# World Vision



February 2025 marks three years of the war in Ukraine. World Vision started working in Ukraine in March 2022 through six offices in Kyiv, Dnipro, Chernivtsi, Lviv, Mykolaiv and Kharkiv, as well as working to support Ukrainian refugees and host communities in Moldova, Romania and Georgia.

Since 2022 World Vision Ukraine Crisis Response has reached over 2.1 million people, including more than 970,000 children, with essential assistance - education, mental health services, cash assistance, livelihoods, winterization, and protection initiatives.

### Total number of people reached (2022-2024)



Ukraine 1,329,990 (307,032 in 2024)



Romania 339,814 (38,700 in 2024)



Moldova 433,794 (171,198 in 2024)



Georgia 36,323 (12,904 in 2024)



32 Active Local Partner Organizations

People reached

Women 2,133,921 801,615 Men

359,273



Children 973,033



**Girls reached** 498,964







With the conflict going into its fourth year the need remains staggering while funding for the response has been dwindling since 2022:

- One out of three Ukrainians (almost 13 million people) are in need of humanitarian assistance. 15% of them are children.
- 3.6 million people are currently internally displaced by the war. That is 10% of the Ukraine's current population.
- 82% of the internally displaced have been displaced for more than a year with no viable prospects for return.
- Nearly 6.8 million refugees from Ukraine have been recorded. That equals to 16% of total Ukrainian population before the conflict (43.5 million).
- 3,600 educational institutions, including nearly 2,000 schools, have been damaged, and 371 destroyed. An entire generation of Ukrainian children has limited access to education.
- 2,100 attacks on healthcare facilities have been reported since 2022.
- Millions of people are at risk of facing severe hardship due to disrupted electricity, heating, water and sewage services, especially during winter.

**Funding** 

Spent budget in FY 2024:

Secured funding in FY 2025:

Pipeline funding in FY2025:

**USD 67.6 million** 

**USD 25.3 million** 

> USD 3.2 million

### **Ukraine Crisis Response Strategic Objectives:**

- 1. Early recovery and economic development opportunities are created for IDP and refugee households, as well as host communities for improved and self-reliant livelihoods.
- 2. Children, their families and communities benefit from enhanced social protection mechanisms and education opportunities in Ukraine and host countries.
- 3. Basic needs of vulnerable children, families and communities affected by the war are met in Ukraine and host countries.
- 4. Equitable and complementary partnerships with national and local actors are encultured and promoted to enable them take stronger leadership role in delivering the humanitarian response and managing the transition to rehabilitation and development.

Moving into 2025, World Vision will also intentionally begin building early recovery and economic development interventions into its programming – helping to strengthen livelihood opportunities for affected families and creating new jobs. World Vision's microfinance arm, VisionFund, will also begin working in Ukraine, financing small and medium-sized businesses for growth, funding opportunities that help families generate income.

World Vision will also continue its focus on the localization of the Ukraine response, strengthening its approach to partnering with the goal of putting local actors in the lead of the humanitarian response and managing the transition to rehabilitation and long-term programming.

### **Priority Sectors**

### CHILD PROTECTION

World Vision has implemented extensive child protection programming across Ukraine and Moldova, reaching 143,000 children (including almost 54,000 in 2024) with protective services such as mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), positive parenting initiatives, and recreational activities including art and play in Child Friendly Spaces. These critical interventions help mitigate the devastating impacts of war on children, foster resilience and restore a sense of safety and hope for affected children and their families.



### **EDUCATION**

World Vision's education in emergencies program has supported over 275,000 children to date across Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Georgia. Key achievements include distributing educational materials, providing life skills and psychosocial support, training teachers and offering catch-up programmes

for children who've lost access to schooling. Collaborative efforts with local and international partners have enhanced capacity-building, delivered non-formal education and supported education in host communities. World Vision's approach emphasises localised, integrated programming that together addresses education, child protection and mental health needs.



**275,374 children reached** with educational services.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Three years of conflict, displacement and forced migration has left more than 1.5 million Ukrainian children facing the potential of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, significant psychological distress and other mental health issues. World Vision prioritizes integrating child-centered, community-based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) within its education, child protection and livelihood programs. These initiatives support children, families and communities through evidencebased, trauma-informed and culturally sensitive approaches.

Key interventions include establishing Child Friendly Spaces and Play and Learning Hubs, delivering Psychological First Aid and implementing Problem Management Plus (PM+) for adults. World Vision also works with local partners to deploy multidisciplinary mobile teams to reach isolated areas. By focusing on capacity building, partnerships and advocacy, World Vision helps build local resilience and ensures sustainable, holistic solutions are established to respond to current and future mental health challenges.



129,000 children benefitting from mental health and psychosocial support services.

### CASH ASSISTANCE

World Vision's cash and voucher assistance (CVA) program addresses the urgent needs of Ukraine's displaced and vulnerable by providing flexible, immediate aid that allows waraffected families to purchase the essentials they need—like food, shelter and materials to endure the harsh winters.

Cash and voucher programs are highly effective in crisis settings like Ukraine. Cash assistance empowered recipients who have been displaced from their homes or have had their livelihood disrupted to prioritise and make choices about their own needs, which also fosters dignity and autonomy. By injecting resources directly into local markets, these programs also stimulate economic activity.



\$86,869,605 value of cash distributed, including \$33,373,958 in 2024.



629,999 people benefitting from cash assistance, including 261,849 people in 2024.

### WINTERIZATION

Attacks on energy infrastructure across Ukraine since the war began has resulted in a loss of more than 60% of the country's capacity to generate power. World Vision is addressing the urgent needs of Ukrainian families through three main approaches:

- Cash Assistance: Providing financial aid to help displaced and frontline communities with heating and essential winter expenses.
- Alternative Energy Solutions: Distributing generators, heaters, and power banks in shelters, supporting displaced families, and close to frontline communities.
- Winterization Kits: Distributing kits with thermal blankets, hygiene items, thermal flasks, portable gas stoves, and gas cylinders to help families survive harsh winter conditions

### **LIVELIHOODS**

WVUCR continues to be actively involved in delivering immediate response through the provision of essential services, while gradually expanding towards strategic support aimed at empowering businesses for economic resilience. Sectoral strategic objective is to enhance immediate access to life-saving emergency food and non-food assistance for the most vulnerable people, and to improve the selfreliance of vulnerable, war-affected households and communities by promoting and restoring livelihoods (rural and urban/off-farm). The approach includes three main models:

- Building Secure Livelihoods 2.0: Ensures a foundational safety net.
- Graduation Approach: Supports vulnerable households to achieve sustainable livelihoods
- Microfinance: Facilitates access to inancial services and credit for entrepreneurial growth.



13,956 people underwent professional training in 2024.

### **Donors**

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