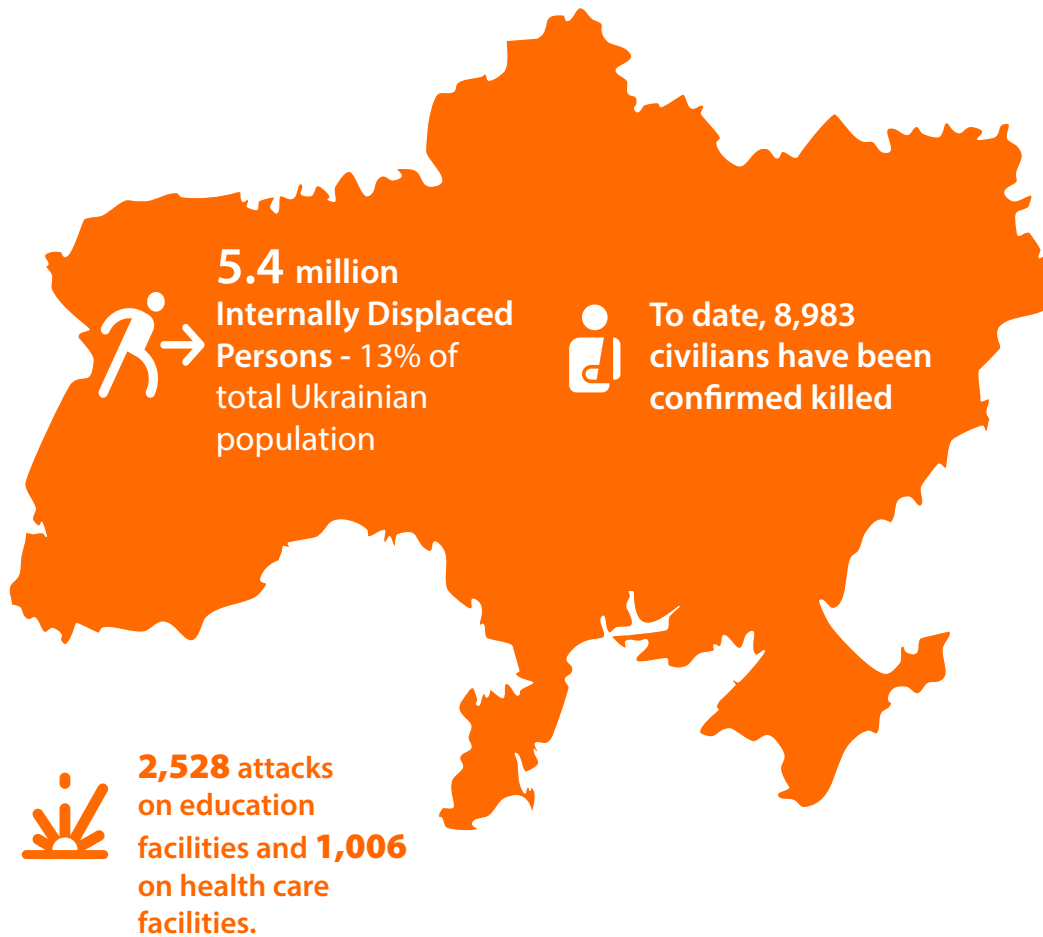


UKRAINE CRISIS Response

Situation Report #19 | (1 April – 31 May 2023)

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



Source: [Ukraine Data Explorer](#)

 **5.9 million** refugees recorded across Europe
13.7% of the total Ukrainian population

21 million people affected **18 million** people in need
49% of the total Ukrainian population 42% of the total Ukrainian population



Romania:
134,625
2.3% of the total Ukrainian refugee



Moldova:
109,645
1.9% of the total Ukrainian refugee



Georgia:
24,180
0.4% of the total Ukrainian refugee

Source: [UNHCR](#)

Situation Overview

- The governments of Romania and Moldova introduced new temporary protection policies to govern legal access by Ukrainians to services.
- Ukrainian refugees in Romania decreased considerably to around 94,000 by the end of May 2023.
- A consumer price index of 26.6 according to the [National Bank of Ukraine](#) continues to drive the cost of living higher making basic household goods inaccessible to conflict-affected families.
- At least 73% of the 5.08 million internally displaced people (IDPs) from the [UNHCR Situation Update](#) come from Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia. The elderly, people with disabilities, children and women are among the worst affected.
- Out of 17.6 million people in need, 11.1 million people (6.3 million internally displaced) are targeted for support under the [Ukraine Humanitarian Response Plan 2023](#).
- Funding raised through the [Ukraine Flash Appeal](#) has been lower; only 24% received out of the 3.9 billion requested which when compounded with ongoing hostilities has constrained access to conflict-affected households.
- [The Ukraine Humanitarian Needs Overview \(HNO\)](#) estimated that 3.4 million children in Ukraine need immediate child protection services. This figure includes 10 percent of children with disabilities. As of October 2022, the Child Protection Sub-Cluster estimates that over 2 million children have been internally displaced within Ukraine.

Note: A large percentage of our work in the Ukraine Crisis Response is through our new partners in difficult locations, thus the lag in gathering report data.



People reached

1,264,763

Men 207,719
 Women 445,283

Children 611,761
Boys 300,475 **Girls 311,286**

People reached by country



Ukraine:
799,743



Romania:
259,048



Moldova:
190,662



Georgia:
15,310

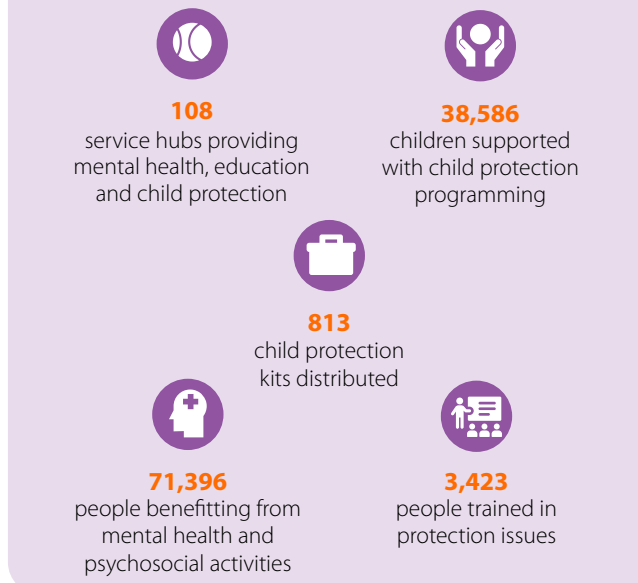
Strategic Goal

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.

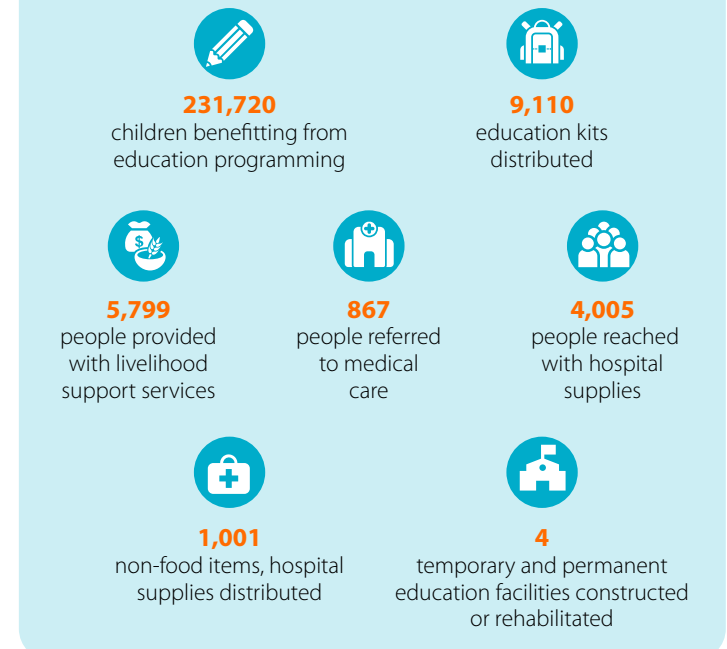
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1: Deliver life-saving in-kind and cash assistance to meet basic food and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) needs.



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.



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





UKRAINE

World Vision started working in Ukraine in March 2022. Offices in Kyiv, Lviv, Dnipro, Chernivtsi, Kharkiv and Mykolaiv currently support aid efforts reaching conflict-affected people in 24 oblasts 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 frontlines while programmes in safer areas support longer-term needs of displaced children and families as well as local humanitarian actors.

EDUCATION:

- 136 laptops were distributed for the use of 16,186 children including 419 children with special needs.
- Youth Clubs activity was completed. A total of 2,108 children, 1,147 of them girls, participated in youth club activities.

PROTECTION/CHILD PROTECTION (CP)/MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS):

- The Child-Friendly Space (CFS) Guidance for the Ukraine Protection Cluster has been drafted led by World Vision and submitted to the cluster lead.
- 3 projects designed to align with UN OCHA Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2023 emphasise on the provision of life-saving child protection (CP) services for boys and girls most at-risk of exploitation, abuse, neglect, or discrimination, and child survivors of violence.
- 80 CFS facilitators trained on Activity Catalogue Toolkit usage including 38 new facilitators who attended the 3-day training from Kherson, Kharkiv, Sumy, Dnipro and Chernivtsi.
- 8 Multi-Disciplinary Mobile Teams (MMT) operate in 6 oblasts providing services to 17,901 people, 5,750 are children.
- 12,985 people received hygiene kits while 464 children and families received food kits in February in Kyiv, Vinnytsia, Odessa and Uzzorod.
- 4,808 children attended group-based psychosocial activities facilitated by social workers and psychologists while 1,556 parents and caregivers attended group activities by social workers and psychologists.
- 4,053 individuals who reached out and asked for help received individual counselling sessions from the psychologists.
- 11,815 children and parents/caregivers attended non-formal education activities (e.g., language courses, art classes).
- 19,590 children and youth received the art-based activities while 279 individuals received legal assistance, in person and virtually.
- 481 youth attended career counselling and 4,202 women and girls attended awareness-raising sessions on sexual reproductive health.

FOOD SECURITY, WASH AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI):

- 50,267 conflict-affected families were supported with 114.1MT of food, hygiene kits and household items such as gas stoves, beds and bed linens, clothing, first aid kits, fire extinguishers; hygiene promotion and mine risk awareness were also conducted. World Vision was elected to the Ukraine Food Security and Livelihoods Strategic Advisory Group joining the World Food Program (WFP), Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and other International Non-Government Organizations (INGOs) and Local Non-Government Organizations (LNGOs) in dividing on strategic issues.



Food	Shelter
WASH	Health
Protection	Livelihoods
Education	Cash aid



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 12 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.

MPHSS:

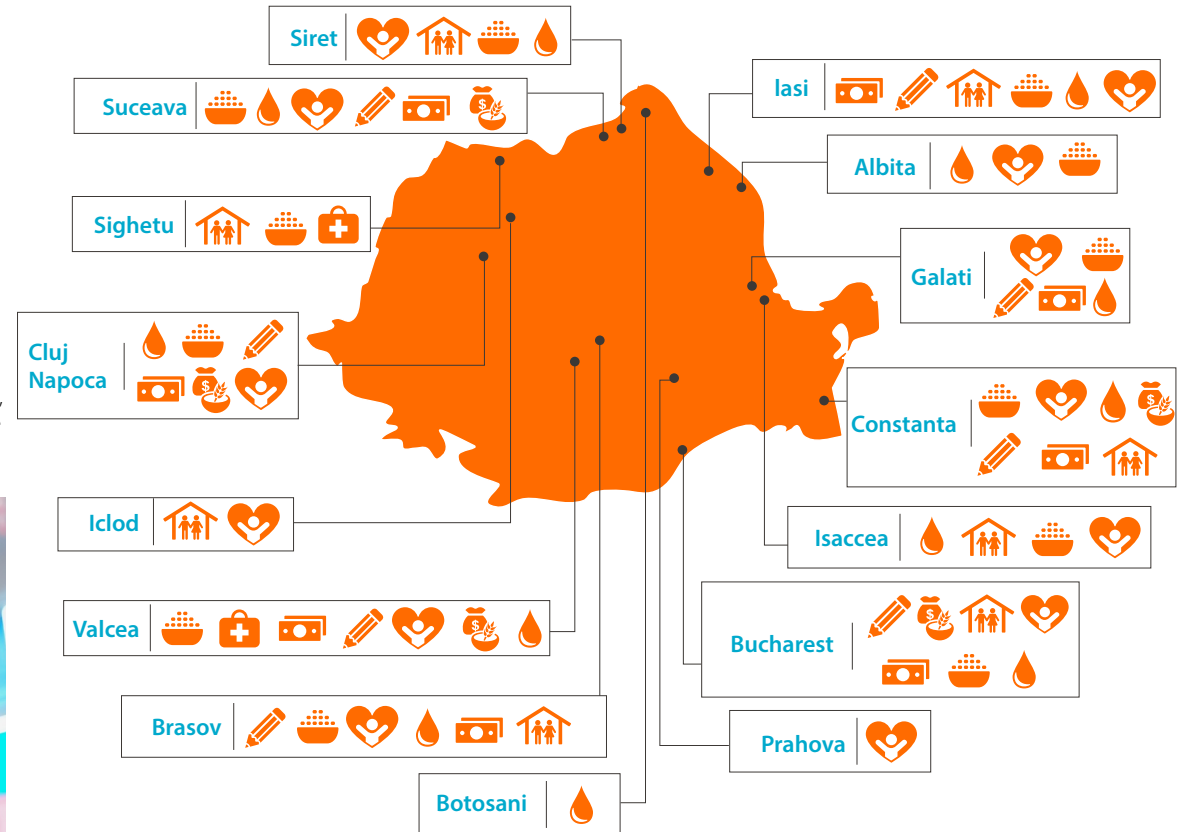
- Protection Behavior Rules to Child-Friendly Spaces were introduced and biweekly MHPSS monitoring sessions were conducted to ensure quality deliveries and as part of the capacity building efforts, 29 trained staff led the MHPSS initiatives.

FOOD/NFI AND CASH AND VOUCHER PROGRAM (CVP):

- The Romanian government's social protection policy transition resulted to the decrease of refugees inside the country, and thus also reduced the potential assistance in some programs providing basic needs.

EDUCATION AND CP:

- Facilitators and psychologists for Happy Bubbles were trained on disability assessment, well-being monitoring, child-friendly approaches and inclusion, staff well-being and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).
- 144 children and mothers participated in the First Aid Art Program in Bucharest, Brasov, Constanta, Cluj, Iasi, Suceava and Valcea, 13 children with disabilities attended specific therapy sessions at Cattia Centre in Brasov.





MOLDOVA

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 7 partners and programmes in 33 districts. World Vision is also implementing the World Food Programme project directly in 18 districts in Moldova.

EDUCATION AND CP:

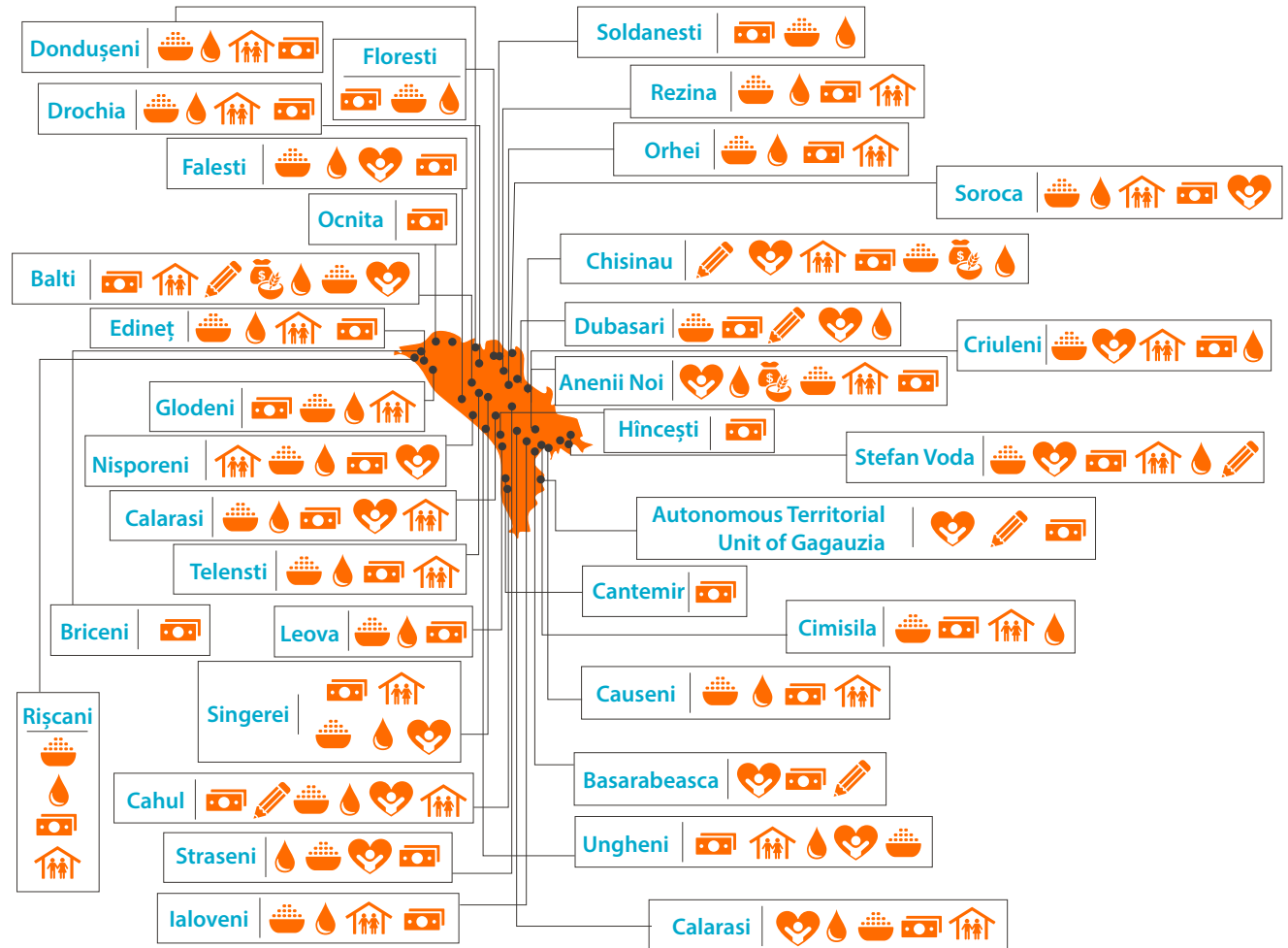
- The amendment of Temporary Protection modalities for Ukrainian refugees renewed commitment of the Moldovan Government and Child Protection Sub-Working Group to ensure unaccompanied and separated children are registered for MHPSS, food and cash programs, among others.
- Ukrainian children in Moldova are provided tablets and internet connection access to online education provided by Ukrainian educational system.

MHPSS:

- Capacity building was provided to partners on MHPSS-related service provision in emergency settings.
- Training of problem management conducted with WHO in Moldova conducted the problem management plus training for selected partner staff and MHPSS TWG actors. In response to coordination need, WVI has actively engaged and positively continued to participate in the MHPSS TWG activities where actors frequently meet to deliberate on issues pertaining to MHPSS.

FOOD/NFI AND CVP:

- 2,628 food-in-kind were distributed by partner Foodbank to refugees and the host community members to address the food security needs.
- 148 NFI vouchers and provided by partners HelpAge and 2,628 NFI kits provided by Foodbank to the elderly and vulnerable refugees and host communities.
- Cash for Winterization and Cash for Work programs are part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) 2 funded project.
- HelpAge, supported by Global Affairs Canada (GAC) provides multi-purpose cash (MPC) to 47 elderly refugees and host communities to meet their immediate needs.
- 2,711 people benefited from the cash for winterization assistance distributed to address their immediate needs.
- 90 refugees participated in the cash for work assistance providing livelihood and income for their basic needs.





GEORGIA

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:

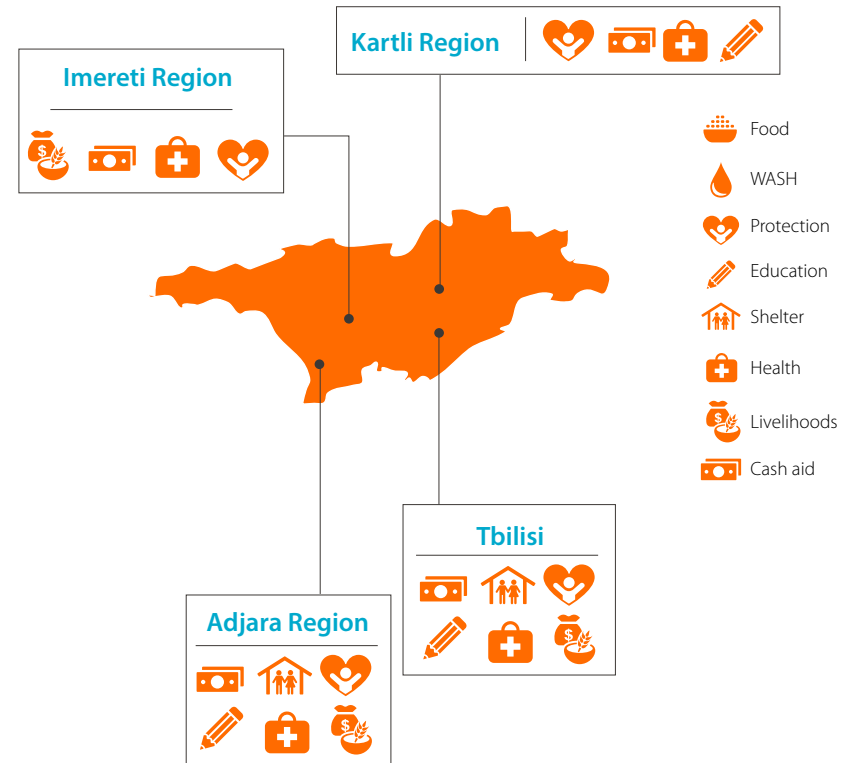
- 650 Ukrainian children participated in Children's Day event on 23-24 May with the theme "Empowering and Strengthening of Ukrainian Children and their Families." It also marked the end of the academic year for the Ukrainian children living and studying in Georgia due to war.
- Transformational session conducted with the UNHCR partner Rights Georgia on legal rights, asylum procedures and accessing services.

MHPSS:

- 379 refugees registered for the UNHCR-funded project and will be supported with social work intervention, psychological and employment support. Training/workshop on Positive Parenting launched to support Ukrainian children's early child development.

FOOD, NFI, CVP AND LIVELIHOOD:

- 1,874 people from 305 households were supported through cash-for-protection program.
- Participated in the Career Festival, organized by humanitarian response hub, in partnership with Ilia State University and with the support of the new unique employment platform sfero.ge, Girteka, Evolution Georgia, and Lineate Georgia to connect Ukrainian job seekers with employers and support employment.





UKRAINE

- Co-chaired the emergency cluster meeting to discuss Protection Monitoring Plan (PMT) for the recent flood response.
- Led two national-level Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) working groups meeting and assisted drafting the Ukraine National Education Cluster Strategy. World Vision and UN OCHA co-chaired the Round Table on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Ukraine discussing issues and common challenges to PSEA identification and mitigation of risks, referrals for multisectoral assistance, effective communication strategies and strengthening partner capacity.



MOLDOVA

- World Vision renewed its commitment to cooperate with the Moldovan Government to ensure that all Ukrainians have a recognized legal status based on the amended Temporary Protection Policy while continuing to provide and advocate for aid to Ukrainians and host families.
- Introduction of roles with the General Inspectorate for Migration in Moldova and discuss the temporary protection decision related to the Ukrainian refugees.
- Conducted a two-day teambuilding event and engaged with the Romania Consular Office to improve/resolve the visa challenges for the international staff based in Moldova.



GEORGIA

- Established reputation for World Vision as an active and reliable partner of the Internally Displaced, Ecomigrants and Livelihood Agency (IDP Agency) under the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs to respond and support Ukrainian refugees.
- Committed to support the IDP Agency to cover gaps on staffing.
- Conducted the coordination and information meeting with Ukrainian organizations aimed to platform for the Ukrainian NGO community for interaction and networking for collaborative opportunities.
- Happy Spaces project was launched in Tbilisi by Hladushchenko Olena, the First Secretary of the Embassy of Ukraine, the managers of Ukrainian sectors in Georgian schools and representatives of partner international and local organizations.



ROMANIA

- Advocacy work was conducted with authorities of the Social Services and Education for the effective selection criteria for the new government assistance police and foster friendly enrollment process.
- World Vision activities in Romania spotlighted in the RRP Inter-Agency Operational Report for May 2023.
- Field visit with teams from Letter One and World Vision UK at the educational centers, CFS and social stores implementation projects.

Resources

Stories from Ukraine

- [Humanitarian champions education in emergencies](#)
- [A whole new world for Ukraine's children: language and friends](#)
- [Teacher advocates for music lessons for children with special needs](#)
- [Ukrainian mother's determination to rebuild life](#)
- [Humanitarian couple's commitment and courage shine brightly](#)
- [Two Lidias sharing hot meals and friendship](#)
- [Crucial role of safe spaces in the lives of displaced children](#)
- [100K assisted through BHA, ACTED Ukraine and UKR](#)
- [Multi-disciplinary mobile teams help the displaced with needs](#)
- [Ukraine: Couple helps build shattered life with support from cash assistance](#)
- [Ukraine: Ukrainian children deal with crisis through creative craftmaking](#)
- [Displaced Ukrainian children find refuge in kindergarten school](#)

Stories from Romania

- [Sharing meals and stories open psychosocial support](#)
- [Language classes to promote smooth refugee integration](#)
- [Equipping teachers and partners in child friendly spaces](#)

Stories from Moldova

- [Teacher promotes role of art in healing and mental health](#)
- [ADH support local partners to empower Ukrainian refugees](#)
- [A Ukrainian family's journey: From engineer to car mechanic](#)
- [Child friendly spaces bring positive change to Ukrainian children](#)
- [Cash assistance aids reunited families](#)
- [Life skills and psychosocial support opens doors for refugees](#)
- [A day in a child-friendly space using creative art](#)
- [Cash assistance augments livelihoods for host communities](#)
- [Ukrainian refugees grateful of people's generosity](#)

Report

- [UCR Situation Report: Reached 1,074,234 people in need from 1 Feb - 31 Mar 2023](#)

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Media Interview

- [Perth 6PR Radio: A year on: A local's story from the warzone](#)

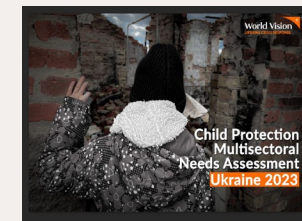
Advocacy and External Engagement

- Issued an internal brief for SOs on the new Temporary Protection policy in Romania ahead of the policy coming into effect on May 1.
- Contributed and signed a joint statement by the INGO Humanitarian Forum on the new TP mechanism in Moldova targeted to members of the European Council ahead of their meeting in Moldova on June 1st. The statement was circulated to EU offices through WV Brussels. Held a meeting with the Director of the Office of Migration in Moldova on the TP mechanism.
- Series of workshops on Advocacy conducted with technical and operations teams in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania for capacity building in Advocacy.

World Vision Strategies and Publications



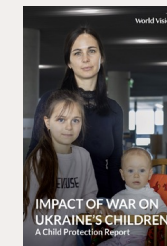
[World Vision Ukraine Crisis Response One Year On Report](#)



[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](#)

Funding

US\$157.2 M
Secured funding

US\$57.4 M
Pipeline funding

US\$64.8M
Actual spending

Percentage of budget implemented by partners

Ukraine: 64% | Romania: 11% | Moldova: 49% | Georgia: 0%

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Child Rights Information Center Moldova	Fondazione WeWorld - G.V.C Onlus	HelpAge
		Step by Step

Ukraine:

ACTED	Divchata (Girls)	Save Ukraine
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Baptist World Alliance	Equilibrium Point	Unity For The Future
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Caritas Ukraine	Lacho Drom	Youth Movement Be Free

Romania:

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