The number of refugees who have fled Ukraine has reached more than 6.5 million. More than two-thirds of Ukrainian children have been displaced from their homes since the start of the conflict.

Three months of political insecurity in Ukraine has extended the disruptions to education due to the COVID-19 pandemic for children, which could have long-term consequences for children’s development.

In Romania, UNCHR has expressed concerns about potential gaps regarding children who may be separated after arriving in Romania. On May 6, the Government of Romania reported 2,700 unaccompanied children have been registered since the beginning of the conflict. Many of the children are from special protection institutions near Mariupol and Donetsk. This marks a concerning increase from March 17, when 500 unaccompanied minors were identified crossing the border from Ukraine to Romania.

Ukrainian children with disabilities with the greatest support needs are living in atrocious conditions, according to an investigation by Disability Rights International in April. The organisation warns that thousands of disabled children have been forgotten and abandoned in institutions that can’t look after them.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has raised concerns about a potential measles outbreak among Ukrainian children due to the ongoing fighting and low vaccination rates. Although 85 per cent of eligible children in Ukraine received their first dose of measles vaccine in 2020, it’s still below the recommended 95 per cent or higher each year to achieve and maintain herd immunity and protect the population.
Response Highlights

People reached

**129,116**

- **Men 14,165**
- **Women 61,581**
- **Children 53,370**
  - **Boys 26,039**
  - **Girls 27,331**

People reached by country

- **Ukraine:** 70,938
- **Romania:** 43,277
- **Moldova:** 13,477
- **Georgia:** 1,424

Response achievements

- **60,274** people reached with food assistance
- **108.44 MT** of food assistance distributed
- **9,991** people reached with cash and vouchers
- **$624,170** value of cash distributed
- **12,221** people reached with temporary shelter assistance
- **888** children supported with child protection programming
- **17,418** hygiene kits distributed
- **46,713** people reached with hygiene kits
- **192** children benefitting from education programming
- **2** Happy Bubbles centers with psychosocial support, education and child protection services

Countries and regions:

- **Georgia:** Tbilisi
- **UKRAINE:** Kyiv, Donbas, Chernivtsi, Lviv
- **MOLDOVA:** Chisinau, Iasi, Husi, Siret
- **ROMANIA:** Bucharest, Isaccea

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**Response Highlights**

**ROMANIA**

- **Opened two Happy Bubbles centers** in Romania. They are the first of five centers that will be replicated in other parts of the country and integrate education, mental health, psychosocial support and child protection activities, funded by the private sector. Refugee children will have a chance to play, be safe and engage in non-formal education.

- In partnership with the Ternopol’s center in Iasi:
  - Supported 49 children with education and recreational programmes to help improve their well-being and engagement.
  - Helped cover the cost of the utilities, reaching 193 refugees who are temporarily staying at the shelter.

- In Bucharest, we have signed a small grant funding agreement with Centrul Crestin (Finnish school), USVAR in Galati and Carrusel. This has:
  - Supported 15 Ukrainian teachers in the Finnish School by paying their salaries.
  - Enabled 19 children to participate in educational activities at the Tei Sports cultural complex, where we also delivered 0.644MT of food to reach the 37 refugees staying there.
  - Helped 12 mothers access Romanian language lessons twice weekly to enable them to communicate easier.

**UKRAINE**

- **Distributed 85,000 seed packets** to 18,000 people in Rivne oblast to diversify the minimum food basket, strengthen community resilience and contribute to food supply.

- **Delivered 76.58 MT of food assistance** to reach 5,500 people throughout Ukraine.

- **Finalised partnership agreements to achieve the following:**
  - Reach 67,679 children and family members with psychosocial support and education programmes in Vinnytsia, Odesa, Zakarpattia and Kyiv (Partner: Girls).
  - Deliver multi-purpose cash assistance to 2,700 people in Zhytomyr, 2,723 people in Zakarpattia, Lviv and Kyiv, and 3,300 people in Zaporizhzhia (Partners: Youth Movement Be Free, Hungarian Interchurch Aid, Dorcas).
  - Support more than 58 collective sites in Lviv (Partner: Will Help Together and Lviv Department of Social Protection).
  - Deliver food and non-food items to 1,800 displaced people in collective sites in Zakarpattia and Odesa (Partners: Radooga and Way Home).
  - Deliver an accessible van to a children’s neuropsychiatric hospital in Chernivtsi to facilitate medical transportation for children with disabilities (Partner: Zaluchchya Hospital).
  - Deliver food kits to 150,000 people over the next two months (Partners: Arms of Mercy, Mission Eurasia and Help Ukraine).

- **Finished a scoping and needs assessment mission** to Vinnytsia oblast.

- **Completed psychosocial first aid training** for partners in Vinnytsia.

- **Started beneficiary registration** for cash projects with Baptist World Aid and Youth Movement Be Free.

**MOLODVA**

- In **Stefan Voda**, trained 70 staff and frontline workers from our implementing partners (Comunitas, Ave Copiiii, Public Association the Food Bank, Justice & Mercy International) on psychosocial first aid. This will be scaled up to Romania via a one-year mentorship program.

- In Chisinau, supported IsraAid with conducting education rapid needs assessment.

- Provided 1.9MT of food to 180 refugees at the Refugee Accommodation Center and 74 children with child protection activities and tablets.

- To date, 3,099 families have received over $588,820 of cash through our cash project with WFP. This includes 3,067 host families (9,201 Individuals). Each family receives an equivalent of $190.

- World Vision is collaborating with World Food Programme (WFP) to conduct joint focus group discussions and interviews in Chisinau.

- Ongoing discussions with MNO (Orange) about cash activities as well potential partnering with World Vision France and Moldova.

- WFP Field-Level Agreement will be extended until July 2022.

**GEORGIA**

- **In partnership with State Care Agency and UNHCR, held informational sessions on gender-based violence** for Ukrainian women and children in Batumi and Kutaisi.

- **Developed a recommendation package with UNHCR** and presented it to the Government of Georgia, to promote decentralization and diversification of refugee support, to enable greater inclusion and spread the burden on services.
Funding

USD 96M
Secured funding

USD 30M
Pipeline funding

USD 1.3M
GfK/Food Secured

External resources

UNHCR
Humanitarian Data Explorer
Humanitarian Response

World Vision Strategies and Publications

90 Day Strategy

Iasi Rapid needs assessment

Bucharest rapid needs assessment

Chernivtsi rapid needs assessment

Constanta Needs Assessment

Response Dashboard

World Vision in the media last week

May 09, 2022
NTV (Germany)

May 11, 2022
iNews (UK)

May 15, 2022
Independent (UK)

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WV volunteers play with children at RomExpo