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.

➢ 6.0 million 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

Refugee Situation as of Mar 2024

6.5 million refugees recorded globally
15% of the total Ukrainian population before the conflict

21.3 million 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:

Women 648,297
Men 299,614

Children reached:

Girls 422,523
Boys 400,741

People reached by country:

Ukraine: 1,120,109
Romania: 312,771
Moldova: 311,539
Georgia: 26,756
### 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 MT** of food assistance distributed
- **462,146** people received cash vouchers for their basic needs
- **$70,035,261** of cash distributed
- **329,917** 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** # of children benefitting from rehabilitated classrooms
- **5** # 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:

- **100,000** people provided with livelihood support services

### Strategic Objective 4: Improve partners capacity to prepare and respond to the humanitarian context:

- **38** # of partners engaged
- **1030** # of partner staff trained
- **35%** % of budget implements by partners

- Ukraine 14
- Moldova 10
- Romania 14
- Ukraine 768
- Moldova 245
- Romania 17
- Ukraine 55%
- Moldova 17%
- Romania 22%
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 3 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.
Two years on, Sasha’s dream shines bright through the war in Ukraine: “I hope to see our home again”

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.

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.

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.

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