The war against Ukraine continues to devastate the lives of millions of people across the country, as reports of new attacks emerge, and the offense in the east further intensifies. The statement by the UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Ukraine notes that in the first 11 days of this month alone, at least 135 civilians, including 6 children, were killed in Government-controlled territory, and at least 24 civilians were killed, 4 of them children, in non-Government-controlled areas, according to the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine. The actual numbers, however, are likely to be much higher. Damages to civilian infrastructure are alarmingly impacting people’s access to critical services such as water, electricity and health services in the Donbas region.

UNHCR’s response has reached over 1.5 million people with protection services, cash assistance and essential items to address immediate needs, and shelter support to provisionally repair damaged homes to protect people from the elements and create or improve sleeping spaces in reception and collective centres. While providing immediate relief to those fleeing, UNHCR is also working closely with local and national actors to lay the groundwork for recovery and durable solutions and ensure that our response is effectively reinforcing and complementing national systems.

Responding to winterization needs in Ukraine is a key priority of the humanitarian response to prepare for the onset of the freezing temperatures. UNHCR will scale up shelter repairs, ensuring proper insulation is installed in those homes, expand refurbishment of collective centres, distribute heating appliances and other winterized items, and cash for accommodation and utilities.
WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS:

“We must do everything possible to prevent the cold of winter from becoming the next challenge for people that already have to face so much in their lives.” – United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi visited Ukraine from 5 to 8 July to meet with the Government, partners, and people impacted by the war, living in Lviv, Irpin, Bucha and Makariv. During his visit, the High Commissioner held discussions on preparation for the upcoming winter and supporting future sustainable refugee returns. Read the exclusive interview with Interfax-Ukraine here.

- UNHCR and its NGO partners continue to provide targeted protection assistance and services. For example, in Zakarpattia, Ivano-Frankivska, and at border crossing points, 662 people received social accompaniment for issues related to access to health services, obtaining social benefits, restoration of personal documentation, and access to adequate housing during the period of 4 to 10 July.

- Psychosocial support and assistance are key to helping people cope with the circumstances. Over the past week, 1,609 people received psychological support and assistance in Chernivtsi, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, Zakarpattia, and Ivano-Frankivska oblasts. Indoor and outdoor activities for more than 450 IDP children and their mothers were also organized in Mukachevo raion.

- UNHCR continues to deliver core relief items where they are most needed throughout Ukraine and in heavily affected areas. On 4 July, UNHCR delivered 1,240 NFIs to nine transit and collective centres in Kryvyi Rih in Dnipropetrovsk oblast.

- UNHCR published new findings in the report ‘Lives on Hold: Profiles and Intentions of Refugees from Ukraine’ which show that the majority of refugees from Ukraine surveyed hope to return home as soon as possible but around two-thirds expect to stay in their current host countries until hostilities subside and the security situation improves.

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Given the immense needs and the expanded scale and scope of the humanitarian response, UNHCR is continuing to seek support to deliver assistance inside Ukraine in the revised Supplementary Appeal.

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