Improvement and Expansion of Collective Sites: UNHCR has completed refurbishments in three collective centres so far in 2024 and will complete six more by the end of the year in Dnipropetrovska, Poltavska, and Vinnytska and oblasts. These projects are designated to improve and/or increase the number of available sleeping spaces for IDPs, improve the WASH conditions, accessibility and safety of the premises.

Repair of rural houses for IDPs: UNHCR and partners are conducting assessments of existing housing stock chosen by IDPs as a long-term accommodation solution in the Western and Central regions of Ukraine. Partners have completed the assessment phase and repairs have started.

Rental Market Initiative: UNHCR and its partners have started the rental assistance programme in 11 Oblasts in the Western, Central and Southern regions of Ukraine. IDP families seeking alternatives to living in collective sites will be assisted with a six month rental package including the costs of rental deposit and utilities. This programme aims at providing alternative housing solutions, following a case management approach where each case is assessed and provided with a solution specifically tailored for its unique situation. To date, 620 families have secured private accommodation through this initiative.

UNHCR supports a family in Kharkiv, under constant shelling, with house repairs, installing new windows so that family can stay warm and safe during the upcoming winter. ©UNHCR/Teddy Leposky
For people who have lost their homes:

For people whose homes were destroyed, UNHCR is providing Ukrainian made, prefabricated homes, installed on families’ own land, enabling them to stay or to return home if they wish to do so. These units offer a longer-term solution and provide a foundation for families to rebuild their lives and to stay within their communities.

In 2023, UNHCR installed 99 core homes on land plots where the house was fully or almost fully destroyed, allowing families to return home. This year, UNHCR is currently working on the installation of 300 core homes in Central, Eastern and Southern Ukraine.

Targeted areas:

- **Emergency Shelter Kits and Materials**
  - War-affected and returnee households in war-affected areas that are still impacted by hostilities.
  - Damaged facilities that will be repaired in the future.
  - Technical support to the most vulnerable to make emergency repairs to their homes.
  - Sites damaged by attacks and shelling.
  - Areas: north, south and east.
  - Oblasts: Chernihivska, Dnipropetrovska, Donetska, Kharkivska, Khersonska, Kirovohradksa, Kyivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Poltavska, Sumska, Zaporizska, and Zhytomyraska.

- **Durable Housing**
  - Areas where people have remained in or returned to housing damaged by attacks and shelling.
  - Prioritisation to identify the most vulnerable and in-need.
  - Areas: north, south and east.
  - Oblasts: Lviv, Chernihivska, Dnipropetrovska, Khersonska, Kharkivska, Kyivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Poltavska, Sumcka, Zaporizska, and Zhytomyraska.

- **Accommodation for IDPs**
  - IDPs in protracted displacement in need of accommodation where there is limited housing stock or access to social housing.
  - Collective sites identified by central and local authorities to remain in the medium-term will be prioritised.
  - Areas: east, west and centre.

Shelter and NFI Cluster:

The Ukraine Shelter and NFI Cluster is led by UNHCR with DRC and PIN as co-chairs (National and East) and consists of around 145 partners collaborating to deliver three cluster objects as per the HNRP 2024. The cluster has four active sub-hubs based in Lviv, Odesa, Dnipro and Chernihiv. In 2024, the cluster will target 3.91 million Ukrainians for SNFI support and requires a budget of US$ 604 million. Please refer to the clusters webpage for current SW dashboards, factsheets, and sector specific guidance.

Working with government and regional authorities:

UNHCR works with and in coordination with the government and its authorities to ensure alignment and complementarity of shelter and housing activities. In support of this, UNHCR has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with key ministries and regional oblast authorities, including:

- **Ministry for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine:**
  - On 16 April 2022, UNHCR and the Ministry for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine signed an MoU setting out areas of cooperation, including the mapping of abandoned buildings that could be rehabilitated and repurposed to accommodate people who have lost their homes.

- **Ministry for Communities, Territories, and Infrastructure Development:**
  - On 25 January 2023, UNHCR and the Ministry for Communities, Territories, and Infrastructure Development signed an MoU to facilitate access to housing solutions for people who have been forced to flee due to the war under Ukraine is Home.

- **Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine**
  - On 28 August 2023, UNHCR and the Ministry of Social Policy signed an MoU on cooperation to improve the living conditions of displaced people, including in the recreational centre “Slava", and provide them with access to social protection services.

- **Ministry of Education and Science:**
  - On 19 October 2023, UNHCR and the Ministry of Education and Science signed an MoU to strengthen cooperation to enable forcibly displaced persons to access dignified accommodation and contribute to education amid the war. UNHCR and the Ministry have agreed on refurbishing educational facility dormitories used as collective sites for IDPs. The MoU ensures that the dormitories can continue being used as collective sites until martial law ends, plus one year, to give displaced residents some security of tenure.

Achievements in 2023:

- **83,737 emergency shelter kits** (reaching 172,483 individuals) were deployed.
- **22,221 durable house and apartment repairs** (reaching 59,451 individuals), including modular homes, were completed.
- **8,813 individuals** benefitted from new or improved accommodation.

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