An estimated 17.7 million people need humanitarian assistance in Ukraine. Security situations continue to deteriorate following the escalation of drone and missile attacks from Russia across the different regions in the recent past, leaving scores injured and further destruction on infrastructure according to OCHA.

Some 5.7 million children have been affected by the crisis. Only 56% of the educational institutions in Ukraine can receive students.

In newly accessible areas of Kharkivska and Khersonska oblasts, humanitarians are working with authorities to help them support the people who endured months of heavy fighting. World Vision worked with its partner Mission Eurasia to deliver 400 family food boxes the day after the area had been cleared for humanitarian access, Arms of Mercy will plan to distribute this week and WV is pre-positioning to support other inter-agency efforts.

Donetsk is still seeing the main fighting. Donetsk Governor Pavlo Kyrilenko reported that some 78,000 houses and apartment buildings had so far been damaged or destroyed in the GCA of the oblast, as well as almost 600 kindergartens and schools. In NGCA, it was reported that almost 7,000 residential buildings had so far been damaged, 300 educational facilities and hundreds of other civilian objects and infrastructure.

Reports that Izium, which has been among the cities reported to be retaken by Ukraine, estimated 1,000 residents had died there, and 80 per cent of the city’s infrastructure had been destroyed. There is an urgent need for health care and medicine and reports that most of the 30,000-plus residents who had fled the city were now looking forward to returning. Most of the now former NGCA of Kharkiv Oblast was reportedly heavily impacted by the war – with water, electricity and other basic services interrupted and much of the land mined, impeding the delivery of aid. World Vision will engage in coordination efforts to address the needs.

Lviv and Zakarpatska Oblasts both reportedly preparing this week preparing for a possible increase in the number of Ukrainians resettling there this winter. The Lviv Oblast Governor reportedly that they are preparing an additional 50,000 places, adding that as many as 100,000 could move there. Preparations in Zakarpatska Oblast reportedly include offering financial incentives for residents hosting internally displaced people.
Response Highlights

People reached

- **Total**: 360,718
- **Women**: 154,904
- **Men**: 73,840
- **Children**: 131,974
  - **Boys**: 65,396
  - **Girls**: 66,578

**Response achievements**

- **Food assistance**: 1,628.68 MT distributed
- **People reached with food assistance**: 229,428
- **Cash and voucher value**: 4,174,793 USD
- **People reached with cash and voucher**: 32,707
- **Children supported with child protection programming**: 7,179
- **People reached with temporary shelter assistance**: 25,597
- **Hygiene Kits distributed**: 57,796
- **People reached with hygiene kits**: 57,378
- **Children benefiting from education programming**: 11,817
- **Livelihoods support services provided**: 1,972
- **Happy Bubbles integrated activities – MHPSS, Education and Child Protection**: 21
- **People provided with livelihood support services**: 607
- **People referred to medical care**: 340
- **Shelter kits distributed**: 1,710
- **Education kits distributed**: 1,767
- **Sanitation facilities constructed or rehabilitated**: 1,857
- **People benefitted from MHPSS activities**: 6,734

**People reached by country**

- **Ukraine**: 230,660
- **Romania**: 99,938
- **Moldova**: 17,893
- **Georgia**: 3,058

Geographic areas covered:

- Ukraine
  - Kyiv
  - Rivne
  - Zhytomyr
  - Zhytomyrsk
  - Vinnitsa
  - Volyn
  - Lwów
  - Ternopil
  - Rivne
  - Ternopil
  - Zhytomyr
  - Zhytomyrsk
  - Vinnitsa
  - Volyn
  - Lwów
  - Ternopil
- Romania
  - București
  - Constanța
  - Galați
  - Iași
  - Mediaș
  - Sibiu
  - Târgu Mureș
  - Cluj-Napoca
  - Bucharest
  - Medias
  - București
  - Galați
  - Constanta
  - Constanța
  - Bucharest
  - Cluj-Napoca
  - Constanta
  - Bucharest
- Moldova
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  - Iclod
  - Tiraspol
  - Tiraspol
  - Chisinau
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  - Chisinau
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  - Cluj-Napoca
  - Bucharest

Map of countries with cities highlighted for response efforts.
Response Highlights

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.

- Newly Liberated areas: The team in collaboration with our implementing partner Mission Eurasia conducted a rapid food distribution to the newly liberated communities (Izum and Kharkivska oblast) under the GIRO555 project. Through this distribution, 1000 beneficiaries (400 households) received food items from the project.
- Finalized the registration processes of 6800 beneficiaries for MPCA (Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance) in the ensuing month thus, for cash distribution in October.
- Through World Vision Protection projects 551 beneficiaries received Kinder Cornet Kits (KCK).
- World Vision in Ukraine continued discussions on Letter One proposal and finalized scope of work for partners (Stitching War Child and Youth Movement Be Free). The proposal was submitted to World Vision UK.
- World Vision continued taking lead in the chairing of the Ukraine Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) working group of the National Education Cluster. In September, World Vision together with the Education Cluster coordinators were able to enlist the support of a local organization (Montessori UA) to support with the co-chairing of the ECCD working group, a step towards building capacity of local partners in coordination and localization.
- World Vision engaged with Microsoft teams to plan for the installation of Microsoft Operating System in 2,000 HP donated laptops (1,500 for Ukraine and 500 for Romania) via the Global Business Coalition for Education.

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 in 16 districts.

- Through our partnership with World Food Program, we were able to reach 1,196 Households Moldova Host community comprising of 770 Female and 426 Male with approximately $256,661 who are hosting the Ukraine refugees to complement their support efforts.
- Through a competitive process, World Vision secured and signed the Field Level Agreement with World Food Program as the lead and only implementing partner in Moldova. This will enable us to provide cash assistance to the Moldova host communities and cover 100% in all the 15 rations across the country. New registration campaign has been launched World Vision Team is working with all stakeholders to register new families for Round 4 of the cash distribution.
- Under DFAT project, World Vision’s partner AVE Copii distributed age-appropriate school supplies comprising of teaching and learning materials to 579 children (both refugees and host communities) in Balti, Cahul, Basarabeasca, Vulcanesti and Cădir Lunga regions.
- World Vision, through its partner AVE Copii translated in Ukrainian language and published two books by the Moldavian writer Ionela Hadarca, “Uf! Guide on how to live with younger brothers and sisters” and “UHU! Re-education parenting guide”. Publishing house is in the process of planning the launch event planned for 28 of October 2022 at the National Palace, Chisinau, at 18:00.
- During the reporting period, AVE Copii also conducted an online workshop on Inductive games to educators, on how to play educative games with children. This also entailed introduction of Mental Health Psychosocial Support emotional intelligence concepts to the children in the centre.
- Under GAC (Global Affairs Canada) project, WV partners’ Helpage start the Identification and selection of 200 elder beneficiaries at the local level in partnership with the Primarias and the Departments of Social Assistance and Family Protection.
- WV and Helpage established partnerships at the local level, within 3 public events, held in the towns Criuleni, Ungheni and Singerei with the participation of local decision-makers (representatives of the City Hall, Social Assistance Departments, public libraries, local NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations), etc.). These events served to present the project, the activities and the services which will be offered within the Community Safe Space created in the project. In partnership with District Councils and Municipalities, 4 spaces were identified as Community Safe Space.
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 host communities and access to basic rights as basic needs – food & non-food, cash assistance, education, psychosocial support, participation, and livelihoods. As of September 18th, there are 80,498 refugees currently in Romania, and 67,064 of them (83%) are registered for temporary protection in Romania.

**Progress at the level of September**

In September, World Vision Romania implemented 12 projects through the following donors: PepsiCo, Deloitte, DEC, DEC2, MFAT (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade), ADH (Aktion Deutschland Hilf), DFAT, CCK (Community Chest Korea), ADH, HTA, GIRO555, GAC and KOICA (Korea International Cooperating Agency).

**Progression by sectors:**

**Food and NFI**

- In September about 41 MT of food have been distributed to about 25,547 people in Iasi, Brasov, and Bucharest (DEC, CCK & HCA (Humanitarian Coalition) projects) and through the local partners with about 6,221 new beneficiaries for the month.

**WASH**

- Had food and NFI’s (Non-Food Items) interventions through working with local authorities and local NGOs such as FONSS (Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for Social Services) (Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for Social Services in Iasi, Cattia Center in Brasov, and Rom Expo in Bucharest where we distributed 20,195 Hygiene Kits reaching over 6,000 new beneficiaries. The refugees have the freedom to choose the commodities they prefer in these social stores such as ROMEXPO or CATTIA Centers and receive complementary services, thus ensuring their dignity is respected

**Livelihoods**

- 289 persons (250 children and 39 adults) benefited from Portable Connectivity Centre services in September: charging the devices, accessing online platforms and social media, connecting with their families, searching for jobs or other information they need regarding their rights.

**Cash Program Assistance**

- To respond to the multi-sectoral needs of the refugees, World Vision Romania distributed cash to 5,121 individuals of the planned 6,012 with cash assistance worth 870,749.02 Euros, through two different modalities of multipurpose cash and child protection cash transfers. 1055 individuals received multipurpose cash and 4066 children received child protection cash transfers, each child receiving a one-off transfer of 123 Euros in September. This enabled them to meet their immediate basic needs and allowed them to focus on purchasing essential items while upholding their dignity and mitigate protection risks including use of negative coping mechanisms.

- In September, World Vision in Romania reached in addition, 1789 households of 2910 beneficiaries were registered for Child Protection Cash Assistance and expected to receive cash in October. Also, 150 Children with health challenges and disabilities were registered and will receive a monthly transfer of $ 140 for the next 6 months. This is through the GIRO555 Funding

**Education**

- In September 194 children were able to attend the different education activities organized in Bucharest the three locations such as HB Brancusi, HB Rom Expo and Diaconia Center and Iasi (HB FONSS) of which 63 were new children reached for the month.

- As part of non-formal education, through after school programs, the World Vision Team successfully implemented the project “Me and my world”, which enabled children to understand the surrounding world and respect the norms of behavior in society; Through the project “The rich autumn”, they were able to observe and taste the fruits and vegetables found, collect leaves, and make collages and paint pictures, good for their growth and well-being.

- Also, WV provided projects of Romanian language courses, Recreational activities together ART (Anti-Retroviral Therapy) therapy, Activities in Romanian language, Activities in Romanian language, Sports-recreational activities in the courtyard of the center, Other non-formal activities attended also by adults.

- Considering the beginning of the school year, 638 of fully equipped school backpacks were distributed to Ukrainian children in Bucharest.

**Protection**

- In September we reached with child protection activities 98 children (58 boys and 40 girls) in Bucharest in its centers: Happy Bubble Brancusi and Diaconia Center, of which 10 new beneficiaries. Among the activities we can mention self-knowledge, knowledge and compliance with the norms of behavior in society, developing the ability to relate to others and, they learned about children’s rights
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.

- One of the priorities of WVG (World Vision Georgia) is to support Ukrainian children’s enrolment in education. Out of 26,031 Ukrainians currently in Georgia, there are 7,699 children (30%). Out of them, 5,040 are school-age children. As of September 20, there were 2,141 children enrolled in schools, out of them 1,483 were enrolled in the Ukrainian sector in Tbilisi and Batumi, while the rest were in the Geo or Rus sectors. This data shows that 42% of school-age children were in school as of September 20. Enrolment was continued during September, and WV is standing with the Georgian Government and other stakeholders to support Children’s quick enrolment in the education system.

- Furthermore, on September 15, 2022, to mark the beginning of the new academic year, WV Georgia handed over school supplies and educational materials to 450 Ukrainian children of the N20 school in Batumi. The initiative has been supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sports of Adjara autonomous region. Four schools with highest concentration of refugee children have been defined for further support through the ADH funded project.

- In partnership with UNHCR, World Vision Georgia finalized the first round of multi-purpose cash distribution (2-month cash assistance). The cash assistance modality is considered a top-up to the state financial assistance provided by the IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) agency. We were able to reach 107 Households which is around 237 Individuals among them 103 children and 28 people with disabilities.

- There has been increase in-terms of financial assistance by the refugees to enable them to meet their basis needs and employment referrals. Through the ADH funded project too we have been able to provide the information on Gender Based Violence rights, assess cases, available services, job opportunities, provide consultations, and make relevant referrals according to the needs of the beneficiaries aiming to ensure their adequate and timely access to all governmental and non-governmental social, health, legal, livelihood, and psychosocial services.

“\text{I would like to thank all the children who first entered our school. As you all know, we have opened the Ukrainian sector, so all Ukrainian children from 1 to 12 grades could receive a quality education in their own language. Moreover, I would like to express my gratitude to our partner organization World Vision Georgia for the educational kits provided to all Ukrainian children studying between 1 -4 grades. Thank you for bringing joy and happiness in the lives of our school children}”

\text{Tea Davitadze, Director of Public School N20, Batumi.}
MOLDOVA

- The team successfully hosted the CEO of World Vision Germany and his team during the period under review. The team visited partners and beneficiaries to interact with them.
- World Vision conducted start-up workshop meeting for GAC and DEC project with the presence of our partners Helpage, Comunitas and Food bank.
- Winterisation preparation is taking place to cover 4,300 beneficiaries with cash for winterisation under DEC project.
- World Vision and WFP (World Food Programme) conducted several meetings to discuss the design of the cash activity related to Moldovan vulnerable families. This project will cover 40,000 families (120,000 beneficiaries) in all Moldova.
- Team is working on new funding from WV Austria which will be covering, EIE (Education in Emergencies), Protection and MHPSS.

GEORGIA

- Ukraine Crisis Response department in Georgia continues to provide targeted assistance to the IDP agency to ensure the improvement of the refugee support and response system developed by Government of Georgia. Recently, the project agreed upon a scheme to address the immediate aid for newly arrived refugees (those who crossed the border after July 15, 2022). And vice versa, the agency staff continues helping with the dissemination of the response brochures and flyers among Ukrainians, sharing beneficiary statistics and other information, and keeping close cooperation with World Vision Georgia management and response staff. It must be mentioned that the Response to the Ukrainian Refugee needs is well-coordinated not only with the Government of Georgia but with other INGOs/Donors, etc. as well.
- World Vision Georgia leadership and response staff have close cooperation with the Minister of Education of Adjara and extensive discussions about the possible ways of cooperation. Until now the identified topics as some of the most needed and challenging areas for future cooperation are the followings: youth-related activities, capacitating of Ukrainian teachers to be in line with the Georgian academic/organic law requirements and synchronization of educational processes.
- Since the Ukrainian Refugee's high concentration is in the Adjara Region (second after the capital city – Tbilisi), it is crucial to establish a coordination platform, the same as established in Tbilisi. This is one of the priority actions for the nearest future for the UNHCR-funded project.
- In September Batumi office of World Vision Georgia has been officially opened through the support of UNHCR. The opening ceremony was attended by asylum seekers, refugees, and humanitarian status holders from various communities, as well as Ukrainians who fled to Georgia due to the armed conflict and head of the Ukrainian diaspora in Batumi. Later, the office hosted the UNHCR and US (UNITED STATES) embassy representatives.

ROMANIA

- Basic Needs Working Group: World Vision and other partners participated in planning interventions on winterization for Ukrainian refugees. Winterization will be done through payment of associated costs of heating and provision of supplies and NFIs, in addition to sector-specific interventions in protection, education and food security. These efforts will complement any efforts provided by the Government to the refugees. For WV, survival is dependent upon prioritizing the distribution of Non-Food Items to provide thermal comfort so World Vision priority will be to immediately distribute current Non-Food Items stock in the warehouse as soon as is possible. World Vision will also respond through multi-purpose cash interventions, child protection activities, distribution of food assistance through social stores.
- Education Working Group: Most of the partners reported that children were enrolled but follow-up was needed to track the exact numbers of Ukrainian children enrolled in Romanian schools as this data was not readily available. This continues to be challenging to collect due to the transient nature of the refugees. Discussions done also focused on addressing integration of refugees and social cohesion through provision of language lessons.
- Operations Refresher Workshop held from September 28-30 in Bucharest where field teams and leadership teams engaged. The workshop was also attended by support services teams (Finance, P&C (People & Culture), Supply Chain Unit, ICT (Information and Communication Technology), Admin) and senior leadership team (ND, UCR (Ukraine Crisis Response) Response Director) to enhance integration and ensure everyone was on the same page. Action points included the need to accelerate project activities, procurement plans and fast-tracking winterization activities.
- There was a lot of coordination with our donors and support offices during the month. DEC 2a start-up workshop was held with support office WV-UK (World Vision UK). This will be cascaded to all staff and rolled out to partners scheduled for October.

UKRAINE

- The team successfully hosted the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of World Vision Germany and his team during the period under review. The team visited partners and beneficiaries to interact with them.
- As part of World Vision preparedness and capacity building, there were two (2) SAINT (Security Awareness in National Theater) trainings were organized for staff and our partners. This included ToT (Training of Trainers) for drivers as well.

Data highlights: e.g., Assessment Published

- World Vision is participating to the Education and MHPSS join assessment with multiple INGOs (International Non-Governmental Organization) in Moldova.
- The Real Time Evaluation started and currently on going with the different stakeholders. As well the MEAL (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning) team is conducted PDMS (Post Distribution Monitoring) and PIM (Post Implementation Monitoring) on the projects that ended by 31 August.
Ukraine Crisis Response in Media

Georgia:
- 15.09.2022; Ukrainian started studying in the Ukrainian sector
- 15.09.2022; World Vision Georgia donates school supplies to Ukrainian children as a gift

Ukraine:
- Local partnerships at the heart of World Vision's humanitarian work in Ukraine
- Inside Ukraine: The girls and women of Borodyanka share harrowing experience after the siege
- The war turned this Ukrainian chief operating officer into a dedicated humanitarian
- Women as role models responding to the Ukraine conflict | World Vision
- A new life for Emilia: “I am not afraid of air alarms, but they make me sad”
- Ukrainian cook serves hundreds of relief work volunteers daily to support her country and people
- World Vision meeting needs of the displaced inside Ukraine

Moldova:
- Moldova’s women open doors and hearts to help Ukrainian women and their families
- A passion that evolved from performing to serving and leading people

World Vision Strategies and Publications

- No Peace of Mind Report
- Ukraine Crisis Response 18th Month Response Plan
- Warm Welcome, Lurking Tensions
- Response Dashboard

Communications and Public Engagement

- Social Media Engagement Training: The capacity building of World Vision's teams in four countries aims to improve the way staff members contribute to UCR's social media content; next phase will target partners' teams.
- Various workshops and meetings with partners and staff were utilized to campaign for understanding of World Vision's communications priorities, reputation risks and social media guidance.
- Preparation for level project visits (WVUS VP Mark Smith and US celebrity endorser Tayshia Adams) on the last week of October are underway.

Advocacy and External Engagement

- World Vision along with NGO advocacy partners in Ukraine has been actively advocating for putting the protection for children and their families at the heart of the response, ensuring principled humanitarian action; unfettered and unhindered access to those in need, as well as working with and through local NGOs - thereby fulfilling our Grand Bargain commitment.
- UCR Ukraine leaders met with Denise Brown, the new OCHA representative to discuss the humanitarian response.
- Through the Humanitarian Clusters in Ukraine and host countries, UCR is actively engaged in influencing policies and programming that are in-keeping with agreed standards of care for children.
- At the global level World Vision Education Cluster, included Ukraine in its advocacy at the UN General Assembly. As an executive member of Education in Emergency, WV along with our partner organisations calling on the international community to prioritise children in all humanitarian and emergency planning and response.
- UCR Advocacy also includes the tireless efforts of the wider WV advocacy community, including monitoring the EU in Brussels, OCHA in New York, the UN HCR and human rights bodies in Geneva, Support Offices and MEERO which along with WVUK is shaping the discussion around hosting refugees from Ukraine.

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