WHY WAS THE FACTBOOK DEVELOPED?

The full-scale war in Ukraine which began more than two years ago, has led to an unparalleled humanitarian crisis in Europe, with millions of refugees seeking safety. Despite the generosity of host nations, the situation remains deeply concerning as the war continues, necessitating a coordinated regional humanitarian response. Organizations, including UNHCR, are actively collecting data to understand refugee conditions, challenges and intentions.

Over the last two years, significant efforts have been put in place by UNHCR and partners of the inter-agency regional refugee response to build an evidence-base in response to the Ukraine Refugee Situation. A considerable number of reports and dashboards have been published to support a data-driven and coordinated response. However, keeping track of all available evidence and findings can be challenging.

The Factbook addresses this need by compiling and providing easy and centralized access to key survey-based facts and figures collected as part of UNHCR-led exercises. The ultimate goal is to enable access to reliable data and information for evidence-based decision making by humanitarian organizations, policymakers, researchers and other stakeholders, promoting further analysis and knowledge sharing, and fostering collaboration.

WHAT IS THE FACTBOOK?

The Ukraine Refugee Situation Factbook is a centralized and easy-to-navigate repository that consolidates and catalogues key facts and findings related to refugees from Ukraine in more than 15 thematic areas, including population characteristics, different protection issues, sectoral needs, livelihoods and wellbeing, and return intentions, among others. The indicators are compiled from publicly available reports and microdata from UNHCR-led surveys across different host countries in Europe, from 2022 onwards. The data presented is aggregated ensuring the privacy and protection of personal data.

For each indicator, the date of data collection, geographical scope and population group is indicated. Moreover, the Factbook includes a short methodological description of each source, together with links to the full reports with all methodological details, as well as links to the full anonymized microdata and questionnaires, allowing users to understand the quality of the data and its limitations.
WHAT SOURCES ARE INCLUDED IN THE FACTBOOK?

In its first version, the Factbook presents the main findings from three primary data collection exercises led by UNHCR with the support of different partners across various refugee coordination platforms. These include findings from:

- **Multi-sector needs assessments:** conducted annually in different host countries as part of a regional joint initiative led by UNHCR with the support of its interagency partners.

- **Intention surveys:** conducted by UNHCR, in collaboration with IPSOS at regional and country-level.

- **Protection profiling and monitoring:** conducted in different host countries through a joint initiative led by UNHCR with the support of its interagency partners.

The Factbook will be regularly updated with findings from additional rounds of those surveys and assessments, as well as other relevant exercises, to ensure it reflects the latest available evidence.

HOW TO USE THE FACTBOOK?

The Factbook compiles and disseminates data findings through a user-friendly interactive online dashboard, easily accessible to the public. The dashboard contains various filters and a search bar, facilitating easy grouping and searching among available indicators. Users can search all indicators for specific countries or regional averages, filter available indicators for a specific theme, compare the evolution over time of certain findings, and compare them across countries.