

UKRAINE CRISIS Response

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Security Update

Kinetic activity broke another record in March, although massive countrywide air attacks eclipsed frontline and border developments both in terms of impact and risk perception from NGOs. Attacks on energy infrastructure, international gas transit infrastructure, and dams represented a concerted effort to destroy Ukraine’s economy rather than hamper its war effort and ability to defend itself.

- 6.0million refugees recorded across Europe –14% of total Ukrainian population before the conflict
- Georgia –26,660 refugees –0.4% of total Ukrainian refugees recorded across the Europe
- Romania –77,249 refugees –1.3% of total Ukrainian refugees recorded across the Europe
- Moldova –116,857 refugees –1.9% of total Ukrainian refugees recorded across the Europe

People reached:

 **1,771,175**

Women **648,297**

Men **299,614**

Children reached:

 **823,264**

Girls **422,523**

Boys **400,741**

Refugee Situation as of Mar 2024



6.5 million refugees recorded globally

15% of the total Ukrainian population before the conflict

21.3million people affected 50% of the total Ukrainian population before the conflict

17.6 million people in need 41% of the total Ukrainian population before the conflict*



3.7 million Internally Displaced Persons-
10% of total current Ukrainian population**

9,701 civilians have been confirmed killed to date

* The population of Ukraine before the conflict is 43.5 million.

** The current population of Ukraine is 37,5 million.

Source: [UNHCR](#) Source: [Ukraine Data Explorer](#)

People reached by country:



Ukraine:
1,120,109



Romania:
312,771



Moldova:
311,539



Georgia:
26,756

Highlights at a Glance:



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



572,022
people reached
with food assistance



5,469.27
metric ton (MT)
of food assistance
distributed



462,146
people received
cash vouchers for
their basic needs



\$70,035,261
of cash
distributed



339,917
people reached with
hygiene kits



290,765
hygiene items
distributed



113,200
people reached
with temporary
shelter assistance



114,301
of shelter kits
distributed

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2: Nurture a protective environment for Children and their families to promote good psychosocial well-being and learning:



97,655
boys and girls
supported with
child protection
programming



157
service hubs
established and
supported



1,393
child
protection kits
distributed



10,086
of people
reached through
Cash Protection
outcomes



\$640,569
cash for
protection
distributed



124,453
of people
benefitting from
MHPSS activities



6,132
people
trained in
protection
issues



5
of children
benefitting from
rehabilitated
classrooms



4
temporary
and permanent
education facilities
improved



257,314
children benefitting
from education
programming



13,841
education kits
distributed



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3: Improve access to livelihood opportunities through skills development and provision of targeted support:



12,619
people provided with livelihood
support services

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4: Improve partners capacity to prepare and respond to the humanitarian context:



38
of partners
engaged

Ukraine 14
Moldova 10
Romania 14



1030
of partner staff
trained

Ukraine 768
Moldova 245
Romania 17



35%
% of budget implements
by partners

Ukraine 55%
Moldova 17%
Romania 22%

UCR Burn Rate as of March 2024 (Inception to Date)				
Location	Approved Budget/LOA	Planned Budget as of Mar 24	Spending as of Mar'24	Burn Rate (%)
Moldova	21,821,167	16,130,417	15,110,598	94%
Romania	19,885,918	18,283,065	15,979,352	87%
Ukraine	106,610,193	81,431,215	78,586,078	97%
Georgia	6,401,898	3,618,321	3,325,508	92%
Total by Country	154,719,176	119,463,019	113,001,537	95%
Pooled PNS	16,108,607	13,512,159	13,512,159	100%
Total	170,827,783	132,975,178	126,513,696	95%



>> Advocacy and External Engagement

- In Ukraine, WV continues its external engagements with the Child Protection AoR both at national and regional level in Dnipro.
- WV co-chairs with UNICEF the regional CP AoR in Dnipro to ensure coordination between the CP AoR at national and regional levels
- In Moldova, World Vision continues its external engagements within the Child Protection Sub Working Group.
- UCR initiated the Ukraine Economic Recovery Partnership Framework with Helvetas and Vision Fund Ukraine for joint programming.
- Initial engagement with North Carolina State University and Moldova Technical University for Vocational Education (VET) and Entrepreneurship (BFEP) capacity building.
- WV UCR is now officially the lead for VET and BFEP guidance development with Livelihood Technical working Group (Ukraine).
- WV Ukraine is a key partner in the Cash Working Group and is the capacity building focal point in the cash working group. Provided financial and human resource to train 55 people from 38 agencies implement cash programming in Ukraine.
- WVI continues to work with the Education Cluster Technical Working Group to develop the Education Cluster National Strategy 2024 and HRP 2024 in Ukraine.
- World Vision co-leads the working group on Early Childhood Care Development (ECCD) at the national level in Moldova.
- UCR developed and shared Education advocacy briefing document mainly focusing on more funding for education response.
- WV Georgia and WV Romania produced an advocacy brief that reviews progress in education for displaced Ukrainian children in the UCR countries including Ukraine and Moldova.
- Successful visits of WV Finland, WV Austria and MEER Senior Operations Director.
- Hosted 2 high-level visits: Regional Security Director (visited Kyiv, Kharkiv, Dnipro), and CEO WV Australia and media team from Australia (visited Dnipro, Kyiv).
- Participated in BHA Consortium Security Meeting.

Programmatic

- A total of 1,771,175 people reached through Food, NFI, Cash Assistance, Protection and Education interventions, Livelihood and MHPSS programming. 47% of the total reach are children.
- WV UCR has been selected as a panel presenter and co-chair with UNICEF at the bi-annual conference of the Global Alliance on Child Protection in Humanitarian Action with the Spotlight on Children and Youth (Child Voices) research.
- In Romania under Star shield project 137 people received basic needs support, 88 children attended educational activities, 48 adults attended trainings, 55 adults benefited from Mental Health assistance and 51 of them received livelihoods support.
- In Georgia UCR has contracted three locally registered Ukrainian NGO with the goal to provide services for implementation of short-term interventions. It will contribute capacity-building, development of organizations and represents outstanding opportunity for the CSOs/NGOs to grow and become accountable.
- In February and March, two informational sessions were organized for Ukrainian teenagers and their parents, focusing on education opportunities in Georgia for Ukrainians. The sessions included detailed information on short and long-term professional courses, registration procedures, admission prerequisites, required documentation, financing options, and other important details as well as higher educational opportunities in foreign languages.
- New WFP FLA amendment No.6 was signed to include the additional 2,000 participants under Capacity Strengthening component at the amount of USD 11.9 mln.
- Faith sensitive MHPSS Trainings to 40 faith leaders is conducted by the technical team.
- With 37 currently active partners, 1030 partner staff underwent capacity building offered by WV UCR to date.
- In Romania 469 children received hot meals - 7.8 Mt of food distributed, 5883 people received food vouchers – total amount distributed USD126.950, 5892 people benefiting hygiene kits – 2452 hygiene kits distributed, 1532 children involved in child protection activities, 1343 people benefited from mental health support, 1389 children attending educational activities.

Institutional

- WV UCR Phase 2 Strategy has been presented to the PRO team, comments received from SOs and RO to be addressed in the next reporting period for final endorsement.
- Environmental stewardship is being mainstreamed through the UCR programming with a menu of activities for easy integration ready to be inserted into the technical programmes being finalized for each of the Phase 2 Strategy objectives. Also, a screening marker for each new project designed will be applied to ensure ESCA integration is intentional and informed.
- Conducted critical thinking and analysis training for 3 WVI and 10 partners staff.



Funding

US\$225.7M
Secured funding

US\$106.3M
Active funding

US\$126.5M
Actual spending

Two years on, Sasha's dream shines bright through the war in Ukraine: "I hope to see our home again"

On a frigid January morning, six-year-old Sasha, and her mother rush through the doorway of the pale-colored room. The contrast between the air outside and within the heated indoor space is instantly felt.

At first her eyes evoke uncertainty and hesitation. She glances wistfully at the pile of boxes containing puzzles, books, and a few Lego pieces before turning her gaze to the brightly colored bricks.

She's going to build a multi-story residential house, just like the one she left behind in Lyman, Donetsk Oblast, eastern Ukraine.



Sasha, 6, plays in the child-friendly space run by Girls, World Vision's local partner. She constructs a building made out of colorful plastic bricks, just like the one she left behind in her hometown, after fleeing

For almost two years, the image has been slowly fading. But there is one set of memories she can never forget.

They seem so real and vivid in her mind: the basement, the shelling, the loud noises, and the rubble, too much rubble.

"I hope to return home someday" says Sasha, almost whispering.

Recently, she started visiting the child-friendly space (CFS) in Dnipro managed by NGO Girls, World Vision's local partner in Ukraine. "We fell in love with the place right away. There is an abundance of warmth, comfort, and care here," shares Oksana, Sasha's mother.

While internally displaced children like Sasha engage in social and cognitive developmental activities directed by facilitators, parents can attend individual psychosocial sessions. The sessions, whether in a group or individually, are also available to children and their families.

The child-friendly space, which is supported by Aktion Deutschland Hilft, provides daily activities for Ukrainian children such as sports, arts and crafts, theatrical performances, and early development activities.

As Sasha advances brick by brick, she hears a shrill sound coming from the lobby of the building – someone has closed the massive front door. She flinches instantly, and an overwhelming fear sweeps over her eyes.

"Once she started witnessing the attacks, she became more irritable and nervous. She could start crying from minor triggers," explains her mother.

"Her paintings did not define precise things, but with frequent attendance at the center, she now paints much more clearly and colorfully," she adds.



"I didn't know anyone in the city since we moved from our house in Lyman, which is now gone. Here, I was able to make close friends," shares six-year-old Sasha.

She goes on, "There are countless toys and board games. I do not have any of these at home."

"I often lack the resources to spend on her education and well-being," explains her mother.

"Here, she is effectively guided while doing self-development and cognitive tasks. She learns how to interact in groups, communicate, and process her emotions," she continues.

The underground life: "Since we didn't have a makeshift mattresses for everyone, we slept in shifts."

On May 16, 2022, Oksana and her family fled Lyman in haste and complete numbness. The city was occupied precisely one week after they left, but what she recalls from before their departure might be defined as the "underground life."

"When the cities around us started to be occupied one by one, we stored some processed food, but we prayed we'd never need it," recalls Oksana.

Six people sheltered from the massive shelling of the city within the few square meters surrounded by mildew and damp air, where daylight became an illusion:

Oksana, her two children, her 75-year-old mother, and two other friends who had lost their homes.

"Darkness, cold, and fear," recalls Oksana of those days, tears trickling down from her dark blue eyes.

A shared dream : As this dream was fading away with each passing day, Oksana was helped by a group of volunteers to escape the city.

"I miss my old life," shares Sasha. She adds with a glimmer in her blue eyes.

To date, World Vision has reached more than 1 million people inside Ukraine, of which more than 497,000 are children. The ADH-funded project targets more than 13,000 people, providing protection and mental health services to the most vulnerable, including the internally displaced.

For all stories visit: <https://www.wvi.org/emergencies/ukraine>



"I still want to have a city I can call home," shares Oksana, a single mother from Lyman, located at the frontline of the war.

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[Impact of War on Ukraine`s Children: A Child Protection Report](#)

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