

UKRAINE EMERGENCY

UNHCR Delivery Updates

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UNHCR's NGO partner Proliska was among the first responders at the site of the Russian missile attack in a high-rise building in Dnipro on 28 July. © Proliska

KEY FIGURES:

4.32 million

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

17.6 million

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

11.1 million

people targeted for humanitarian assistance in the [Humanitarian Response Plan](#)

3.6 million

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

**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:

- **A wave of Russian missile attacks continues to hit Ukraine**, including a deadly attack in Mykolaiv on 21 July, which killed two people and left several more injured, including women and children, when their homes were destroyed or severely damaged. This was followed by an attack in Dnipro on 28 July at a high-rise building leaving at least 10 people dead, including 3 children and a 77-year-old woman. An attack on Sumy on 30 July killed two people and destroyed an educational establishment, buildings, and a church. Missile attacks targeted Kherson and Kryvyi Rih on 31 July leaving many people dead and injured. This included four aid workers from a national non-governmental organization who were injured in Kherson while clearing the debris left by the Kakhovka Dam destruction.
- **Almost two months since the destruction of Kakhovka Dam, affected communities continue to face challenges linked to water shortages and rebuilding destroyed or damaged housing and critical infrastructure systems.** UNHCR and its partners continue to provide protection assistance, cash, non-food items and support with shelter repairs to the affected communities.
- UNHCR continues to respond to the far-reaching and increasing humanitarian needs as the war continues, while also supporting people's ongoing efforts to recover now and to achieve durable solutions. In 2023, **UNHCR and partners have so far reached over 1.82 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 31 July 2023)

1.82M

People reached with assistance to date

Protection

859,309

Received protection information, counselling, and support

1.90M
Targeted

MPC

299,281

Supported with multi-purpose cash assistance to meet basic needs

0.80M
Targeted

NFI

606,068

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

1.00M
Targeted

Shelter/Housing

147,917

Received emergency shelter and housing support, including in collective sites

0.72M
Targeted

CCCM

77,320

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

0.15M
Targeted

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

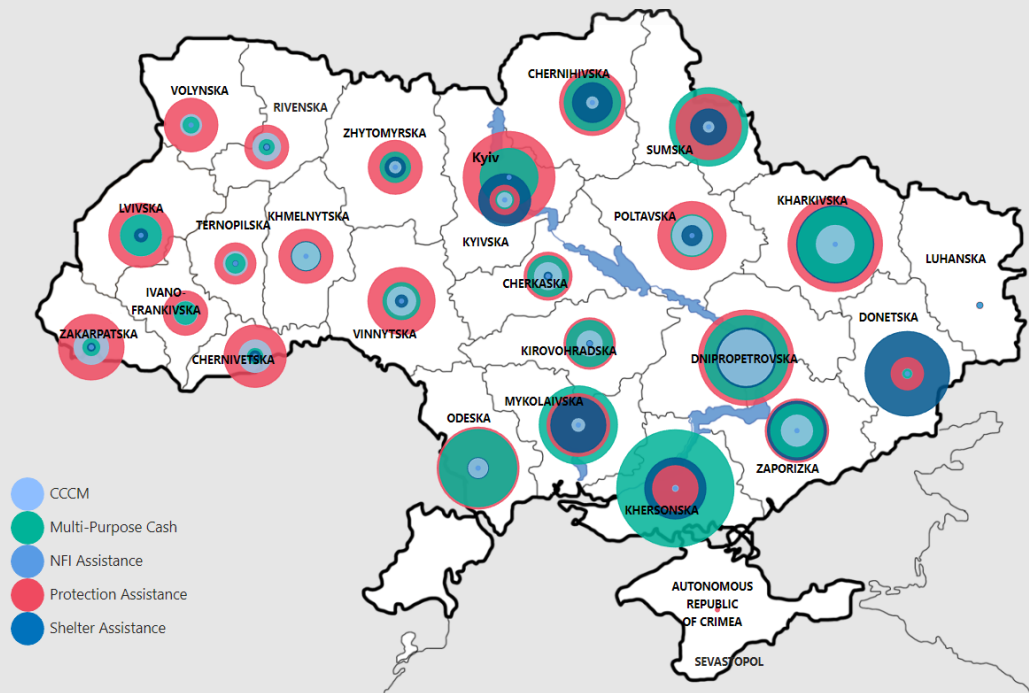
People Reached

1,819,717

1.82M

0 3,600,000
Country target

Reached figures are subject to data cleaning and retro-active corrections may occur.



Kakhovka Dam Breach Response:

- UNHCR continues to contribute to the collective response to support the communities affected by the destruction of the Kakhovka dam. As of 31 July, UNHCR has provided 81,014 individuals with non-food items (NFIs), including jerry cans, mattresses, bed linen, and blankets, and supported 3,711 individuals in affected oblasts through cash assistance.
- As of 31 July, UNHCR delivered construction materials to help 112 families rebuild their homes in Horokhivska and Snihurivska hromadas in Mykolaivska oblast. There are ongoing assessments of shelter needs in flood-affected areas and UNHCR is ready to support with construction materials to families that can do repairs themselves.

NFI Essential Items & Housing/Shelter

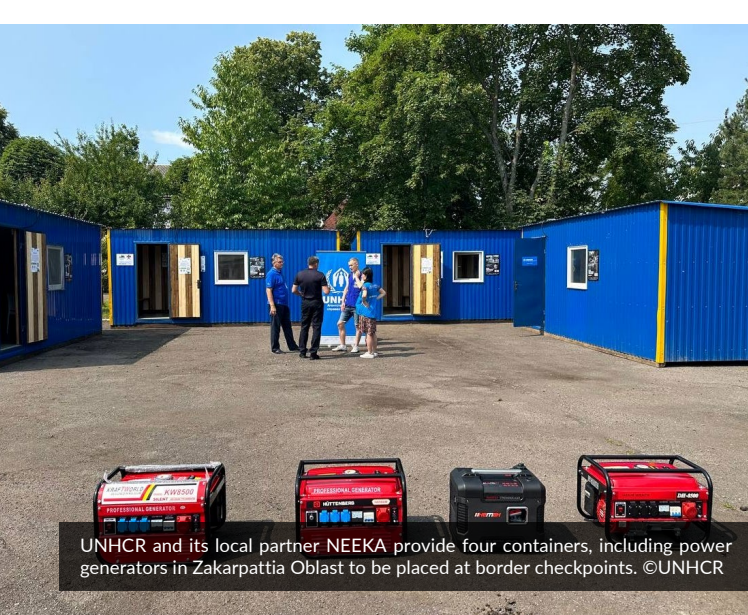
- **Humanitarian convoys:** In recent weeks, UNHCR joined three UN interagency convoys to Sumy and Kherson oblasts (25 July to Druzhbivska, 26 July to Novoberyslav, 28 July to Kherson, Novoberyslav, and Zmiivka). UNHCR delivered 1,800 tarpaulins, 550 kitchen sets, 377 bedding sets, 550 solar lamps, and other essential items to front line communities impacted by ongoing hostilities. Since the start of the crisis, UNHCR together with UN partners through 110 inter-agency convoys have delivered over 322,000 essential items to families in hard-to-reach and frontline areas.
- **Emergency response:** In response to the airstrikes on 28, 30, and 31 July in Dnipropetrovsk, Khersonsaka, and Sumska oblasts, UNHCR partner Proliska swiftly provided psychological first aid and emergency shelter materials to affected families.
- Following a severe storm on 25 July that hit Khmelnytska oblast – a major IDP hosting community - UNHCR partner Rokada provided tarpaulins to 95 affected families to temporarily cover damaged roofs. Plastic sheets and tarpaulin were also provided to storm-affected villages in Kyivska oblast.



Assisting forcibly displaced people and local authorities at border checkpoints – rain or snow, hot or cold

Since the start of the full-scale war on Ukraine in February 2022, the Main Directorate of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine in Zakarpattia region and UNHCR's local NGO partner NEEKA, have assisted Ukrainians and other people fleeing the war through the provision of information as well as confidential counselling to better understand their needs and the different factors driving the movement of people across borders. This work continues regardless of the weather – rain or snow, hot or cold.

To improve the waiting conditions and to offer confidentiality for counselling and information provision activities, UNHCR and its local partner NEEKA provided four containers to the Main Department of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine in Zakarpattia Oblast. The containers, to be placed at border checkpoints, include a workplace, waiting areas, power generators and convector heaters to keep people warm during cold weather.



UNHCR and its local partner NEEKA provide four containers, including power generators in Zakarpattia Oblast to be placed at border checkpoints. ©UNHCR

Protection

- **IDP movements:** In the last two weeks, 256 people arrived in Kyiv city by evacuation trains from Donetsk, Khersonska, Sumska and Luhanska oblasts. With the leadership of Kyiv oblast state administration and the Head of Kyiv railway station, UNHCR partner Right to Protection (R2P) supported IDPs with reduced mobility, older persons and families with children with free luggage transportation, legal counselling and general information on available services.
- **Border monitoring:** Due to intensified shelling, the border crossing (Pokrovka border point) in Sumy oblast was closed on 23 July. This border crossing is used by Ukrainian residents of the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine to return to Ukraine through the territory of the Russian Federation. On the same date, Ukrainian authorities announced obligatory evacuation of residents of settlements within the five-kilometer zone along the border line in Sumy oblast. According to UNHCR partner R2P who has been monitoring the situation at this border crossing since late May 2023, border crossings have resumed as of 4 August. R2P monitoring teams are present at the border point five times a week and provide legal assistance, protection counselling and social support to people on the move.
- **Accountability to affected populations:** UNHCR and its partners began conducting the annual participatory assessment exercise on 21 July, with focus group discussions and key informant interviews expected to continue until 14 August. The participatory assessment

is used by UNHCR to analyze existing and newly emerging needs inside Ukraine and to inform UNHCR's programming and activities. The participatory assessment includes focus group discussions listening to the voices of forcibly displaced and war-affected communities in Ukraine, particularly from different age, gender and minority groups, such as persons with disabilities, LGBTIQ+ people, women and men as single heads of households, and unemployed and older persons.

Cash assistance

- In 2023, UNHCR has distributed nearly US\$62.8 million through the cash assistance programme to 354,091 people to date.

Collective sites

- On 26 July, UNHCR partner R2P opened a recreational space for children and adults at a collective site in laresky village, Poltavaska oblast.
- UNHCR partner R2P held seven trainings for 128 IDPs who live in collective sites in Dnipropetrovska and Zaporizka oblasts. The trainings addressed the collapse of buildings during explosions and advice on the course of action, radiation safety, actions during a nuclear attack and medical first aid.

Ukrainian Urban Forum in Vinnytsia: rethinking housing policies so no one is left behind

Justice, participation, localization, credibility, and sustainability – these principles should be at the heart of recovery efforts in Ukraine, according to the declaration of the Ukrainian Urban Forum that was held in Vinnytsia from 28-29 July.

The two-day event was supported by UNHCR Ukraine and brought together over 200 participants. At the Forum, civil society actors brought a focus to the growing need for social housing in Ukraine.

Hear more from UNHCR about recovery in Ukraine [here](#).



UNHCR contributes to the panel discussion on practical steps for making Ukraine a comfortable and safe home for all at the Ukrainian Urban Forum in Vinnytsia. ©UNHCR

UNHCR's housing repair programme - making homes liveable again, one family at a time



Olga and her son Nikita, and their dog Princess, in their home in Borodyanka, Kyiv Oblast, Ukraine. © UNHCR/Diana Zeyneb Alhindawi



Olga remembers the moment that war came to her neighbourhood.

“We were at home, and suddenly there was a deafening sound followed by an explosive wave,” she recalls. “Immediately the windows in our kitchen shattered.”

Olga and Nikita, her teenage son, were forced to flee their damaged house in Borodyanka, a city located 60 kilometres from Ukraine’s capital, Kyiv. On 25 April, Olga returned to Borodyanka and was horrified by what she found. The destruction was so extensive – and the trauma so fresh – that Olga struggled to find a way forward.

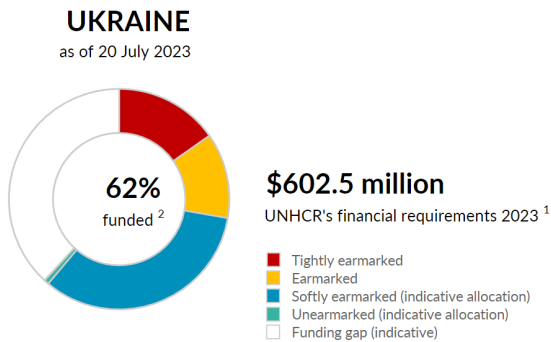
“I used to always rely on myself. I’m used to doing it myself,” she explains. “Unfortunately, now no longer. I knew that I didn’t have these funds.”

In 2022, UNHCR and its partners began repairing houses of people in Ukraine affected by the war who had never left or who, like Olga and Nikita, had returned to their homes. UNHCR staff visited Olga in Borodyanka and discussed how to help make her house livable again.

“UNHCR found me,” she remembers. “If it wasn’t for you, I wouldn’t have been able to repair the windows or the roof.”

Read more [here](#).

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UNHCR is grateful for the support from our top government donors and for the generous contributions from individuals and the private sector. Given the immense humanitarian needs, UNHCR continues to seek support to deliver assistance inside Ukraine in the [2023 Supplementary Appeal](#).

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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