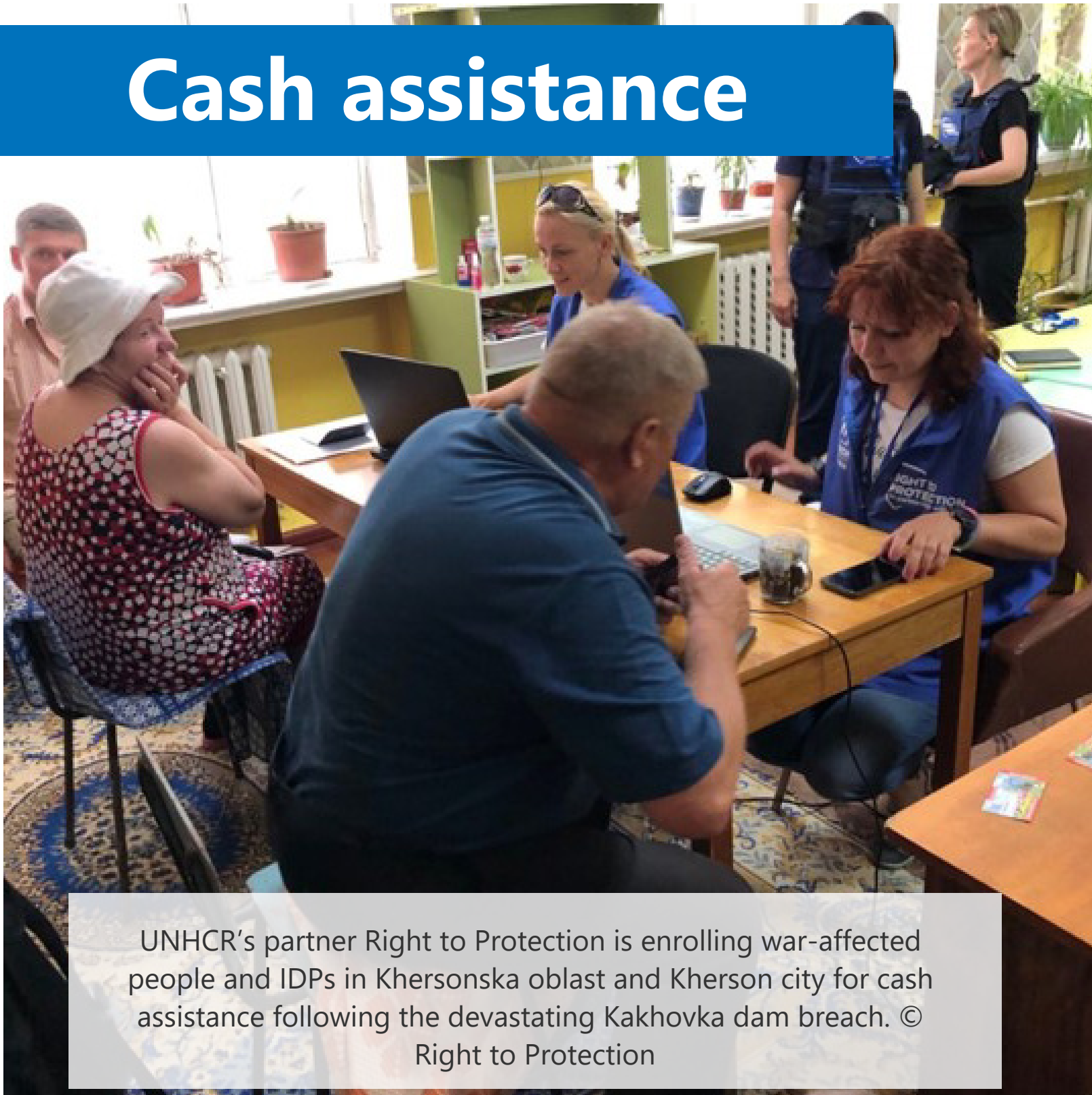
**29,407** Individuals benefitting from care and maintenance and community-led activities



### Highlights:

- **UNHCR and partners maintain a regular presence in 521 collective sites in Ukraine to monitor needs and respond with assistance through various activities.** Among key challenges faced by affected people, the risk of relocation/eviction due to planned closure of some collective sites remains significant, as well as challenges related to employment opportunities in hosting communities, and difficulties related to childcare during summertime.
- In June, mobile teams supported **164 collective sites with small repairs and care and maintenance interventions**, such as plumbing fixtures, elevator repairs, window and door replacement, floor covering replacement, and gender segregation of WASH facilities, to improve living conditions for **more than 8,500 IDPs living in the sites.**
- In response to the destruction of the Kakhovka dam, UNHCR local NGO partner The Tenth of April supported nearly **150 evacuees arriving in Odesa, Mykolaiv, and Kirovohrad regions to find accommodation in collective sites.**
- **Various outdoor community activities were organized for the IDPs and host community members through UNHCR partners during the month.** For instance, Rokada provided a series of outdoor events in Chernivetska oblast, such as flower planting in the communities surrounding the collective sites. In Cherkasy, site residents established a mini farm with support from Right to Protection.


# Cash assistance




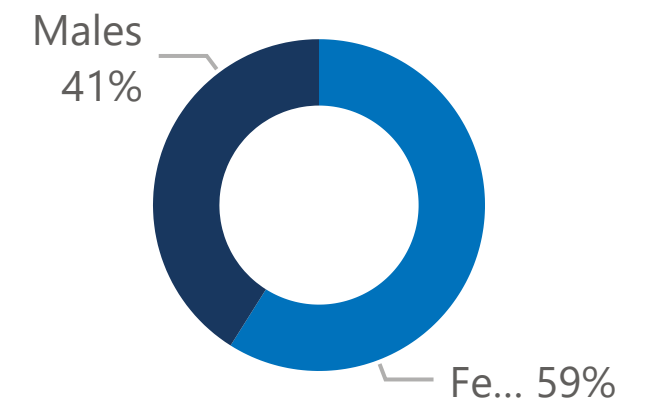
UNHCR's partner Right to Protection is enrolling war-affected people and IDPs in Khersonska oblast and Kherson city for cash assistance following the devastating Kakhovka dam breach. © Right to Protection

## MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE: KEY FIGURES

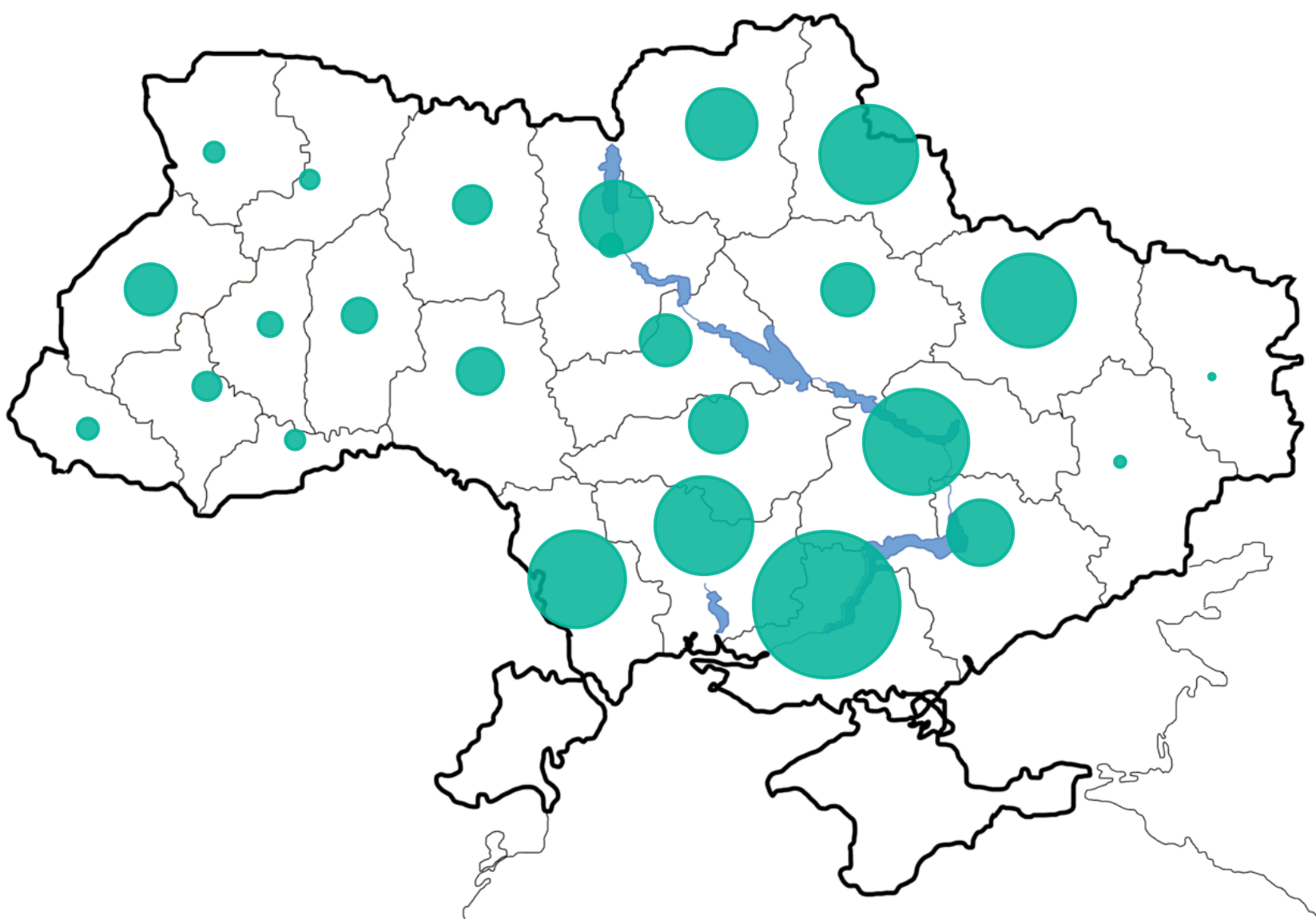
 **299,281** Reached as of June 2023

 **\$55.2M**  
disbursed so far to assist IDPs and war-affected people

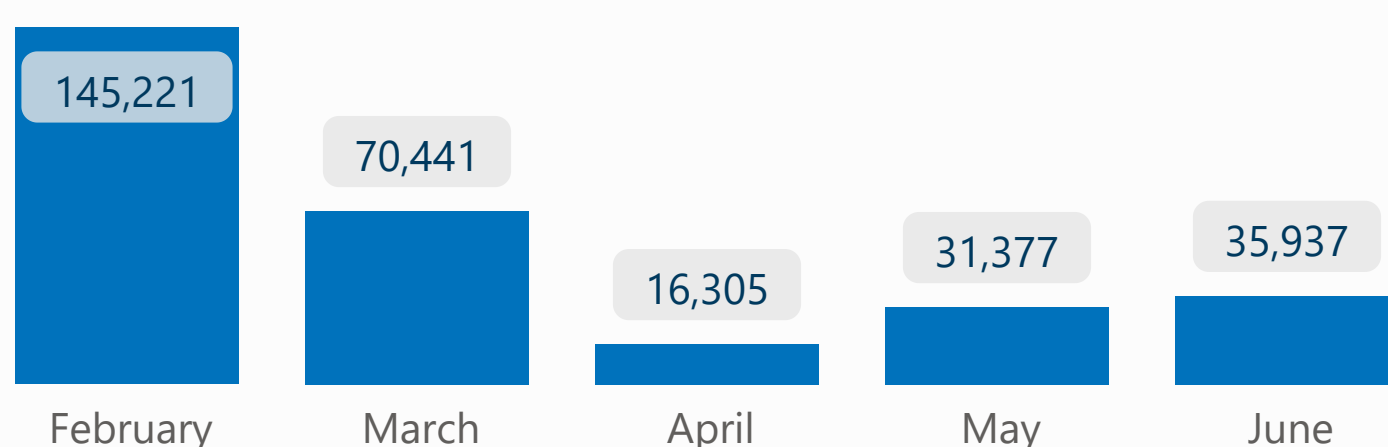
 **18**  
oblasts with active cash enrolment through centres and/or mobile teams with combined protection screening and services



Cash assistance remains one of the most optimal means and most requested forms of support among IDPs and other war-affected people. UNHCR is implementing a multi-purpose cash assistance programme that is aligned with the national social assistance programme, enabling vulnerable war-affected, and displaced people and returnees to cover immediate basic needs, in line with the memorandum of understanding [signed](#) with the Ministry of Social Policy in April 2022.



People reached by Month



## Highlights:

- Eligible IDPs, returnees, and war-affected people who enrol in UNHCR's cash programme receive **UAH 2,220 per person per month for a period of three months**, in alignment with the Ukraine Cash Working Group multi-purpose cash (MPC). In 2023, UNHCR distributed **over US\$ 55 million through the cash assistance programme to more than 300,000 people by the end of June**.
- UNHCR continued supporting communities affected by the Kakhovka dam breach through the cash assistance programme in both affected oblasts and Kherson. **More than 11,000 affected people in Dnipropetrovska, Khersonska, Mykolaivska and Zaporizka oblasts were supported in June** to help them cope with the consequences of the dam destruction.
- **UNHCR Ukraine successfully completed the second pilot to test the new and innovative delivery mechanism powered by blockchain payment solution through the Stellar network.** The new mechanism enables people to receive their assistance without the need to open a bank account. Additionally, it enables instant transfers and cash-out options at MoneyGram locations.

## Durable solutions



Panellists at the World Refugee Day event discussed ideas and solutions that help restore a sense of normalcy in their lives and enable them to recover and rebuild their lives with a strong sense of hope for the future. © UNHCR

### HIGHLIGHTS

- UNHCR focuses its [durable solutions programming](#) in six key priority areas: cash assistance, housing, livelihoods, community empowerment and participation, access to justice and documentation, and access to services and social infrastructure.
- **UNHCR is developing a programme to offer IDPs an alternative to collective sites and enable access to adequate accommodation and durable housing solutions.** To inform the design of a pilot project in Zakarpatska and Ivano-Frankivska oblasts, UNHCR, along with partners Neeka, Neemia, and Rokada, conducted a rapid rental market assessment between May and June 2023. The assessment revealed that over half of the surveyed IDPs expressed a desire to leave collective sites within the next six months. However, the main challenges identified were high rental prices and a lack of predictable and sustainable income sources. Based on these findings, UNHCR and partners will design and launch a **Rental Market Initiative, providing IDPs willing to move from collective sites with a minimum assistance package.**
- UNHCR Ukraine marked this year's **World Refugee Day** on 20 June with [an event](#) that 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.

## Coordination



The UN agencies meeting with the Head of the Kherson Region to discuss the support provided to the people affected by the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam. © OCHA

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The Government of Ukraine maintains a leadership role in responding to the needs of its population. **UNHCR continues to maintain strong coordination with the Government of Ukraine to streamline common efforts in the areas of temporary accommodation and durable housing solutions, legal aid, and multi-purpose cash assistance** for IDPs and other war-affected individuals.
- In June, UNHCR coordinated its efforts with the linear ministries, notably, the Ministry of Reintegration and the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine, in **providing a coherent humanitarian response to the arising needs of the people affected by the destruction of the Kakhovka dam.**
- UNHCR actively engaged in the governmental coordination bodies focused on the restoration of the territories where the Government of Ukraine regained control, protection of children's rights during martial law, and protection of IDPs. In this framework of cooperation, proposals were put forward regarding the **draft legislation regulating the temporary accommodation of IDPs in collective sites, revising approaches to state-run financial assistance for IDPs, and establishing IDP councils as consultative bodies at the local level.** These suggestions aimed to align the normative framework with international standards and cater to the needs of displaced and war-affected populations.



## Clusters

UNHCR's humanitarian response is based on the needs and priorities set out in the [2023 Ukraine Humanitarian Response Plan](#) and in the 2023-2024 UN Transitional Framework. In addition to leading the **Protection, Shelter and Non-Food Item (NFI), and Camp Coordination Camp Management (CCCM) Clusters**, UNHCR co-leads the Durable Solutions Steering Group with IOM, OCHA and UNDP. UNHCR also leads the Legal Aid Task Force under the national Protection Cluster, co-leads the Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) Task Force with OCHA, and is a member of the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Working Group.

### PROTECTION CLUSTER

- **Analysis:** The Protection Cluster released the [Ukraine Protection Analysis Update](#) covering February 2022 to June 2023. Protection risks requiring immediate attention include attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure; impediments and/or restrictions to access legal identity, remedies and justice; risks of mines and explosive ordnance; gender-based violence; infliction of trauma and distress to children through violence, abuse, and destruction.
- **Kakhovka dam response:** More than 30 partners provided psychosocial support (PSS) assistance (including for children and GBV survivors), case management (including GBV and child protection), dignity kits, information counselling, legal assistance, and cash assistance. Partners also provided support in collective sites and evacuation points (bus/train station) within the oblast as well as for those displaced to Mykolaiv, Odesa, Kryviy Rih, and Dnipro regions.
- **Government coordination:** The General Director of the Directorate of the Internally Displaced People and Temporary Occupied Territories of the Ministry of Reintegration and Temporary Occupied Territories of Ukraine presented the State Strategy on Internal Displacement (2023-2025) and its Operational Plan at the [National Protection Cluster meeting on 7 June](#) focusing on five strategic directions and the role of IDP Coordination Centres.
- **Information Management:** Training on the use of the [Services Advisor Platform](#) has been completed for the Cash Working Group partners. In total, over 1,200 service locations have been uploaded to the system from 45 protection organizations.

### SHELTER AND NFI CLUSTER

- **Kakhovka dam response:** The Shelter Cluster conducted a joint mission in Mykolaivska oblast to evaluate house and infrastructure damage. Clay-brick houses were particularly affected, highlighting the importance of prioritizing assistance for vulnerable households unable to rebuild independently. Response strategies may involve providing materials, NFIs, or cash, while technical support will be necessary for houses with compromised foundations and load-bearing walls. A comprehensive assessment is pending until the houses are completely dry. In Khersonska oblast, the Cluster is coordinating an assessment and mapping exercise to identify settlement-specific needs.
- **Rental support:** In collaboration with UNHCR, the Shelter Cluster prepared Terms of Reference for reopening the Rental Support technical working group, which will be tasked with updating Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) based on lessons learned and revised reference rental market prices.
- **Compensation scheme:** The Cluster released an updated [information note](#) on the government compensation scheme, providing a comprehensive overview of the mechanism for partners. It includes a detailed [flow chart](#) outlining the step-by-step process of applying for assistance from the government and humanitarian organisations.

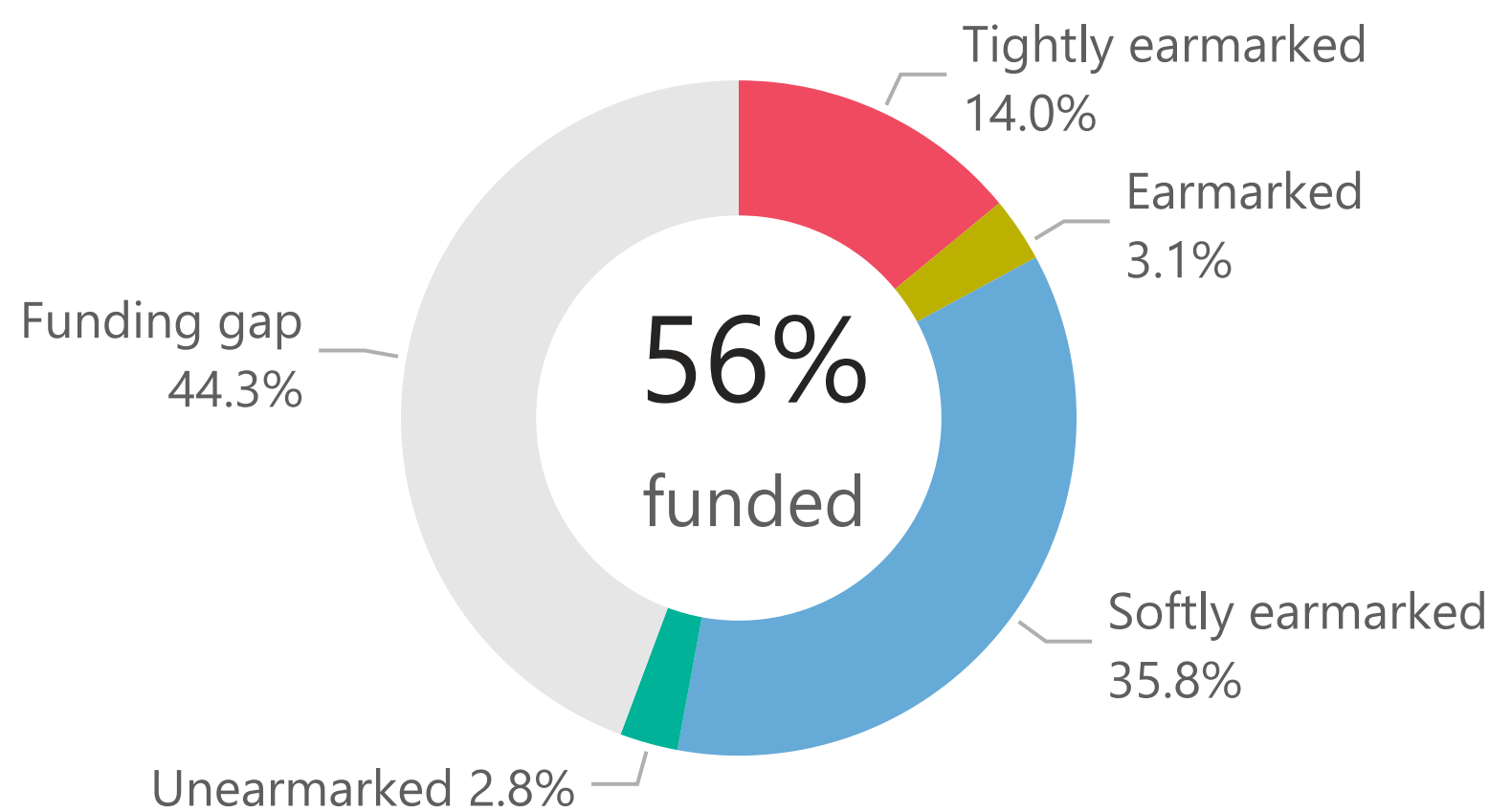
### CCCM CLUSTER

- **Presence mapping:** The CCCM Cluster launched a tool to map the presence of partners, including those in shelter, WASH, protection, and food security, in collective sites in the eastern region of Ukraine, and track the availability of multisectoral services to enhance preparedness for emergency responses.
- **Durable solutions:** In western regions, local authorities, cluster partners, and stakeholders held discussions on integration and housing solutions for IDPs, including those residing in collective sites. One focus is to enhance social housing availability by repairing non-functional buildings owned by the community.
- **Advocacy:** Following a [joint event](#) with the CCCM Cluster and the Ombudsman Office, where minimum standards on the administration and management of the collective sites were presented, a working group has been formed under the Ministry of Reintegration to develop a draft resolution on collective sites. As a follow-up, CCCM Cluster and the Ombudsman Office agreed to strengthen the joint advocacy for integrating these standards into the draft resolution.

## Financial updates

**\$602.5M**

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



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## Publications

- ❖ Lives on Hold: Intentions and Perspectives of Refugees and IDPs from Ukraine #4
- ❖ Ukraine Situation: Supporting an area-based approach to durable solutions
- ❖ Ukraine Position on Voluntary Return to Ukraine - June 2023
- ❖ Ukraine Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (RDNA2)
- ❖ Ukraine Situation Outcomes of Cash Assistance: Findings from Post-Distribution Monitoring

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