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

4 million refugees:
- Poland: 2.3 million
- Romania: 608,936
- Moldova: 387,151

(As of 30 March 2022. Source: UNHCR)

Over 50% of refugees are staying with friends and family, but almost 30% don’t know where to stay or are dependent on government or other collective shelters.

Situation overview

4.5 million children are now displaced. This includes 2 million child refugees and 2.5 million children still in Ukraine who have fled their homes. More than 1 in every 2 Ukrainian children is now displaced, out of an estimated pre-war population of 7.5 million. Overall, more than 25% of the population have fled their homes.

The food security situation is deeply concerning. According to UNICEF, over 450,000 children aged 6 to 23 months need complementary food support, and FAO said this week it is uncertain whether Ukraine will be able to harvest existing crops, plant new ones or sustain livestock production as the conflict evolves. 45% of people affected by the conflict are concerned about finding enough to eat, according to WFP.

In Ukraine, OCHA is reporting that the greatest humanitarian needs are access to adequate food, health services, safe water and durable shelter for the millions of displaced people.

According to WHO, there have been 74 attacks on Health Care centres since the beginning of the crisis, and 570 attacks on educational facilities.

World Vision is deeply concerned about the risk of child trafficking and abuse as women and children continue to cross borders without registration and unaccompanied by their male partners. World Vision urges the governments to establish child protection screening at border crossings, as well as to monitor the movement of children and women and actively mitigate the risks facing vulnerable groups.
Response Highlights

People reached
- Men: 2,944
- Women: 12,854
- Children: 11,497
  - Boys: 5,609
  - Girls: 5,887

Response achievements
- 26,180 people reached with food assistance
- 14.2 MT of food assistance distributed
- 193 heaters distributed
- 297 shelter kits distributed
- 7,996 people reached with temporary shelter assistance
- 356 people supported with child protection programmes
- 140 people provided with transportation assistance
- 4,000 people reached with cleaning items
- 6,538 hygiene kits distributed
- 11,913 people reached with hygiene items

Locations:
- Ukraine: Chmivtsi, Lviv, Kyiv, Chernivtsi
- Moldova: Iasi, Husi, Siret, Chisinau
- Romania: Bucharest, Iasi, Tbilisi, Chisinau, Isaccea
- Georgia: Tbilisi, Chisinau, Bucharest, Iasi, Husi, Siret

[Map showing locations and distribution areas]
**Response Highlights**

**ROMANIA**

14,894 people reached to date on Food assistance, protection, Shelter and hygiene kits; including 6,348 children

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 $100,000 worth of food, hygiene items, telecommunications equipment and baby supplies to RomExpo, Bucharest’s largest 2,000-person overflow shelter.
- 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.

**UKRAINE**

8,113 people reached with Food assistance, medical supplies and Shelter kits, including 3,326 children

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

- Shipments to our partner hospitals in Chernivtsi oblast continue this week, the next shipment includes bedding, towels and clothes dryers. This will be used to further support IDPs hosted in the area.
- We continue to proactively pursue partnerships to reach vulnerable families in Ukraine. Newly vetted partners include NRC, Medair, ACTED and Baptist World Alliance. The total number of vetted and potential partners now stands at 40.

**GEORGIA**

288 people supported with multipurpose cash and protection activities; including 182 children

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**

4,000 people reached with cleaning supplies; including 1640 children

- Finalizing cash project targeting Moldovan families hosting Ukrainian refugees, funded by WFP. The project will target 6,000 host-families across four districts.
- We are funding the rehabilitation of bathroom facilities at a Palanca border-crossing collective shelter, in collaboration with the local government.
- Supported refugee centers through a donation of Food/NFI items through the Diaconia/Moldovan Food bank.

**STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES**

- Needs assessments completed in Iasi and ongoing in Bucharest
- Scoping/assessment work ongoing to launch emergency cash distributions and expand programming to other areas of Romania and cross-border into Ukraine
Nineteen-month-old Milana is one of many Ukrainian refugees who stop at the Husi camp for a cup of hot tea, some snacks, and take a break from the long bus ride. World Vision has established a safe space for children to play while waiting at the camp.

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