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# UKRAINE CRISIS RESPONSE

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# UKRAINE CRISIS

"It's not the sort of anniversary you want to celebrate. It's been cold, dirty, and sad in many ways... Children are struggling to cope with trauma piled on top of trauma."

~ Chris Palusky

Ukraine Crisis Multi-Country Response Director

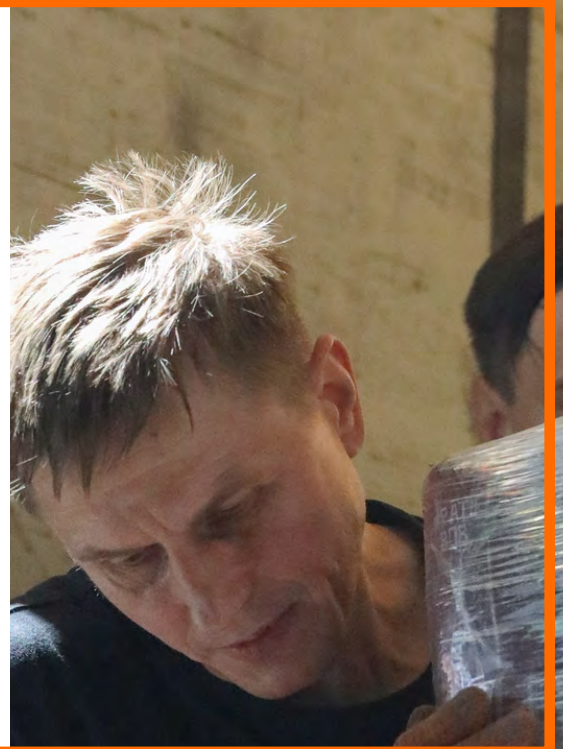
## One year of war and there is still no end in sight.

As the crisis continues to escalate in Ukraine, the casualties, the number of displaced people, and the needs are growing by the hour. Millions have either fled for safety within the country or are living as refugees without much access to food, water, quality healthcare, education, protection, and other essential services.

The United Nations Refugee Agency estimates that with over 8 million people fleeing Ukraine as of early January amidst freezing winter temperatures, including children, this has become one of the largest and fastest displacement crises in the world today. It is also one of the bloodiest conflicts in Europe since World War II.

Since the onset of the conflict, World Vision has supported the most vulnerable people with life-saving aid, shelter, child protection, and essentials, bringing our global expertise in partnering to the Ukraine crisis.

We continue to scale our response across the region with partner networks to reach more people in conflict-affected areas as we add psychosocial support and educational programs for children and families into our long-term response.



*Volunteers in a warehouse in Chernivtsi unload a truck of dry food that came from the Romanian border for a World Vision distribution.*

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# CALLED TO SERVE

*Our staff and partners remain in the frontlines, responding to the needs of the people, and holding on to hope that all these shall pass and a better, safer, and happier future awaits... especially for the children who are witnessing the horrors of war.*

**We continue to call on all sides to promote peace.**

## 4 Response Pillars

From being there at the Ukrainian borders to provide support to the displaced families, we quickly expanded operations in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, and Georgia to meet the growing needs of the most vulnerable children and their families. We uphold the following as pillars of how we carry out our response.



### CHILD-FOCUSED

*We remain focused on the well-being of children. We are here to serve children.*



### WINTERISATION

*To ensure people have warm, safe, and dignified living conditions, we coordinate with partners in supporting and implementing programs that help people survive the winter season.*



### CASH ASSISTANCE

*Cash is a more effective way of delivering assistance to those who need it. It empowers people and markets.*



### PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

*Children affected by the war are at risk to long-term mental health problems. We carry out mental and psychosocial support to help them cope and recover from shocks and effects of crisis.*

*"Oh I like this teddy bear! I'll call him Barsik," says Oleksandr, 9, upon receiving a new teddy bear from World Vision's partner organisation Divchata (meaning 'Girls'). The local organisation provides psychosocial support and social activities for children. Oleksandr is a refugee from Ukraine's Kherson region.*

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# SITUATION IN NUMBERS



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**17.6 million**

People in need of humanitarian assistance

**15 million**

People in need of psychosocial support

Source: UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

**8.1 million**

Refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe

**5.4 million**

Internally displaced people (estimated)

**17,994** } **Civilian casualties**



**11,756** Civilians injured



**7,199** Civilians killed

Source: Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights



**7.1 million**

Children in need of humanitarian response

**5.7 million**

School-aged children affected by conflict

Source: UN Children's Fund

**2.8 million**

Children in need of child protection interventions

**2 million**

Internally displaced children (estimated)

Source: UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

**1.5 million**

children at risk of depression, anxiety, post-traumatic disorder, and other mental health disorders



**16 million**

People in need of water, sanitation and hygiene



**2600 schools damaged**  
**400 schools destroyed**

Source: UN Children's Fund



**11.2 million**

People in need of emergency shelter and other essential household items

**14.5 million**

People in need of health assistance as health facilities were heavily damaged

Source: UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs





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# RESPONSE

## At a glance

### Goal

Deliver inclusive, need driven humanitarian assistance to refugees, internally displaced people and the most vulnerable children and their families in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, and Georgia.

#### OBJECTIVE 1:

Deliver life-saving in-kind and cash assistance to meet basic food, shelter, and water, sanitation and hygiene needs.

#### OBJECTIVE 2:

Support affected women and children, with child protection, mental health and psychosocial support services, and prevent and protect against sexual exploitation and abuse.

#### OBJECTIVE 3:

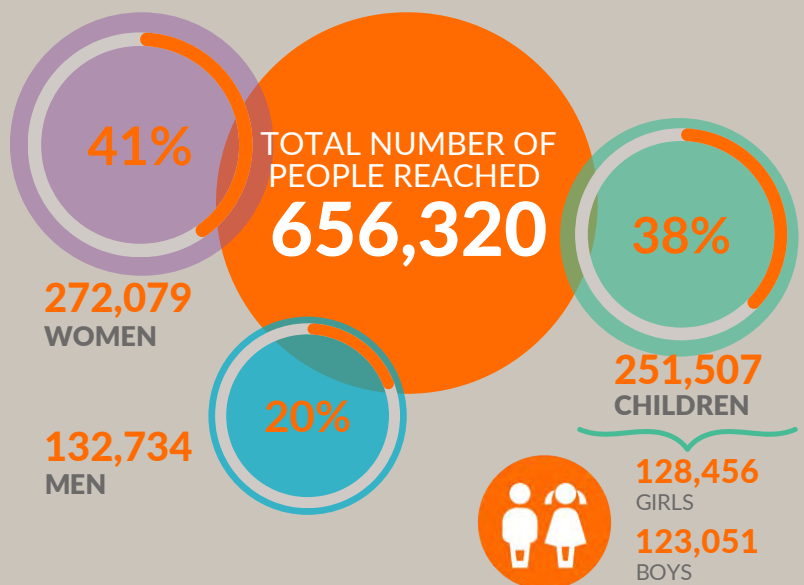
Contribute to the provision of inclusive, equitable, and quality education for children.

#### OBJECTIVE 4:

Support equitable, dignified, and empowering local partnerships to respond effectively and efficiently to needs.

### People reached from February 2022

Aggregated data as of 23 February 2023



**374,968**  
FOOD SECURITY



**45,028**  
SHELTER

**105,698**  
WASH



**28,814**  
EDUCATION

**103,366**  
CASH & VOUCHER



**2,376**  
LIVELIHOOD

**45,734**  
PROTECTION



**822**  
HEALTH

# Response in UKRAINE



142,608  
children



273,838  
FOOD SECURITY



41,668  
CASH & VOUCHER



29,221  
WASH



45,028  
SHELTER



45,734  
PROTECTION

World Vision started working in Ukraine in March 2022. We have set up offices in Kyiv, Lviv, Dnipro and Chernivtsi to support aid efforts to reach 24 municipalities across Ukraine that have been heavily affected by the crisis.

Together with 12 national and international partners, we were able to deliver life-saving assistance to at least 400,000 people in Ukraine. We have also been supporting programs in relatively safer areas to meet the needs of displaced children and families as well as local humanitarian actors in the long term.



## **IN FOCUS:** Prioritizing mental health and psychosocial support

The negative impact of war on children is immense. Beyond the need for food, shelter, water, and health, children are needing mental health and psychosocial support.

"Children are struggling to cope with trauma piled on top of trauma. Based on the experiences of other children and families affected by conflict, we can expect that over 1.5 million children in Ukraine may develop depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia as a result of their experiences during the war," says Chris Palusky, Ukraine Crisis Response Director.

World Vision has been supporting local organisations who are providing psychosocial support, such as counseling, to war survivors, especially children. One such organisation is the Youth Movement Be Free in Ukraine that has been organising activities for the youth every Saturday.

Ukrainian children visit these clubs to participate in activities such as arts and craft classes, exercises, dancing, and singing. It is also one of the few opportunities for many children to connect through conversations, and support each other in a safe environment.

"We see the results, huge results, and want to continue our cooperation, because it's fruitful. We observe the changes in children and the changes in the attitudes towards parents, friends, God and us," tells Sasha, who is an assistant coordinator of the youth club.

*Vlada and Miroslava, both 12, love to spend time together at the youth club. "It's hard when someone from your family, like brothers or your father, are sent to defend the country. So, I find clubs really helpful," shares Vlada.*

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# Response in ROMANIA



76,093  
children



94,876  
FOOD SECURITY



69,832  
WASH



15,225  
SHELTER

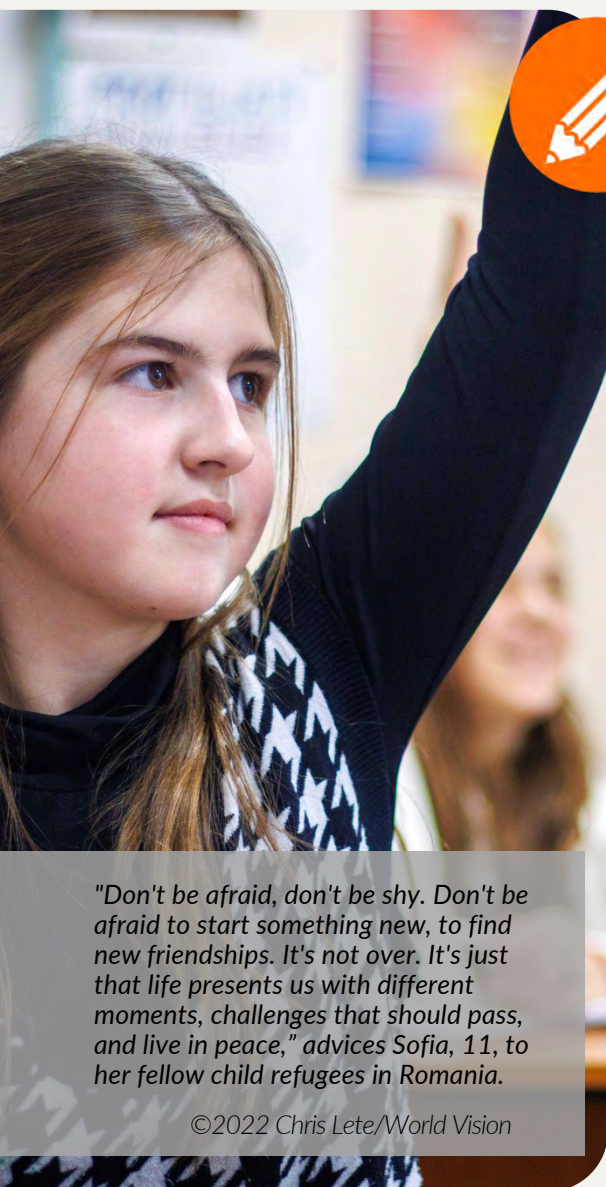


11,663  
PROTECTION



11,407  
CASH & VOUCHER

World Vision has been working in Romania for more than 30 years. Through our partnership with nine local organisations, we have been able to respond to the needs of the refugees from the first days of war. To date, we have been focused on supporting refugee families and children displaced without their families through programmes that help provide their immediate needs such as food, water and sanitation, and shelter. We have also been helping facilitate their integration in host communities and access to basic needs such as food & non-food, cash assistance, education, psychosocial support, participation, and livelihoods.



## **IN FOCUS:** Prioritizing education and integration of refugee children to host communities

"I am grateful for the fact that I can study here to learn and not be afraid that any moment a bomb will fall. Going back to school is important because there are periods in my studies that I missed, and I need to complete," says 11-year-old Sofia.

Sofia is among the 5.3 million children whose education was disrupted, 3.6 million of them directly impacted by school closures as the conflict in Ukraine continues to worsen. She and her family fled the country and found refuge in Romania.

World Vision, through the support of partners such as the Australian Humanitarian Partnership, the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Romanian schools, refugee children like Sofia, and educators are able to attend and teach in schools in the country.

Aside from education, World Vision also support the integration of Ukrainian children and their families into the Romanian society by providing child protection, and mental health and psychosocial interventions.

To date, 152,452 Ukrainian refugees living in 15 municipalities in Romania were reached through the support of local organisations such as FONSS, Asociația Carusel, Asociația Centrul Crestin Bucuresti, Salvation Army Romania, Fundatia Rebenciuc, Agenția Metropolitană pentru dezvoltare durabilă Brașov, Jesuit Refugee Service Romania, Fundația Medicala Providenta, and Fundația Estuar.

*"Don't be afraid, don't be shy. Don't be afraid to start something new, to find new friendships. It's not over. It's just that life presents us with different moments, challenges that should pass, and live in peace," advises Sofia, 11, to her fellow child refugees in Romania.*

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# Response in MOLDOVA

60,334  
People reached



26,453  
children

World Vision started working in Moldova in March 2022, barely a month since the conflict in Ukraine escalated, and registered in May 2022.

Our office in Chisinau has been supporting the Ukraine Crisis Response in partnership with five local organizations implementing projects in 33 districts, including projects in 18 districts supported by the World Food Programme.

Among the key interventions being implemented in Moldova is the Cash and Voucher Programme that has been helping refugees cover their living expenses and live with dignity.



42,646

CASH & VOUCHER



6,645

WASH



6,264

FOOD SECURITY



5,891

PROTECTION



4,034

EDUCATION



## **IN FOCUS:** Cash Programme empowers Ukrainian refugees and helps them prepare for winter

More than 100,000 Ukrainian refugees have been temporarily settling in neighboring country, Moldova, a host country that also faces energy, economic, and political crisis, making it difficult for refugees to find a job to cover their living expenses.

Displaced people usually bring a limited amount of personal belonging as they run away from danger, this include not being able to prepare for winterization needs. To help refugees and their host communities stay warm and endure the difficult winter months, World Vision, with funding support from the World Food Programme, Germany's Relief Coalition Aktion Deutschland Hilft, and the United Kingdom's Disasters Emergency Committee, among others, has been able to implement cash programme.

World Vision also partnered with local organisations in Moldova such as the Communitas Food Bank, Step by Step, HelpAge, and AVE Copiii to provide humanitarian assistance to 60,334 individuals, including host families, in 32 districts of Moldova.

Mothers like Polina were able to join the cash-for-work program at refugee accommodation centers where they are able to also assist their fellow refugees. Polina helps take calls for assistance and keep the sanitation and hygiene supplies in the warehouse organised.

*"Apart from getting compensated for helping my fellow Ukrainians, I also get to work on something I love, which gives me purpose and peace of mind," shares Polina, a grandmother who fled Ukraine with her pregnant daughter and two grandchildren. She now works in a volunteer center supported by World Vision.*

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# Response in GEORGIA



6,353  
children



7,645  
CASH & VOUCHER



2,033  
PROTECTION



1,369  
EDUCATION



713  
LIVELIHOODS



459  
HEALTH

## **IN FOCUS:** Restoring stolen childhood of Ukrainian refugee children



Physical classes and socializing with fellow students is crucial for the Ukrainian children who fled the country due to the ongoing war. These allow children to continue learning, develop a sense of normality, and engage with others. Volodymyr Chernykh, 36. He was an elementary school teacher and vice principal in Odesa, Ukraine. He now found himself and his son Heorhii in Tbilisi, Georgia as a refugee.

Despite the challenges, Chernykh found a new opportunity to continue his passion for education serving as a coordinator of the Ukrainian sector of a public primary school in central Tbilisi. The establishment of the Ukrainian education sector in Georgia is a great help to Ukrainian refugees who want to continue their education in a formal setting. It allows them to follow the Ukrainian curriculum instead of taking online classes. As a result, students can smoothly transition back to the Ukrainian education system in the future.

When the sector first opened in Tbilisi, obtaining Ukrainian books and workbooks was a challenge. World Vision, in collaboration with the United Nations Refugee Agency, provided educational materials and psychosocial therapy for the students. The therapy sessions, which included mythodrama, music, and dance therapy, have received positive feedback from both students and parents. Ukrainian families received employment support, consultation with project employment counselors, and have access to non-governmental social, health and psychosocial services.

"My child who also attends this school together with other Ukrainian children began to forget what the sound of the siren was, they only hear the sound of the school bells," says Chernykh, a refugee who now works as coordinator of the Ukrainian education sector in Georgia. He is pictured here with his son, Heorhii.

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# Funding



**US\$140.97 M**

Secured Funding

**US\$43.74 M**

Pipeline Funding

**US\$36.5 M**

Actual Spending

Aggregated data as of 24 February 2023

## Partners & Linkages

### Donors



### Partners

#### MOLDOVA

HelpAge | AVE Copiii | Communitas | Food Bank | Step by Step

#### ROMANIA

FONSS | Asociația Carusel | Asociația Centrul Crestin Bucuresti (Finish School) | Salvation Army Romania | Fundatia Rebenciuc | Agenția Metropolitană pentru dezvoltare durabilă Brașov (CATTIA) | Jesuit Refugee Service Romania (JRS) | Fundația Medicala Providenta | Fundația Estuar

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