

OVERVIEW: The war in Ukraine has damaged or destroyed more than 2 million housing units, according to [the third Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment](#), and consequently left millions of Ukrainians in need of various forms of housing support. Through its shelter and housing assistance, UNHCR supports:

- People in areas that continue to be directly affected by hostilities and need rapid support for urgent repairs on housing.
- People who have either remained in or returned to damaged housing in war-affected areas and who need support with house repairs.
- People in situations of protracted internal displacement who need individual or communal accommodation in a medium to longer-term.



UNHCR supports a family in Kharkiv, under constant shelling, with house repairs, installing new windows so that family can stay warm and safe during the upcoming winter. ©UNHCR/Teddy Leposky

UNHCR's Emergency Shelter and Housing Programme in Ukraine: The programme aims to ensure that the most vulnerable among people affected by the war, whether displaced, remaining at home or having returned from displacement, have access to housing. In the fifth round of [UNHCR's Intention Survey](#), internally displaced people raised access to housing along with access to livelihoods opportunities as a key enablers of sustainable and dignified return UNHCR adopts approaches taking the local contexts into account and includes support that contributes to recovery and durable solutions.

Emergency Shelter Kits (ESK) and Materials:

2024 Target:

288,000
individuals

- ➔ **Emergency shelter kits and materials** - In the six months of 2024, UNHCR, through its partners, provided 29,724 emergency shelter kits supporting over **58,000 individuals**. Additionally, **over 447 civilian infrastructure facilities** were supported around Ukraine (educational, medical, administrative and heritage). By end June 2024, UNHCR and partners provided shelter support in 18 Oblasts, with the majority of assistance going to people in Donetsk (26%), Kharkiv (18%), Kherson (9%), Sumy (8%) and Dnipro (7%).
- ➔ **Installation of emergency shelter materials or ESKs** - UNHCR introduced a new type of shelter support to vulnerable population groups with installation of emergency shelter materials or ESKs. During the first half of 2024, such assistance was provided to over 1,626 people by UNHCR's implementing partners.

Durable House Repairs:

2024 Target:

139,320
individuals

- ➔ **Contractor led repairs** - **1,019 households, 2,691 individuals**, were provided with house repairs by national construction companies, contracted by UNHCR.
- ➔ **Materials for house repairs** - **1,037 households, 2,734 individuals**, were provided with durable materials for house repairs such as roofing sheets, timber battens, doors and windows, waterproofing and insulating materials, etc.
- ➔ **Mobile workshop** - complementary to materials for house repairs assistance, **312 households** were assisted with the installation of around 1,000 windows, doors, and roof repairs during the first half of 2024. This assistance is a new initiative to provide people with technical advice, equipment, and installation for vulnerable groups.

Improvement and Expansion of Accommodation for IDPs:

2024 Target:

114,905

IDPs benefitting
from improved
or new
accommodation

- ➔ **Improvement and expansion of Collective Sites:** UNHCR has completed refurbishments in three collective centres so far in 2024 and will complete six more by the end of the year in Dnipropetrovska, Poltavaska, and Vinnytska and oblasts. These projects are designated to improve and/or increase the number of available sleeping spaces for IDPs, improve the WASH conditions, accessibility and safety of the premises.
- ➔ **Repair of rural houses for IDPs:** UNHCR and partners are conducting assessments of existing housing stock chosen by IDPs as a long-term accommodation solution in the Western and Central regions of Ukraine. Partners have completed the assessment phase and repairs have started.
- ➔ **Rental Market Initiative:** UNHCR and its partners have started the rental assistance programme in 11 Oblasts in the Western, Central and Southern regions of Ukraine. IDP families seeking alternatives to living in collective sites will be assisted with a six month rental package including the costs of rental deposit and utilities. This programme aims at providing alternative housing solutions, following a case management approach where each case is assessed and provided with a solution specifically tailored for its unique situation. To date, **620 families** have secured private accommodation through this initiative.

For people who have lost their homes:

For people whose homes were destroyed, UNHCR is providing Ukrainian made, prefabricated homes, installed on families' own land, enabling them to stay or to return home if they wish to do so. These units offer a longer-term solution and provide a foundation for families to rebuild their lives and to stay within their communities.

In 2023, UNHCR installed 99 core homes on land plots where the house was fully or almost fully destroyed, allowing families to return home. This year, UNHCR is currently working on the installation of 300 core homes in Central, Eastern and Southern Ukraine.



Mykola and Nataliia received a core home in 2024, after their home in Kyivska oblast was destroyed. ©UNHCR/Oleksii Barkov

Targeted areas:

Emergency Shelter Kits and Materials	Durable Housing	Accommodation for IDPs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> War-affected and returnee households in war-affected areas that are still impacted by hostilities. Damaged facilities that will be repaired in the future. Technical support to the most vulnerable to make emergency repairs to their homes. Sites damaged by attacks and shelling. Areas: north, south and east. Oblasts include: Chernihivska, Dnipropetrovska, Donetska, Kharkivska, Khersonska, Kirovohradksa, Kyivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Poltavaska, Sumska, and Zaporizska. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas where people have remained in or returned to housing damaged by attacks and shelling. Prioritisation to identify the most vulnerable and in-need. Areas: north, south and east. Oblasts: Lviv, Chernihivska, Dnipropetrovska, Khersonska, Kharkivska, Kyivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Poltavaska, Sumska, Zaporizska, and Zhytomyrska. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IDPs in protracted displacement in need of accommodation where there is limited housing stock or access to social housing. Collective sites identified by central and local authorities to remain in the medium-term will be prioritised. Areas: east, west and centre. Oblasts: Cherkaska, Chernivetska, Dnipropetrovska, Ivano-Frankivska, Kirovohradksa, Kharkivska, Kyivska, Lvivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Poltavaska, Rivne, Sumska, Ternopilska, Vinnytska, Volynska, and Zakarpatska.

Shelter and NFI Cluster:

The Ukraine [Shelter and NFI Cluster](#) is led by UNHCR with DRC and PIN as co-chairs (National and East) and consists of around 145 partners collaborating to deliver three cluster objects as per the [HNRP 2024](#). The cluster has four active sub-hubs based in Lviv, Odesa, Dnipro and Chernihiv. In 2024, the cluster will target 3.91 million Ukrainians for SNFI support and requires a budget of US\$ 604 million. Please refer to the clusters [webpage](#) for current 5W dashboards, factsheets, and sector specific guidance.

Working with government and regional authorities:

UNHCR works with and in coordination with the government and its authorities to ensure alignment and complementarity of shelter and housing activities. In support of this, UNHCR has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with key ministries and regional oblast authorities, including:

Ministry for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine:

On 16 April 2022, UNHCR and the Ministry for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine [signed an MoU](#) setting out areas of cooperation, including the mapping of abandoned buildings that could be rehabilitated and repurposed to accommodate people who have lost their homes.

Ministry for Communities, Territories, and Infrastructure Development:

On 25 January 2023, UNHCR and the Ministry for Communities, Territories, and Infrastructure Development [signed an MoU](#) to facilitate access to housing solutions for people who have been forced to flee due to the war under *Ukraine is Home*.

Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine

On 28 August 2023, UNHCR and the Ministry of Social Policy signed an MoU on cooperation to improve the living conditions of displaced people, including in the recreational centre "Slava", and provide them with access to social protection services.

Ministry of Education and Science:

On 19 October 2023, UNHCR and the Ministry of Education and Science signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation to enable forcibly displaced persons to access dignified accommodation and contribute to education amid the war. UNHCR and the Ministry have agreed on refurbishing educational facility dormitories used as collective sites for IDPs. The MoU ensures that the dormitories can continue being used as collective sites until martial law ends, plus one year, to give displaced residents some security of tenure.

Achievements in 2023:

In 2023, UNHCR together with partners achieved:

- ➔ **83,737 emergency shelter kits** (reaching 172,483 individuals) were deployed.
- ➔ **22,221 durable house and apartment repairs** (reaching 59,451 individuals), including modular homes, were completed.
- ➔ **8,813 individuals** benefitted from new or improved accommodation.