

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



7.3 million refugees:



Romania:
81,158



Moldova:
90,745



Georgia:
26,031

Source: [UNHCR](#)

Situation overview

The ongoing Ukraine conflict has created the largest displacement of people in Europe since World War II. As of [14 September 2022, UNOCHA report](#), an estimated 17.7M people are in need, with 7.3 of them refugees in European countries, and 7M are internally displaced.

At least 13 million people are estimated to be stranded in areas most affected by active fighting, with an estimated [1.7 Million](#) people in need of winterisation assistance before the colder season.

Most of the homes, gas and electricity and heating infrastructure have been damaged thus insufficient heating to deal with the harsh winter conditions according [ACAPS](#) power and gas disruptions will affect over 800,000 people by September.

The number of children with education needs are much higher than previously estimated, taking into consideration those that are refugees. According to [UNICEF](#) reported

that almost every child in Ukraine has been exposed to deeply distressing events.

World Vision, [as most organizations do](#), works with a total of 38 partners, local and international, in its four countries of response operations.

UCR has reached over 277,000 people including 98,822 children. The humanitarian response is operational in several locations in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Georgia.

Response Highlights

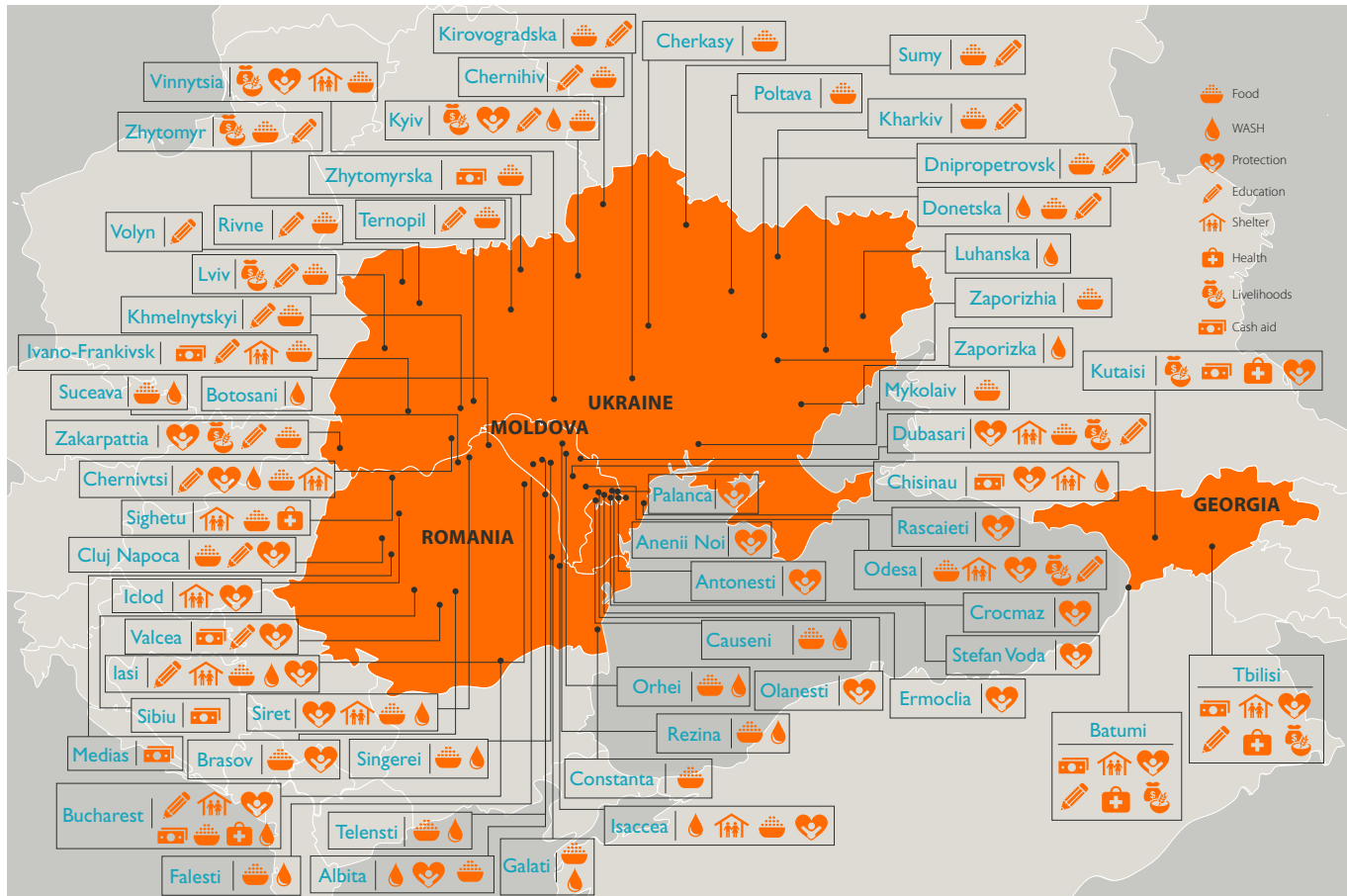
People reached

334,905

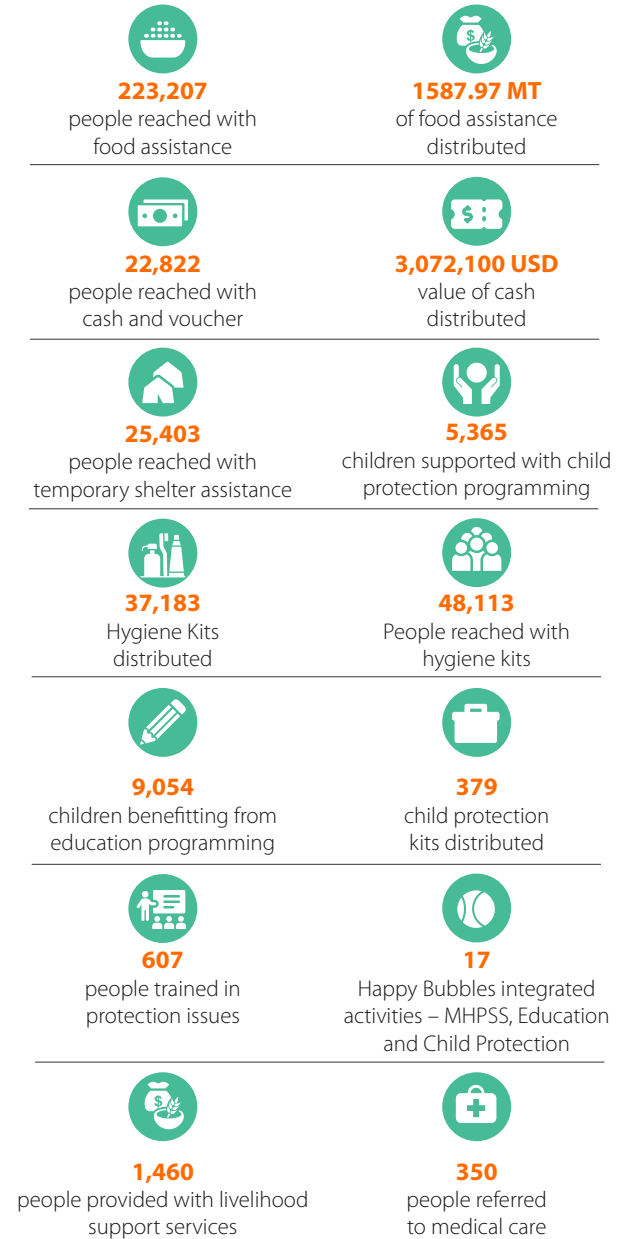
Men 68,642
Women 146,820

Children 119,443
Boys 59,813 Girls 59,630

People reached by country



Response achievements





UKRAINE



World Vision started working in Ukraine in 2022. Offices in Kyiv, Lviv, Dnipro and Chernivtsi currently manage and support aid for conflict affected people in 23 municipalities across Ukraine. Thanks to collaboration with 15 national and international partners, World Vision has been able to deliver life saving assistance to people living near the front lines while programs in safer areas already look at longer term needs of displaced children and families as well as local humanitarian actors.

Protection

- In July-August, 2022, Youth Movement be Free (YMBF) and Radooga, with support from World Vision, conducted 124 summer camps in more than 10 oblast' in Ukraine. It provided the participating children an atmosphere of safety and environment of 'normality'. Parents and the caregivers were also able to dedicate the time while children were in the camps to deal with ongoing pressing issues to find some level of stability for their families. A total of 9,195 children learned and enjoyed arts, music, sports, and cultural activities. They also received psycho-social support through counselling and activities that helped the displaced children to overcome trauma they were going through all these months, as well as to socialize and integrate better to the new realities.

“You could see fear and uncertainty in the eyes of children when they first arrived in the camp, but as they engaged in the camp activities they opened. The thoughtfully organized routine of the camps, with dedicated specialized sessions, helped children to start smiling again and regain the hope for a happy future.”

Halyna Kulaga, Field Facilitator from Radooga.



Section of children at the WV summer with partners

- As the implementation of 'Support to Ukrainian IDPs (INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS DEMOGRAPHICS)' project, funded by "Aktion Deutschland Hilft" (Germany's Relief Coalition), went into full speed in August, it allowed to further strengthen the collaboration among all three partnering organizations – World Vision, Ukrainian NGO "Divchata" ("Girls") and "Health Right International."
- Partnership strengthening, which will continue to be actively maintained throughout the project cycle, allows to contribute to each other's expertise and to further build local capacities to support diverse vulnerable population groups. As a result of such intentionality in August the partners were able to jointly produce a unified food/NFI kits that each organization will now proceed to procurement and distribution.
- Also, with the support of WV's technical experts, the partners agreed on the Standard Operating Procedure for Cash for Protection. This unique project component will be closely monitored and used as a learning opportunity for wider humanitarian community to strengthen the understanding on how effectively implement cash for protection interventions.
- UCR (Ukraine Crisis Response) added a permanent staff to its team - Olha Pasyukova, with a dedicated role to provide leadership to the application of the Safeguarding standards within UCR. Safeguarding is mission critical to World Vision. Because of the special vulnerability of children and adults during humanitarian response, safeguarding measures take on additional importance. With this recognition, UCR team acts on its commitment to do no harm and makes safeguarding central to who we are and everything we do.



ROMANIA



World Vision has been active in the country for more than 30 years and currently supports refugees from Ukraine as well as host communities and institutions with 19 partners in 10 municipalities. World Vision has been able to deliver direct assistance from the first days of war, now the focus of intervention is to provide for refugee's families and children displaced without family's access to programs that respond to their immediate needs, facilitate their integration in hosted communities and access to basic rights as basic needs – food & non-food, cash assistance, education, psychosocial support, participation, and livelihoods.

In August, Romania was implementing several projects related to Response on its territory, which are in distinct stages of progress. Some of them are in the initial phase when discussions are taking place, focusing on building partnerships, following the legal procedures for authorizing the activities, etc. This phase even if doesn't generate indicators, is the most difficult and time consuming for the team, but also is the most important for the future implementing process.

Progression by sectors:

Food and NFI

- We have so far distributed about 56MT of food to 45,739 people in Brasov, Galati and Bucharest - DEC & CCK project and through the following partners (Galati – UVSAR; Brasov – Cattia Center and in Bucharest through – Romexpo, UTCB and DGASPC Sector 2 and Sector 6) with about 8,012 new beneficiaries for the month.
- **Hot Meal - 2,300 people with 0.8MT of food in Iasi through Rotary association and in Suceava through Cygnus Scientific Association through the DEC Project.**
- 13,171 Hygiene Kits were distributed in Bucharest, Iasi and Brasov through the HCA and DEC project with the following partners; Iasi – FONSS; Brasov – Cattia Center; Bucharest – Romexpo, DGASPC Sector 2, UTCB, DGASMB and Complex Cultural Sportiv Tei, (5460 new beneficiaries). The distribution was done through the partnerships with local authorities and local NGO partners that are involved in the Food and NFI intervention through the social stores and also in refugee's shelters. The social stores and Resource Hub like ROMEXPO or CATTIA Centers are providing the dignity of the refugees as persons and access to multiples products and complementary services.
- Romexpo Hub Center – run by the Bucharest municipality with World Vision support.

Cash Program Assistance

- 3849 persons were registered for Multi Cash Program Assistance - Child Protection in 8 locations: Bucharest, Brasov, Ramnicu Valcea, Calimanesti, Baile Olanesti, Cluj-Napoca, Sibiu and Medias. 922 245 USD cash were distributed to this program.
- 640 persons were registered for Cash Program Assistance for Elderly people. 128 000 USD cash were distributed to this program (200 \$ per person).

Wash

- 20 ecological toilets were located in Siret in order to ensure the proper conditions for the refugees. World Vision is covering the services costs related to maintained this investments. For the month of august 8990 people that passed the border benefited from this facility.

Education

- So far more about 900 children benefited from educational activities in Romania. During the month of August the teachers reached 399 new beneficiaries in our locations from Bucharest, Iasi, Valcea and Cluj-Napoca, where they participated in summer school activities. In order to run these activities, we obtain from each location contribution of the communities that are offered free space for activities, free entrance for recreational facilities, volunteers, etc.
- Children has the chance to benefits from remedial education, recreational activities, reduced the traumatic experiences and improve their life skills.
- Children also participated at summer digital activities at IT Hub -Romexpo Bucharest that became a creative space for learning, play and inclusion to digital workshops and activities, were Ukraine, children together with the support of volunteers. Together with their parent's children learned about cybersecurity on internet and safeguarding, they access educational platforms and connect with their families abroad.
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- 117 adults participate were provided with livelihoods services: Romanian language courses or IT workshops provided by teachers in the summer school activities in order to help them to be included on labour work and school/ community integration.

Protection

- During the month of August we reached with child protection activities over 1,452 people in Bucharest and Brasov - through DFAT & DEC projects. Activities took place in our kids corner located in Cattia and Romexpo center, but also inside new Kids Corner (Forte) inaugurated in Bucharest. Parents participated together with their children and families from host communities to art-therapy and psychosocial support activities, play and sport activities, cultural activities and one day trips.
- 2 child friendly spaces were established for child and mothers shelters in Bucharest – Forte and Baile Olanesti in Valcea.

Shelter and Transportation assistance

- We have reached over 11,000 people with temporary shelter assistance. For the month of august 4,176 people were reached with temporary shelter assistance and 43 people with transportation support.

Challenges

- To strength partners capacity on implementation and reporting the results
- the legal procedures for authorizing the activities;
- Identification of locations suitable for the purposed activities;
- Extend the team for projects implementation.



MOLDOVA



World Vision started working in Moldova in March 2022, we were registered in May 2022 and have an office in Chisinau which currently supports the Ukraine Crisis Response with 4 partners and programs

- The WFP cash out for Round 1 Ad hoc 1, 2 and 3 was done, 397 households were reached out of 455 HH, 75,430 USD cash were distributed, (190\$ per family)
- The team Verified 2336 families that were eligible for Round 1 cash assistance and not eligible for Round 2 as per the data provided by the government UA help to WFP, For Round 3 cash assistance, WFP has designed new transfer values according to hosted refugees 3900 MDL =203 USD (for families hosting 1-4 Ukrainian refugees) and 4800 MDL =250 USD (for families hosting five Ukrainian refugees and more).
- 1325 children, both refugees and host community, in the process of receiving vouchers for school supply.
- 261 children benefitted of friendly child spaces (Happy Bubble) by 31 August.
- 9 child friendly spaces "Ludoteca" were created. Here both refugee and local children will have access to catch schooling, as well as activities conducted by the socio-educational animators, digital devices, counselling, referral services, reading corners and children's books written by Moldovan authors and translated into Ukrainian- still in the process. All nine centers were equipped with books, toys, supplies for activities, sport equipment and sanitary products.
- The two books of a local writer, Ionela Hadarca, "U! Guide on how to live with younger brothers and sisters" and "UHU! Re-education parenting guide". Both books are already translated into Ukrainian language and are at the stage of adapting the logos and disclaimers.
- Books Launch Event is being prepared, special guest list must be approved by WV. Proposed date /tbc/ 28 October.
- WV and Food bank increased the number of counties for project intervention from 2 (Causeni and Singerei) to nine (plus Telenesti, Falesti, Rezina and Orhei, Stefan Voda, Ialoveni and Chisinau municipality). The increase in the number of counties ensured that the project's indicators were met, even exceeded by 250 HH. As a result, 2,750 refugee and Moldovan households were provided with one food parcel and one hygienic parcel.
- 1402 children (635 refugee children among them) and 1121 - refugee women attended the activities conducted by WV and Communitas during August.
- Psychological First Aid Training of Trainers" took place in August 3-5 in Chisinau with the participation of our partners Communitas and Food bank.



GEORGIA



World Vision is one of the leading children's rights non-governmental organisations in Georgia. Throughout its over 20 years of work in the country, the organisation has been actively engaged in the strengthening of the child welfare system and creating a healthy and active society for children that is inclusive, tolerant and provides equal opportunities for all.

- Multiservice center for Refugees is well established and operational in Tbilisi and already in Batumi. The main direction of these UNHCR-funded centers is to assist beneficiaries in exercising their fundamental rights and facilitating the integration process into host community. The project staff continues to obtain the information, assess cases, provide consultation, and made relevant referrals according to the needs of the beneficiaries from Ukraine aiming to ensure their adequate and timely access to all governmental and non-governmental social, health and psychosocial services that meet their needs. Additionally, the centers provide refugees with employment support to restart their career and rebuild their lives. Information leaflets and brochures on available services are being disseminated actively among partners and beneficiaries.
- In August comprehensive GESI-sensitive needs assessment of Ukrainian refugees was launched in the frame of the ADH-funded project. The aim of the Rapid Needs Assessment is to identify the primary needs and priorities of Ukrainian refugees and tailor/adapt program interventions accordingly. On the other side, the results of the Rapid Needs Assessment are important for the identification of the needs in a broader context. The enumerators at 6 target locations (Tbilisi, Telavi, Batumi, Larsi, Akhaltsikhe, and Kutaisi) will conduct fieldwork/face-to-face interviews. For the selection of the respondents, the snowball methodology as well as a random selection from the already existing list will be used. 300 respondents will be interviewed and 3 Focus Group Discussions conducted. The assessment will be finished by the end of September.
- In August WVG successfully launched a multipurpose cash assistance programme. A number of applications to receive cash assistance for the period of August reached 400 families (approx. 1200 individuals) and is going up. Number of QR/ Online registrations till now is – 130 HH. UCR Georgia team operationalized hot line and additional two telephone lines for registration and communication with the refugees in need. The QR code reader has been inserted into the webpage enabling online registration by the applicants themselves. The average calls received on a hotline is 20 to 30 a day.
- Working with educational institutions on the provision of various support continues, that includes schools and kindergartens with the high concentration of refugee kids in Tbilisi, Batumi, Kutaisi and Rustavi. During the reporting period, the partnership was formed with a public school in Batumi hosting more than 800 Ukrainian children and 25+ teachers. During the communication with the educational heads of Ukrainian sectors at schools the possibility to organize a hand-over of the educational kits (500 total) to students from 1 to 4 grade have been discussed. As it stands now, the inflow, is high. The possibilities and scope of assistance is being agreed and will be implemented in September, 2022.
- Qualified music therapists and psychologists continue to offer Regular music and inclusive dance therapy sessions to Ukrainian children on a regular basis. WVG plans to expand the service, based on the need and the request from the target population.
- Informational meetings in the frame of UNHCR-funded project:
 - [Multi-Service Centre](#)
 - Ukraine Response project briefer, flyer on available services and online banners has been developed in 3 languages (ENG,RUS,UKR), printed and disseminated among beneficiaries. [Visibility and branding Materials](#).
 - Project information, services, achievements are shared regularly through webpage and social media platforms. [WV Georgia Facebook Page](#)



UKRAINE

- Organized procurement procedure/processes training for our partners and National staff in Ukraine. This was to enhance their understanding of WV Supply Chain and Procurement processes for improved implementation
- Completed vetting of potential partner CARITAS Ukraine to enable future partnerships.
- 90% of beneficiaries were registered and aligned with LMMS for Cash transfers for ADH3 project
- Completed the recruitment processes for key staff positions in the office ie, Safeguarding and Accountability officers and the Operations Director.
- Secondment agreement for 1 year with World Vision Spain partnership coordinator finalized
- Successfully closed out the project DEC1 project and in the process of submitting the final documents.
- Participated in the REACH data collection (local food pricing in retail network) in the communities of Vashkivtsi and Vyzhnytsya
- Our team visited partners in Vinnitsa to engage with partners within the operational area
- ADH 2 project kick-off with partners GIRLS and Health Right
- Successfully procured items from the local market for GIRO555 project and have it delivered to partners timely



GEORGIA

- The refugee reception hub is fully functional close to the Larsi/Darjali border (Russia-Georgia crossing point) to provide emergency and crisis counselling once refugees enter Georgia, supported by UNHCR and ADH. The relevant staff is already deployed to this mountainous area to serve the needy at the border.
- The information about the services and assistance offered by the WVG has been incorporated in the hotline system of government agencies - IDP Agency and Social Service Agency – that increases the outreach and awareness about the services offered. Additionally, UCR team developed, designed and printed project information materials – flyers and triples - in English, Russian and Ukrainian languages (500, 1000, 1000). Triplets and flyers will be disseminated through the project activities. Visibility materials, such as banners, T-shirts, caps, etc. were made, distributed and placed at various locations (border, office, activity venue).
- To Promote decentralization of refugee support to enable better inclusion, reduce/spread the burden on services, promote livelihoods and self-reliance, together with UNHCR, Meetings were held with the mayors of 3 municipalities (Zugdidi, Poti, Batumi). Additionally, information meetings were held in Batumi and Kutaisi on the topic of refugee rights, needs and available opportunities. The meeting was attended by up to fifteen different non-governmental/international organizations, active in the regions. Participants introduce their services and discussed the ways to improve the referral system of beneficiaries. A number of challenges were identified/reconfirmed and further discussed with local and central level authorities.
- Together with the other NGOs working in the country World Vision is an active member of the Inter-Agency Coordination platform led by the UNHCR. The purpose of these biweekly meetings is to exchange information between participants and coordinate activities.



ROMANIA

- Had a session with potential partners for the DEC 2 project that started September 1, 2022. The project mainly has education in emergencies activities
- Met with the Basic Needs working Group at UNHCR- to plan on Winterization. As the conflict heads into winter, partners are preparing for specific winter responses to meet the needs of refugees in Romania.
- Provision of winter cash assistance for vulnerable families to meet their additional winter needs.
- Provision of appropriate core relief items, such as blankets, winter clothes, etc.
- Winterization of shelters, transit centers, and Blue Dots including repairs or improvements of the existing infrastructure (WASH).
- Provision of food, particularly hot meals at the borders and in the transit centers.
- Strengthening the provision of healthcare and management of infectious diseases.
- Prevention, identification and management of a potential increase of sexual violence cases.



MOLDOVA

- WV win the proposal submitted to WFP for the period of 15 September- 31 Dec 2022 with additional more areas, meaning starting 15 Sep Wv will be the only WFP partner for cash assistance for hosting families
- WV under WFP Project has done a verification for round 2 cash assistance for Ah hoc cycle, also for Round 3 first cycles,
- WV Under WFP project could reach 397 households with 75,430 USD (190\$ per family) for Round 11 families that had some issues in first cycles.
- Dec phase two project has started in 1st of September, with partnering same local partners, communitas and foodbacnk,
- PNS project funded by WV korea started as of 1st Sep with partnering local NGO step by step
- The collaboration with Regional Directorates of Social Assistance and Family Protection of Ciadir Lunga has been established and in the process of being settled.
- DEC2a, GAC and WVK PNS projects Startup workshop will take place during September with the participation of our partners and all stakeholders.
- Strong coordination between WV Moldova, government, UN agencies and INGOs regarding winterization, a workshop will take place on Sep 15th to harmonize all the assistance.

Data highlights: e.g., Assessment Published

- Local accountability and monitoring officers had joined the MEAL (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning) team in August
- Accountability team was involved in setting up the system in terms of QR code, feedback email and hotline number
- Accountability team received 600 odd suggestions, feedback, and a few complaints. These suggestions and feedback were around cash distribution enquires and request for change of dates for receiving cash assistance
- Post distribution monitoring was planned for September for DEC1, ADH (Aktion Deutschland Hilft) 1 and GIRO 555 grants for all the three country locations.

Funding



US\$ 58 M
Secured funding

US\$ 14 M
Pipeline funding

US\$ 12.7 M
actual spending



Advocacy Highlights

- In alignment with the UCR Plan, Advocacy's current focus are on durable shelter solutions, building evidence-based messaging for education, work towards completion of the Child Protection Risk Aftershocks Report.
- Advocacy is actively involved with key external networks including the Ukraine Advocacy Working Group and the Foster Care and the Ukraine Crisis Response Group.
- At Global Capitals Advocacy collaborates with key partners, such as ICVA, EU Child Protection Forum and the NGO informal network at the UN NY.



World Vision Strategies and Publications



[No Peace of Mind Report](#)



[Warm Welcomes, Lurking Tensions](#)



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Communications and Public Engagement

Six months on press release: [3.6M Ukrainian children could miss school](#)

Radio New Zealand interview: [6 months to the day when war began](#)

Australia Independent News: [6 months of war and millions of children at risk](#)

Global News Canada: [World Vision ally Carlos Bustamante highlights the impact of the war in Ukraine](#)

Note: All available UCR Resources (photos, videos, stories) can be downloaded here StoryHub – [Ukraine Crisis](#). Let us know if you need access to the database.

New Zealand Herald: [How NZ readers helped World Vision provide school essentials for refugee children](#)

ABC News Australia: [Mental health impact on children can cost billions](#)

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Ukrainian refugee Kiril, 4 is happy to be able to use a computer at the Portable Connectivity Center in Bucharest, Romania.



Partnership Key Updates

- Number of partners currently with a sub-grant agreement or one that is in the making: Moldova 4 NNGO and 1 INGO; Romania 6 NNGOs and 10 MOUs with local governments; Ukraine 7 NNGOs and 7 INGOs.
- Trainings of partners ongoing
- 2 New potential partners vetted



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