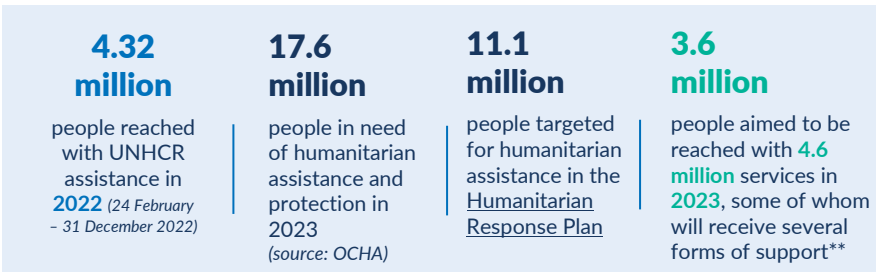




UNHCR's local partners Right to Protection and Rokada were quickly on site to support the families affected by the missile attack on Kyiv on 13 December. Affected families received psychosocial support, legal counselling, emergency shelter kits and were registered for cash assistance to help them cover their needs. © Right to Protection

## KEY FIGURES:



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

## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

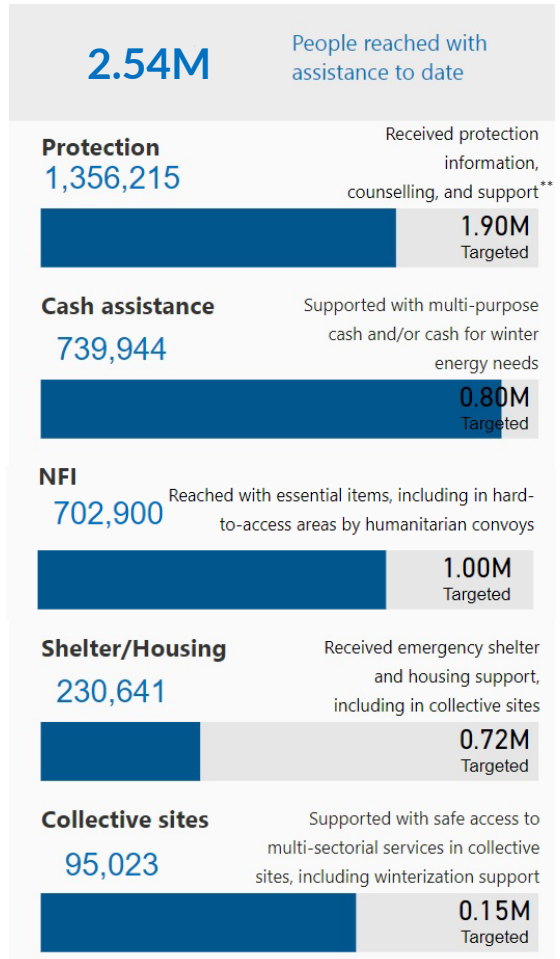
- **Missile attacks on Kyiv have increased.** A Russian missile attack on 11 December injured at least [four](#) civilians and damaged power supply lines, leaving an [estimated](#) 120 homes without power. On 13 December, another Russian missile attack on Kyiv injured over 50 people. Although all missiles were reportedly downed by defence systems, the falling debris caused extensive damage to four neighbourhoods and impacted a residential building, children's hospital and a kindergarten.
- The increased strikes on Kyiv come on top of **continued fighting and daily attacks in the south and east of the country, particularly impacting communities close to the frontline.** Attacks on Odesa [injured](#) 11 civilians on 13 December and [killed](#) one civilian on 17 December, in addition to damaging residential buildings. In Khersonska oblast, repeated attacks [killed](#) two civilians over the past week, injured several others, as well as damaged residential buildings, an administrative building, and a medical facility. On 20 December, strikes by the Russian Federation [damaged](#) facilities and critical supplies of at least three humanitarian organizations in Kherson.
- On 12 December, there was a **cyberattack on one of Ukraine's largest mobile operators, Kyivstar,** damaging the communications network in the country. The attack impacted millions of people's access to vital public services that relied on Kyivstar's internet, including the banking system, postal services, as well as air raid notification systems in some regions.
- **UNHCR continues to provide immediate protection and assistance to people living in impacted areas while supporting the early recovery and durable solutions for displaced people, returnees, and war-affected people remaining in their homes.**

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS:

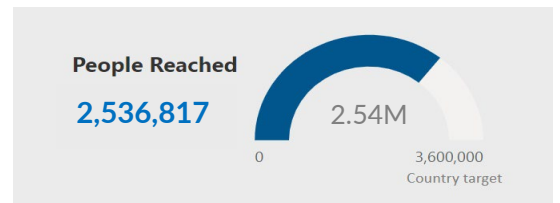


## 2023 RESPONSE in NUMBERS\*:

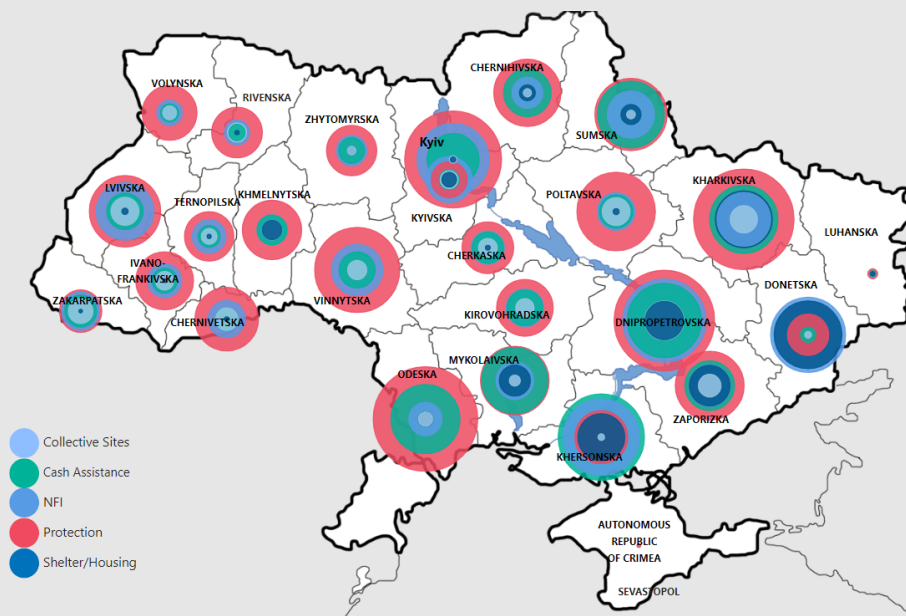
(Delivered with partners from 1 January to 18 December 2023, including the specialized winterization support detailed on pg. 4)



\* The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements.  
\*\* Also includes calls to hotlines.



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**NFI Essential Items & Housing/Shelter**

- **Interagency convoys:** Helping war-affected families living close to the frontline meet their basic needs remains a priority. UNHCR contributed 500 plastic tarpaulins to an interagency convoy on 8 December to Siverska hromada, Donetsk oblast, as well as 430 plastic tarpaulins and 174 solar lamps to a second UN interagency convoy on 15 December to Beryslav, Khersonska oblast. The south and east of Ukraine are enduring constant attacks, and as conditions become more difficult during winter, continued support to people in frontline communities is critical. There have been 102 UN interagency convoys so far this year, of which UNHCR has contributed to 92.
- **Emergency response:** Following the attacks on Kyiv on 10 December, three families whose homes were damaged will receive support to repair their homes. In addition, in [response](#) to the missile strikes on Kyiv on 13 December, UNHCR's local partner Right to Protection (R2P) enrolled 777 people to receive multi-purpose cash assistance to help them cover their urgent needs. R2P is also providing legal assistance to

the affected population of Dniprovs'kyi and Darnyts'kyi raions of Kyiv, while 32 families received emergency shelter kits through UNHCR's local partner Rokada to quickly cover damaged doors and windows. Those impacted by the attacks were also able to access mental health and psychosocial support.

**Collective sites**

- **Over 400 displaced people residing in five collective sites** in Chernivtsi and Kitsman cities (Chernivetska oblast) will benefit from improved living conditions thanks to small and medium refurbishment works recently completed by UNHCR's local partner NEEKA. These works include the installation of showers and bathrooms, repair or replacement of doors and windows, installation of electrical networks and electric water heaters, repair and painting of walls and ceilings, repair or installation of kitchens, and replacement of sewage pipes.



**UNHCR allocates \$10 million for compensation under the Prykhystok programme**

On 19 December, the Ministry of Reintegration and UNHCR [signed](#) an agreement on the implementation of the Prykhystok programme, the largest national social initiative supporting free housing for displaced people in Ukraine. Under the terms of the agreement, UNHCR will provide \$10 million towards financial compensation to house owners who are hosting internally displaced people in their homes.

“Cooperation between UNHCR and the Ministry in support of the Prykhystok programme is a testament to our continued commitment to help address the multiple challenges faced by people impacted by the war. UNHCR supported around 40,000 families in 2022 under the Prykhystok programme. Given the critical importance of this programme [...] we are happy to continue supporting the programme in 2024 as well,” said Karolina Lindholm Billing, UNHCR's Representative in Ukraine. See more [here](#).

The agreement was signed by Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine, Iryna Vereshchuk, and UNHCR's Representative in Ukraine, Karolina Lindholm Billing. © UNHCR/Iryna Tymchyshyn

## 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence (GBV) campaign concluded on 10 December, reaching a total of 4,500 people who participated in a range of activities across the country including community forums, information sessions, recreational and sports events, and trainings.

In Dnipro, UNHCR and UNFPA organized a [forum](#) to share good practices and challenges in the prevention and response to GBV. In Zaporizka oblast in the east, a new safe space for women and girls was opened in Mykhailo-Lukasheve in collaboration with UNHCR's partner the Tenth of April (TTA). The space will provide an important avenue for women to meet, address issues that affect their community, and influence decision-making in the local hromada. In Chernivtsi, UNHCR's partner Rokada launched a [bus route](#) with a lawyer, a psychologist and a social worker who provided passengers with free legal advice and information on where to go for help.



UNHCR and UNFPA united partners, local NGOs and authorities in Dnipro to present existing models of response and prevention of gender-based violence, and to share experiences in providing comprehensive services to the survivors. © UNHCR/Viktorii Tiutiunnyk

### Protection

- **Capacity building:** UNHCR facilitated a training on gender-based violence (GBV) for 54 hotline responders working with our local partner Donbas SOS. Participants were trained on how to handle GBV cases safely and confidentially and were briefed on the available Cluster referral mechanisms for follow-up and further assistance to survivors. As part of UNHCR's ongoing capacity-building efforts, over 1,600 people were trained on GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response in 2023. The trainings aim to build capacity to support survivors among both GBV and non-GBV specialists from UNHCR, partners, and state service providers.
- **Social cohesion:** On 15 December, a new "integration hub" [opened](#) in Rivne, Rivnenska oblast, to support the integration of displaced people into their host community. UNHCR and Rokada helped partially refurbish the building, ensuring accessibility for persons with disabilities and replacing windows. The hub will serve as a space where people affected by the war, including displaced people, can access various services provided by partners, local NGOs and the Government including legal and psychological counselling, humanitarian aid, support to find employment, and assistance to relocate or start a new business. UNHCR partners will be providing psychosocial support and learning programmes.
- On 8 December, UNHCR's local partner Rokada in collaboration with the local city council [opened](#) a child friendly space in a local library in Tlumach, Ivano-Frankivska oblast in west Ukraine. The space was

equipped with computers, educational games, stationery and furniture. It aims to promote the self-development of children and facilitate the inclusion of internally displaced children and adults into the local community. An estimated 480 local and displaced children will be able to access and benefit from the activities provided.

### Cash assistance

- In 2023, UNHCR has so far distributed cash assistance to **739,944** war-affected and internally displaced families, returnees, and people with specific vulnerabilities to help cover the costs of basic items like food, medicines, clothes, accommodation and utilities, as well as to cover winter energy needs. This includes **538,950** people who have benefited from a three-month multi-purpose cash assistance payment, as well as **463,627** people who received cash support to help cover additional costs associated with winter. The latter includes a significant number of families with specific vulnerabilities who benefited from both programmes.
- A total of **\$192.4 million** has been disbursed so far this year to assist internally displaced and other war-affected people through all cash modalities (multi-purpose cash, cash for winter energy needs, and cash for housing needs).



Distribution of laptops to communities displaced from Luhanska oblast. © UNHCR/Iryna Tymchyshyn

### Supporting children to continue their education

UNHCR is supporting children in Ukraine to continue their education despite the devastating war. We provided over 800 laptops (Chromebooks) to displaced and war-affected communities from [Luhanska](#) and [Khersonska](#) oblasts.

In total, UNHCR will provide 1,500 laptops to ensure that children in the most war-affected areas don't face further disruptions to education and can attend online classes as hostilities keep schools physically closed.

Each laptop is equipped with a Ukrainian keyboard so that children can easily use them for learning.

# WINTERIZATION RESPONSE

The winterization response is UNHCR's priority over the coming months. In coordination with the Government of Ukraine, and contributing to the broader [Ukraine Winter Response Plan](#) (updated September 2023), [UNHCR's winterization response](#) will target 900,000 vulnerable, displaced and war-affected people between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024. Strengthened protection referrals, with a particular focus on psychosocial support and legal assistance to support access to key civil and housing, land, and property documentation to support solutions from the start, accompany UNHCR's winterization response.



Distribution of generators to a community in Bucha, near Kyiv, on 18 December. © UNHCR

## Distributions of generators aim to help communities stay warm during power outages

As part of the winterization response, and in coordination with the authorities, UNHCR started distributing 147 generators to communities across the country. This will help people and communities be prepared in case of power outages to stay warm. Distributions already took place in Chernihivska and Kyivska oblasts in the north and were ongoing in other parts of the country.

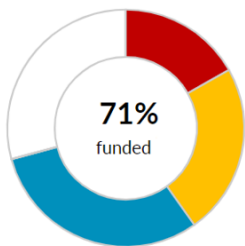
This complements other types of winterization assistance, including cash payments to cover winter energy needs and rapid thermal kits to help people insulate their homes. As of mid-December, UNHCR and partners have assisted over 566,600 people with specific support for winter.

Figures represent people reached with partners as of 18 December 2023. Figures are subject to data cleaning and retro-active corrections may occur.

## FUNDING UPDATE | 2023

### UKRAINE

as of 15 December 2023



**\$602.5 million**  
UNHCR's financial requirements 2023

- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)



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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