

COUNTRY CHAPTER

# LATVIA





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## Latvia Planned Response (January-December 2024)



**50 K**

projected refugee population



**\$9.7 M**

total financial requirements in USD



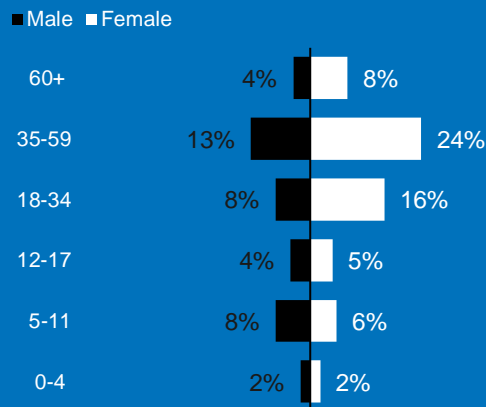
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RRP partners

### Population planning figures

	Estimated population as of end of 2023	Population planned for assistance in 2024
Refugee Population	46,610	50,000

### Age and gender breakdown<sup>1</sup>



**2%**

Persons with disabilities



**62%**

Women and girls



**38%**

Men and boys

<sup>1</sup> Calculations are based on Government statistics complemented with 2023 MSNA data.

## Part 1: Current Situation

### Situation Overview

The number of refugee arrivals from Ukraine has led to Latvia's most substantial refugee response in its history. As of December 2023, around 47,000 refugees from Ukraine had been registered as active beneficiaries of temporary protection in Latvia, almost 33,000 of them have applied for assistance in municipalities – representing some 1.8 per cent of the Latvian population. In addition, as of December 2023, almost 101,000 citizens of Ukraine have transited Latvia crossing through the Russian or the Belarusian border to reach other EU Member States or return to the government-controlled areas of Ukraine in the past year.

Since the escalation of hostilities in Ukraine, Latvia has indicated its readiness to receive and support refugees fleeing Ukraine. In early March 2022, Latvia swiftly adopted the Law on Assistance to Ukrainian Civilians to offer effective protection and facilitate access of refugees from Ukraine to rights and services on an equal footing with Latvian citizens.<sup>2</sup> The Law continues to provide immediate assistance with accommodation and food, expedited registration, and access to education, healthcare, and social protection. The Law also stipulates special conditions and increased assistance and support in case of persons with specific needs.

Despite the whole-of-society approach and tailored assistance focused on immediate needs as well as services available for persons with specific needs, refugees continue to face a number of challenges to be able to fully support themselves and their families. The RRP has been developed to complement the government-led response for refugees from Ukraine to address these needs and challenges.

### Country Risks and Needs

Most refugees from Ukraine are women (48 per cent) and children (27 per cent), including more than 350 unaccompanied or separated children. Consequently, a range of protection risks specifically faced by women and children continue to be apparent, and there is a need to raise awareness on child protection matters and risks of gender-based violence (GBV), not only among refugees but also with staff and volunteers engaging with refugees.

Further, women with infants and small children often lack employment opportunities and effective access to the labour market. Protection monitoring has shown that employment opportunity and information about employment opportunities are among the main needs of all people surveyed.

Accommodation needs exist among the refugee population in general, as evidenced by the Multi-Sector Needs Assessment.<sup>3</sup> While in the first months after arrival in Latvia initial support with accommodation is available for all refugees from Ukraine, medium to longer-term housing solutions

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<sup>2</sup> Law on Assistance to Ukrainian Civilians of the Republic of Latvia, adopted on 3 March 2022, entered into force on 5 March 2022, available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/330546>.

<sup>3</sup> 2023 Multi-Sector-Needs Assessment Latvia.

are limited, with significant shortages in largely populated areas. More housing options are available in areas that are less populated, but those areas in turn offer fewer employment opportunities and limited public transportation. In municipalities that can offer more permanent housing options, costly renovations are often needed.

At the moment, only 39 per cent of all registered children from Ukraine aged between 7 to 17 are enrolled in local schools in Latvia, while the other children presumably follow online education provided by schools in Ukraine.<sup>4</sup> Support with language learning is important for school-aged children so they can effectively be included in the Latvian education system. It is also vital to support school children with their emotional needs, including through social and extra-curricular educational activities. A priority of the RRP will be to ensure that as many refugee children and youth from Ukraine as possible find a place in formal education in Latvia.

In 2023, more than 90,000 citizens of Ukraine transited through Latvia to other EU Member States or returned to the government-controlled areas of Ukraine. Refugees in transit may also face a range of protection risks, in particular when they are dependent on support for their onwards journey. Refugees in transit would benefit from additional reception structure at the border, even for a short period of time only, to cover immediate needs such as food, water, warm clothes, information needs and sanitary facilities.

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<sup>4</sup> According to the Ministry of Education, as of the end of October 2022, there are 9,002 refugee children from Ukraine in Latvia. Among them, there are 6,357 children who are between 7 to 17 years old who could be enrolled in either primary or secondary schools. 2,462 of them are enrolled in education institutions.

## Part 2: Country Response and Solutions Strategy

In line with the Government of Latvia's commitment, reiterated at the 2023 Global Refugee Forum, to support refugees from Ukraine, the RRP for Latvia aims at successful inclusion and supports the efforts of the national authorities to address the needs of refugees from Ukraine, with attention to the most vulnerable. Given the composition of the refugee population as described above, a significant portion of protection programming will focus on the needs of women and children, as well as addressing the impact of family separation, including through mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) interventions.

RRP partners will strive to ensure a coherent and predictable protection response with the participation of refugees, in support of national protection systems. Specific attention will be given to the protection needs of single women, female-headed households, children, older persons, people with serious medical conditions, and persons with disabilities. Efforts will be made to support frontline workers in identifying specific needs and providing appropriate referrals and services to vulnerable refugees and in need of international protection, to mitigate serious protection risks, including those linked to possible sexual exploitation and abuse. Inclusion of refugees in state-provided services will constitute a key point for advocacy and support to government, in line with the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees.

### Country Strategic Objectives

#### SO1: Refugees have effective access to legal status, protection assistance and rights.



Key activities will include monitoring intentions, ensuring access to protection and rights, advocating with government and regional institutions, and facilitating communication with refugees and host communities, including legal support and assistance information. Assistance will be provided to bolster reception capacity and monitoring of the situation of new arrivals, to ensure their early access to rights and services on a non-discriminatory basis, as well as to enable early identification, referral, and assistance to persons with specific needs. Reinforcing capacities in identification and mitigation of GBV, trafficking and SEA risks will be provided. Engaging in strengthening existing child protection mechanisms and services will ensure adequate response to the specific needs of refugee children and their families, in particular unaccompanied and separated children and children at risk.

## SO2: Refugees with specific needs and vulnerabilities have access to targeted support and assistance.



RRP partners will support the protection response of the Government and all relevant actors to identify and refer persons with specific needs among the refugee population and provide required specialized services, including MHPSS and needs-specific humanitarian assistance, that are age-, gender-, and diversity sensitive. Furthermore, it is necessary to complement and enhance the identification and inclusion of refugees with disabilities in national services, including through the recognition of disability certificates issued in Ukraine, accessible accommodation, identifying and mitigating the barriers to services, availability of accessible information and communication, and further engagement and working with organizations of persons with disabilities.

## SO3: Refugees' socio-economic inclusion in their host communities is strengthened and their self-reliance increased.



Focussing on longer-term inclusion and enrolment in the national education system, providing language education, capacity-building, and mental health support will strengthen self-reliance. Partners will advocate for bringing refugee children and youth back into formal face-to-face education settings where they can benefit from long-term stability in education, social interaction with host communities, and in-school support. Refugees' access to livelihood and economic opportunities will be enhanced, including through additional language training and support activities, matching of skills with appropriate jobs, re- and upskilling, including skills and qualifications recognition, providing information and counselling to refugees and liaising with the private sector. The inclusion of refugee children into the national education system will be brought about through individual mentoring programmes, while also offering activities that focus on connections and friendship for children and youth.

## SO4: Social cohesion between refugee and host communities is reinforced.



By identifying innovative approaches and strengthening partnerships social cohesion between refugees and host community members will be enhanced. Refugee and host community youth will be supported to develop capacities and skills through sport and recreational activities. Leveraging the potential of refugees and refugee-led organizations can facilitate dialogue and information exchange between refugees, government authorities, and the broader population, allowing for more effective and targeted service delivery, ensuring that assistance is tailored to meet the specific needs of refugees. Partners will provide integration support to advance social cohesion and self-sufficiency, for example, through activities that target refugees' access to the labour market, through additional Latvian language courses, as well as social, cultural, and recreational events and exchanges.

## Sectoral Responses

### Cross-Cutting Priorities of the RRP

- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
- Age, gender, and diversity (AGD)
- Disability Inclusion
- Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)
- Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)
- Localization
- Government Ownership
- Maintaining Emergency Capacities

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## PROTECTION



Partners will conduct protection monitoring to rapidly identify emerging risks and gaps in the response. Monitoring will also inform evidence-based advocacy with authorities at the national level to address key findings. Partners will further increase outreach activities in refugee-hosting communities, both in and outside of cities, to identify refugees with specific needs and ensure they are referred to relevant services.

Efforts will be made to support national protection mechanisms in the identification of and referral to services for persons with specific needs. Particular attention will be paid to newly arrived refugees with specific needs, including in border areas and during transit.

In close coordination with the Government and municipalities, partners will provide information and counselling, including legal and psycho-social counselling, to newly arrived refugees as well as refugees already in-country. The aim is to further strengthen the protection environment as well as the integration of refugees from Ukraine into Latvian society, with particular attention to persons at heightened protection risk such as single women, female-headed households, survivors of GBV, unaccompanied and separated children, older persons, LGBTIQ+ people, people with serious medical conditions and persons with disabilities. Further, consultations on safe transport routes will be available, providing essential information to beneficiaries in transit.

### Sub-sector: Gender-Based Violence (GBV)



A comprehensive approach is outlined to address GBV including safeguards against trafficking for sexual exploitation as well as sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA). Prevention activities involve targeted training and awareness-raising initiatives directed at refugees, volunteers, and other stakeholders. Specifically, efforts will be made to reinforce coordinated prevention and response mechanisms and quality of services.

Recognizing the vulnerabilities of both refugees and support personnel, activities will integrate educational programs, workshops, and resources tailored for Latvian NGOs providing refugee support. This initiative aims to empower these organizations with the knowledge and tools necessary to effectively prevent and respond to instances of GBV among the refugee population. Through heightened awareness and enhanced organizational capacity, partners will seek to establish a safer environment that upholds human dignity and respect, contributing to a secure and protected space for refugees in Latvia.

### Sub-sector: Child Protection



Partners are committed to supporting child protection by emphasizing the identification, referral, and provision of specialized services for children at risk, including those unaccompanied or separated. Inter-cultural activities will aid the integration of children and their families into new social networks and foster positive development in their new environment. The strategy adopts a multi-layered approach to address the mental health and psychosocial needs of children who may have experienced distressing events.

To ensure public awareness, partners will create and distribute promotional materials highlighting available psychological support for children, crisis reactions and preparedness, and cross-institutional information. Initiatives include brochures with information and psychoeducation, along with accessible online lectures. Detailed considerations regarding services and educational components will be integrated.

## EDUCATION



In 2024, partners will proactively address education challenges faced by refugees from Ukraine. This will include actions to facilitate enrolment and inclusion in primary and secondary education, and measures to facilitate access to higher education.

Partners will continue to advocate for refugee children's enrolment in Latvian schools, adequate in-school support to refugee children in primary and secondary education, and complementary support such as language clubs and after-school activities that facilitate social inclusion even when formal education is challenging.

A notable initiative in higher education will involve establishing a scholarship fund for young individuals from Ukraine who have lost one or both parents, facilitating their pursuit of higher



education in Latvia. This comprehensive support will span four years, encompassing studies, scholarships, and accommodation, reflecting a commitment to long-term educational opportunities. Partners will continue to offer a wide variety of additional educational activities. Weekly Latvian language conversation clubs for adults, volunteer-led English language practices, master classes for children and teenagers, and participation in the Riga Biennial education programme will showcase a dynamic and inclusive approach. Partners will continue to promote mindfulness practices, such as yoga and meditative drawing sessions, as well as engaging activities like a birdwatching club led by the Latvian Birdwatching Association.

Education programmes will expand with planned Latvian and English language courses, both in-person and online. Additionally, partners aim to enhance their impact, doubling access to language clubs for children. Recognizing the need for tailored assistance, there will be a focus on providing learning process assistants for refugee pupils, ensuring support in understanding various school subjects in Latvian and improving language skills. This holistic approach will underscore a commitment to fostering educational access, language proficiency, and overall well-being for refugees from Ukraine in Latvia.

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## LIVELIHOODS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION



In 2024, partners will aim to foster the socio-economic inclusion of refugees from Ukraine. Despite a supportive legal framework, practical barriers still exist. Legal aid, counselling, mentoring, translation services, and information dissemination will be at the centre of the response, addressing gaps in economic inclusion, language barriers, and documentation requirements. Partners will also contribute to government-led language classes and provide additional opportunities for language proficiency to enhance employability.

Social inclusion efforts will involve recreational events, cultural activities, and peer support, particularly for children and youth. A comprehensive municipal assessment will be conducted to address service gaps.

Initiatives will include English classes, a study on municipalities' roles, and a Baltic-wide exchange of integration practices. Economic activities will involve courses on starting businesses, civic society promotion, cultural events, and initiatives supporting refugees by providing funds to cover the cost of rental deposits. Media development projects will focus on enhancing refugees' access to information and fostering self-reliance.

These holistic measures will underscore a proactive strategy, addressing diverse challenges faced by refugees from Ukraine in Latvia. The comprehensive approach will aim to ensure sustainable integration, well-being, and self-sufficiency, reflecting the evolving needs of the refugee community.

## HEALTH AND NUTRITION



In the health sector, partners are committed to strengthening the government-led response by providing capacity-building and technical assistance to the Ministry of Health and other authorities. Partners will play a key role in designing, planning, and conducting a survey to identify unmet medical needs, including the MHPSS needs of refugees from Ukraine. To enhance accessibility, translations, adaptations, and training materials will be provided in the Ukrainian language.

Special attention will be given to particularly vulnerable refugees, including those with disabilities, who will receive comprehensive support measures. Emergency dental treatment will be offered to refugees, especially if not covered by the State. In situations where mainstream healthcare provision to refugees faces gaps, particularly for newly arrived individuals, cash and voucher assistance will be provided for the purchase of medicine or necessary medical treatments. Additional activities include capacitating refugees with the knowledge and understanding of the healthcare system through hotlines and webpages, including how to navigate it effectively and access the required services. Refugees will be linked to national health systems to ensure a continuum of care especially for those in need for continuous care.

Additional initiatives will focus on providing psychosocial support to Ukrainian soldiers and children in Latvia and other crucial activities involve designing, planning, and conducting surveys on unmet medical needs, hiring an international MHPSS consultant, and organizing national-level trainings to ensure continued MHPSS efforts. Translation, adaptation, and training activities in Ukrainian will be pivotal in reducing barriers to care and enhancing access to health services.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)

The refugee response in Latvia will prioritize MHPSS across various sectors, emphasizing integration into health, protection, child protection, GBV, education, and livelihoods. Advocacy for comprehensive access to MHPSS services will remain a focus, with partners delivering psychosocial support through community-based interventions, support groups, arts-based activities, and individual counselling. Specialized mental healthcare will be facilitated, along with psychological first aid for refugees in border areas. Mainstreaming support for first responders, often from Ukraine, will be crucial to prevent burnout.

Planned initiatives will include professional psychology services, a hotline, and group counselling for war-affected refugees from Ukraine. Awareness campaigns for mental health counselling will be integral. A network of health mediators will assist refugees, offering psychological first aid, psychoeducation, and counselling. Health needs assessments and capacity-building for healthcare workers will contribute to addressing refugees' mental health and psychosocial needs.

Specific activities will involve providing psychosocial support to Ukrainian veterans and children in Latvia including providing psychologist consultations and open art therapy groups. Surveying unmet medical needs and organizing trainings at the national level will be essential for continued MHPSS efforts.

A project in Riga and Liepaja focuses on providing psycho-emotional support for refugees, specialist training, community education on integration needs, and educational material preparation. Partners aim to engage approximately 600 refugees from Ukraine and their families in these plans.

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## BASIC NEEDS



In 2024, Latvia's Basic Needs sector, guided by the Law on Assistance to Refugees from Ukraine, endeavours to address the challenges confronting refugees from Ukraine in meeting basic needs. The collaborative endeavours of government initiatives and partners strive to comprehensively address immediate and long-term needs for refugees from Ukraine in Latvia.

Aiming to bridge gaps in State-provided services, especially in border areas where refugees briefly stay, efforts will focus on refining reception conditions, with an emphasis on expedited registration, immediate accommodation, and food assistance, prioritizing psychological first aid and information access.

Grassroots partners, active since the conflict's onset, play a crucial role in aiding refugees. Their activities encompass supplying necessities, operating a free laundry facility, and managing humanitarian aid centres. Transporting aid for Ukrainians entering Latvia and temporary accommodation for vulnerable refugees in transit near Russian and Belarusian borders will also be integral to the sector's initiatives.

Partners will extend their commitment with a project introducing mobile "Help Points" near borders and municipalities, offering information, legal counselling, psychological support, employment guidance, and language resources to arriving refugees from Ukraine. Temporary accommodation, featuring small sleeping spaces, bathrooms, and kitchenettes, will be facilitated at these sites if required.

Additional activities focus on supporting aid centres and help points, providing warm meals, drinks, information, assistance in finding accommodation, and transportation. Partners will engage in communication and coordination, sharing information and resources. Donated items will continue to be collected and winter clothes distributed, free of charge. Social network coordination through a volunteer chat will streamline logistics, recruitment, and donations. Moreover, psychological support, team building, and training will empower volunteers for effective communication and navigating diverse situations.

Multipurpose cash assistance will also be provided to support access to basic needs.

## Partnership and Coordination

In Latvia, the Government has established a coordination structure, referred to as 'Operative Management Centre', which organizes weekly meetings with the participation of ministries, municipalities, other central organs, civil society organizations, and UN agencies. The Operative Management Centre is the key coordination body, led by the Ministry of the Interior. The meetings aim to strengthen coordination among government ministries, as well as between government and civil society and UN agencies, providing strategic guidance for the identification and implementation of relevant interventions and ensuring preparedness and contingency planning.

RRP partners that participate in the weekly Operative Management Centre meetings will capitalize on this coordination mechanism and utilize it strategically for the purpose of advancing specific RRP objectives while ensuring that information on progress of the response and emerging needs and priorities is shared among all RRP partners. Partners will also facilitate government and civil society interactions and exchanges as needed on specific topics such as PSEA, strengthen partner capacities in resource mobilization, and information management tools to strengthen visibility and donor engagement on behalf of RRP partners and RLOs.

### PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (PSEA))

PSEA activities will include organizing awareness-raising campaigns tailored for refugees and employers. These campaigns will provide information about the risks of trafficking and exploitation, as well as strategies to protect refugees. Activities will aim to empower refugees with knowledge to make informed decisions, recognize potential dangers, and seek help if needed. These campaigns will contribute to reducing vulnerability to exploitation and trafficking.

Capacity-building activities for partners will be organized for first-line workers. These initiatives will provide training and skills enhancement to recognize, prevent, and respond to cases of PSEA. By equipping these professionals with knowledge and protocols, the activities will aim to create a safer environment for refugees and ensure their protection from such risks during their displacement. Workshops for refugees will be designed to provide them with knowledge about SEA, including understanding its nature, identifying associated risks, learning how to seek assistance, and becoming familiar with the referral process.



## Inter-Agency Financial Requirements

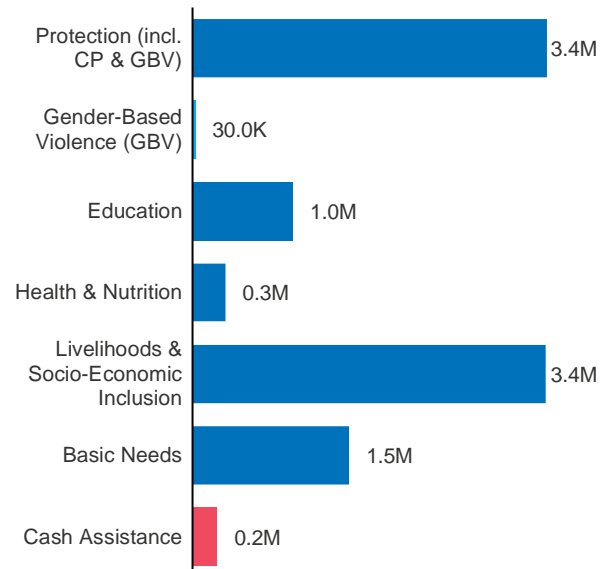
### Budget summary by type at country level<sup>5</sup>

PARTNER	FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS IN USD
UN agencies	5,825,280
International NGOs	359,089
Refugee-led Organizations*	294,089
National NGOs	3,498,264
Refugee-led Organizations*	2,396,000
Women-led Organizations*	705,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,682,633</b>

\* One organization can be classified in multiple sub-categories (women-led, refugee-led, faith-based, etc.), the individual sub-categories can therefore not be added to arrive at the total.

Notes: This list only includes appealing organizations under the RRP, many of which also collaborate with implementing partners additional to those listed here.

### Budget summary by sector at country level<sup>6</sup>








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## Budget summary by partner at country level


Partner	Protection (excluding GBV)	Gender-Based Violence (GBV)	Education	Livelihoods & Socio-Economic Inclusion	Health & Nutrition	Basic Need	Total in US\$
<b>UN Agencies</b>							
UN International Organization for Migration	90,000	-	52,000	280,000	-	705,000	1,127,000
UN World Health Organization	-	-	-	-	230,000	-	230,000
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	-	-	-	300,000	-	-	300,000
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	2,292,554	-	-	1,875,726	-	-	4,168,280
<b>International NGOs</b>							
Baltic Security Foundation	-	-	-	65,000	-	-	65,000
Foundation "Caritas Latvija"	-	-	-	225,579	-	68,510	294,089
<b>National NGOs</b>							
Association "TEV"	-	-	600,000	250,000	60,000	-	910,000
Association MARTA Centre	-	30,000	-	-	-	-	30,000
Center for Public Policy PROVIDUS	-	-	-	140,098	-	-	140,098
Common Ground	12,000	-	24,000	36,000	-	50,000	122,000
Creative ideas	-	-	300,000	200,000	-	-	500,000
Crisis and Counselling Centre "Skalbes"	5,000	-	-	-	30,000	-	35,000
Gribu palīdzēt bēgļiem / Want to Help Refugees	-	-	-	53,000	-	-	53,000
Latvian Scout and Guide Central Organization	121,166	-	-	-	-	-	121,166
Shelter Safe House	180,000	-	-	-	-	-	180,000
Tavi Draugi	674,000	-	-	-	-	510,000	1,184,000
Young Folks LV	36,000	-	-	-	-	187,000	223,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,410,720</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>976,000</b>	<b>3,425,403</b>	<b>320,000</b>	<b>1,520,510</b>	<b>9,682,633</b>

## RRP Monitoring Framework

Sector		Indicator	Target
	Protection	# of individuals who have been supported in accessing protection services	<b>50,000</b>
	Child Protection	# of children provided with child protection services	<b>17,000</b>
	Gender-Based Violence	# of people who benefitted from specialized GBV programmes	<b>200</b>
	Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse	# of PSEA network members and partner personnel trained on SEA risk mitigation, prevention and response	<b>20</b>
	Education	# of children participating in non-formal education programmes in the host countries	<b>400</b>
	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support	# of individuals participating in MHPSS services and activities	<b>1,350</b>
	Livelihoods and Socio-Economic Inclusion	# of individuals who benefitted from livelihoods and socio-economic inclusion interventions	<b>30,000</b>
	Basic Needs	# of individuals who received assistance for basic needs	<b>30,000</b>

Sector	Partner	Activity Short Description	Amount USD	Contact
<b>Basic Needs</b> 	Common Ground	Humanitarian aid centre providing supplies to refugees including food, school tools for kids, books, toys, clothing and free laundry facilities.	50,000	<a href="mailto:inese@rigabie.nnial.com">inese@rigabie.nnial.com</a>
	Caritas Latvija	Humanitarian aid centre providing basic necessary goods for refugees including First Aid kits.	68,510	<a href="mailto:inga.apsite@caritas.lv">inga.apsite@caritas.lv</a>
	IOM	Provide transportation assistance to Ukrainians crossing Latvia from Russia and who have no means to continue the trip into the EU. Temporary accommodation for most vulnerable transit refugees in the border area near Russian and Belarussian borders.	705,000	<a href="mailto:lpurina@iom.int">lpurina@iom.int</a>
	Young Folks LV	An assistance desk in humanitarian aid centre and winter clothes shop in Riga. Coordinating social network resources for volunteers, donations, and sponsors. Providing psychological support and training for volunteers.	187,000	<a href="mailto:info@youngfolks.lv">info@youngfolks.lv</a>
	Your Friends	Establishing mobile trailers as "Help Points" near Latvia's border with Russia to offer information, legal and psychological support, employment counselling, language resources, and temporary accommodation for Ukrainian refugees.	510,000	<a href="mailto:ulvis@tavidraugi.lv">ulvis@tavidraugi.lv</a>
<b>Education</b> 	Association "TEV"	A Scholarships fund for young people from Ukraine who have been left without one or both parents, providing the opportunity to obtain higher education in Latvia, providing 4 years of studies, and accommodation.	600,000	<a href="mailto:amela@biedribatrev.lv">amela@biedribatrev.lv</a>
	Common Ground	Education activities, including Latvian and English language clubs, daily master classes for kids and teenagers, participation in the Riga Biennial education program, mindfulness practices such as yoga and meditation, and a birdwatching club.	24,000	<a href="mailto:inese@rigabie.nnial.com">inese@rigabie.nnial.com</a>
	Creative ideas	Expansion of Latvian and English language courses with six planned groups each, both in-person and online. Hosting a Latvian language conversation club in-person.	300,000	<a href="mailto:putnina.sanita@gmail.com">putnina.sanita@gmail.com</a>
	IOM	Providing learning process assistants for refugee students. Support includes help with understanding various school subjects in Latvian and improving overall Latvian language skills.	52,000	<a href="mailto:lpurina@iom.int">lpurina@iom.int</a>
<b>Health &amp; Nutrition</b> 	Association "TEV"	Providing psycho-emotional support to children from Ukraine who receive it in Latvia.	60,000	<a href="mailto:amela@biedribatrev.lv">amela@biedribatrev.lv</a>
	Crisis and Counselling Centre "Skalbes"	Offering psycho-emotional support to Ukrainian soldiers and children in Latvia, addressing their unique needs and providing assistance during their stay in the country.	30,000	<a href="mailto:raivo.vilcans@skalbes.lv">raivo.vilcans@skalbes.lv</a>
	WHO	Conducting a survey on unmet medical needs, including MHPSS. Organizing national-level trainings, and facilitating the continuation of MHPSS efforts by national stakeholders. Providing translations, adaptations, and trainings in Ukrainian to enhance access to mental health services.	230,000	<a href="mailto:bauvarel@who.int">bauvarel@who.int</a>
<b>Livelihoods Inclusion</b> 	Creative ideas	Conducting cultural integration activities, including museum visits and creative workshops. a 24-hour "Starting a Business in Latvia" course for economic integration. Promoting civic activity through a 12-hour course. Facilitating a psychological support groups.	200,000	<a href="mailto:putnina.sanita@gmail.com">putnina.sanita@gmail.com</a>
	Young Folks LV	Weekly activities and support for refugee family teenagers and young people including local excursions, informal discussions, creativity workshops, and various engaging activities to foster connection and well-being.	36,000	<a href="mailto:info@youngfolks.lv">info@youngfolks.lv</a>
	Baltic Security Foundation	Offering English classes for Ukrainian refugees in Latvia, including intensive language lessons, writing workshops, and conversation clubs. Aimed at diversifying information sources, enhancing social integration, improving employability, and developing civic skills.	65,000	<a href="mailto:info@balticsecurity.eu">info@balticsecurity.eu</a>
	Center for Public Policy PROVIDUS	Study on municipality approaches to refugee reception. Defining policy recommendations, organizing regional workshops, and facilitating online and face-to-face meetings for integration practitioners across the Baltics.	140,098	<a href="mailto:darta.pelse@providus.lv">darta.pelse@providus.lv</a>
	Common Ground	Social business development program for Ukrainian women refugees, creating opportunities for small businesses, such as pickle production and sewing practice, building on existing successful support initiatives.	36,000	<a href="mailto:inese@rigabie.nnial.com">inese@rigabie.nnial.com</a>
	Caritas Latvija	Enhancing social cohesion for Ukrainian refugees in Latvian society through family creative activities, language clubs, emotional support groups, and events fostering a deeper understanding of Latvia.	225,579	<a href="mailto:inga.apsite@caritas.lv">inga.apsite@caritas.lv</a>



Sector	Partner	Activity Short Description	Amount USD	Contact
	GPB / Want to Help Refugees	Offering financial support to Ukrainian refugees by providing the first deposit payment for accommodation when initiating a rental agreement, facilitating their access to housing.	53,000	<a href="mailto:gribupalidzebeliem@gmail.com">gribupalidzebeliem@gmail.com</a>
	IOM	Covering first rent assistance (deposit) for vulnerable families. Providing financial aid to refugee pupils and students from Ukraine for schooling-related costs (housing, travel) not covered by other entities in Latvia.	280,000	<a href="mailto:lpurina@iom.int">lpurina@iom.int</a>
	UNESCO	Building capacities of host-country media outlets to produce content for Ukrainian refugees, assessing information needs, strengthening editorial capacities for ethical reporting, and creating national media networks for collaborative reporting on refugee matters.	300,000	<a href="mailto:m.aoyama@unesco.org">m.aoyama@unesco.org</a>
	UNHCR	Strengthen community-level protection and empowerment, map services, expand recreational and cultural activities, individual and group counselling and mentorship, targeting persons with specific needs, raise awareness across sectors.	1,875,725	<a href="mailto:swest@unhcr.org">swest@unhcr.org</a>
 <b>Protection</b>	Association MARTA Centre	Project to prevent sexual exploitation and harassment in Latvian NGOs supporting refugees including educational programs, workshops, and resources to equip NGOs in identifying, preventing, and responding to such issues, fostering a safer environment and upholding human dignity.	30,000	<a href="mailto:beata@marta.lv">beata@marta.lv</a>
	Common Ground	Regular emotional support groups, free therapist consultations on site, and meditation practices. The community-building efforts provide faith and support to members, contributing to a strong and supportive environment.	12,000	<a href="mailto:inese@rigabie.nnial.com">inese@rigabie.nnial.com</a>
	Crisis and Counselling Centre "Skalbes"	Creating and distributing promotional materials to inform people about available psychological help and crisis reactions through lectures and providing cross-institutional information about social welfare and related resources.	5000	<a href="mailto:raivo.vilcans@skalbes.lv">raivo.vilcans@skalbes.lv</a>
	IOM	Consultations on safe transport routes and means for refugees transiting Latvia.	90,000	<a href="mailto:lpurina@iom.int">lpurina@iom.int</a>
	Latvian Scout and Guide Central Organization	Creating a secure haven for Ukrainian children and youth in Latvia via a Scout house, promoting friendship, skills, and community. language classes, outdoor pursuits, crisis training, raising awareness of children's rights in the refugee context.	121,166	<a href="mailto:info@skauti.lv">info@skauti.lv</a>
	SSH	psycho-emotional support for war refugees; training for specialists focusing on human trafficking risks, re-traumatization, and volunteer burnout. community exchange activities, creating educational materials, including a psychological e-course and school bags.	180,000	<a href="mailto:qunta.viksne@gmail.com">qunta.viksne@gmail.com</a>
	UNHCR	Legal counselling, psychosocial support, capacity development. Protection monitoring and needs assessments, visits to border crossing points, registration, accommodation sites, and detention centres.	2,292,553	<a href="mailto:swest@unhcr.org">swest@unhcr.org</a>
	Your Friends "Tavi Draugi"	a children's day-care centre at Tavi Draugi's donation centre, the largest warehouse for Ukrainian refugees in Latvia. Provides a safe space for young children while parents receive support or volunteer.	674,000	<a href="mailto:ulvis@tavidraugi.lv">ulvis@tavidraugi.lv</a>



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