One of UNHCR’s core protection programmes is legal assistance. UNHCR NGO partner Nehemia provides legal consultations to IDPs in Uzhhorod. 29 May 2022 © Nehemia

Eastern Ukraine remains the centre of hostilities, while airstrikes and missile attacks continue to be reported in multiple oblasts in Ukraine, endangering people’s lives and driving humanitarian needs. At the same time, people affected, including those displaced, are starting to seek medium to longer-term solutions to their precarious situations.

UNHCR has continued to expand the scale and reach of programmes, with the aim of delivering assistance and services as close as possible to the place where people are sheltering or have been displaced. UNHCR’s response has now reached more than 1 million people with protection services, assistance through cash or essential items, and shelter support to repair or protect their damaged homes from the elements.

UNHCR operates as part of the inter-agency emergency response and is leading three clusters - Protection, Shelter and NFIs (non-food items), and CCCM (Camp Coordination and Camp Management).

While providing immediate relief to those fleeing, UNHCR is also working closely with local and national actors to lay the groundwork for sustainable and durable solutions and ensure that our response is aligned with social programmes thus effectively reinforcing and complementing national systems.

The longer the war continues, the medium to longer-term needs that conflict-affected people, IDPs, and returnees will face to rebuild their lives will similarly rise and require sustained support from the humanitarian and broader international community.

**KEY RESPONSE FIGURES**

A total of **1.2 M** people reached with assistance to date.

- **232,837** people received targeted protection assistance and information at border points, transit, and reception centres and through hotlines.
- **406,045** individuals enrolled to receive cash assistance and **166,630** individuals received their first payments.
- **482,326** people received essential items, clothes, shelter materials and food assistance.
- **73,401** people have received assistance through humanitarian convoys delivered to hard-hit areas.
- **60,096** sleeping places created/improved in a total of **182** reception & collective centres.

Delivered with partners from 24 February to 30 May.
UNHCR continues to make all efforts to deliver assistance to the hardest-hit areas though humanitarian convoys. From 23 to 30 May, UNHCR delivered 48,144 core relief items, such as hygiene kits, mattresses, blankets, bed linens, solar lamps, kitchen sets and jerrycans, through 11 convoys to locations in Donetska, Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, Poltavska, Sumska and Zaporizka oblasts. This brings the total number of convoys delivered since the beginning of the emergency to 45. UNHCR also conducted a monitoring visit to Kharkiv city bomb shelters and transit and collective centers, while delivering assistance through its partner Proliska.

UNHCR partners continue to provide protection services to more than 36,000 IDPs in accommodation centers at BCPs, through hotlines and in the field in the last week. For example, UNHCR partner Proliska visited newly-de-occupied settlements in Kharkiv oblast and provided community residents with individual and group psychological assistance, and counselling related to social benefits.

In the last week, UNHCR partners provided psychosocial support to more than 3,000 IDPs throughout Ukraine. This included interventions like the social games and art classes UNHCR partner NEHEMIA organized in four transit centers in Zakarpattia Oblast for 53 displaced children. As the conflict and uncertainty wears on UNHCR partners report that depression, stress, anxiety and panic attacks are increasingly visible in both children and adults.

On Menstrual Hygiene Day, UNHCR distributed hygiene kits to IDPs in Kharkiv, Dnipro and Lviv to advocate for the importance of addressing equitable and dignified menstrual health and hygiene for women and girls affected by conflict.

In Sumy oblast, the UNHCR team reports that due to the delay of compensation for destroyed housing, people who lost their homes as a result of the war are still not able to receive the compensation they are entitled to, resulting in an urgent need for shelter material for the repair of damaged homes. UNHCR is preparing to start light and medium shelter repair in the regions where the security situation has stabilized as part of its winterization strategy.

Given the immense needs and the expanded scale and scope of the humanitarian response, UNHCR is urgently seeking $536.8 million to deliver assistance inside Ukraine in the revised Supplementary Appeal. (Excludes funding requirements for UNHCR’s asylum and statelessness programmes.)

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$559.3 million
UNHCR’s financial requirements 30%