

World Vision is responding to the devastating impact of conflict in **Romania, Georgia, and Ukraine.**

 **12.65 million** people affected by conflict

 **1.85 million** people displaced

 **3 million** refugees:

 **Poland:** 1.8 million  **Romania:** 459K  **Moldova:** 337K

(As of 15 March 2022. Source: [UNHCR](#))



People reached

 **11,726**

 **Men 1,287**

Women 4,798

 **Children 5,642**

Situation overview

3 million refugees have fled in 20 days, with over **1.7m into Poland**, and **more than 1m into Hungary, Moldova, Slovakia and Romania**. These numbers are rising daily.

There are reports of much larger numbers of **internally displaced people inside Ukraine**, mostly heading west or south-west and many in/around Lviv and other 'safer' cities in the same area. However, the Western areas of Ukraine are increasingly targeted, too. **The UN estimates 6.7m will be displaced**. The overwhelming majority of displaced and refugees are women and children.

There is serious concern about the humanitarian situation in the east, south-east and Black Sea Coast where conflict is active, areas with no or limited humanitarian access, and the increasing number of encircled cities where **food, supplies and services are dwindling**. Humanitarian corridors have struggled to be established.

The ongoing **conflict in Odesa is expected to lead to significant numbers of refugees fleeing through Moldova and Romania**. These refugees are likely to be in greater distress and need of humanitarian assistance. We are prepositioning stock in order to respond to their needs.

The FAO estimates **international food prices may rise between 8 and 22% as a result of the conflict**. Between 20-30% of winter cereal, maize and sunflower seed fields in Ukraine will not be planted or remain unharvested during the 2022/23 season. This is expected to contribute to global supply gaps and heightened economic hardship and needs for the vulnerable elsewhere.

Between **35% to 45% of refugees in Moldova and Ukraine are estimated to be children**. While no official systematic data are available yet, anecdotal evidence, random registration, and direct observation suggest that

a very high percentage of refugees are children under 14: some separate/unaccompanied, some left at the border by family members who can't leave Ukraine, some arriving with their mothers.

Romanian and Moldovan civil society have stepped up, but are reaching their limit. **Future waves of refugees are anticipated to be increasingly vulnerable**, and the humanitarian community will need to step up efforts to strengthen government and local civil society response.

Urban response is required in Romania: refugees are moving through reception areas towards urban centres. **World Vision is planning for a concentration of refugees in cities and commercial centres** and are working with local authorities to identify overflow shelters and gaps in service provision.



World Vision social worker Catalin Romanescu plays with 2-year-old Dima outside a child play area WW has set up in Husi transit camp. The play area gives Dima and other children a safe space to play and stretch their legs while they wait for the next bus to continue their journey.



Response Highlights



ROMANIA

WV Romania has been responding to the initial needs of refugees upon their arrival from Ukraine, by providing safe, warm spaces for children to play while their papers are processed, and supporting existing shelters offering somewhere for families to stay.

- Supporting transit centres in Sighet, Siret and Isaccea with 173 heaters and 15 TVs
- Established two child play areas in Husi and Siret
- Supporting 4,800 people over the next 90 days transiting through Iasi with shelter, sanitation, transportation and protection programming, including anti-trafficking and PSEA awareness raising.

UKRAINE



From Romania, we have sent 3 shipments with more than 3.14MT of food assistance, bedding and hygiene supplies to hospitals in Chernivtsi who are serving displaced families.

MOLDOVA

Finalising a needs assessment and partnership agreements with 4 NGOs (faith-based, local and international).



GEORGIA

A small refugee response is supporting 4,000 Ukrainians who were temporarily in the country when the conflict began. WV Georgia have led a needs assessment and music therapy sessions, as well as psychosocial sessions for 25 children.



PRE-POSITIONING ACTIVITIES

- Imported 15 CFS kits and shipping 68 MT of shelter and WASH NFIs (hygiene kits, blankets, tarps) from Dubai to reach 37,500 people staying in collective centres and hospitals throughout our operational areas
- Established two warehousing facilities in Bucharest and Suceava (Romania) and scoping warehousing facilities in Chisinau (Moldova) and Chernivtsi (Ukraine)
- 41 humanitarian staff from across World Vision have been mobilised to support the start and scale up of response operations with a flexible multi-country team including experts in operations, security, safeguarding, protection, cash and food assistance.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Deliver more than 2,000 hygiene kits in Ukraine, reaching more than 6,000 IDPs
- Provide fuel for local NGO minivans transporting NFIs from Isaccea into Ukraine
- Scoping needs of 2,000 bed overflow shelter (RomExpo) in Bucharest, including provision of in-kind food and NFI assistance, cleaning service delivery and child protection activities
- Deliver 500 hygiene kits and 500 education kits for women and children at shelters in Bucharest
- In Georgia, voucher and toys for kids will be distributed



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