



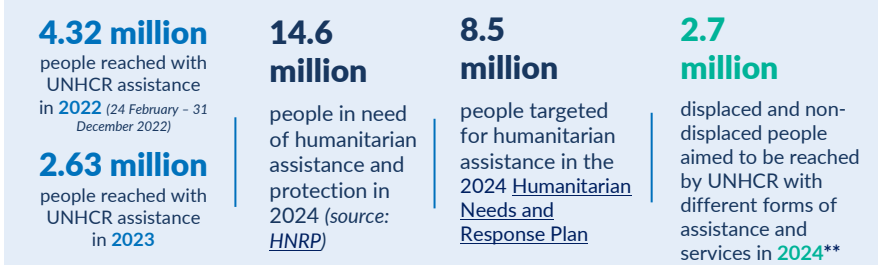
UKRAINE EMERGENCY

UNHCR Delivery Updates

26 January 2024

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, and UNHCR Representative, Karolina Lindholm Billing, met with Tetiana, whose house in Horenka (Kyivska oblast) was destroyed by missiles. In June 2023, UNHCR installed a core home on her land which finally gave Tetiana and her family an opportunity to return home. This was the High Commissioner's fourth visit to Ukraine since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022. © UNHCR/Alina Kovalenko

KEY FIGURES:



**People may receive multiple forms of assistance and services.

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

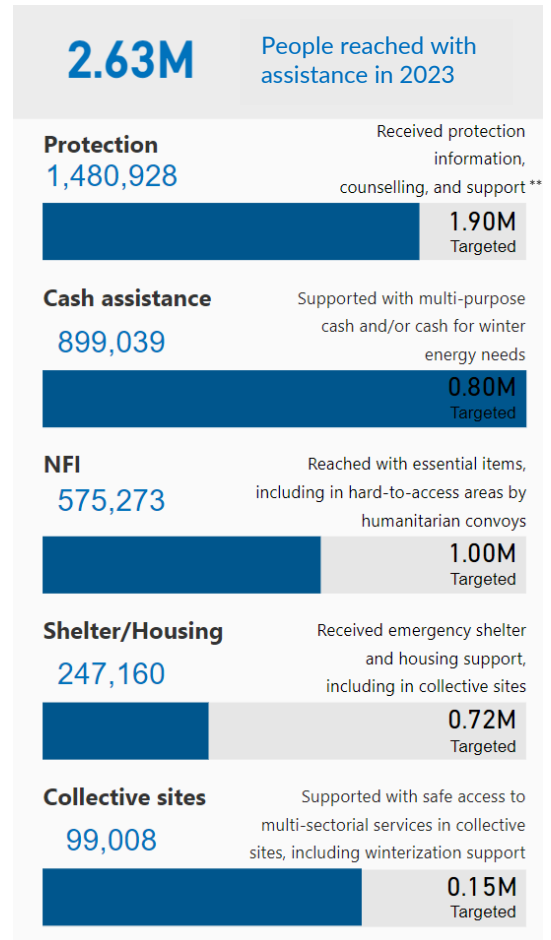
- The surge of Russian attacks on densely populated cities and towns continues to kill and injure civilians**, while also impacting access to water, heating and electricity services in the middle of winter. In the last weeks, sustained Russian attacks were reported on areas of Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Odesa and Sumska oblasts, causing more civilian casualties and damaging residential buildings, private homes, schools and critical infrastructure.
- On 23 January, large-scale missile attacks hit Kyiv, Kharkiv and Pavlohrad (Dnipropetrovska oblast)**, damaging residential buildings, a stadium, educational and medical facilities and other critical infrastructures. The Ukrainian Government [said](#) the attacks killed 18 people, injured 130 people, and damaged 130 residential buildings. The largest number of casualties was reported in Kharkiv, where rescue efforts continued into the day. The attacks also left more than 11,000 consumers – families, businesses, institutions – without electricity, [according](#) to the Ministry of Energy. The UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Ukraine [condemned](#) the attacks and called for a stop to indiscriminate attacks against civilians.
- On 26 January, while delivering vital aid to frontline communities in Chasiv Yar, Donetsk oblast, UNHCR's local NGO partner Proliska was hit by a Russian drone.** One aid worker was injured in the attack and a vehicle was [heavily damaged](#). The UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator issued a [statement](#) calling for the work of humanitarian organizations to be protected.
- As we enter the third year of full-scale war in Ukraine, the UN and partners [asked](#) donors for a combined US\$4.2 billion to support war-affected communities in Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees and their host communities in the region in 2024.** To support the Government and interagency response in Ukraine, UNHCR is [appealing](#) for **US\$599 million** in 2024. UNHCR and its partners are planning to reach over **2.7 million people** in Ukraine with immediate humanitarian assistance, protection, shelter and cash assistance, while **supporting the early recovery and durable solutions** for internally displaced people (IDP), and refugee and IDP returnees.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS (2023):

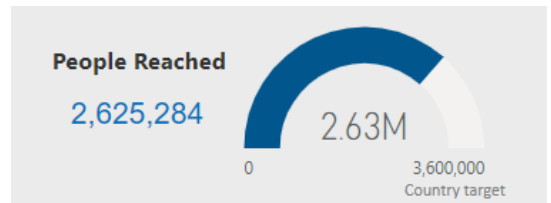


2023 RESPONSE in NUMBERS*:

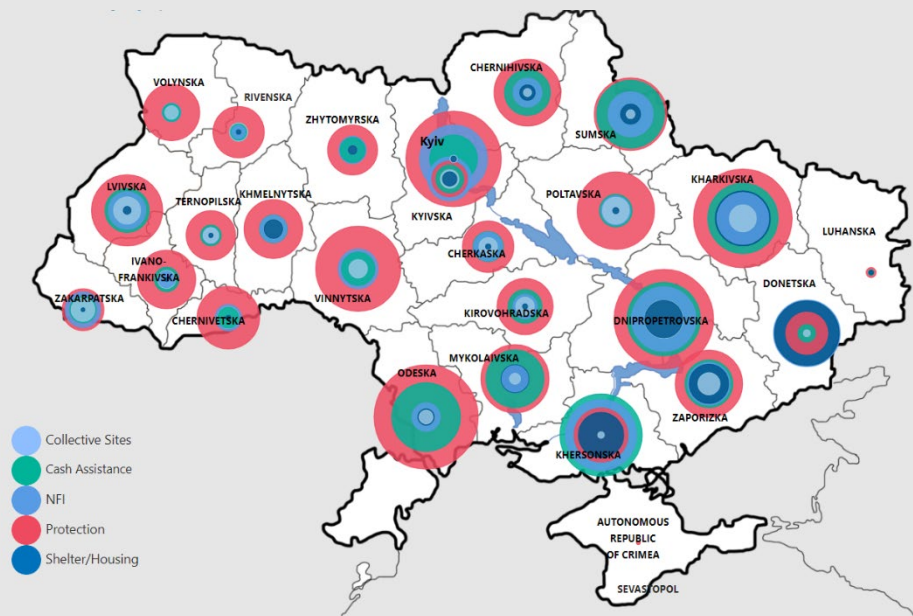
(Delivered with partners from 1 January to 31 December 2023, including the specialized winterization support detailed on pg. 4)



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



*In alignment with the humanitarian inter-agency and cluster reporting systems and frequency established for 2024, UNHCR and partners will publish response figures on a monthly basis. Narrative updates will continue to be published on a biweekly basis.



NFI Essential Items & Housing/Shelter

- **Interagency convoys:** Helping war-affected families living close to the frontline meet their basic needs remains a priority in 2024. On 18 January, UNHCR [joined](#) the first interagency convoy of the year to Stanislavska, Khersonska oblast. Stanislavska hromada is situated only about 10 km from the frontline and is under constant shelling by Russian armed forces. There are around 80 families in the four villages of Stanislavska hromada, a location which has been difficult to reach for our local partners due to the security situation. UNHCR provided 240 sleeping bags to the interagency convoy to help people stay warm in the freezing temperatures.
- **Immediate emergency response:** People affected by the latest wave of Russian attacks including in [Kharkiv](#), [Kyiv](#), [Odesa](#) and [Sumska](#) oblast, among other locations, continue to receive emergency support through our local NGO partners. Across these locations, partners

distributed emergency shelter materials such as OSB sheets (wooden boards) and tarpaulins to help families affected by attacks quickly cover or repair damaged parts of their homes, which is critical especially during winter. Following a large missile attack on Kharkiv on 16 January, all affected families received essential items through UNHCR's partner Proliska, including mattresses, blankets, pillows, towels, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, solar lamps, jerry cans and thermoses, to replace household items destroyed in the attack. In Odesa, following an attack on 18 January, 34 families received roofing tiles through UNHCR's partner The Tenth of April, in addition to OSB sheets and tarpaulins, to enable emergency repairs of homes. Partners also provided psychological support to the affected people, as well as consultations on procedures to access financial compensation for damaged property or register personal injuries.



In Ukraine, UN High Commissioner for Refugees urgently appeals for renewed support

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, visited Ukraine from 19-25 January – his fourth visit since the start of the full-scale Russian invasion almost two years ago. He visited [Odesa](#), [Kryvyi Rih](#), [Dnipro](#), [Kharkiv](#) and [Kyivska](#) oblast, reaching some of the most destroyed and damaged parts of Ukraine, including areas affected by an increase in aerial attacks that have recently killed and wounded civilians and damaged homes and civilian infrastructure.

He appealed in the strongest terms for much more international humanitarian support to the country, including to those displaced by the horrific violence and who are subjected to the harsh winter. “The fighting has escalated and the humanitarian situation in the country is dramatic and urgent. Millions have been forced to flee the war and Russian attacks, and they are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance,” said Grandi. “Under the strong leadership of the Government, the United Nations and partners – especially Ukrainian organizations – have been doing all that they can to help, but without much more international support and funding, Ukrainian civilians will continue to suffer.” Read more [here](#).

The High Commissioner for Refugees visits sites of recent missile attacks in Kharkiv city. © UNHCR/Iryna Tymchyshyn

Ukraine is Home Roundtable on enablers of voluntary return and rebuilding homes

On 23 January, during the High Commissioner's visit to Ukraine, UNHCR organized a policy roundtable in Kyiv on enablers of voluntary return and rebuilding homes in Ukraine, co-hosted by the Ministry for Restoration of Ukraine and the Embassy of the United States of America.

The event, which marked one-year since UNHCR launched the 'Ukraine is Home' platform in collaboration with the Ministry for Restoration, was attended by senior government officials of several ministries, 15 Ambassadors and heads of diplomatic missions, the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, and representatives of UNHCR's partner organizations and key donors.

'Ukraine is Home' is a cooperation framework aimed at promoting complementarity and linkages between government programmes to support home repairs and the ongoing work of the UNHCR-led Shelter Cluster, its members and other actors engaged in housing solutions. See more [here](#).



During the roundtable, participants highlighted the importance of sustaining international attention and support to Ukraine. © UNHCR/Alina Kovalenko

Protection

- **Border monitoring:** Since mid-March 2022, UNHCR and its national NGO partners Right to Protection, NEEKA, and The Tenth of April, have conducted border monitoring at 30 crossing points between Ukraine and Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova. The border monitoring teams provide information, legal assistance, protection counselling and social support to people leaving Ukraine to seek international protection or to those returning to Ukraine. In December 2023, the teams provided direct consultations to over **1,200** people, including unaccompanied and separated children, people at risk of trafficking, and individuals lacking essential documents, coordinating efforts with partners in neighbouring countries. The latest monitoring trends indicate slightly more people coming to Ukraine, with a net inflow of 33,000 individuals in December 2023. This is a change when compared to December 2022, when large-scale shelling and power cuts resulted in more people leaving the country. For more information, see the latest border monitoring report for December [here](#).
- **Social cohesion:** Three new youth centres recently opened in **Lvivska oblast**, west Ukraine, with the support of the Lviv oblast Youth Centre, the Lviv oblast state administration, UNICEF and its local partner, as well as UNHCR's local NGO partner Rokada. The centres will serve as platforms to engage local and internally displaced youth with the aim of promoting social cohesion in the community. UNHCR and Rokada helped renovate the youth centres and provided technical equipment. In **Kyivska oblast**, a [new youth centre was opened](#) in Boryspil city which will provide a dedicated space for teaching, coaching, and teambuilding activities and support the integration of displaced people into the local community. It also aims to strengthen local initiatives including those led by local NGOs and internally displaced people. A new child friendly space was also opened in Myrivka village, Kagarlyk hromada in Kyivska oblast. The space was renovated jointly with local authorities and equipped by UNHCR's NGO partner Rokada and will enable children from the village and nearby areas to have a place to play, heal and engage in community activities.



Over 27,500 houses repaired, enabling families to remain in and return to their homes in Ukraine

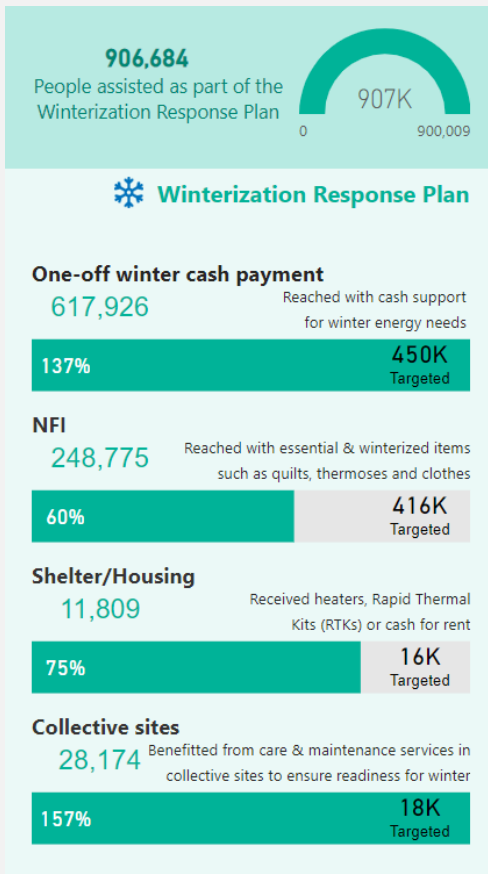
On 23 January, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, visited Kyivska oblast together with the Ambassador of Japan, the Head of the EU Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine, the Head of Kyiv oblast administration, and the Mayor of Irpin. During the visit, they met with people who have received support through UNHCR's house repair programme.

In close cooperation with the Government of Ukraine and its regional and local authorities, UNHCR and its partners have completed the repair of **over 27,500 homes** across the country since the escalation of the war in February 2022 – and more repairs are finalized every week. This enables people and families to remain in and rebuild their own homes, or return to these from displacement.

Regions such as Chernihivska, Kharkivska, Kyivska, Mykolaivska, and Sumska have seen significant repairs and rehabilitations implemented by UNHCR, focusing primarily on repairs of private houses, but also multi-story apartment buildings where windows typically are replaced and upgraded. Read more [here](#).

WINTERIZATION RESPONSE

The winterization response continues to be a key priority. In coordination with the Government of Ukraine, and contributing to the broader [Ukraine Winter Response Plan](#) (updated September 2023), [UNHCR's winterization response](#) is targeting 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 a generator to a vocational school in the city of Vinnytsia. © UNHCR

Distributions of generators continue across the country

In close coordination with the authorities, the distribution of generators to communities continues, with 84 out of a planned 147 generators distributed so far across 13 oblasts. This support aims to help people and communities be more prepared in case of power outages and stay warm.

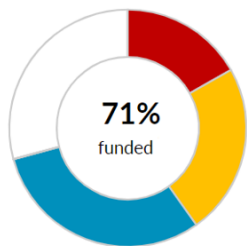
This complements other types of winterization assistance, including cash payments to cover winter energy needs and rapid thermal kits to help people insulate their homes. As of end-December, UNHCR and partners had assisted almost 907,000 people with specific support for winter, exceeding the target of 900,000 people to be reached as part of the [2023-2024 winterization response plan](#).

Figures represent people reached with partners as of 31 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. For more information, see [Ukraine Situation: UNHCR's 2024 plans and financial requirements](#).

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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