

Situation overview

1.5 million children have fled Ukraine to date, but reliable disaggregated data on refugee ages is difficult to find. Even still, **one in five Ukrainian children has become a refugee in less than a month.**

Hidden beneath this refugee crisis is another looming crisis – that of children travelling alone and the potential for abuse and trafficking. **More than 500 unaccompanied children were identified crossing from Ukraine into Romania from 24 February to 17 March.** In Moldova, 80% of refugees are women and girls, and 89% are women and children.

World Vision participated in a high-level virtual briefing on 18 March organized by OCHA for UN Member States and partners on the current humanitarian situation. We highlighted our concerns for the protection of children trapped in Ukraine, on the move, and arriving in neighbouring countries. **We called on Member States and the humanitarian community to urgently establish mechanisms to identify and register vulnerable girls and boys** in order to reduce the risks they face and begin to respond to their needs.

At least one-third of refugees in Moldova are intending to stay in the country. These populations are at heightened risk of violence, exploitation and abuse, including trafficking.

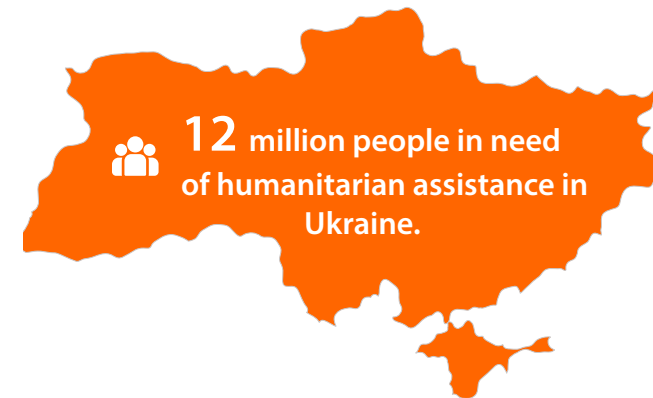
Mental health tops the WHO’s “risk list” for children and families affected by the conflict. They are at high risk of adverse mental health outcomes and there is urgent need for continued mental health and psychosocial support services.

There has already been more than \$100 billion in infrastructure damage due to conflict in Ukraine. **90% of families in Ukraine may experience a “freefall into poverty”** and extreme vulnerability as a result. Children are also being caught in the crossfire, **the Ukrainian government has reported four children a day have been killed since the beginning of the conflict.**

There is growing concern among the international community that the **military and humanitarian corridors into Ukraine from Poland are largely the same.** World Vision remains engaged in collective efforts to negotiate separate humanitarian corridors in order to maintain a principled humanitarian response.

Humanitarian coordination systems are beginning to be established in Romania and Moldova, though clusters are not yet in place at scale. World Vision participated in the first response-wide UNHCR briefing in Romania on 17 March. We are also regular participants at the daily coordination meetings hosted by OCHA in Rzeszow, Poland.

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



461,000 are children



6.5 million people are displaced inside the country



3.6 million refugees:



Poland:
2.1 million



Romania:
543,000



Moldova:
368,000



243,000 **365,000**

in need of humanitarian assistance

People reached

13,874

Men 1,521
 Women 6,619

Children 5,734
Boys 2,797 **Girls 2,937**



ROMANIA

We have 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.

- Established **two child play areas** in Husi and Siret, reaching 140 children
- 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.
- Delivered **2MT of food as well as hygiene and shelter items to a 2,000-bed temporary shelter** in Bucharest to meet basic needs of 800 people, with agreement to continue providing life saving assistance to the needs of 12,700 people over the next month.
- **Secured a 1000 m2 warehouse facility** in Bucharest via Maersk. This is a critical element of our logistics pipeline into Moldova and Chernivtsi and Odessa oblasts in Ukraine.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

- Donor engagement efforts in all countries continue to be both numerous and positive, including such donors as BHA, WFP, UNHCR, UNICEF, SDC, GAC, OCHA and BPRM.

UKRAINE

From Romania, we have sent more than **3.14MT of food assistance** to hospitals in Chernivtsi who are serving displaced families.

- On 18 March, we delivered additional hospital supplies to Zastavnivska: **780 dignity kits and 1000 medical supplies kits for 4,000 people.**

GEORGIA

A small refugee response is supporting 4,000 Ukrainians who were temporarily in the country when the conflict began.

- We have been working with the Ministry of Education to **get 110 refugee children into school.** So far 58 have been enrolled.
- **150 vouchers** to cover food, hygiene, clothing and pharmacy costs have been distributed to families in Tbilisi.
- **Music therapy sessions are held twice weekly** at two hotels hosting refugees, for 30 children aged 4-13.

MOLDOVA

Signed two agreements with HelpAge international to reach **14,500 Ukrainian refugees and host families with food, water and hygiene supplies** in the next six months.

Response achievements



6,430

people reached with food assistance



9.1MT

of food assistance distributed



173

heaters distributed



227

shelter kits distributed



3,806

reached with temporary shelter assistance



195

people supported with child protection programmes



140

people provided with transportation assistance



1,001

dignity kits distributed

NFI



1,535

hygiene kits distributed



4,913

people reached with hygiene items



Anna and her daughters Miroslava, age 9, and Malia, age 3, at World Vision's play area in Siret just across the Romanian border. Anna talks with volunteers who are there to help find safe ways to get to Germany.

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\$20.5M
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