

UKRAINE SITUATION FLASH UPDATE #78

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Pavlohrad, Ukraine –In February, Serhii Zelenyi, 59, was evacuated to a UNHCR-supported transit centre in Pavlohrad city in Dnipropetrovsk region, after fleeing the heavily bombed frontline in Donetsk region. The transit centre provides a safe place for recently displaced people, where UNHCR through its local NGO partners is providing essential items including blankets, warm clothes and hygiene kits, as well as psychosocial support, legal aid and cash assistance to help IDPs meet their essential needs. © UNHCR / Nikola Ivanovski



PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

6,372,500*

refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (as of 20 March 2025)

560,200

refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (as of 20 March 2025)

6,932,700

refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (as of 20 March 2025)

3,669,000**

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

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



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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **The 24th of February marked three years since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine.** The UN Secretary-General issued a [statement](#) in which he reaffirmed the urgent need for a just, sustainable and comprehensive peace. UNHCR High Commissioner [Filippo Grandi](#) and the [UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Ukraine Mathias Schmale](#) also issued statements to mark the unfortunate milestone. To learn more about the impact of the war on Ukraine and neighbouring countries, see UNHCR's [Ukraine Emergency 3-year impact report](#).
- **As [ceasefire talks](#) continue, largescale missile and drone attacks targeted regions across Ukraine.** Overnight from 22 - 23 February, Russian Armed Forces launched their largest drone attack on Ukraine using 267 drones, killing at least four people. Meanwhile, attacks across the country on 7 March reportedly left 21 civilians dead and scores injured, making it one of the [deadliest days](#) this year. UNHCR's NGO partners continue to respond to people affected by aerial attacks across Ukraine, including in [Donetska](#) , [Kharkiv](#), [Kryvyi Rih](#), [Kyivska](#) , [Odesa](#), [Sumy](#) and [Zaporizhzhia](#).
- To strengthen decent work prospects for forcibly displaced and stateless people throughout Europe, **UNHCR in collaboration with partners and refugees has developed the [Regional Information Hub for Refugee Employment in Europe](#).** The platform is a digital tool connecting companies with refugee job seekers, streamlining the job placement process by inking refugees and stateless people, employers and integration actors with employment support, skills training, and wrap-around services essential to maximizing job prospects. Refugee Employment Platforms are currently active in eight countries in Europe.

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 19).

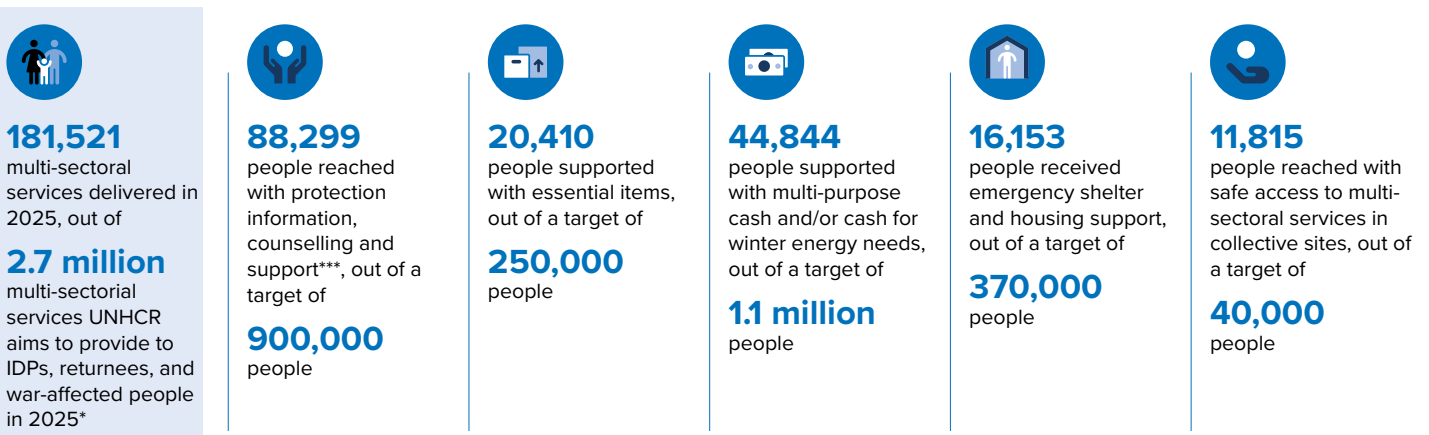
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- Emergency Response:** UNHCR and partners continue to provide psychological first aid, emergency shelter material, emergency cash assistance, essential items, and legal counselling to people affected by recent attacks, complementing the response of local authorities. Following continued aerial attacks in eastern Ukraine during February, UNHCR and partner Proliska supported over 360 people in Zaporizhzhia city with emergency shelter kits and other materials, and around 290 people received essential items such as blankets, thermoses and solar lamps. Partners also provided psychosocial support and legal counselling. In response to attacks in Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovska region, some 100 people received emergency construction materials, and around 120 people received winter clothing and hygiene kits, while 130 war-affected people received psychosocial support.
- Child Protection:** In early February, two new child-friendly spaces were opened in Bochechky and Khmeliv villages, Sumska region, where UNHCR's contribution to equipping the space ensured that around 1,000 children in these communities close to the border have a safe space to socialize, learn and participate in activities hosted by UNHCR's partners and other protection actors. Another child-friendly space was opened on 27 February in Rivnenska region, in west Ukraine. UNHCR helped equip the space with games and activity materials that will be accessible to some 600 IDPs (including 124 children) in Rokytno community.
- Cash assistance:** Between January - February 2025, UNHCR distributed some USD 17 million in cash assistance

tance to over 44,800 newly displaced people, returnees and war-affected people to help cover the cost of basic needs such as accommodation, food, medicine and clothing. As part of UNHCR's winterization response, 258,345 people were reached from October 2024 - February 2025 with cash for additional winter needs, which was delivered in collaboration with the [Ministry of Social Policy and the Pension Fund of Ukraine](#), and the [Ministry of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories](#), as part of collective efforts to help people stay safe and warm.

- Housing/Shelter and NFIs:** On 4 February, UNHCR participated in a UN inter-agency convoy to frontline communities in Donetsk region, providing 800 solar lamps and 800 blankets to supporting vulnerable people remaining in the area. Additionally, 24 portable power stations were delivered to Administrative Service Centres and Social Services Departments in communities across Khersonska region, which will enable these centres/departments to continue performing their duties in the midst of ongoing power cuts.
- Capacity-building:** During February, UNHCR trained over 40 social workers and staff from the Department of Social Policy and communities in Kharkiv. By focusing on supervision and survivor-centred approaches, the sessions aimed to ensure that social workers can support each other and guarantee safe, confidential, and effective support for survivors and victims of violence through the local government level, including sexual violence.

UNHCR 2025 TARGETS* & RESPONSE INSIDE UKRAINE (as of 28 February 2025)



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

Shelter support for war-affected people in Ukraine



Pervomaiske, Ukraine – The small village of Pervomaiske in Mykolaiv region, southern Ukraine, was on the frontline at the beginning of the full-scale invasion in February 2022. Massive shelling caused significant damage to the residential building where Tetiana, 67, lives with her husband. UNHCR's shelter support provided necessary repairs to common areas of Tetiana's building, and will help eligible families to apply for compensation and receive support for repairs in their individual apartments.

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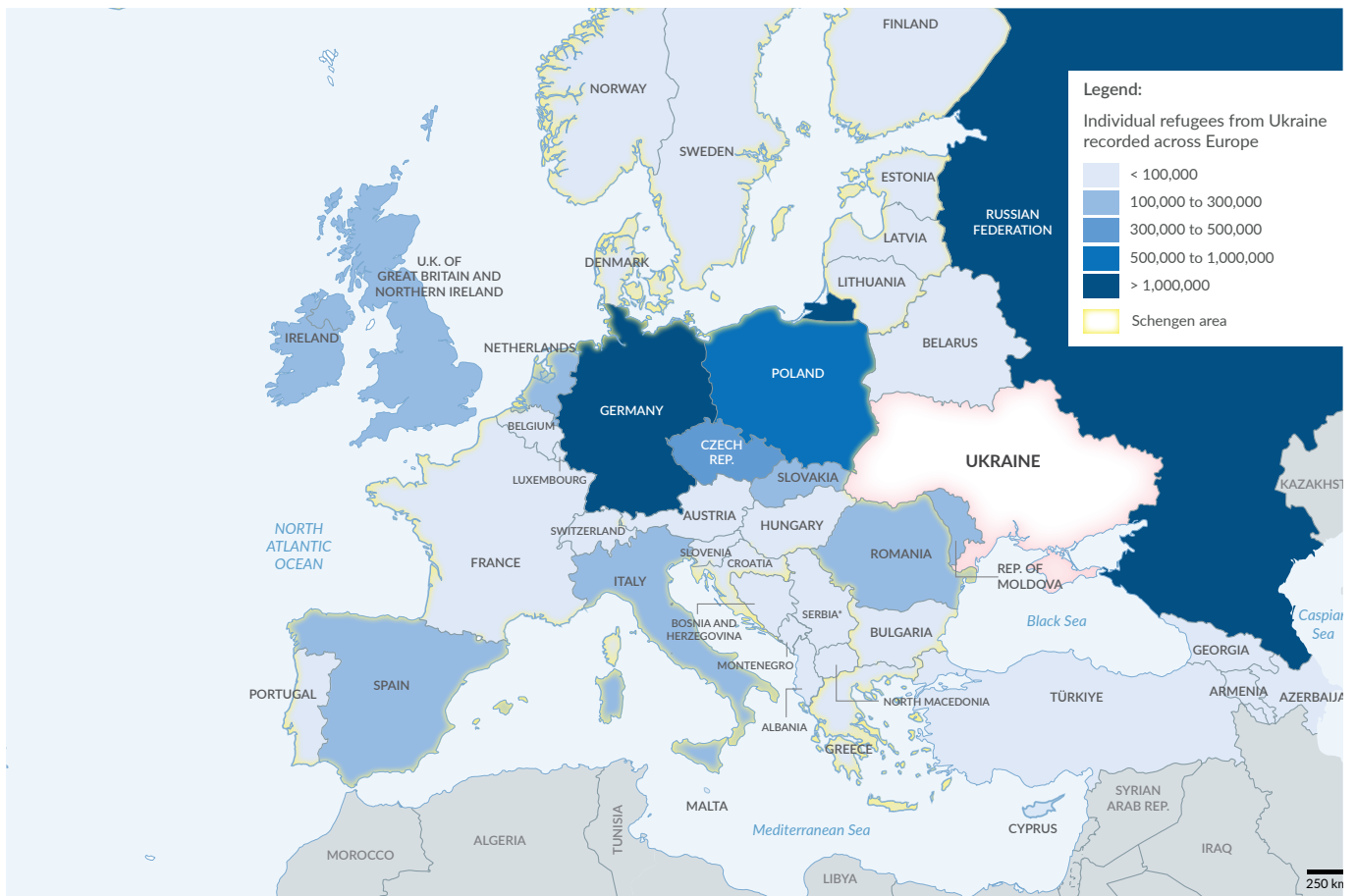
REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES

2025 REGIONAL TARGETS* (as of 31 March 2025)



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REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE ACROSS EUROPE (as of 20 March 2025)



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 *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

2025 TARGET



209,000

refugees from Ukraine are targeted with protection information and services through UNHCR and partner

- **Bulgaria:** UNHCR recently developed child-friendly videos focusing on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), which have been circulated with inter-agency partners and the PSEA network. This followed a full-day PSEA training for 15 UNHCR staff which took place in February in Sofia.
- **Czech Republic:** In February, UNHCR partner Romodrom provided essential assistance to women in the terminal stages of cancer, including distribution of food, medicine, and providing interpretation and accompaniment services. In collaboration with local NGOs [Vesna](#) and [Celsuz](#), Romodrom also provided material assistance to families in need. In February, as part of its broader initiative to improve access to education, Romodrom also helped enroll 30 refugee children into schools.
- **Hungary:** In February, UNHCR launched its 'Refugee Protection in Law and Practice' course at Eötvös Loránd University. The course prepares students for participating in the ensuing legal clinic by developing their practical skills in assisting refugees in a sensitive and appropriate manner. The first series of sessions focused on the legal framework for refugee protection, exploring the key concepts, principles, and instruments at both the national and international level.
- **Moldova:** UNHCR continues working with Ministry of Labour and Social Protection (MLSP), protection partners, and the Relocation Technical Group to ensure the safe relocation of refugees following the MLSP's confirmation that two more Refugee Accommodation Centres (RACs) are due to close by April 2025. During February, UNHCR also introduced a tipsheet on 'technology-facilitated support' designed to help local actors identify risks and

assist survivors of different forms of violence affecting women and children, including sexual violence.

- **Latvia:** On 28 February, UNHCR and partner I Want to Help Refugees (GPB) undertook a monitoring visit to Bauska and Jelgava parishes to visit collective sites where refugees from Ukraine are residing, to better understand barriers to securing housing, employment and wider inclusion.
- **Poland:** UNHCR is supporting local authorities with identifying private collective accommodation for refugees from Ukraine. This includes providing expertise and operational assistance in needs assessments, information provision, and referral of refugees to specialized NGO partners. This follows an ongoing reduction in the number of collective accommodation sites hosting refugees from Ukraine. As of 24 January, 892 applications for accommodation cost exemptions were being processed, including 166 for children. UNHCR and partners are also reaching out to refugees in remote areas to refer them to available services.
- **Romania:** In January and February, UNHCR and partners launched initiatives to support refugee wellbeing, mental health, and access to essential services. On 5 February, an online session for refugees from Ukraine in Ilfov county provided information on social assistance and access to health services. Additionally, between 3 - 7 February over 80 refugees received support on accessing services such as pension registration and employment. On 3 February, a session for older refugees in Bucharest aimed to reduce isolation and promote social engagement, while allowing participants to provide feedback on access to digital literacy and health services.
- **Slovakia:** During February, UNHCR partner Slovak Humanitarian Council provided assistance across the country including accommodation support, access to healthcare, and enrolment in schools/universities, benefiting some 3,017 refugees during the month. Additionally, UNHCR through partner Human Rights League provided legal assistance to 974 people mostly related to Temporary Protection documents as well as associated rights and obligations.

Winter Relief for Refugees from Ukraine in Moldova



Dniester River, Moldova – In February, UNHCR completed 15 distributions of non-food items on the left bank of the Dniester River, providing essential supplies to 7,031 refugees, asylum-seekers, and vulnerable host community members to mitigate the impact of the energy crisis. The distributions included warm clothing, blankets and essential heating items, helping vulnerable refugees and Moldovans stay warm during the colder winter period.

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BASIC NEEDS, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

2025 TARGET

 **56,000**

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

- **Belarus:** Since the beginning of 2025, UNHCR has provided cash assistance to 98 individuals (39 households) across the country. Additionally, UNHCR has referred 15 families in urgent need of clothing to the Kalilaska charity initiative; among them, two Ukrainian households received assistance, including clothing, shoes, strollers, and other essential items to address their immediate needs.
- **Moldova:** During February, 15 non-food item (NFI) distributions took place by UNHCR and partners on the left bank of the Dniester River, providing essential winter supplies to 7,031 individuals, including 3,252 refugees, stateless persons, and asylum seekers, as well as 3,779 vulnerable Moldovans. The distributions helped mitigate the impact of the current energy crisis, ensuring access to warm clothing, blankets, and heating materials.
- **Romania:** Since the beginning of 2025, UNHCR and partners distributed 21,649 core-relief items (CRIs) to 5,700 refugees and host community members in Romania, including hygiene kits, blankets, mattresses, and clothing. On 11 February, UNHCR worked with the Centre for Comparative Migration Studies at Babes-Bolyai University to host a workshop aimed at assessing the needs and capacities of refugees in Romania. The workshop focused on refining the sampling framework for the 2025 Socio-Economic Insight Survey (SEIS) to improve services and support mechanisms for refugees.
- **Russian Federation:** In February, 1,029 refugees from Ukraine were counselled in person by UNHCR and partners in urban areas, while 2,264 were counselled in the border regions of Voronezh, Kursk, Rostov-on-Don, Bryansk and Belgorod. A total of 4,570 refugees were also counselled via the hotline by UNHCR and partners.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC, INCLUSION AND LOCALIZATION

2025 TARGET

 **77,200**

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

- **Czech Republic:** In February and March, UNHCR supported Ukrainian refugee-led organizations (RLOs) through webinars and events. On 12 February, a webinar for 11 RLOs introduced a housing manual by partner SIMI. Other sessions presented the '[Ukraine is Home](#)' platform, a new click-to-call feature, and promotional materials. On 26 February, UNHCR also participated in a 'Hello Czech Republic' workshop facilitated by Slovo 21, targeting 40 elementary school-aged students to combat prejudice, xenophobia, and promote an inclusive school environment.
- **Hungary:** On 24 - 25 February, UNHCR partner Carpathian Foundation and two other community-based organizations launched their 2025 activities and advocacy plans. Their project will focus on local inclusion of some 270 refugees through social counselling, Hungarian language programs and awareness raising about labour exploitation.
- **Moldova:** In February, UNHCR trained 20 enumerators from various UN agencies who participated in the UN Resident Coordinator's Office Rapid Needs Assessment in Transnistria, eastern Moldova. The session covered referral pathways, protection resources in Moldova, and guidance on safety planning, risk reduction and support for women, girls and boys. The training aims to improve the identification and support of vulnerable individuals, reinforcing a survivor-centered approach.
- **Romania:** In February, UNHCR partner Project Voyager registered 263 new candidates on the [Jobs for Ukraine](#) platform, connecting refugees with employment opportunities and supporting their transition into the local labour market. Additionally, 748 Ukrainian refugees were enrolled in Romanian language classes, and 91 completed at least one module.
- **Slovakia:** UNHCR launched a communication campaign in February for refugee children from Ukraine, raising awareness about compulsory school attendance starting for the 2025/26 academic year, providing practical information on procedures, deadlines and support to facilitate school enrolment. To date, five tailored messages developed in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education have been shared with refugees online using UNHCR's Telegram channel, which has received over 51,000 views.

COORDINATION

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In Ukraine, UNHCR leads three Clusters, namely Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Protection, and Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs). The [CCCM Cluster](#) was activated in March 2022 and coordinates 32 UN and NGO partners across three coordination hubs, with the aim of supporting 149,000 people in collective sites in 2025. The [Protection Cluster](#) consists of 88 partners, including sub-clusters, and operates three coordination hubs to reach an anticipated three million people in 2024. The [Shelter and NFI Cluster](#) coordinates 157 partners across three coordination hubs, targeting 3 million people 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.

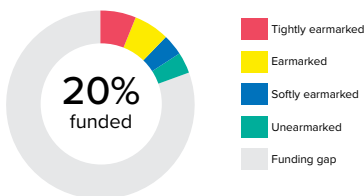
REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Through the [2025-2026 Regional Refugee Response Plan \(RRP\)](#), 266 partners in 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 aims at strengthening refugees' socio-economic inclusion in their host communities and increasing their self-reliance, while reinforcing social cohesion between refugees and their hosts. Through the coordinated plan, partners are also advancing the localization of the response by supporting national and local civil society, municipalities, local authorities and coordination structures. 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.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

UNHCR UKRAINE SITUATION FINANCIAL UPDATE 2025

US\$ 803.5 million required



As of 28 February 2025

INTER-AGENCY FINANCIAL UPDATES 2025

US\$ 690.3 million* required*

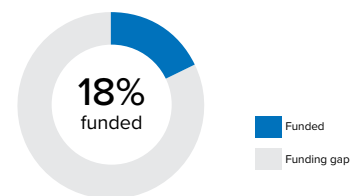
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[Ukraine Situation: 2025-2026 Regional Refugee Response Plan](#)

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**Note: First financial data will be available in April 2025.*

US\$ 2.63 billion required



[Humanitarian Needs And Response Plan - Ukraine \(2025\)](#)

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