This rapid needs assessment was conducted by the Ukraine Crisis Response MEAL team to better understand the immediate needs of displaced persons from Ukraine in Bucharest. World Vision used a contextualized basic rapid assessment tool (BRAT) to reach a total of 259 families; the assessment used self-enumeration with surveys in Ukrainian and Russian languages loaded on tablets using Kobo Collect. Convenience sampling was applied in 3 different transit centers and shelters: Romexpo, Complex Leu and Mihae Eminescu. In addition to the quantitative data, the team conducted eight semi-structured interviews with individuals and 1 focus group discussion to gain a in-depth understanding of the challenges refugees are facing, their priority needs, and their intentions for the next few weeks and months. This information will be critical to inform World Vision’s response within Romania.

**Methodology**

- 259 families surveyed, covering 1,145 individuals
- 8 semi-structured interviews
- 1 focus group discussion

**Self-enumeration on tablets**

- Surveys in Ukrainian & Russian

**86%** female respondents  
**13%** male respondents

**Avg family size = 4.4**

**43%** children

- **34%** from Odessa  
- **22%** from Mykolaiv  
- **17%** from Kyiv  
- **5%** from Kharkiv

- **83%** of HHs have 1 child or more, 51% have at least 1 child under 5 years old

- **16%** of HHs have at least one member with a physical or cognitive disability

- **Languages spoken**
  - Ukrainian 95%
  - Russian 94%
  - English 52%

**Border points**

- Sighet 3%
- Siret 22%
- Sculeni
- Through Moldova 32%
- Orlivka & Isaccea 29%
- Other 14%

**Movement & intentions**

- **57%** of families are currently staying in a refugee centers
- **53%** are not sure how long they plan to stay in Romania
- **13%** are planning to stay with family or friends in other countries

**Of the 43% staying outside of refugee centers...**

- 41% are with people they did NOT know before arriving in Bucharest
- 23% are with people they did know
- 23% are renting a home or apartment
- 8% are in hotels

**Information gaps**

- **39%** of respondents are missing information about available services
- **30%** of respondents are missing information about their legal rights
- **29%** of respondents are missing information about health care
- **23%** of respondents are missing information about how to register for asylum
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71% did not face specific protection risks or threats on route to Romania
85% of families left at least one family member behind in Ukraine

Biggest stressors:
- 51% lack of income
- 35% uncertainty of what to do next
- 25% Limited communication with people left behind

The most vulnerable
- 46% of respondents consider pregnant women to be amongst the most vulnerable
- 36% of respondents consider elderly women & 36% consider girls (0-17) to be amongst the most vulnerable

Since leaving home, I am...
- 8% coping
- 11% alone
- 14% overwhelmed
- 19% seeing flashbacks
- 25% scared
- 33% always stressed
- 33% always worried
- 35% ok, but the situation is bad

Priority needs in the next 1-2 weeks:
1. Affordable shelter
2. Accessing sufficient food items
3. Medical care

Priority needs in the next 1-2 months:
1. Finding work
2. Accessing sufficient food items
3. Accessing affordable shelter
4. Medical care

Children's specific priority needs:
1. Access to food
2. Safe, affordable place to sleep
3. Appropriate clothes & footwear

Ability to meet basic needs

Hygiene items
- 4% Fully
- 21% Partially
- 74% Not at all
- 1% Don't know

Food
- 30% Fully
- 3% Partially
- 66% Not at all
- 2% Don't know

Water
- 17% Fully
- 3% Partially
- 78% Not at all
- 2% Don't know

Clothes & Footwear
- 4% Fully
- 4% Partially
- 54% Not at all
- 38% Don't know

Money matters
- Average 3 phones per household
- 26% use mobile banking apps on their phones and 51% of households have a mobile money account
- 64% have a bank account, of which 89% have been able to access their account since leaving home
- 92% are able to find everything or most things they need in the markets nearby
- 53% think the prices of everyday goods in Bucharest are higher than back home
- 47% would prefer to receive cash payments, 36% prefer mobile money, and 26% prefer ATM cards

Communication channels
- 49% of respondents' preferred channel to receive information is social media, followed by 42% who prefer speaking face-to-face with a charity or aid worker
- 31% of respondents' preferred way to submit general feedback or complaints through Whatsapp, followed by 27% who prefer to speak face-to-face with a charity or aid worker
- 35% of respondents' preferred way to submit sensitive feedback or complaints is face-to-face with charity or aid workers, and 31% prefer to use WhatsApp

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