



## UKRAINE SITUATION FLASH UPDATE #74

23 October 2024

**Ząbkowice Śląskie, Poland** – Following recent heavy flooding in Poland and neighboring countries, UNHCR distributed core-relief items as part of its disaster response to flood affected areas. Refugees from Ukraine along with host community members also took part in the response, providing both food and non-food items to affected people. © UNHCR



### PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

**6,191,800\***

refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (as of 15 Oct 2024)

**560,200**

refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (as of 15 Oct 2024)

**6,752,000**

refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (as of 15 Oct 2024)

**3,669,000\*\***

Estimated number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine (as of Aug 2024)

More details: UNHCR Operational Data Portal [Ukraine Refugee Situation](#)



### UNHCR Ukraine Protection Response Update #3 (Jan – June 2024)

To read more, [click here](#).

### RECENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Ukraine Emergency response:** According to regional authorities, between 1 August - 3 October over 120,000 people left Donetsk region in eastern Ukraine, including 19,500 who fled active hostilities. In Sumska region, authorities estimate that 36,000 people, including 6,000 children, have been evacuated. UNHCR and NGO partners are supporting transit sites for evacuees through refurbishment, supply of equipment, coordination and management. UNHCR is also providing lifesaving protection and multisectoral assistance to evacuees both inside and outside these centres.
- **Floods in Central Europe:** Following heavy flooding across parts of the region in September, UNHCR and partners were on the ground to provide emergency assistance:
  - In **Poland** - UNHCR released core-relief items, distributing cots, mattresses, blankets and hygiene kits in September for 500 vulnerable refugee and host families in one of the worst hit districts of southwest Poland. Following a request from Małopolska province, UNHCR delivered items for at least 300 children impacted by the flood. In addition, partner Caritas distributed 1,000 hygiene family kits from UNHCR stock.
  - In **Romania** - UNHCR offered support to the Department for Emergency Situations in Galati. On 16 September, UNHCR in collaboration with partner Inima de Copil conducted a mission to flood-affected areas and met with local authorities. Some 20 refugees from Ukraine contributed to relief efforts through NGO 'IDC', while 70 refugees supported with delivery of food and non-food items to affected areas.

For more about the situation and the response in Ukraine and the region, see [UNHCR's Ukraine Emergency website](#)

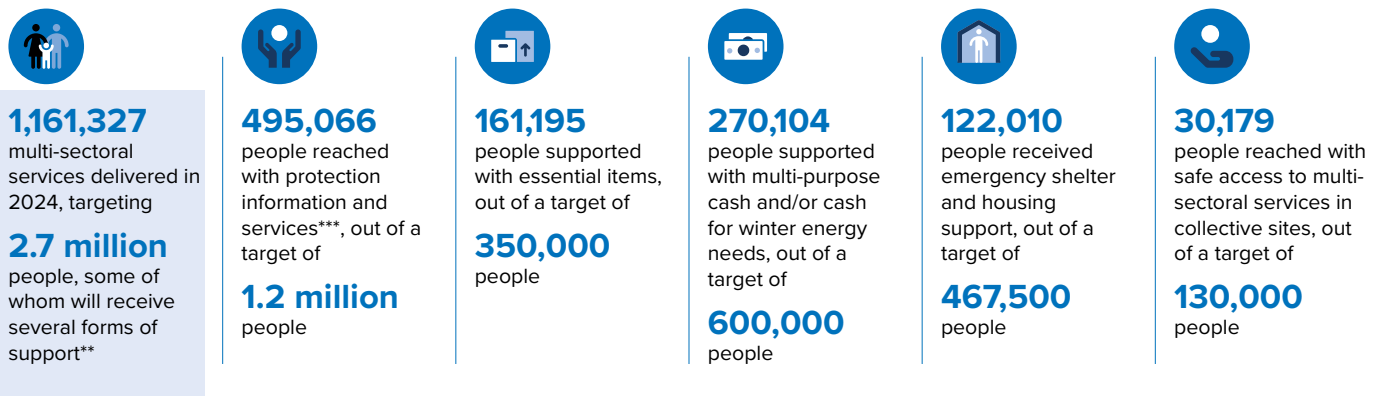
\* Europe corresponds to all Europe sub-regions as identified by Eurovoc ([European Union, Thesaurus Eurovoc, Volume 2, Subject-oriented version, Publications Office, 2005](#)), therefore including EU and non-EU countries belonging to Central and Eastern Europe, Northern Europe, Southern Europe, and Western Europe, plus Türkiye.

\*\* Source: [IOM Data Collection](#) (Round 17).

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- Emergency Response:** A critical challenge remains the lack of options to accommodate evacuees in need of specialized care, including older people without family support and people with disabilities. UNHCR and partners Proliska and Responsibility to Protect (R2P) recently conducted a needs assessment at Mykhailivka collective site and the National Metallurgical Academy of Ukraine, which are hosting a high number of highly vulnerable evacuees, to improve triage, targeted follow-up, and advocacy.
- Protection:** Following ongoing attacks, war-affected people have been evacuating by train to Chernivetska, Kirovohradska, Lvivska, Ternopil'ska, and Zakarpatska regions. UNHCR partners continued to [meet and assist](#) evacuees arriving from the east of the country, mostly from Donetsk region. To support local authorities preparing to receive evacuees, in September UNHCR provided core relief items for 1,000 people to authorities in Kirovohradska region, as well as in three collective sites in Cherkaska region and five collective sites in Chernivetska region.
- Shelter support:** UNHCR partners continue to support the local population in areas severely damaged and actively recovering from shelling attacks. In September, over 500 families received emergency shelter materials in Khersonska, Mykolaivska and Odeska regions, while over 1,000 families received core relief items such as blankets, hygiene kits, pillows and bed linen in [Khersonska](#) region. Affected families received legal consultations, with key requests for support including advice on documenting property damage, applying for compensation, and addressing issues related to missing property rights in the state registry.
- Cash assistance:** UNHCR partner R2P enrolled around 500 evacuees in September from Donetsk region for emergency cash assistance, and 600 people whose homes were damaged or destroyed by aerial attacks in Donetsk region. R2P also continued to provide legal assistance to evacuees in transit, interim and collective sites hosting evacuees, addressing such issues as IDP registration, House and Land Property (HLP) and document restoration.
- Livelihoods:** In September, UNHCR and partners organized job fairs for both IDPs and local residents in [Kyiv](#) city with 150 participants attending in Khmelnytskyi city and Ivano-Frankivska. Also in September, UNHCR partners provided 390 individual consultations on livelihood opportunities to IDPs in Zakarpatska and Ivano-Frankivska regions; 20 IDPs received vouchers for trainings, with 18 subsequently finding employment.
- Inclusion:** On 26 September, UNHCR partner Rokada opened «[BogoXa6](#)», a social centre for the community in Bohorodchany, Ivano-Frankivska region, which will enhance communication between community members, and offer social initiatives and activities for children, youth and adults. Specialists will also assist local and internally displaced families facing difficult circumstances, including those affected by gender-based violence.

## UNHCR RESPONSE & TARGETS INSIDE UKRAINE 2024\* (as of 11 October 2024)



\*Includes individuals benefiting from multiple forms of assistance. \*\*The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements. \*\*\*Also includes calls to hotlines.

### Assisting IDPs in Ukraine with Shelter and Psychosocial Support



**Kharkiv, Ukraine** – In September, attacks on Sumi, eastern Ukraine, resulted in extensive damage to an orphanage, a centre of rehabilitation for children, as well as 350 apartments in the area, resulting in multiple civilian injuries.

UNHCR's partner Proliska was on site from the onset to provide psychological support and emergency shelter materials to affected individuals. © UNHCR

# REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES

## 2024 REGIONAL TARGETS\*



**544,203**

people reached with different forms of assistance in 2024\*, out of a target of

**850,000**

people, some of whom will receive several forms of support\*\*



**428,119**

people reached with protection information and services\*\*\*, out of a target of

**515,000**

people



**70,176**

people reached for multi-purpose cash assistance, out of a target of

**190,000**

people



**110,500**

people supported with socio-economic inclusion, including livelihoods support by UNHCR and partners, out of a target of

**267,000**

people

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## REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE ACROSS EUROPE (as of 14 October 2024)



The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

\*Serbia and Kosovo (S/RES/1244 [1999]) Source: UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe

More information available on the UNHCR [Ukraine operational data portal](#) page.



## PROTECTION

### 2024 TARGET



515,000

Refugees from Ukraine supported with protection information and services through UNHCR and partners.

- **Belarus:** Between 26 September - 3 October, UNHCR held participatory assessments with Focus Group Discussions and household visits in Brest and Grodno, supported by the Refugee Counselling Service. More than 30 participants including older people, households with children, youth, and single-parent households took part. Results will inform UNHCR response to the needs of refugees from Ukraine in Belarus.
- **Czech Republic:** On 20 September UNHCR launched the 'Coursera Social Impact' programme, offering refugees free access to over 12,000 courses on the Coursera platform. This initiative aims to enhance refugees' skills and employability through online education. The launch event saw 490 participants register, and 135 attendees, including refugees, one stateless person, representatives from the local ministries, UNHCR partners, and refugee-led organizations.
- **Moldova:** During September, UNHCR provided gender-based violence (GBV) training to 15 staff from partner Law Centre of Advocates working at protection desks, often the first point of contact for GBV disclosures. The training emphasized a survivor-centered approach, detailing available GBV response services and referral pathways. Additionally, UNHCR and IOM conducted a Training of Trainers for 25 focal points of Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) from civil society and international organizations. The training focused on key PSEA principles, standards, and tools as part of the PSEA network's ongoing capacity-building efforts.
- **Poland:** In September, UNHCR in collaboration with CARE, WHO, and Feminoteka facilitated trainings for 24 healthcare and social service workers in Warsaw on GBV Referral Pathways and Coordination. The three-day workshop aimed to strengthen health systems in supporting women that experience intimate partner violence.

- **Russian Federation:** A total of 3,708 refugees from Ukraine received psychosocial support from UNHCR's partners in September, with over 27,820 reached so far in 2024.

## BASIC NEEDS & WELL-BEING

### 2024 TARGET



190,000

People are targeted for multi-purpose cash assistance by UNHCR and partners.

- **Hungary:** UNHCR began enrollment for winter cash assistance, which supports those who have been evicted or are at risk of eviction after losing eligibility to state-subsidized collective shelters following recent legislative changes. Eligible households will receive a one-off amount up to HUF 210,000 (\$570) if they have eligible minor dependents. Sixty households (200 individuals) have already been enrolled. Additionally, UNHCR's cash for refugees with severe disabilities is currently supporting 12 refugees, with 63 assisted since the program launched in September 2023.
- **Moldova:** In September, UNHCR reviewed the protection standards of all 29 remaining Refugee Accommodation Centres (RACs) in Moldova, and will work with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection (MLSP) to determine which RACs could be closed in the coming months, under the MLSP and UNHCR RAC consolidation strategy.
- **Poland:** UNHCR released core relief items for families impacted by severe floods in southern Poland. On 20 September, UNHCR distributed cots, mattresses, blankets and hygiene kits for 500 vulnerable refugee families in one of the most remote and worst hit districts of south-west Poland. Following a request from Małopolska province, UNHCR is releasing items for some 300 children impacted by the floods, while partner Caritas is distributing 1,000 hygiene family kits from UNHCR stock.
- **Romania:** So far in 2024, UNHCR has supported 40,368 vulnerable refugees from Ukraine with 76,532 core relief items, including hygiene kits, clothes and cooking utensils.

## Supporting Inclusion for Refugees from Ukraine



**Lublin, Poland** – Iliana fled Ukraine with her daughter when the full-scale invasion began in 2022. In 2023, they opened "Kalyna", the only Ukrainian restaurant in the city. Iliana manages the restaurant, while her daughter helps out in between her studies at Maria Curie Skłodowska University.

The venue has gained popularity, with residents coming for its high-quality food and ingredients. The venue also hosts meetings where the local community, NGOs and refugees can come together, including the 'Making Friends' initiative supported by UNHCR, which promotes inclusion and engagement between refugees and host communities through intercultural dialogue.  
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# SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION & LOCALIZATION

## 2024 TARGET



267,000

people are targeted for socio-economic inclusion, including livelihoods support by UNHCR and partners.

- **Bulgaria:** On 10 September, UNHCR participated in a legal clinic on socio-economic inclusion, organized by partner Foundation for Access to Rights (FAR) as part of a UNHCR-supported project. The clinic provided extensive training on refugee law to current law students, with a particular focus on socio-economic inclusion. During the session, students presented on various aspects of inclusion and were awarded certificates for their participation. After completing of the course, some students will continue to work directly with refugees, either at local legal clinics or by supporting FAR lawyers at [Compass](#) community centres in the Bulgaria.
- **Czech Republic:** In September, UNHCR approved grant agreements for 15 refugee-led organizations RLOs, each receiving approximately \$5,000. The grants support projects focusing on refugee inclusion, mental health and psychosocial well-being, and community engagement. So far this year, UNHCR has disbursed approximately \$103,000 across 22 grants benefiting RLOs in the country.
- **Hungary:** Since 1 January, 12,828 refugees have been provided with access to information, legal assistance, and various social services by UNHCR and IOM at Budapest Helps! Community Center. The center provides services such as language classes, as well as community support and cultural activities. In September, 110 refugees received information about their status and access to services. Most requests for
- information received were related to accommodation and housing, registration and documentation, and interpretation.
- **Moldova:** To support refugee inclusion and in line with the '[Cities of Solidarity](#)' initiative, UNHCR organized a workshop in Ungheni, western Moldova, to develop an action plan for integrating refugees into the city's basic services and labor market, which will be incorporated into Ungheni's upcoming multi-year development strategy. To broaden its impact, the workshop will be conducted in other municipalities in the coming months.
- **Poland:** On 26 September, UNHCR and the Podkarpackie Regional Labor Office co-hosted a workshop titled 'Integration of Refugees in the Labor Market', where participants discussed barriers to refugee inclusion (i.e. language and skills mismatches) and showcased best practices for labor market integration, highlighting the importance of collaboration among authorities, NGOs, and the private sector. The discussions emphasized the need for long-term economic inclusion strategies to optimize resources and avoid project duplication.
- **Romania:** On 26 September, UNHCR and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Maramures organized a joint workshop on livelihoods and economic inclusion in Baia Mare, northern Romania. 47 people took part, including representatives of authorities, civil society, private sector and refugees. The workshop included a job fair that gathered over ten local companies in the fields of production, manufacturing, marketing and assembling, who informed of vacancies for job-seeking refugees.
- **Slovakia:** UNHCR continues to support the Ministry of Education (MoE) with enrolment for refugee children in kindergartens and schools. Data from over 100 Ukrainian families seeking support with school placement has been collected by UNHCR and shared with the MoE. Regional coordinators from the National Institute of Education and Youth are following up on requests, with the majority coming from the Bratislava region, where many schools face capacity constraints. Since early-September, UNHCR, UNICEF and partners have been promoting a joint back-to-school campaign on social media channels.

## High Commissioner's Visit to Estonia

**Tallinn, Estonia** – On 18 September, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi along with UNHCR's Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe, Philippe Leclerc, visited Tallinn where they met with Government counterparts, local partners, as well as refugees from various backgrounds, including those who fled the war in Ukraine. Many refugees shared their experiences with integrating into host communities, and difficulties with regards to language



barriers and job-matching. Estonian Refugee Councils' 'Refugee Forum' was highlighted as a positive initiative, providing valuable support and trainings.

UNHCR and partners are working to enhance socio-economic inclusion for refugees from Ukraine in Estonia and other countries in the region to ensure access to decent work, as well as economic and financial inclusion.

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## COORDINATION

### UKRAINE

In Ukraine, UNHCR leads three Clusters, namely Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Protection, and Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI). The CCCM Cluster was activated in March 2022 and coordinates 18 UN and NGO partners across three hubs, with the aim of supporting 157,000 people in collective sites in 2024. The Protection Cluster consists of 166 partners, including sub-clusters, and operates three coordination hubs to reach an anticipated three million people in 2024. The Shelter and NFI Cluster coordinates 98 active partners across three coordination hubs, targeting 3.9 million people in 2024 with NFI kits, emergency shelter and housing repairs. UNHCR also co-chairs the Protection Strategy Working Group under the Humanitarian Country Team, and the Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) Working Group. Through its leadership in these areas, UNHCR promotes the centrality of protection, as well as meaningful engagement and participation across the response.

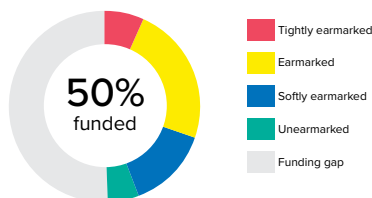
### REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Through the [2024 Regional Refugee Response Plan \(RRP\)](#), 313 partners in Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Slovakia work towards ensuring refugees have effective access to legal status, protection and rights in their host countries and that refugees with specific needs and vulnerabilities have access to targeted support and assistance. The plan also aims at strengthening refugees' socio-economic inclusion in their host communities and increasing their self-reliance, while at the same time reinforcing social cohesion between refugees and their hosts. In support of the government-led responses across the region, UNHCR leads and coordinates the implementation of the inter-agency RRP in line with the Refugee Coordination Model, collaborating and consulting with authorities, aid agencies, civil society, and with affected populations. To learn more about the 2024 RRP response, please [see here](#).

## FINANCIAL UPDATES

### UNHCR UKRAINE SITUATION FINANCIAL UPDATE 2024

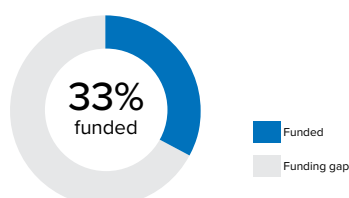
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### INTER-AGENCY FINANCIAL UPDATES

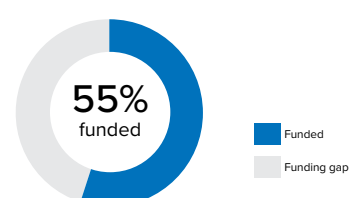
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