



UKRAINE SITUATION FLASH UPDATE #79

30 April 2025

Kyiv, Ukraine – Kyiv residents assess the damage following a deadly overnight aerial attack on 24 April. The large-scale attack claimed several lives, injuring many including children and a pregnant woman, and causing massive damage. UNHCR and partners were on site to provide emergency shelter kits to help people cover broken windows, doors and roofs, while legal and psychological assistance teams supported traumatized, impacted people. © UNHCR / Oleksii Barkov



PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE

6,357,600*

refugees from Ukraine recorded in Europe (as of 17 Apr 2025)

560,200

refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe (as of 17 Apr 2025)

6,917,800

refugees from Ukraine recorded globally (as of 17 Apr 2025)

3,665,000**

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

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



High employment rates, but low wages: a poverty assessment of Ukrainian refugees in neighboring countries

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KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- With a comprehensive [ceasefire yet to be realized](#), **attacks inside Ukraine continue to escalate, devastating civilian infrastructure, shuttering lives and fuelling displacement**. In recent weeks, intensified and large-scale aerial attacks on several cities led to severe civilian casualties and widespread damage to residential areas, as well as medical and educational facilities and other infrastructure.
- The number of **civilian casualties** also increased by 50 per cent in March compared to the month prior, with UN HRMMU [reporting](#) at least **164 people killed and 910 injured** – a 70 per cent increase compared to March 2024. On 24 April, 12 people were killed and 87 injured following a deadly attack by Russian Armed Forces on [Kyiv](#) and other regions. On 13 April, a missile attack in [Sumy city](#) killed 34 people and injured over 100, marking the deadliest incident so far this year; an earlier air strike on a playground in [Kryvyi Rih](#) on 4 April killed 20 people, including 9 children.
- **UNHCR's NGO partners continue to respond to people affected by ongoing attacks**, including in [Sumy City](#), [Kryvyi Rih](#), [Dnipro city](#) and [region](#), [Donetska region](#), [Kharkiv](#), [Kirovohrad](#), [Kyivska region](#), [Odesa](#) and [Zaporizhzhia](#). UNHCR partners continue providing psychological first aid, emergency shelter material, emergency cash assistance, core relief and essential items, and legal counselling to families affected by recent attacks, complementing the response of local authorities.
- **The escalation of hostilities in frontline regions is forcing more people to flee**, prompting Ukrainian authorities to issue new mandatory evacuation orders in several regions. Evacuees are extremely vulnerable, with a significant number of older and disabled people, and many are arriving to neighboring countries traumatized and with little or almost no belongings.

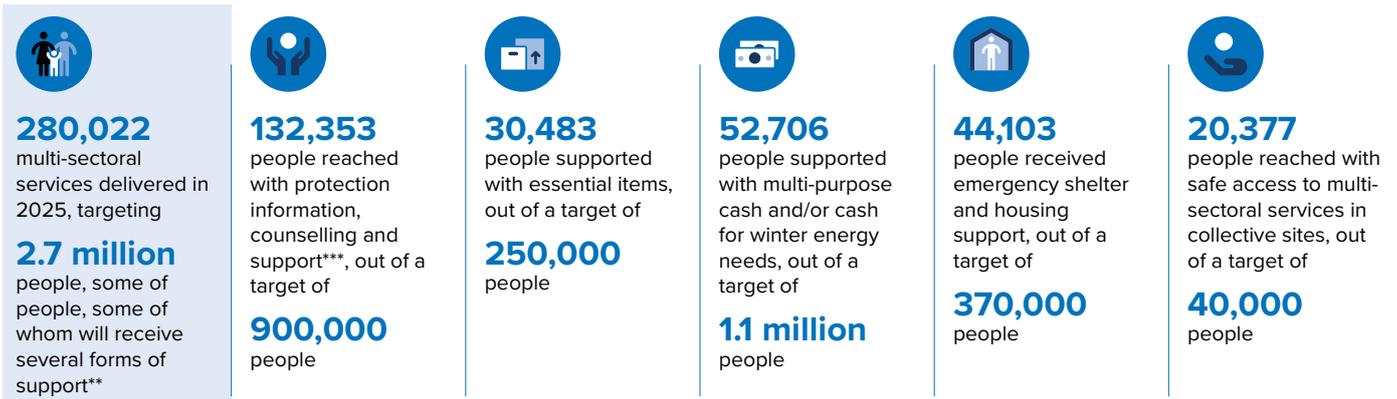
For more about the situation and the response in Ukraine and the region, see [UNHCR's Ukraine Emergency website](#)

* 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).

UNHCR UKRAINE RESPONSE

UNHCR 2025 TARGETS* & RESPONSE INSIDE UKRAINE (as of 14 April 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.

- 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. In March and April, intensified aerial attacks across several regions led to civilian casualties and widespread damage to residential areas, medical and educational facilities, industries, and infrastructure. On 23 April, an overnight missile and drone attack on **Kyiv** killing 10 people and injured more than 70 – including 6 children. UNHCR partners Rokada and R2P provided immediate MHPSS, legal and emergency shelter support. In **Kryvyi Rih**, Proliska provided NFIs and psychosocial support to survivors of a deadline strike on 4 April, as well as emergency shelter materials to 534 people. UNHCR and partner The Tenth of April also delivered emergency shelter kits and materials to 460 households in **Khersonska** (benefiting 854 individuals), and 234 households in Odeska (benefiting 611 individuals). In **Dnipro city** and surrounding areas, over 1,000 windows were shattered, 41 vehicles damaged, and numerous buildings affected during March. UNHCR partner Proliska supported 482 households with emergency construction materials, 190 with NFIs, and provided protection consultations and psychosocial support, while R2P delivered legal counselling.
- Child Protection:** To strengthen Child Protection and safety and protection initiatives for women, boys and girls, UNHCR through its partners Proliska and TTA distributed 50 laptops to social service providers in various communities of Zaporizka, Dnipropetrovska, Poltavaska and Donetska regions in March, to reinforce the capacity and quality of services provided by these institutions.
- Cash assistance:** From January - March 2025, UNHCR delivered cash assistance to more than 52,700 people totalling more than \$16.4 million. As part of UNHCR's winterization response, 258,345 people were reached from October 2024 – March 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 21 March, a social housing project was inaugurated in Drohobych, Lvivska region providing nine apartments for IDPs. The initiative was supported by UNHCR, which contributed building materials for interior works, household appliances (including refrigerators, washing machines, shower cabins, electric stoves, and water heaters), and materials for facade insulation. The apartments enable IDPs to transition from temporary shelters to more stable living conditions, with household appliances enhancing comfort and safety. UNHCR and partner TTA also supported 276 residents of a psychoneurological boarding facility for older people and people with disabilities in Starodobrovliske, Dnipropetrovska region, providing bed linen, mattresses, kitchen sets, and solar lamps.
- Capacity-building:** On 27 - 28 March, UNHCR and NGO partner Stabilization Support Services conducted a workshop for heads of communities in Odeska region on development of the social protection system and administrative services at the local level. The event brought together more than 20 community representatives, providing an opportunity for local government leaders to discuss support for local social protection systems.



Shelter support for war-affected people in Ukraine

Pavlohrad, Ukraine – Liudmyla, 73, arrived to a transit centre in Pavlohrad, Dnipropetrovsk region after being evacuated from Zelenovskyi village following a missile strike that destroyed her home. The transit centre provides a safe place for traumatized displaced people. UNHCR through local NGO partners is providing essential aid items such as blankets, warm clothes and hygiene kits, as well as psychosocial support, legal aid and cash assistance to help the displaced meet their essential needs. © UNHCR/ Nikola Ivanovski

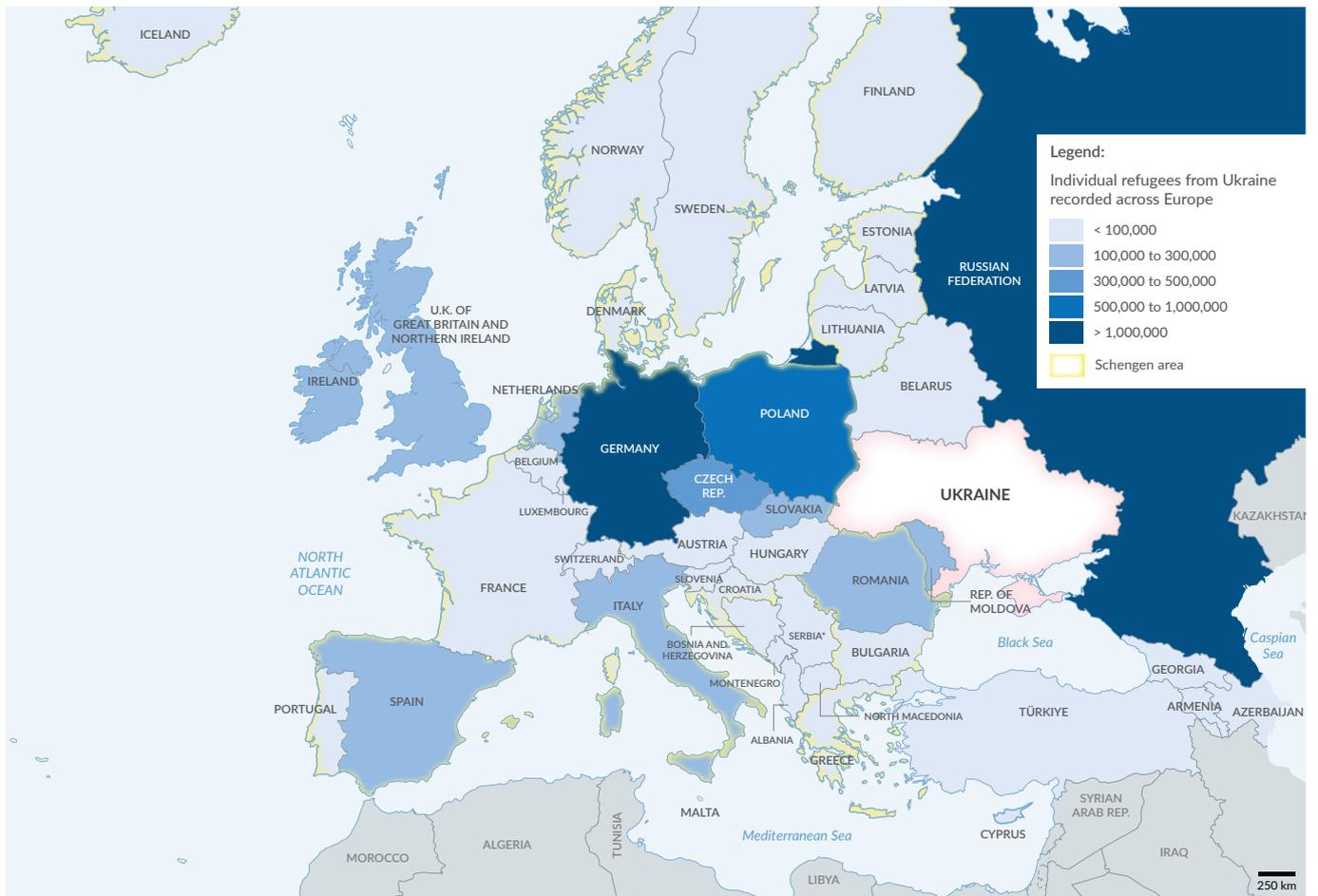
REGIONAL UNHCR KEY FIGURES

2025 REGIONAL RESPONSE* (as of 31 March 2025)



* The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements. All figures are calculated on quarterly bases and pending final verification.
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REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE ACROSS EUROPE (as of 17 April 2025)



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])

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

PROTECTION

 62,702

refugees from Ukraine reached with protection information and services through UNHCR and partners, out of a target of **209,000**

- **Hungary:** UNHCR through partner Menedék is currently launching a new initiative at the municipal level that offers guidance on case management to professionals working with refugees including municipal workers, social workers, teachers, family care center staff, police, healthcare institutions, and other NGO employees.
- **Moldova:** In March, UNHCR organized a training in partnership with the National Institute of Justice on representing asylum-seekers for 15 attorneys from the National Legal Aid Council. The training aimed to strengthen institutional capacities and improve the quality of legal aid, in line with international and national asylum standards.
- **Poland:** On International Women's Day (8 March), UNHCR [hosted](#) a workshop in Warsaw, in collaboration with partner Foundation for Freedom. The event gathered 27 participants from various countries, including refugees from Ukraine, Belarus as well as Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, and Somalia, members of the diplomatic corps, the Deputy Mayor of Praga Północ, and a City Councilor from Warsaw. In Lublin, UNHCR, local authorities and partner Feminoteka organized a meeting with GBV practitioners, including the Police at the voivodship and municipal level, to discuss support to survivors of different forms of violence, including sexual violence, and inform advocacy efforts.
- **Romania:** On 8 March, 39 participants attended an event in Constanta hosted by UNHCR and Sensiblu, where women from Ukraine and Romania shared experiences on leadership and empowerment, marking the conclusion of Women Empowerment Week with activities like film screenings and health awareness.
- **Slovakia:** UNHCR recently published a practical overview of public social assistance available to holders of Temporary Protection in Slovakia on its [Help site](#). This overview was [promoted](#) through UNHCR communication channels with refugees and provides a clear, consolidated summary of available public assistance, eligibility criteria, and application details in Ukrainian, English and Slovak.

BASIC NEEDS & WELL-BEING

 21,280

people reached with multi-purpose cash assistance by UNHCR and partners so far in 2025, out of a target of **56,100**

- **Belarus:** As of 14 April, UNHCR has provided cash assistance to 74 households this year, encompassing a total of 179 individuals who arrived in Belarus from Ukraine.
- **Bulgaria:** A total of 313 refugee households, including extremely vulnerable individuals identified in 2025, are targeted for remedial cash assistance payments, amounting to a total of \$56,000 for 2024 and \$30,000 for 2025.
- **Czech Republic:** UNHCR distributed informational materials through the [Ukraine is Home](#) platform in March, including posters, business cards and stickers to NGO partners and refugee-led organizations. These materials are part of an information package designed to provide refugees from Ukraine with reliable, accurate, and timely information, helping them make informed decisions about their futures and potential solutions, including those considering voluntary return to Ukraine.
- **Poland:** On 14 March, UNHCR delivered 450 family hygiene kits to the Łódzkie Voivodeship warehouse for distribution to refugee shelters, and conducted NFI distributions for the refugees residing at the Bieszczadzka Collective Shelter in Lublin. UNHCR is also liaising with Voivodship Crisis Management departments to reduce the NFI stock at Grabica warehouse and distribute all remaining items.
- **Romania:** Since the beginning of 2025, UNHCR together with partners have distributed 21,649 core-relief items to 5,700 refugees and host community members in Romania, including hygiene kits, blankets, mattresses and clothing.
- **Russian Federation:** In March, 1,203 refugees from Ukraine were counselled in person by UNHCR and partners in urban areas, while 1,542 were counselled in the border regions of Voronezh, Kursk, Rostov-on-Don, Bryansk and Belgorod. A total of 3,952 refugees were counselled via the hotline by UNHCR and partners in March. During the month, a total of 2,882 refugees received psychosocial support from UNHCR partners.



Education of refugee children and youth from Ukraine

An analysis of major trends and challenges in education of refugees from Ukraine in Europe

[Full report](#)

SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION & LOCALIZATION



11,595

people reached with socio-economic inclusion services so far in 2025, including livelihoods support by UNHCR and partners, out of a target of **77,200**

- **Bulgaria:** UNHCR is exploring opportunities for refugee inclusion as part of the Team of Hope sports initiative, with partners working to identify refugee youth and children to participate in 2025. The organization offers social inclusion opportunities for youth through football trainings and participation in sporting events.
 - **Czech Republic:** On 21 March, UNHCR and partner Slovo 21 organized and co-facilitated workshops for students at Demlova Grammar School in Jihlava as part of the [Hello Czech Republic](#) awareness-raising campaign, which promotes peaceful coexistence between refugee and host communities. The workshop encouraged students to reflect on real-life situations faced by refugees, with interactive learning elements.
 - **Hungary:** In March and early April, UNHCR conducted information sessions as part of the back-to-school campaign, directed to parents of refugee children in two community centers and a primary school in Budapest, in three collective shelters in the countryside (Gyor, Eger), and through three refugee-led organizations, reaching approximately 30 families. UNHCR also conducted focus
- group discussions with the children, their parents, and their teachers to understand current challenges, lessons learned, and education needs.
- **Moldova:** In March, UNHCR participated in the signing of a cooperation agreement between Ungheni Refugee Council and Ungheni Municipality, strengthening inclusion and coordination between authorities and refugee representatives. The agreement aims to improve access to services, support community initiatives, and promote refugee participation in local decision-making.
 - **Romania:** On 10 March, UNHCR along livelihood partner Project Voyager took part in the event [We're Better Together – Fostering Refugee Integration and Inclusion](#), co-chaired by INGKA group and UNHCR. The event gathered around 150 members of the private sector, international organizations and partners to encourage further support for refugees' social-economic inclusion through platforms such as [Jobs for Ukraine](#), as well as the need to maintain an open dialogue with the community through counselling and assistance.
 - **Slovakia:** During March UNHCR partner People in Peril organized inclusive community events in the cities of Prešov, Zvolen, Žilina, and Košice. 80 participants, including 68 refugees, took part in cultural activities promoting social cohesion and mental health and psychosocial support. UNHCR and Comenius University also launched a series of joint focus-group discussions with refugee students centred on inclusion, language support and accommodation.

Cash Assistance for Refugees from Ukraine in Moldova



Chisinau, Moldova – Larysa, 60, is re-building her life in Moldova after fleeing the war Ukraine. Cash assistance from UNHCR helped her and her husband meet their essential needs such as buying food, paying utility bills and covering other household expenses. By receiving cash directly, they were able to make their own choices based on what mattered to them most, restoring a sense of control, independence, and stability. © UNHCR / Eugenia Ciurca

COORDINATION

UKRAINE

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.

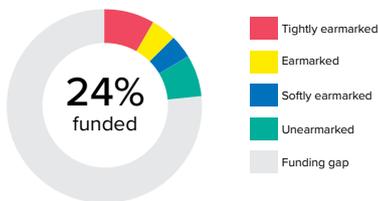
REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Through the [2025-2026 Regional Refugee Response Plan \(RRP\)](#), 266 partners in 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 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 FOR 2025

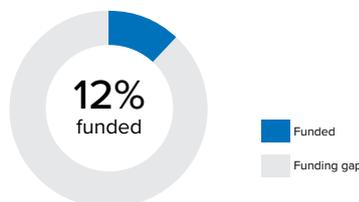
US\$ 803.4 million required



As of 31 March 2025

INTER-AGENCY FINANCIAL UPDATES 2025

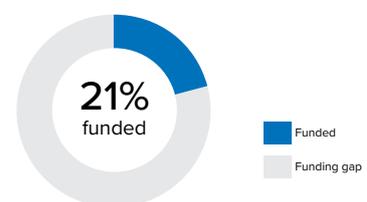
US\$ 690.3 million* required*



As of 25 April 2025

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

US\$ 2.63 billion required



As of 24 April 2025

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

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