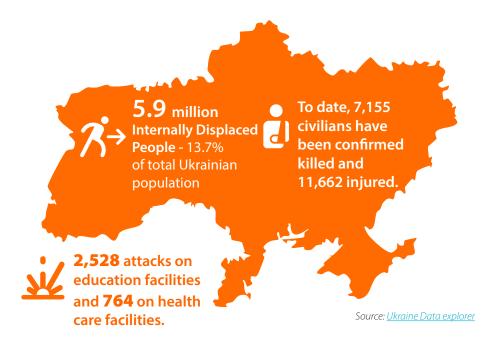
# UKRAINE CRISIS Response



Situation Report #17 | **(1 – 31 January 2023)** 

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







Romania: 108,840 1.3% of total Ukrainian refugee



Moldova: 108,885 1.3% of total Ukrainian refugee



Georgia: 25,101 0.3% of total Ukrainian refugee

Source: **UNHCR** 



### **Situation overview**

- The 2023 Ukraine <u>Humanitarian Needs Overview</u> estimated that 17.6 million are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. 23% of these are children, and 22% with greatest severity of need are in the non-government-controlled areas. Access to these areas remain challenging and people in those parts have limited to no access to humanitarian aid.
- As a result of UN and government warnings of an escalation around the one year on mark of the conflict, the humanitarian
- country team advised that they would limit staff movement and postpone visitors in the week leading up to February 24. World Vision has issued a security advisory limiting field movement, allowing staff to work from home, and postponing planned visits. The humanitarian community in Ukraine is increasingly concerned about the potentially negative impact of mass mobilization of the army in anticipation of the war intensifying. A presidential decree was issued on 27 January indicating exemptions would be
- possible for humanitarian workers, but further details are needed. There are reports that 30% of Ukraine mine-contaminated and this will further hamper efforts of the humanitarian community to reach those most in need further to the east.

Note: Ninety percent of our work in Ukraine Crisis Response is through our new partners. Thus, lag in gathering report data was experienced at initial stage.



### **People reached**





\*\* Children 251,507 Boys 123,051 Girls 128,456

## People reached by country







Moldova: 60,334



Georgia: 12,255



## **Response achievements**



355,615 people reached with food assistance



2,870.09 MT of food assistance distributed



103,537 people reached with cash and voucher programs



\$14,036,014 of cash distributed



1,959 people trained in protection issues



people referred to medical care



people reached with

temporary shelter assistance

40,222



19.092 children supported with child protection programming



155.669 hygiene items distributed



96,664 People reached with hygiene kits



5,220 shelter/winterizations kits distributed



4,890 education kits distributed



30,107 children benefitting from education programming



379 child protection kits distributed



2,215 people provided with livelihood support services



integrated service hubs providing mental health, education and child protection



1,001 hospital NFI supplies distributed



4,005 people reached with hospital supplies

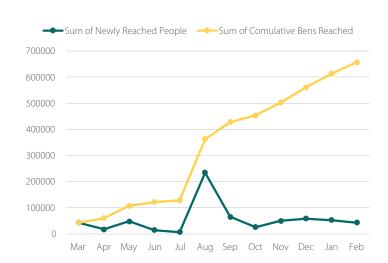


36,518 people benefitting from mental health and psychosocial activities

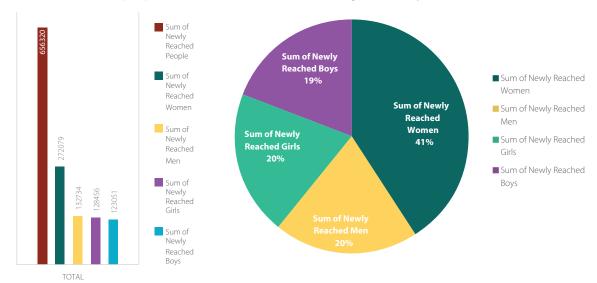
## Summary as of January 31, 2023



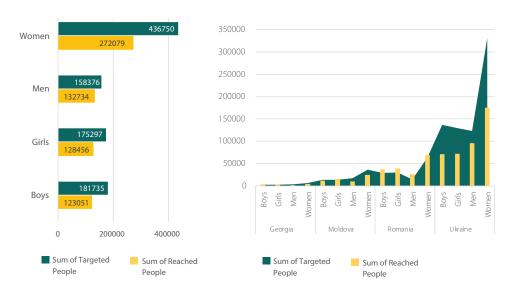
656,320 people were reached from March 2022 to January 2023



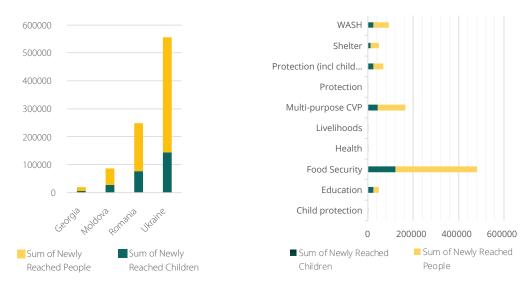
41% of reached people are women, 39% are children (20% girls, 19% boys) and 20% men



The number of Reached People vs Targeted People accounted 69%. Romania reached 125%, Georgia 85%, Moldova 75% and Ukraine 57%.



Ukraine has the highest Newly Reached People (63%), followed by Romania (26%), Moldova (9%), and Georgia (2%). Food Security accounted 55% of People Reached, Multi-purpose Cash & Voucher Programming – 19%, Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) – 10%, Protection – 7%, Shelter – 6%, Education – 4%.







World Vision started working in Ukraine in March 2022. Offices in Kyiv, Lviv, Dnipro and Chernivtsi currently support aid efforts reaching conflict-affected people in 24 municipalities across Ukraine. Thanks to collaboration with 12 national and international partners, World Vision has been able to deliver live saving assistance to people living near the frontlines while programmes in safer areas support longer term needs of displaced children and families as well as local humanitarian actors.

#### **EDUCATION:**

- 725 children participated in youth clubs' activities, 389 of them are girls
- 3,555 recorded downloads of the online application for teaching children, 1,891 girls and 1,664 boys
- Preparations done for distribution of 1,500 laptops to teachers

### MHPSS:

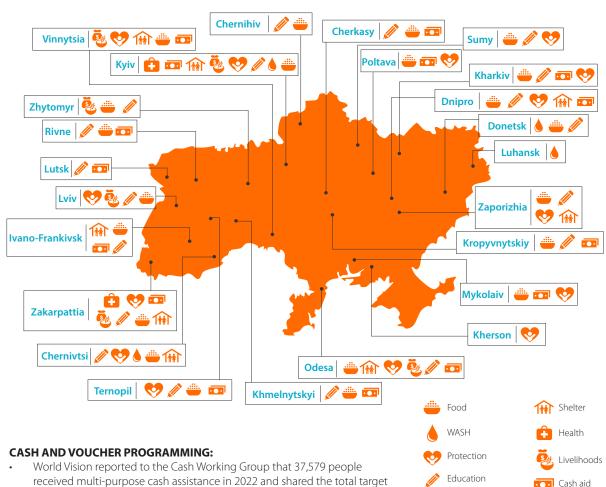
- World Vision and Save the Children formalized agreement to jointly conduct a Training of Trainers (ToT) on "I support my Friend" Psychological First Aid model for teachers and social workers
- 364 children and families in Dnipro, Kharkiv and Kherson received psychological support including personal counseling from experts through AHP DFAT project

#### PROTECTION/CHILD PROTECTION:

- 146 children participated in six-day care centres' activities in Kherson, Dnipro and Kharkiv
- 493 children and parents have received services including MHPSS in the eastern part of Ukraine
- 3,036 families received food packages in Vinnytsia, Kyiv, Odesa, Zakarpattia under AHD2 project
- 5,472 children and adults received counselling online sessions
- 547 youth and women provided with job opportunities
- 4,714 women and girls attended awareness sessions on reproductive and menstrual health
- 29,868 children and youth were engaged in arts activities
- 23,127 children and parents participated in non-formal education activities including language and art classes

#### FOOD SECURITY, WASH AND SHELTER/NON-FOOD ITEMS:

- 9,824 hygiene kits, collective centre shelter kits and baby hygiene kits were distributed in Lviv, Poltava, Sumy, Zaporizhzhia, Zhytomyr through the USAID/ BHA-funded project implemented by the local partners Arms of Mercy, Baptist World Aid and Youth Movement Be Free
- 100 beds and 100 mattresses distributed in 6 collective centres in Lviv by a local partner Will Help Together
- 3,600 individuals received food and hygiene kits



- received multi-purpose cash assistance in 2022 and shared the total target of 130,000 recipients
- Contributed to the publication of the Ukraine 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan
- 2,528 people received financial assistance through BHA project
- 2,775 individuals received financial assistance through ADH 6 project





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 9 partners in 15 municipalities. World Vision has been able to deliver direct assistance from the first days of war and is focused on supporting refugee families and children displaced without their families through programmes 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.

#### MHPSS:

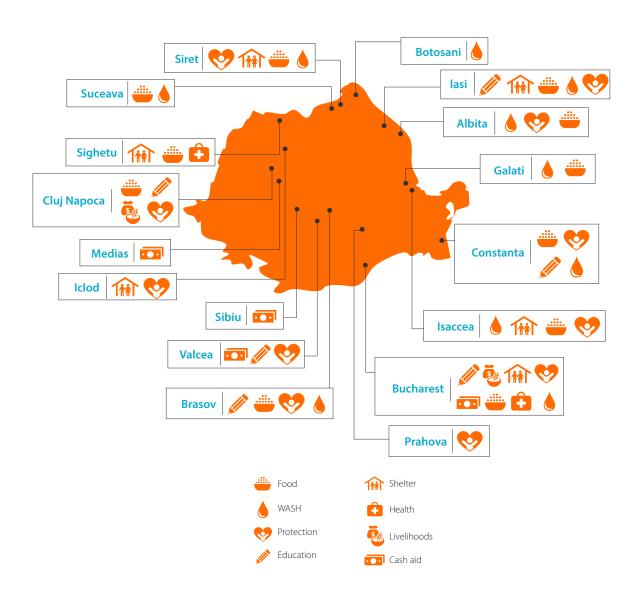
- 951 children and caregivers benefited from Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) activities in Bucharest Brasov – Cattia Center and Baile Olanesti
- 158 people benefited from MHPSS activities in Bucharest
- 177 people attended MHPSS related activities
- 95 people were trained in MHPSS issues and Child Protection to help strengthen their capacity; 31 of them were trained to use the First Aid Arts method to develop resilience and emotional self-regulating strategies in vulnerable teenagers

#### **FOOD/NFI & CASH AND VOUCHER:**

- 23,000 beneficiaries reached with 52,031 tons of food
- 6,395 hygiene kits distributed in Bucharest, Brasov, lasi and Valcea

#### **EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION:**

- 4,361 Ukrainian children attending Romanian schools
- 2,300 children in Bucharest, Brasov, Constanta, Cluj, lasi, Suceava and Valcea were reached by Child Protection programming
- 4 Child Friendly Spaces were established to provide a safe space for children to learn and play
- 327 parents in Happy Bubble attended parenting workshops, Romanian and English language lessons and digital skills classes
- 234 people, including 211 children benefited from Portable Connectivity Centre services in Bucharest and Suceava







World Vision started working in Moldova in March 2022 and was registered in May 2022. Currently an office in Chisinau supports Ukraine Crisis Response with 5 partners and programmes in 33 districts. World Vision is also implementing the World Food Programme project directly in 18 districts in Moldova.

#### **EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION**

- 1,252 children participated in English, creative and dancing classes at Licurici Center Chisinau
- 46 Ukrainian women attended five group therapy and counselling sessions at Licurici center
- 320 children participated in drawing, origami and psychology classes at Budesti Center
- 38 parents attended three counselling sessions at Budesti Center
- 326 children participated in Romanian language, reading, robotics, homework activities at Gratiesti Municipal Community Center
- World Vision and partners staff undergo Safeguarding and Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) training

#### MHPSS:

- 876 participants, 225 of them are first time attendees in the group counselling session for women
- 431 children, 59 of them are first time attendees in the group counselling session
- 17 educators and psychologists attended the second round of First Aid Art Training

#### FOOD, NFI AND CVP:

- 1,316 children reached with cash assistance. 1,191 of them child protection assistance and 125 health assistance to children with disabilities and special medical conditions requiring regular medical attention
- 1,000 refugees registered for cash assistance, 800 to receive cash for winterization and 210 for the elderly protection
- 979 people received cash for winterization
- 44 people received cash for work
- 165 people received non-food items
- 165 people received food in kind
- 209 people received cash for winterization in Stefan Voda, Criuleni, Singerei and Ungheni under GAC
- 4,602 people reached; the team conducted verification for 4,951 families under the WFP project
- Ongoing cash assistance under WFP project to cover 23,855 people







World Vision is one of the leading non-governmental children's rights organisations in Georgia. Throughout its over 20 years of work in the country, World Vision has worked to strengthen the child welfare system and create a healthy and active society for children that is inclusive, tolerant, and provides equal opportunities for all. World Vision Georgia has been providing support and assistance to the people of Ukraine from the very first days of the crisis and continues to support Ukrainian refugees based on their needs through urgent relief, assistance, education, protection and cash programming implemented in the capital city and three other regions of Georgia.

#### **EDUCATION AND CP:**

- Ukrainian children were referred to the Youth Palace of Butumi so they can study Georgian language.
- The Community Group Facilitators (CGF) mobilized the Ukrainian community members for a meeting with the UNHCR representative to discuss the challenges they are facing. The CGF also mobilized community members for a session with the UNHCR partner organization Rights Georgia to discuss Ukrainians legal rights and access to services.
- Ukrainian families received employment support, consultation with project employment counselors, and have access to non-governmental social, health and psychosocial services.

### MHPSS:

- 60 young girls and women refugees attended informational sessions on gender-based violence, prevention and response actions; children's rights, child abuse and protection mechanisms and mental health and emotional well-being support mechanisms
- Provided psychological support for adults and children, including individual and group sessions for children and adults; music, dancing and drama sessions for children

#### **FOOD, NFI AND CVP:**

- The UNHCR funded project distributed donated clothing items and shoes to vulnerable families and children
- Families who could not meet their basic needs and with medical expenses were referred to project social workers for further assessment for UNHCR Cash Based Intervention
- 405 children received e-vouchers gifts
- 485 people received multi-purpose cash assistance



## **Strategic Activities & Coordination**





#### **UKRAINE**

- World Vision participated in Understanding Perceptions on Aid session convened by Ground Truth Solutions. Insights from the interactions with vulnerable groups were shared and were incorporated in the new project design.
- Active participation in OCHA meeting to streamline coordination of humanitarian aid.
   Discussions centered on how to involve local governments for robust decision making.
- Launch of the 'Cannot Wait to Learn Reading App' funded through War Child Holland and other national NGOs. The Reading App has been downloaded 30,000 times and supports continuity of online learning and contributes to educating children during these challenging times.
- Participated in the Round Table event on Faith Sensitive MHPSS to discuss how organizations can engage faith actors in responding to vulnerable populations, and policies to be enacted to further this engagement.
- The Operations Director visited partners and other stakeholders to discuss key activities and challenges.
- World Vision as the Co-Chair of the Child Protection sub-national cluster contributed to preparing the Child Protection Cluster Capacity Building Plan for 2023.
- Participated in reviewing the Last Mobile Delivery guidelines under the UNOCHA
  Humanitarian Operation Planning Cell (HOPC) that coordinates inter-agency convoys
  in hard-to-reach areas in the East and South of Ukraine under the no-regrets approach
  for villages within 0-20 kilometers of the frontline.



### **MOLDOVA**

- Attended meeting with the Ministry of Education representative Valentin Curdu,
  Head of the Department of the Directorate of General Education and Adriana Cazacu.
  Discussion was made on the priorities, challenges, gaps, and how the INGO can
  contribute to improving the education of the refugees.
- Conducted field visit and meeting with the Deputy Mayor of Chisinau, Ms. Angela Cutasevic and her team. Potential opportunities for collaboration were discussed to cover child protection and education needs.
- The launching of Nachbar in Not project was attended by the Social Assistance Ministry head in the 6 districts of the project.
- Established good relation/coordination with the head of social workers in the new districts/rayon.
- Meeting with UNHCR High Commissioner Filippo Grandi.
- · Meeting with WFP Regional Leader Ms. Corinne Fleischer.
- Hosted the INGO forum attended by 24 INGO to ensure robust coordination and cooperation.



#### **ROMANIA**

- The Regional Response Plan (RRP) 2023 concluded and published with the Ukraine Crisis Response projects and strategy.
- Engagement with the Inter-Agency Working Groups and alignment with the RRP 2023 ensure the link between the emergency response strategy and the longer-term perspective.
- More focus will be given to teaching Romanian language courses to enhance integration of the refugees to the host communities. Online formal studies and employment of Ukrainian teachers will continue.
- Winterization is reported as a critical priority; with the closing of several projects, 28% of the refugees reported they will have difficulty meeting their basic needs. World Vision is monitoring and expanding its Cash-Based Intervention.
- World Vision, INGOs, local NGOs, and the government gathered service provision information which will be available on the UNHCR platform in February.
- Coordination with nine implementing partners for the nine external donor projects ongoing as well as provision of Local Capacity Building.
- Enhancement of external and political engagement through UCR Advocacy and Policy Advisor to ensure that the Advocacy Strategy of the response will be effective and sustainable.
- The Structuring of Partnership Policies are being improved, in coordination with the Regional Office, to ensure a more robust presence, continuity, and compliance quidance.



#### **GEORGIA**

- World Vision is a member of the coordination group, led by UNHCR and co-chairing the protection sub-group with UNICEF. The sub-group takes coordinated action to protect children by responding to their specific needs and the risks they face.
- Conducted meetings with the local municipality and the representatives of the government service provider agencies. Future cooperation to effectively deliver services to the Ukrainian children, such as providing psychosocial services and interventions in informal education were discussed.
- World Vision in partnership with the UNHCR plans to conduct the second phase of the Gender Equality Social Inclusion (GESI) Sensitive Needs Assessment of Ukrainians in Georgia. The Assessment report will be published in March.
- World Vision Georgia's effective partnership with the government is one of the important achievements which enables us to reach more people in need and to respond effectively.



### **Latest Resources**

STORY: Child refugee grateful to study in Romania where "no bombs can fall"

STORY: World Vision, ADH and NGO Girls reach out to internally displaced Ukrainian

<u>children</u>

STORY: In the midst of war, Ukrainian children do not give up on education

STORY: Over 30,000 Ukrainian children learn through online reading app

STORY: New education project launched for Ukrainian children in Moldova

STORY: Ukrainian women finds strength from fellow women in Moldova's refugee center

STORY: Our resolve is much stronger this year to keep Ukaine's children safe and warm

VIDEO: Providing children with educational support; leave no child behind

VIDEO: In the midst of war emerge strong and resilient Ukrainian women

VIDEO: Delivering Our Promise to Ukraine's children

VIDEO: Together we serve the needs of Ukraine's children

REPORT: December Situation Report: Over 613,000 people reached



### **Media Interview**

World Vision Ukraine Response Director Catherine Green interview at ABC Radio AM Program and Nightline

Ukraine's humanitarian crisis "massive" - ABC Radio



### **Media and VIP Visit**

World Vision Korea Programme and Resource Gathering Visit

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### **World Vision Strategies and Publications**



<u>Ukraine Crisis</u> <u>Response 18th</u> Month Response Plan



Response Dashboard



Impact of War on Ukraine's Children: A Child Protection Report



Out in the Cold





### **Advocacy and External Engagement**

 Publication: Impact of War on Ukraine's Children – A Child Protection Report Internal alert sent to the WV Partnership to advocate for immediate implementation of the law that exempts humanitarian workers from conscription to the army.





**US\$ 43.74 M** Pipeline funding

US\$35 M

**Actual spending** 



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