The unfolding situation in and around the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Plant in southern Ukraine raises significant concerns for catastrophic consequences. The UN is calling for all military activities in the immediate vicinity of the plant to cease immediately.

In Donetsk oblast where one of the fiercest fightings are ongoing, evacuation efforts continue. UNHCR is working closely with the local authorities to support the evacuees with protection services and relief items upon their arrival to the locations to where they have been evacuated.

As the situation in the south continues to deteriorate with cities such as Nikolyaiv suffering daily shelling and rocket attacks, UNHCR has established an operational presence in Odesa to be able to better respond to the growing humanitarian needs in the southern region. Throughout the country, more than 1.68 million people have been reached with protection services, assistance through cash or essential items, and shelter support by UNHCR and its NGO partners.

As IDPs currently living in reception and collective centres in schools and dormitories will be expected to move before the next semester starts in September, ensuring availability of sustainable housing options and winterization support is a priority. Together with local and regional authorities, UNHCR is working on finding alternative housing solutions for IDPs while scaling up programmes to prepare for the harsh winter months.

For more information:

UNHCR’s Regional Flash Update on the Ukraine situation can be found here.

Ukraine Protection Cluster Monitoring Highlights can be found here.

UNHCR Cash Factsheet can be found here.

UNHCR CCCM Cluster IDP Collective Sites Mapping here.

KEY RESPONSE FIGURES

Over 1.68 million people reached with assistance to date.

489,654 people received targeted protection assistance and information at border points, transit, and reception centres and through hotlines.

UNHCR has disbursed cash assistance to 487,615 individuals to support their basic need.*

703,032 people received essential non-food items and clothes (518,354), food assistance (159,472) and shelter materials (27,206).

138,858 people have received assistance through 202 humanitarian convoys delivered to hard-hit areas.

89,904 sleeping places were created/improved with items such as beds and mattresses in a total of 294 reception & collective centres.

Delivered with partners from 24 February to 16 August.

*The final target reached is subject to end of year reconciliation reports.
Shelter repairs start in Kyivska oblast to support families with damaged homes ahead of winter

Light and medium shelter repairs have started in Kyivska oblast to support families who have remained or are returning to their damaged homes in hard-hit areas. The repairs are currently in works for nearly 30 homes in four hromadas – Makarivska, Borodynska, Dymerska, and Ivankivska - and planned for more than 1,000 homes in Kyivska oblast and 1,500 homes in Chernihivska oblast in the coming months. The repairs will help provide a safer and warm home to those impacted by the war ahead of the upcoming winter season.

- UNHCR recently signed a partnership agreement with ‘Insight’, a women led organization advocating for human rights and gender equality. The partnership will strengthen capacity of local actors to conduct activities to prevent gender-based violence (GBV) such as awareness raising by means of information materials and community engagement in events particularly among women and LGBTQI+ community. UNHCR now works with 14 NGO partners, including 11 local NGOs, to deliver assistance and support the local actors in the response.
- Odesa is one of the cities that is not only a refuge for many internally displaced persons, but also serving as an important hub to access those in hard-hit areas in the south as hostilities intensify in cities such as Nikolaiv. UNHCR aims to work closely with the authorities and strengthen the presence to be able to respond better to the growing humanitarian needs in the southern region.
- 40 persons with disabilities received essential items such as hygiene kits by UNHCR partner NEEKA in Lvivska oblast. NEEKA continues its collaboration with local authorities and have signed Memoranda of Understanding with Chervonograd city council and Morshyn city council to respond to IDPs’ basic and protection needs.
- Responding to the request from communities hosting evacuees from Donetsk oblast, more than 980 NFIs including towels, mattresses, jerry cans and dishes were distributed in Kirovohradska oblast during the week by UNHCR partner The Tength of April (TTA).