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

8.2 million refugees recorded across Europe
18.8% of total Ukrainian population

21 million people affected
49% of total Ukrainian population

18 million people in need
42% of total Ukrainian population

Romania: 104,823
1.3% of total Ukrainian refugee

Moldova: 106,485
1.3% of total Ukrainian refugee

Georgia: 25,658
0.3% of total Ukrainian refugee

Situation overview

- In February, OCHA and UNHCR jointly launched the 2023 Ukraine Humanitarian Response Plan for US$5.6 billion to support 4 million refugees in Europe and 11.1 million people in Ukraine.
- Based on UNOCHA report, the heavy fighting and hostilities in the town of Bakhmut, Donetsk oblast, forced residents to spend most of their time in basements. They have limited supplies of food and no access to basic services.
- Ukraine’s President continued to receive a series of high-profile leaders during the period, including the President of the United States of America.

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.

A new wave of conscriptions to military service is deeply concerning to International and National Non-Government Organizations delivering humanitarian assistance due to the prospects of losing staff to the army.
Response Highlights

People reached

1,074,234

- **Men**: 177,203
- **Women**: 381,046
- **Children**: 515,985
  - **Boys**: 257,081
  - **Girls**: 258,904

People reached by country

- **Ukraine**: 685,949
- **Romania**: 213,857
- **Moldova**: 160,471
- **Georgia**: 13,957

Strategic goal

Deliver inclusive, need-driven humanitarian assistance to refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and the most vulnerable children and their families in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova and Georgia.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1:** Deliver life-saving in-kind and cash assistance to meet basic food, shelter and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) needs.

- 414,863 people reached with food assistance
- 3,418.69 MT of food assistance distributed
- 235,192 people reached with cash and voucher programs
- $32,445,077 of cash distributed
- 187,329 hygiene items distributed
- 55,029 people reached with temporary shelter assistance
- 72,176 shelter/winterization kits distributed

**STRATEGIC 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.

- 101 service hubs providing mental health, education and child protection
- 27,873 children supported with child protection programming
- 390 child protection kits distributed
- 53,976 people benefitting from mental health and psychosocial activities
- 2,387 people trained in protection issues

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3:** Contribute to the provision of inclusive, equitable and quality education for children.

- 206,362 children benefitting from education programming
- 8,726 education kits distributed
- 3,897 people provided with livelihood support services
- 790 people referred to medical care
- 4,005 people reached with hospital supplies
- 1,001 non-food items, hospital supplies distributed
- 3 temporary and permanent education facilities constructed or rehabilitated
Summary as of March 31, 2023

1,074,234 people were reached from March 2022 to March 2023

35% of reached people are women, 48% are children (24% - girls, 24% - boys) and 17% - men
The number of Reached People vs Targeted People accounted 113%. Moldova reached 199%, Romania 156%, Georgia 96% and Ukraine 95%. Ukraine has the highest Reached People (64%), followed by Romania (20%), Moldova (15%), and Georgia (1%).

Food Security accounted 41.1% of People Reached, Multi-purpose Cash & Voucher Programming – 20.5%, Education – 18.7%, Water Sanitation and Hygiene, Shelter and Non-Food Items – 13.4%, Protection – 6.0%.
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 oblasts across Ukraine. Thanks to collaboration with 13 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:**
- 1,364 teachers (1,155 female and 209 male) received laptops in 10 regions - Poltava, Cherkasy, Vinnytsia, Khmelnytskyi, Rivne, Volyn, Lviv, Ternopil, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Chernivtsi under the LetterOne-funded Education in Emergencies project. 158,309 (75,943 girls and 82,366 boys) benefited from this project as teachers are using the laptops for online classes
- 1,603 (709 boys and 894 girls) children participated in various activities in the Youth Clubs
- 5,923 (2,645 boys and 3,278 girls) downloaded educational online applications

**MHPSS:**
- 337 children were reached at the day care centre under AHP project
- 271 social services workers in Dnipro received assistance on Social Stabilization on Relationships, Self-help and Aggression, and Prevention of Burn out
- Conducted awareness activities on the availability of psychosocial support services and parents’ meetings to discuss problems faced by children’s needs
- 30 individuals participated in the Trust Restoration in the Community training in Kherson
- 53 social workers, day care centers teachers and volunteers in Sumy and Dnipro region were trained on self-help sessions

**PROTECTION/CHILD PROTECTION:**
- 8,062 children and families in Kyiv, Vinnytsia, Odessa and Uzoorod received food kits; 7,214 of them received hygiene kits
- 1,277 children attended group-based activities facilitated by social workers and psychologists
- 1,749 parents and caregivers attended group-based activities facilitated by social workers and psychologists
- 1,554 individuals attended counselling provided by psychologists
- 407 children, parents and caregivers attended non-formal education activities such as language courses, art classes
- 279 individuals received legal assistance
- 481 youth attended career counselling
- 20, 385 internally displaced persons, 2,322 of them are children were assisted by the 8 Multi-Disciplinary Mobile Teams (MMT) operating in 6 oblasts

**FOOD SECURITY, WASH AND SHELTER/NON-FOOD ITEMS:**
- 16,996 people reached with 154.1 tons of food in Dnipropetrovsk, Kyiv, Lviv, Poltava, Sumy, Vinnytsia, Zakarpattia and Zaporizhzhia oblast
- 6,006 people were supported with 4,504 hygiene kits in Dnipropetrovsk, Kyiv, Poltava, Sumy, Vinnytsia, Zakarpattia and Zaporizhzhia oblast through USAID-BHA, Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH) and World Vision Private Non-Sponsorship projects implemented by local partners Arms of Mercy, Divchata (Girls), Will Help Together.

- 4,140 clothes kits, gas stoves and fan heaters and 50 tons of heating briquettes for 10 collective centers were distributed to vulnerable households in Poltava and Dnipro through the ADH6 project implemented by Youth Moment Be Free
- 2,857 hot meals were prepared in Lviv region
- 1,896 powerbanks distributed
- New reporting tool in place for key clusters in Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL), Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Shelter and Non-Food Items (SNFI)

**CASH AND VOUCHER PROGRAMMING:**
- 31,641 people received cash assistance from USAID-BHA and OBIGIRY projects
- Represented World Vision in Ukraine Cash Working Group
- Submitted to World Vision Germany proposal for Multi-purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) direct implementation
Response Highlights

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 7 partners in 13 districts. 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:
- More than 1,700 children and adults benefited from Mental Health and Psychosocial Support activities designed to help improve their well-being and sense of security
- 120 adults responded to a survey on the most common emotional distress. The respondents were also invited to access psychological support services.
- 968 children attended workshops in the arts and crafts, digital skills, Romanian and English language, cooking, and acting classes in Cluj and Brasov under Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) project.
- 619 people, among them 377 children, benefited from support activities in Bucharest, Iasi, Suceava, Brasov, and Constanta.
- 90 children have attended the newly opened Child Friendly Space in Iasi by our partner Providenta.
- 100 children and adults were referred to more specialized psychosocial support services.
- 400 people benefited from psychosocial support programs; among them 185 people attended non-formal education and psychosocial support activities such as the Women’s Brunch for Well-being being held during international Women’s Day.
- 150 teachers and facilitators in Child Friendly Spaces attended Online Training in Education in Emergency, Child Protection in Humanitarian Action and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support; 24 of the participants attended the Training of Trainers.
- 34 mothers participated in the parenting workshops to help them understand the role of psychological needs in personal development: attachment, security, identity and to recognize and meet the needs of children of different ages.

FOOD/NFI & CASH AND VOUCHER:
- 9,161 people received food items at Romexpo hub in Bucharest.
- 2,860 persons received food items in Brasov.
- 7,695 persons received food items in Constanta.
- 2,240 children reached with formal educational programs.
- 5 Educational Spaces and 1 Child Friendly Space were supported to provide a safe space for structured activities and quality interventions.
- 153 kits for child protection and 104 educational kits were distributed.
- 372 children and 18 adults benefited from Portable Connectivity Centers in Bucharest and Suceava.
- 2,628 children and adults in Bucharest and Constanta received awareness and information materials on child development, gender-based violence, how to help children cope with stressful events and the effects of toxic stress on children wellbeing.
- 150 families received cash for children with disabilities and for children requiring regular medications.
- 350 laptops were distributed to educational centers in Cluj and Constanta to support online schooling of children and ensure connection with family members and friends.

EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION:
- 2,240 children and their caregivers in Bucharest, Brasov, Constanta, Cluj, Galati, Iasi, Suceava and Valcea area reached; 770 children of these are new beneficiaries and 97 are children with disabilities.
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CASH AND VOUCHER PROGRAMMING:
- 212 elderly people received cash assistance in Suceava, Iasi, Valcea, Constanta, Brasov.
- 10,366 people received shelter/winterisation and non-food items kits in Bucharest, Brasov, and Constanta.
- 15,805 people received hygiene kits in the social store in Bucharest, Constanta and Brasov.
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- Peer to peer training and group support sessions were developed by adolescents with the help of Child Protection Officers.
- Community-based events with thematic activities for Martisor (Romanian celebration of the start of spring) and Mother Day took place in all Happy Bubbles.
- Special faith-based event to mark one year of the war was organized and Down Syndrome Day highlighted in Suceava.
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EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION:
- 2,240 children reached with after-school programs
- 750 children benefited through homework support under DEC project
- 155 persons participated in language courses
- 22 staff, community workers and volunteers and services staff trained on Protection and Gender-based Violence issue
- 375 children reached through puppet theaters events
- 57 participants attended reflection sessions
- 101 children received non-food items
- 338 children received vouchers for school supply
- 50 community workers participated in Training on Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)
- 100 laptops were distributed to institutions hosting Ukrainian refugee children
- 109 tablets were distributed to children with severe disabilities and to the most vulnerable refugee children
- 7 desktop computers were donated to local schools providing catch-up classes to Ukrainian refugee children
- 318 children received hygiene kits
- 66 project staff of our partner AVE Copii participated in the workshop on provision of first aid in emergency situations, reaction and prevention measures for difficult situations, prevention of violence and protect children from gender-based violence.

MHPSS:
- 2,599 women attended group sessions
- 1,364 children attended protection activities
- 266 refugees reached through craft and cultural activities of the Social Club under GAC project

FOOD/NFI & CASH AND VOUCHER:
- 39,650 households received cash assistance from World Food Programme (WFP) project.
- 2,708 beneficiaries received cash for winterization
- 567 families received hygiene and food kits
- 75 families received winterization kits
- 46 beneficiaries of cash for work
- 43 beneficiaries received footwear
- 500 people received hygiene kits
- 131 people received multi-purpose cash assistance
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:**
- 300 Ukrainian books delivered to 2 schools in Batumi; furniture and materials were also provided in the children’s library.
- Community Mobilization and Participation project conducted peer-to-peer meeting with Ukrainian community in Batumi to share information and updates on health services. The community representatives were given questionnaire to provide their feedback on the project activities. The feedback will be considered in planning future activities.
- Supported enrolment of children in public kindergartens.
- Provided support to the most vulnerable, among them people living in shelters, refugee centers, as well as children in institutional care in Tbilisi.

**MHPSS:**
- 15 children from Ukraine and other children from other countries made a presentation about their culture and prepared their traditional food during the activity in the Martkopi Reception Center for Asylum Seekers organized by the UNCHR funded project.
- Conducted 3 peer-to-peer meetings with Ukrainian communities to share updates on health services under the Community Mobilization and Participation.
- Mobilized the Ukrainian community in Rustavi for meeting with UNHCR, the Ministry of Health, and the Internally Displaced Persons Agency. Legal and social issues such as the rights of persons granted international protection in Georgia and the state provided social protection were discussed.
- The Community Group Facilitators project promoted the US Embassy funded project “Sonashnyk” for Ukrainian youth in Tbilisi and Batumi.
- Conducted a workshop on Media Literacy to combat misinformation and propaganda on online platforms and shared practical tips to protect personal information.

**FOOD, NFI AND CVP:**
- Completed the Winterization project for 1,200 families with children between 3 and 12 years old in Tbilisi and Batumi.
- 333 Ukrainians received multi-purpose cash assistance under ADH project.

**LIVELIHOOD:**
- 20 Ukrainians took part in the job fair, 7 of them were offered training in one of the largest hotels in the region. World Vision supported and accompanied them to the job fair in Batumi.
Strategic Activities & Coordination

UKRAINE

- Activated the Adaptive Response Mechanism, a system set up to address emerging needs in the places where World Vision is not operating. This helps us to work with our local partners to reach the last mile with humanitarian assistance, especially in the hard-to-reach areas.
- Active participation in the East Area Non-Governmental Organizations coordination to address humanitarian issues in the east and southern Ukraine.
- Started first direct implementation of Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) to serve the 40,000 most affected people in Chernivtsi, Dnipro, Kharkiv and Mykolaiv.
- Completed vetting of 20 local partners with 7 still in process to be part of delivering humanitarian assistance to children and their families across the country.
- Attended meeting with Kharkiv City officials, UNOCHA and other local coordinating partners to enhance partnership with other humanitarian actors.
- World Vision is the Co-Chair of the Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Network, member of the Steering Committee represented by the Response Director, and member of the Technical Working Group.
- Education in Emergencies Technical Advisor represented World Vision and led 2 Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) working groups meeting at the national level.
- Participated in the biweekly Education Cluster meeting and Global Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) Distance Education Technical Working Groups discussion.

GEORGIA

- Organized discussion for the heads and staff of Internally Displaced Persons and Social Services agencies. Achievements and findings from the cooperation with these agencies as well as the gaps in the assistance system were discussed.
- First coordination meeting of World Vision UCR and UNCHR project staff. Beneficiary identification, criteria/eligibility, registration and management of databases were discussed. Coordination meetings will be done in a regular basis.
- World Vision Georgia is Co-chairing with UNICEF the Child Protection Working Group. The monthly meetings aim to strengthen the coordination among the stakeholders and the governmental bodies.
- Participated in meetings with different stakeholders such as local municipalities and education centers.

MOLDOVA

- Participated in the meeting of the Commission for the Coordination of Migration and Asylum Activities organized by UNHCR and Ministry of Internal Affairs to discuss the temporary protection decision related to Ukrainian refugees in Moldova.
- Nominated Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) focal person to join UN agencies and International Non-Government Organization (INGO) focal persons under the Inter-agencies Coordination to ensure organizational and collective strategies and action plans are properly implemented.
- Coordinated with the INGO for the launching of the Human Resource group meetings to share experiences, collaborate and link all focal persons.
- Hosted the INGO forum.
- Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Leader and UCR Response Director visited projects and met with partners and local authorities providing insights on best practices, feedback on current operations, and areas for improvement.
- Bilateral meetings with external partners UNHCR, Norwegian Refugee Council and Plan International were organized to discuss synergies in education operations and advocacy priorities during the visit of UCR Advocacy Lead.
- Participated in the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration monthly round table discussion on the operational, contextual and security challenges.
- Attended the presentation of the UN Secretary General 2022 Report on the Special Measures for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.
- Participated in the round table discussion organized by the Austrian Embassy in Chisinau. H.E. Stella Avallone, Austrian Ambassador to Moldova and all partners implementing NiN and Ada projects attended the event.
- World Vision UCR Moldova has entered new partnerships with 4 organizations. These partnerships offer significant opportunities for growth and expansion.
- World Vision UCR Moldova portfolio has grown significantly with Finland Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Humanitarian Unit, World Vision Korea Private Non-Sponsorship and Aktion Deutschland Hilft new projects and additional 16,000 families (48,000 beneficiaries) under the WFP project.
- Ongoing coordination meetings with local authorities, municipalities and social assistants' focal persons to share challenges, discuss solutions and ensure better coordination and collaboration.

ROMANIA

- Participated in the Refugee Coordination Forum for Romania
- Established partnership with the school for inclusive education in Bucharest to have activities for children with special needs
- Participated in the roundtable discussion on Localization of Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine organized by Cordaid
- Participated in the Capacity Strengthening Task Force organized by Save the Children
- Alignment meeting with UNHCR representatives at World Vision office
Resources

• STORY: Building stronger humanitarian programs in Moldova: World Vision trains local partners on monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning
• STORY: Over 31,000 people provided with cash assistance and winter kits for Ukraine’s cold seasons
• STORY: NSO Portable Connectivity Center plays vital role to humanitarian projects for Ukrainian refugees in Romania
• STORY: Ukraine’s elderly refugees in Moldova struggle with their new environment as war at home continues
• STORY: Displaced Ukrainians see huge need for mental health and psychosocial support
• STORY: Displaced by two wars, Nataliia is on a humanitarian mission to help fellow Ukrainians
• STORY: Cristina’s life-changing journey from advertising to humanitarian work for refugees in Moldova
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• STORY: A year on, Ukrainians lean more on each other for emotional support
• STORY: Youth clubs help Ukraine’s war-affected children connect and find support
• STORY: Cash program empowers Ukrainian refugees in Moldova to stand on their own while helping others
• STORY: Learning activities help restore stolen childhood of Ukrainian children who fled in Georgia
• STORY: How little Yehor from Ukraine found his passion for music playing violin in Georgia
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World Vision Strategies and Publications

World Vision Ukraine Crisis Response One Year On Report
Child Protection Multisectoral Needs Assessment - Ukraine 2023
Response Dashboard
Impact of War on Ukraine’s Children: A Child Protection Report
Ukraine Crisis Response 18th Month Response Plan
Media Hits

Number of print/online mentions: 64
Reach: 1.1B
Number of countries with coverage: 12

Number of broadcast mentions: 474
Reach: 60M
Number of countries with coverage: 4

Top 5 Media Mentions (By Reach)

• The Times (UK), Reach: 19M
  British donations are providing a lifeline to Ukrainian refugees
• ABC News (Australia), Reach: 15M
  Charities say Ukrainian children and families still need help
• New Zealand Herald (New Zealand), Reach: 8M
  Russia-Ukraine war, a year on: How NZ Herald fundraising appeal has helped children in their horrifying 'new normal'
• New Zealand Herald (New Zealand), Reach: 8M
  Russia-Ukraine war: Six ways the war changed the world
• New Zealand Herald (New Zealand), Reach: 8M
  Focus: Ukraine’s children of war

Media and VIP Visits

• British actor Simon Pegg and DEC in Romania featured in BBC One - The One Show and The Times UK
• World Vision Netherlands CEO Marco van der Graaf in Ukraine
• World Vision Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Leader Eleanor Monbiot in Moldova
• World Vision New Zealand Country Programme Manager Andy Robinson in Romania and Moldova
• World Vision Australia Head of Fragile States and Humanitarian Patrick Thomas in Romania

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Advocacy and External Engagement

• UCR participation in the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operation (ECHO) Senior Officers Meeting in Brussels, highlighting the impact of the conflict on children in Eastern Ukraine and the failing Child Protection system. This elicited interest and direct engagement from state representatives.
• Produced a joint statement with the Ukrainian Advocacy Working Group on the humanitarian access, localization, protection of civilians and conscription of humanitarian workers that was used by advocacy across the partnership for external engagement and influencing.
Funding

$154.7 M Secured funding

$7.6 M Pipeline funding

$56.3 M Actual spending

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- Health Right International
- Divchata (Girls)
- We are Near
- Hungarian Interchurch Aid
- Will Help Together (Lviv)
- War Child Holland
- Caritas Ukraine
- Dorcas Aid

**Romania:**
- Federăția Organizațiilor Neguvernamentale pentru Servicii Sociale (FONSS)
- Fundația Rebenciuc
- Direcția Generală de Asistență Socială a Municipiului București (DGASMB)
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