

# ANNUAL REPORT

**HOPE THAT HOLDS**  
STANDING WITH CHILDREN  
THROUGH FOUR YEARS OF  
WAR IN UKRAINE

1 JANUARY 2025 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

# MESSAGE

## from the Response Director

For millions of Ukrainian children and families, 2025 was a year shaped by routines no one should have to learn: timing daily life around air raid sirens and curfews, enduring repeated power cuts, and constantly deciding whether to stay or flee.

Violence intensified in 2025, with civilians, especially children, bearing the brunt of the war. The total number of civilians killed or injured in 2025 rose sharply: 2,088 people lost their lives, 9,138 were injured – 31% higher than in 2024 and 70% higher than in 2023.

Repeated attacks on energy infrastructure left families without reliable electricity, heating, or water, particularly during the harsh winter months.

Displacement became more protracted, with 3,7 million internally displaced people struggling to access safe housing, livelihoods, and essential services.

At the same time, humanitarian funding declined. As needs grew, resources became increasingly limited, forcing us, and our partners, to focus support on those facing the most severe risks.

Security challenges and access constraints further shaped how and where aid could reach communities. 2025 was not a year of expansion; it was a year of focus.

Above all, 2025 reinforced that this remains a protection crisis, and children bear the heaviest burden. They face exposure to violence, family separation, psychological stress, and interrupted education. Across communities, caregivers, teachers, and frontline workers reported rising mental health and psychosocial needs among children and adolescents. These impacts are not temporary – they will influence recovery for years to come.

Yet 2025 was not only defined by challenge.

World Vision's work in Ukraine was shaped first and foremost by strong partnerships. From frontline communities to hard-to-reach areas, our response in 2025 was carried out alongside 18 local organisations whose leadership and deep understanding of the context enabled faster responses, stronger community engagement, and greater accountability to the people we serve.

Despite insecurity and limited resources, our teams continued to deliver across education in emergencies, child protection, winterisation, mental health and psychosocial support, basic needs assistance, cash-based interventions, and livelihoods.

Recognising that emergency needs are increasingly intertwined with recovery, we strengthened investment in early recovery



and economic development. Livelihoods programmes supported families to stabilise income through skills training, stipends, business planning support, and small grants to start or sustain micro-enterprises. Through World Vision's microfinance arm, VisionFund, small and medium-sized businesses accessed financing, contributing to local job creation and economic activity. We also partnered with universities and vocational institutions to help internally displaced people access requalification and skills development opportunities.

Child protection and mental health remained central to all our programming. Child-Friendly Spaces and Play and Learning Hubs provided children with safe, structured environments where they could learn, play, and access psychosocial support. Psychological First Aid, Problem Management Plus, and mobile multidisciplinary teams extended care to children, caregivers, and entire communities, even in the hardest-to-reach areas.

Since the start of our response, World Vision has reached more than **2,3 million people**, including over 1 million children, across Ukraine, Romania, Georgia, and Moldova. In July 2025, we concluded operations in Moldova as the refugee response evolved, with Ukraine remaining the central focus of our work.

As the war enters its fifth year, the long-term consequences for children, families, and systems are becoming increasingly clear. Recovery will require sustained commitment, strengthened national capacities, and continued partnership between humanitarian and development actors.

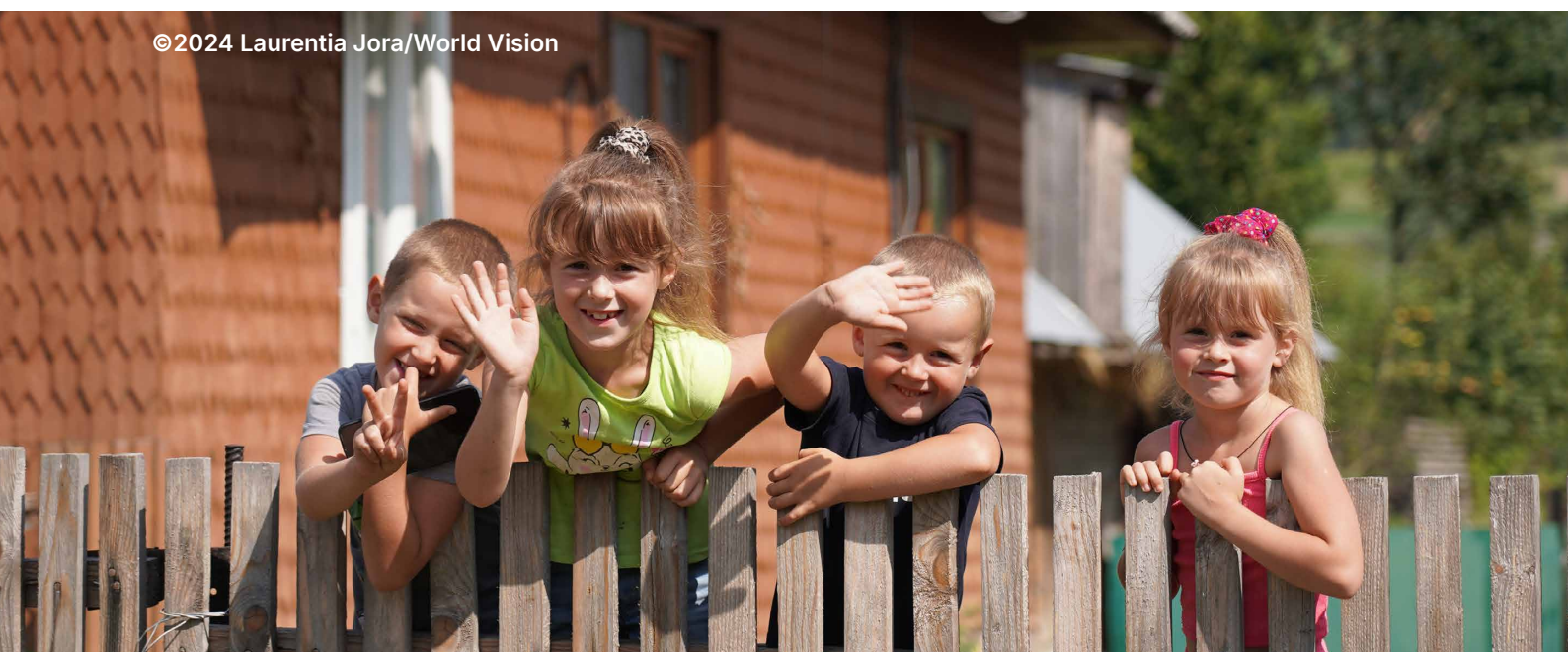
Our responsibility is to remain present and to continue delivering assistance, even as risks increase. In 2025, eight humanitarian colleagues were killed and 47 injured while working in Ukraine, and there is no indication that the year ahead will be safer. Nevertheless, our mission remains unchanged: to protect children, support their recovery, and ensure that hope is sustained, not as an abstract ideal, but as a lived experience shaped by safety, care, and continuity.

**Because hope, like safety, is something children learn through experience.**



**Arman Grigoryan,**  
Response Director  
World Vision Ukraine Crisis Response

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# CHILDREN AT THE HEART OF THE CRISIS



**1 in 5 children** in Ukraine has lost a relative or close friend since the escalation of the war



Every week since the war began, at least **16 children** have been killed or injured



**5.1 million children** have been displaced



**1.5 million children** are at risk of developing or living with a mental health condition



**4.6 million children** face barriers to education during a fourth academic year of war



**340+ schools damaged or destroyed** in 2025 alone and 4,300+ educational facilities damaged since February 2022



**Nearly 1 million children** forced into online learning due to insecurity



**2.2 million children** need humanitarian support in 2026



I moved. I lost my friends, my school, my plans. Then my loved ones, and my dad left for the frontline. There is so much I could say about war, so many things I have seen and felt. But more than anything, I hope children in other countries never, ever have to experience it.”

**Kateryna, 17, displaced from Kharkiv**

The prolonged war in Ukraine has created a multi-dimensional protection crisis for children, marked by sustained exposure to violence, displacement and the erosion of essential services. Ongoing hostilities continue to place children at risk of death and injury, while repeated displacement disrupts family structures, community support networks and access to protection mechanisms. The cumulative effects of loss, insecurity and uncertainty have significantly increased psychosocial distress among children. At the same time, damage to education infrastructure and persistent insecurity have undermined children's safe access to learning, limiting both educational continuity and protective environments that schools provide. As the war persists, these intersecting risks continue to compound, reinforcing the need for sustained, child-centred protection, mental health and education responses.

# UKRAINE'S ONGOING NEEDS

## Escalating Violence in 2025

**Over 50% increase in attacks** in 2025 compared to the same period in 2024

**2,311 civilians killed and 11,084 injured** between January-November 2025

Civilian casualties in 2025 were **26% higher than 2024** and 70% higher than 2023

**2.5+ million homes damaged or destroyed**, with estimated direct losses of US\$176 billion, severely disrupting housing, transport, energy, agriculture, and water infrastructure.

## Displacement and Prolonged Vulnerability

**3 million+** people remain internally displaced

**73%** have been displaced for more than two years

**83%** have been displaced for over one year

Support for internally displaced persons (IDPs) remains largely short-term and humanitarian in nature, often missing the opportunity to connect children and families to government systems, durable housing, or sustainable livelihoods, particularly in central and western regions where humanitarian assistance is declining. A national IDP strategy must be established to prioritize housing, social integration, and inclusive services for children and people with disabilities.



We've learned to play in shelters, to laugh, and try not to think about the bad things. My country has been crying for four years. I dream that one day it will be filled with joy and laughter, and that children can live peacefully."

**Gloria, 12, Kyiv**



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## Women and Girls at Heightened Risk of Gender Based Violence Amid War

**60% of the 8 million Ukrainians**

forcibly displaced by war are women and girls.

The disproportionate displacement of women and girls has heightened risks of exploitation, including human trafficking, sexual violence, and psychological trauma.

**46%** of respondents identify adolescent girls as the most vulnerable group.

**More than 33% of respondents**

report being unaware of local gender-based violence (GBV) prevention measures.

Access to accurate and reliable GBV-related information remains uneven, particularly among displaced populations.

## Explosive Hazards: An Ongoing Threat to Children



Ukraine is among the most mine-contaminated countries in the world.



**30% of the country** is affected by unexploded ordnance.





In war-torn Ukraine, Olga and her son Artem, 14, fled Lysychansk for a shelter in Dnipro in 2023. Artem has Down syndrome, yet despite their displacement, Olga remained committed to his education. They were supported by a World Vision partner mobile team providing psychosocial and protection services.



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**People reached**

**2,312,461**



**Children**

**1,045,914**

From March 2022 to December 2025

**ROMANIA**

**352,027**  
159,871 (45%)

**UKRAINE**

**1,409,505**  
647,260 (46%)

**GEORGIA**

**40,606**  
22,929 (56%)

**MOLDOVA**

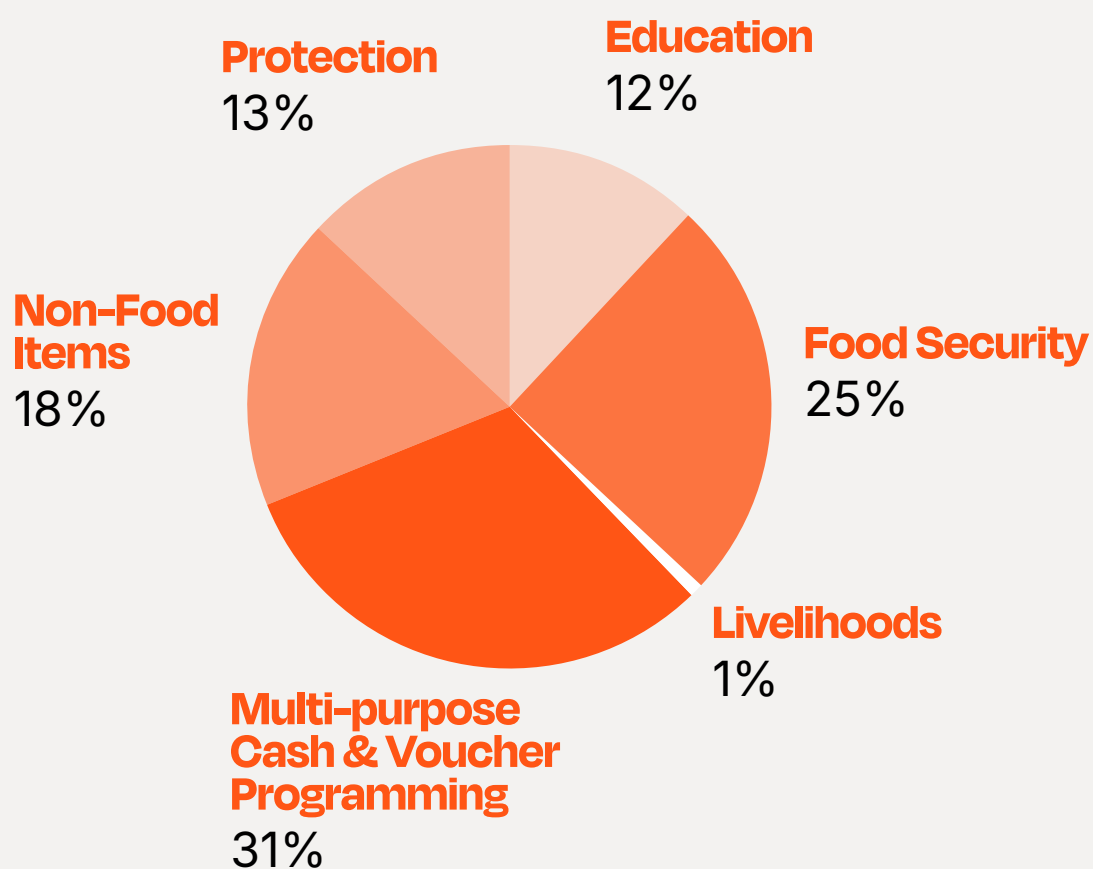
**510,323**  
215,854 (42%)

World Vision has been on the ground in Ukraine since March 2022, and has reached 2.3 million people, more than 1 million of whom are children in need, across Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, and Romania.



## People reached by sector:

Primary Sector	Ukraine	Romania	Moldova	Georgia	Grand Total
Education	240,661	6,120	26,474	5,816	279,071
Food Security	436,870	123,812	9,916		570,598
Livelihoods	16,634	4,691	5,380	3,810	30,515
Multi-purpose CVP	236,287	57,609	401,928	16,854	712,678
NFIs	261,600	126,953	20,734	36	409,323
Protection	217,453	32,842	45,891	14,090	310,276
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,409,505</b>	<b>352,027</b>	<b>510,323</b>	<b>40,606</b>	<b>2,312,461</b>



## World Vision Ukraine Crisis Response Goal:

The Ukrainian children, refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), as well as the host communities in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Georgia have the support to overcome the humanitarian consequences of war.

# Ukraine Crisis Response Strategic Objectives (SOs):

**(SO1):** Early recovery and economic development opportunities are created for IDP and refugee households, as well as host communities for improved and self-reliant livelihoods.

**(SO3):** Basic needs of vulnerable children, families and communities affected by the war are met in Ukraine and host countries.

**(SO2):** Children, their families and communities benefit from enhanced social protection mechanisms and education opportunities in Ukraine and host countries.

**(SO4):** Equitable and complementary partnerships with national and local actors are encouraged and promoted to enable them take stronger leadership role in delivering the humanitarian response and managing the transition to rehabilitation and development.

## Overall Reach by Strategic Objective (2022–2025)

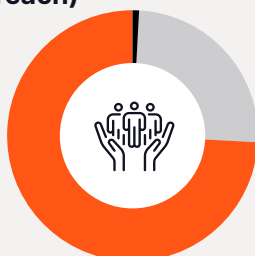
### SO1

Early Recovery & Economic Development

**30,515 people**  
(1% of total reach)

**SO3**  
Basic Needs

**1,696,612 people**  
(74%)



**SO2**  
Social Protection  
& Education

**585,334 people**  
(25%)

### SO4

Local Partner  
Capacity Building

**80 local partner  
organisations**

**26 local partners**  
engaged in 2025

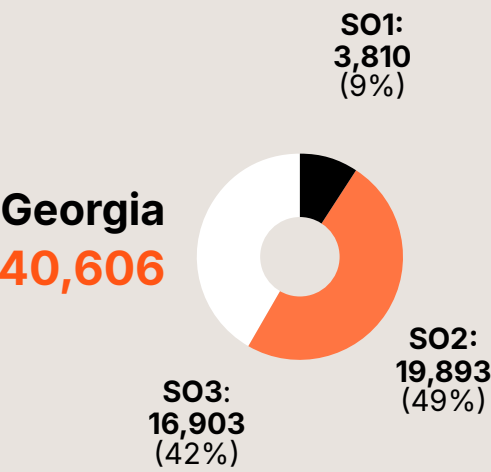
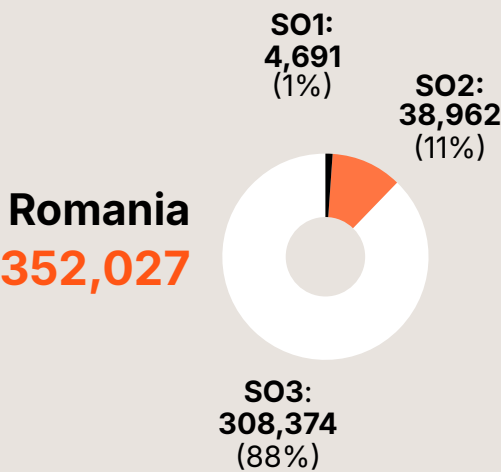
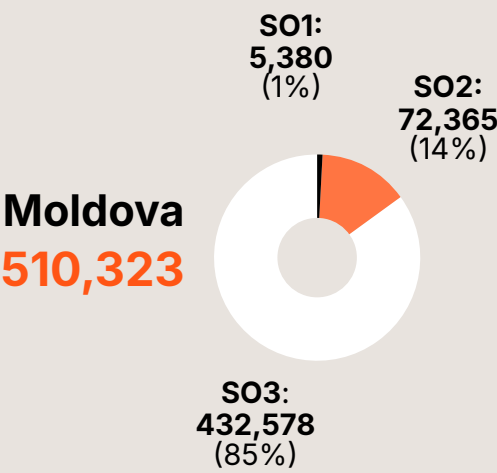
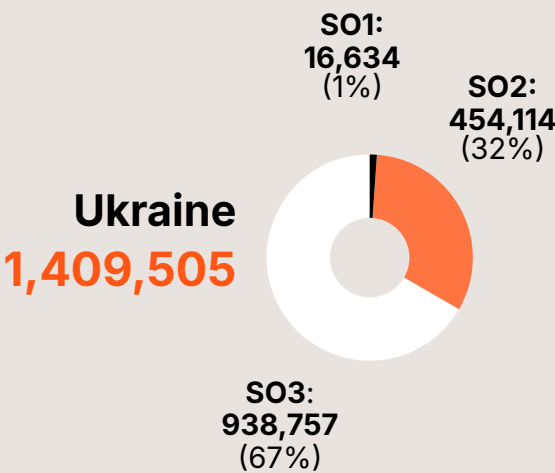
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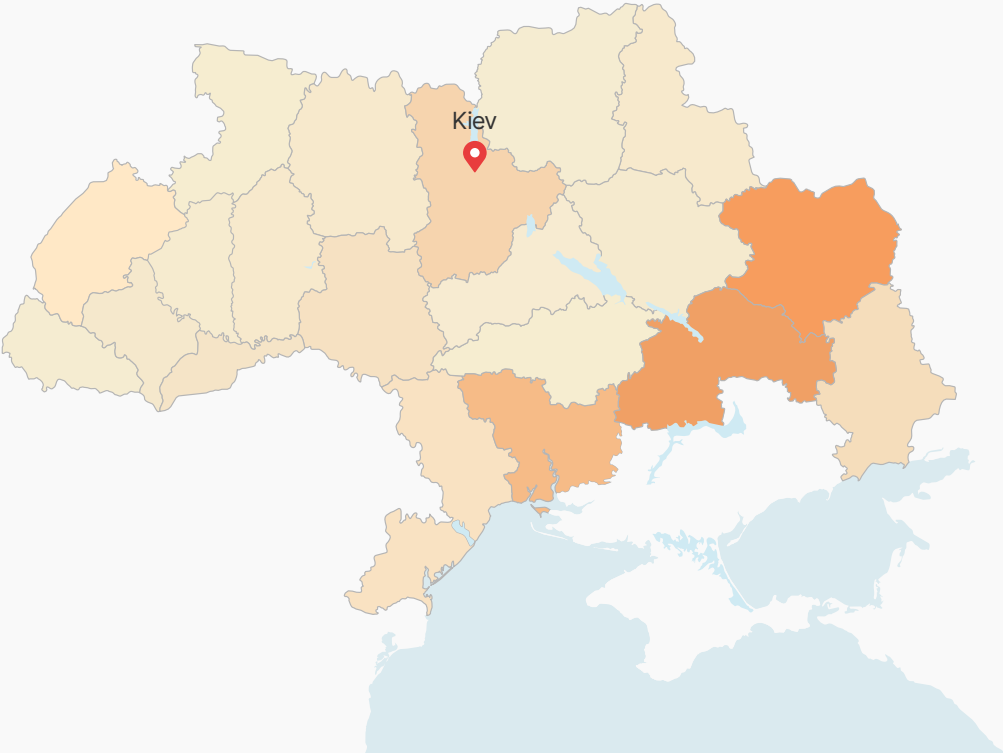
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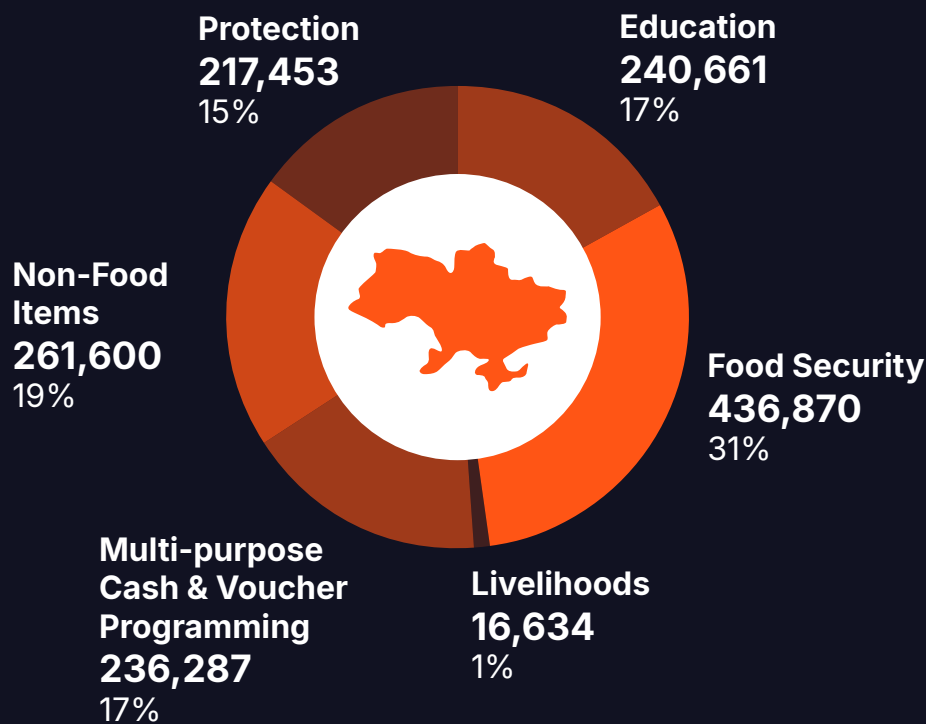
# Country-Level Impact



# People Reached in Ukraine in 2025 by Regions



**1,409,505 people reached in Ukraine**





Our **Impact**

**Child  
Protection**

Throughout 2025, World Vision Ukraine Crisis Response embedded child protection principles across all humanitarian interventions, reaching approximately **35,000** people, including nearly **20,000 children**, with protection services.

**Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS)** remained a cornerstone of the response, providing predictable and safe environments where children affected by displacement could engage in structured play, psychosocial activities, and social and emotional learning. By restoring routine and stability, these spaces supported children's emotional recovery and learning. For many families, **CFS** served as a first point of contact with essential services, enabling the early identification of protection risks and timely referrals to social and psychological support.

To extend protection services to underserved and high-risk locations, World Vision local partners' **Multidisciplinary Mobile Teams (MMTs)** delivered integrated child protection and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in rural hromadas, collective centres, and transit hubs. **Mobile teams** provided child protection screenings, individual psychological consultations, group-based psychosocial support, Psychological First Aid, legal counselling, and referrals to specialised services. This approach significantly reduced access barriers for children and caregivers living in isolated or insecure environments, while community awareness activities strengthened reporting and referral pathways at the local level.

At the household level, the programme invested in **Positive Parenting** sessions and family dialogue interventions, equipping caregivers with non-violent parenting strategies, communication tools, and stress-management techniques. These activities directly contributed to improved family functioning, reduced household conflict, and stronger emotional bonds between children and caregivers. Facilitated family dialogues supported intergenerational communication, helping families address misunderstandings rooted in stress, trauma, or displacement, and fostering an environment where children felt heard and protected.

Recognizing the importance of accessible, low-barrier support, the programme also introduced **a digital parenting and psychosocial support chatbot**. This **tool** expanded reach to caregivers who may be unable to attend in-person sessions due to mobility, caregiving responsibilities, or geographic isolation. The chatbot provided practical stress-management strategies, parenting guidance, and psychosocial tools, enabling caregivers to reinforce positive practices between sessions and apply coping techniques in daily life.

Targeted case management support was provided to women with children at heightened protection risk residing in **Halfway Houses** – social apartments for women and children. Through structured assessments, tailored case plans, coordinated referrals, and regular follow-up, families accessed basic needs, legal, social, and psychological services, strengthening protection outcomes and contributing to longer-term stability.

At system level, World Vision strengthened collaboration with the Ukrainian National Social Service Agency (NSSA) to support national child protection system development. Joint thematic studies generated evidence to inform policy and procedural improvements related to displacement, inter-country cooperation, and psychosocial recovery, contributing to the long-term resilience of national child protection systems.

## 2025 protection services reach



**34,961**  
People Reached



**19,762**  
Children Reached

Men	Boys	Girls	Women
<b>7%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>36%</b>



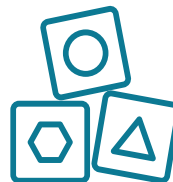


When war forced 14-year-old Artem, a boy with Down syndrome, to flee his home in Luhansk, safety became more than survival. His story reveals what protection means for children with disabilities living through conflict, and why it cannot wait.

## Our 2022–2025 journey in child protection is defined by measurable change:



**126,592 children** supported across **225 child-friendly spaces**



**Scan the QR code to read Artem's story:**



**462,436 children** protected and empowered through our protection & education initiatives



**US\$ 1,483,365** value of cash distributed for protection & education

**10,183 national duty bearers staff** trained and empowered to act as the frontline of child protection in their communities

**2,269 parents** equipped with positive parenting skills to build safer, more supportive home environments

**11,188 community members** engaged through local resilience and child protection initiatives

**50 targeted actions** implemented to prevent and eliminate violence against children

**20 schools/center faculty** trained to identify and prevent violence within the school system



When I grow up, I want to be a psychologist. I want to help people who are scared or hurting, to listen to their pain, and to make them feel safe again — like we all need to feel during the war.”

**Diana, 9, Dnipro**

Our **Impact**

**Mental  
Health and  
Psychosocial  
Support**



In 2025, World Vision's MHPSS portfolio evolved into a comprehensive, community-anchored system aligned with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) MHPSS pyramid. Through strong local partnerships and culturally responsive approaches, the programme expanded across multiple regions, providing psychosocial support to **23,729 people** in 2025.

Structured group sessions, youth engagements, and **individual psychological consultations** were delivered through community hubs and child-friendly spaces, providing predictable routines and psychosocial stimulation essential for children's cognitive and emotional recovery. These **services** enabled children to re-establish daily structure, reducing distress and improving their ability to learn, socialize, and regulate emotions.

**Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)** was woven into educational programming, equipping children with key competencies such as emotional regulation, empathy, effective communication, and responsible decision-making. These skills proved critical in helping children navigate the uncertainty and prolonged stress associated with displacement and conflict.

Adolescents and youth benefitted substantially from the implementation of **First Aid Arts (FAA)**, a trauma-sensitive methodology that uses creative expression to strengthen coping abilities and peer support networks. Led by trained volunteers, FAA

sessions enabled young people to process experiences through art, movement, music, and writing while building social cohesion and mutual support within their communities.

The programme also invested in capacity building, equipping local professionals with key competencies such as **Problem Management Plus (PM+)**, **Psychological First Aid (PFA)**, and the implementation of World Vision's Activity Catalogue. Moreover, faith-sensitive MHPSS was integrated, recognizing the significant role of faith and spirituality in coping and recovery for many families. **Training initiatives for faith leaders** enhanced their ability to provide supportive, inclusive care by addressing loss, trauma, resilience within their communities.

The reach of MHPSS interventions was further extended by **Multidisciplinary Mobile Teams**, delivering PFA, group sessions, and focused non-specialized support in hard-to-reach locations where residents faced multiple barriers to accessing formal care.

Across all interventions, World Vision's MHPSS programming demonstrated significant contributions to children's resilience, caregiver well-being, and community capacity. By combining evidence-based approaches, community ownership, culturally sensitive practice, and systems-oriented partnerships, the programme strengthened protective environments and ensured that mental health support became both accessible and sustainable for the most vulnerable families.



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After repeated displacement, Svitlana now supports children and their families in western Ukraine as a kindergarten psychologist. Through World Vision-supported programming implemented local partners, she uses therapeutic fairy tales to help children express fears, build emotional resilience, and cope with the impacts of war.

## 2022–2025 Impact Highlights

**236,957 people** accessed psychosocial support services



**1,246 faith leaders** trained in Psychological First Aid (PFA)



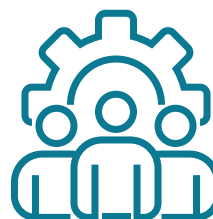
**536 individuals** successfully graduated from MHPSS services

**126,592 children** participated in psychosocial activities in 225 child-friendly spaces



**875 teachers and educational personnel** received specialized training on MHPSS and Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)


**274 agency staff members** were trained in professional case management to better support vulnerable groups



**45 of cases** were handled through case management

**Scan the QR code to read Svitlana's story:**





Mark holds his favourite toy close to his chest. He comes every week to a child-friendly space run by World Vision's partner in Dnipro. Here, he takes part in art therapy and non-formal education activities — small but steady routines that help restore structure, trust, and a sense of safety in a life disrupted by war.

**“** I’m afraid of explosions. But when I come here, it feels different. It feels quiet inside me. We draw pictures about our feelings, we play games, and the teachers listen to us.”

**Mark, 8, Dnipro**



Katya, 9, attends catch-up classes run by World Vision's partner in Korostyshiv, receiving additional support in Ukrainian language and mathematics to address learning gaps caused by disruptions to her education.

Our **Impact**  
**Education**



In 2025, World Vision and its local partner, implemented an **inclusive catch-up education programme** addressing learning losses caused by prolonged disruption to schooling. **The programme** focused on two core subjects – Ukrainian language and mathematics – and combined theoretical instruction with practical application to strengthen foundational skills. Delivered through a blended approach of in-person and online learning, the programme aimed to sustain children's engagement in formal education at a time when 4.6 million children continued to experience educational disruptions during the fourth consecutive academic year of war.

**Catch-up classes** were conducted both online and in person through learning and day centres. Children received instruction in Ukrainian language, mathematics, and English, the latter introduced in response to expressed interest from parents. All instruction was aligned with the national curriculum and formal education standards, ensuring continuity and relevance to the formal education system.

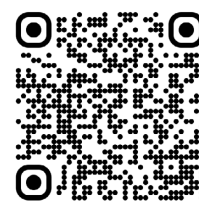
Education services were complemented by the integration of **Mental Health** and **Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)** and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). Children participated in structured psychosocial activities, including art therapy, individual and group counselling, and **Mine Risk Awareness sessions**, supporting emotional wellbeing, safety awareness, and stress management.

Non-formal education services were delivered through 11 learning and day centres across Kyiv, Zhytomyr, Ivano-Frankivsk, Khmelnytskyi, Lviv, Kharkiv, and Odesa oblasts. Children attending in-person classes received essential learning materials, while

teachers were equipped with appropriate educational resources to effectively deliver the programme.

At the coordination level, World Vision actively contributed to national education coordination mechanisms, including the Education Sectoral Working Group and the Education in Emergencies Sub-Group, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and key national and international partners. Throughout 2025, joint planning discussions were held with the Ministry to align approaches, identify priorities, and plan joint education activities for future projects, ensuring consistency with national education policies and priorities.

**Scan the QR code to see how education classes take place amid war:**



Air raid sirens, blackouts, and years of disruption have made it difficult for millions of Ukrainian children to keep up with their education. In Korostyshiv, a city west of Kyiv, World Vision-supported catch-up classes are helping children recover lost learning. Teachers witness first-hand how fear, stress, and missed lessons have affected students, and how these classes are giving them a chance to rebuild confidence and skills.

**Education disruptions are becoming long-term rather than temporary. Without sustained investment in safe learning environments and psychosocial support, children face an increasing risk of permanent learning loss, dropout, and exclusion, undermining Ukraine's recovery.**



When the air raid alarm goes off, we have to run to the shelter. It's scary. In the catch-up classes, I can focus on learning Ukrainian and math again. I want to keep learning, even when it feels frightening.”

**Karolina (left), 9, Kyiv region**



**20 school and center faculty members** were trained on the prevention of school-based violence to create safer learning environments

## 2022–2025 Impact Highlights



**280,062 children** reached through our comprehensive education programming

**875 teachers and educational personnel** received training in MHPSS, Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), and Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE)

**US\$ 1,483,365** value of cash distributed for education & protection



Our **Impact**

# Cash Assistance





In 2025, World Vision Ukraine delivered large-scale Cash and Voucher Programming (CVP) to address urgent humanitarian needs in six conflict-affected oblasts: Mykolaiv, Chernivtsi, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Donetsk, and Dnipropetrovsk oblasts, targeting internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and host communities affected by ongoing hostilities and displacement.

In 2025, World Vision reached **25,962 people**, including more than 15,021 internally displaced persons, and distributed **US\$ 6,501,507 in cash assistance**. Assistance modalities included **Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance**, Cash for Winterisation, and regular cash assistance, enabling families to prioritise essential needs with dignity and flexibility.

In parallel, World Vision worked to strengthen linkages between humanitarian cash assistance and national and local social protection systems. CVP was used not only as a life-saving response, but also as an entry point for longer-term support. Through structured referral pathways, alignment with government-led social welfare initiatives, and the use of tools such as the Social Protection Calculator, the program supported greater harmonization between humanitarian assistance and shock-responsive social protection mechanisms. The approach emphasized informed consent, data protection, and needs-based, tailored support, including information provision, referrals,

legal assistance, and case management, contributing to increased social inclusion and resilience among vulnerable groups.

World Vision actively participated in national and sub-national Cash Working Groups, collaborative cash delivery networks, the Perehid initiative, and relevant clusters.

Throughout 2025, World Vision Ukraine worked closely with local authorities, financial service providers, and coordination structures at national and sub-national levels. The organization contributed to capacity-building efforts, supported the development of the 2025 Humanitarian Response Strategy, and actively engaged in initiatives to strengthen linkages between humanitarian cash assistance and social protection systems, including ongoing collaboration with the CCD and support to the PERHID initiative.

**Scan the QR code to read the story and see how World Vision is responding:**



## 2022–2025 Impact Highlights



**735,828 people** were supported with World Vision's cash assistance



**US\$ 97,294,042** in cash assistance was distributed

When war forced Dmytro and Liubov from their village near Pokrovske, Ukraine, their greatest worry wasn't just their safety - it was their bees. They moved their apiary hundreds of kilometers over grueling trips to save their livelihood. In their new home near Dnipro, World Vision, helped them rebuild with vocational training, business skills, and a small grant.



The training gave us confidence again,” Dmytro says. Now, with their beekeeping skills restored and a plan in place, the couple is working to turn their apiary into a stable source of income amid war.

Our **Impact**  
**Livelihoods**





In 2025, livelihoods and economic recovery programming supported 331 people through **small grants** and provided skills training to 6,230 individuals, addressing urgent humanitarian needs caused by the war while increasingly integrating early recovery and durable solutions approaches to protect and restore household incomes for vulnerable families.

Interventions combined short-term income support with **reskilling**, requalification, **small grants** and support to small businesses and self-employment, responding to labour market disruptions caused by prolonged displacement and mobilisation.

Programming supported internally displaced people, women, and conflict-affected households to access employment and income-generating opportunities across both urban and rural contexts, including urban centres affected by displacement and service disruption, as well as rural and agricultural areas where livelihoods were impacted by insecurity, land access constraints, and market disruptions. Throughout these interventions, a strong focus was maintained on immediate income protection alongside pathways toward longer-term economic recovery.

Alongside household-level support, livelihoods programming gradually strengthened system-oriented approaches by working through public institutions to support long-term sustainability. **Short-term training**

**programmes** were designed and delivered in partnership with state vocational education and training institutions, colleges, employment centres, and regional Departments of Education, aligned with national workforce recovery priorities and labour market needs.

Cooperation with public institutions also contributed to institutional capacity strengthening, including steps toward licensing, accreditation, and institutionalisation of adult training programmes, enabling public partners to expand their role in adult education and requalification.

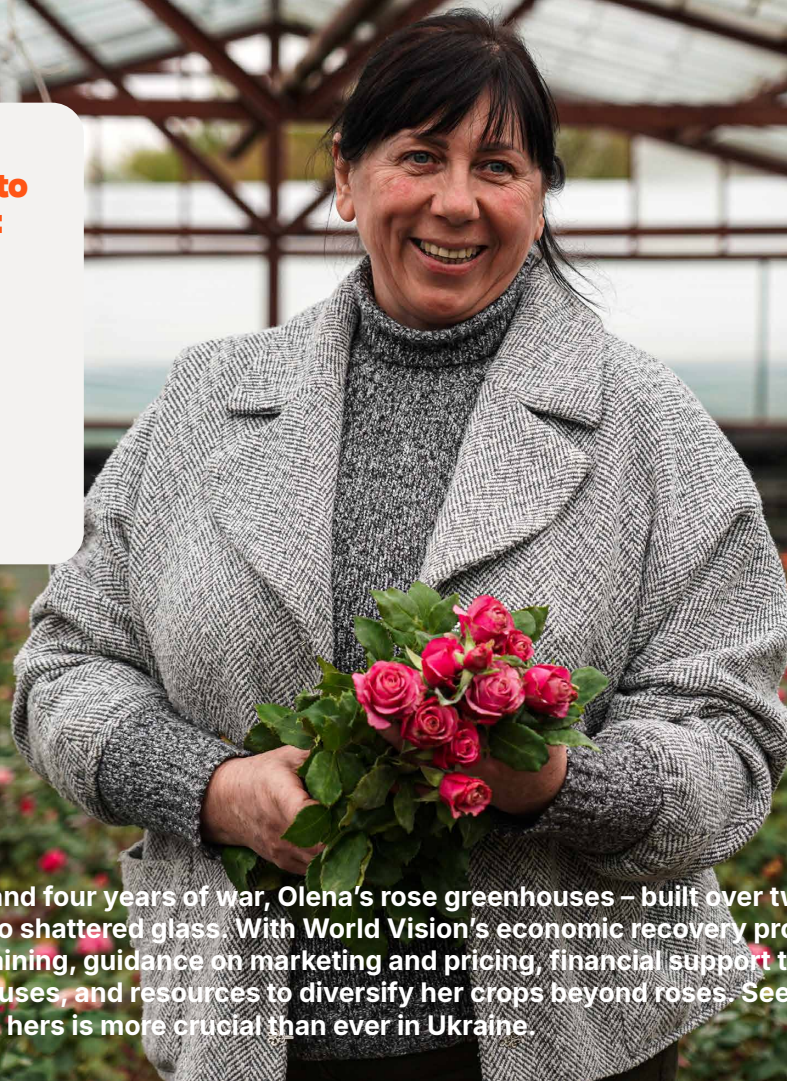
Targeted livelihoods initiatives further supported critical public service institutions, including child protection facilities and emergency medical services, helping to address workforce shortages in essential sectors while creating employment opportunities linked to community resilience.

This work was underpinned by a diverse stakeholder network. In addition to public education and employment institutions, 2025 marked the expansion of collaboration with VisionFund, World Vision's micro finance arm, with several livelihoods projects jointly developed and implemented to strengthen linkages between skills development, **entrepreneurship support**, and access to finance. This partnership laid the foundation for more integrated livelihood pathways in future programming.

Humanitarian assistance alone cannot sustain displaced children into a fourth and fifth year of crisis. Urgent, coordinated action is needed to link life-saving support with longer-term solutions that prioritise children's protection, education, and wellbeing. Donors and the Government of Ukraine must strategically collaborate to bridge humanitarian response and recovery, while recognising and resourcing Ukrainian civil society, particularly dual-mandate NGOs, as essential partners in delivering child-centred solutions from emergency through to stability.



Scan the QR code to  
read Olena's story:



Under drone strikes and four years of war, Olena's rose greenhouses – built over two decades – were reduced twice to shattered glass. With World Vision's economic recovery programme, she received business training, guidance on marketing and pricing, financial support to repair and re-glaze her greenhouses, and resources to diversify her crops beyond roses. See how supporting small businesses like hers is more crucial than ever in Ukraine.

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## 2022–2025 Impact Highlights



**385 individuals** received cash grants to either start or further develop a business



**30,712 people** underwent professional training to enhance their skills and expertise



**US\$ 1,349,726** was distributed as cash for training stipends

**1,522 people** completed training in financial literacy, business management, and employability

**US\$ 708,998** was invested in the form of cash or productive assets to support businesses





Our **Impact**

# **Basic Needs Assistance & Winterisation**

In 2025, continued conflict, displacement, and damage to critical infrastructure left many families in eastern and southern Ukraine without reliable access to food, hygiene items, electricity, and heating. World Vision responded by delivering life-saving basic assistance, including food support and hygiene kits, to vulnerable groups such as internally displaced persons, children, women, older people, people with disabilities, large families, and single-headed households.

Hygiene kits were tailored to different needs and vulnerabilities and included family, individual, female, baby, and specialised kits, helping families maintain health, dignity, and wellbeing amid prolonged hardship. To address the heightened risks of winter, World Vision provided small grants to 10

local partner organisations to support winterisation in collective centres, including warm clothing, heaters, charging stations, and repairs to windows and doors, alongside cash assistance to help households cover utilities and other basic needs.

In frontline areas, World Vision and partners distributed winterisation kits containing mattresses, sleeping bags, high-thermal and rescue foil blankets, power banks, thermos flasks, portable stoves with dry fuel, and battery-powered flashlights. To ensure continuity of child protection and psychosocial services during frequent power outages, generators were also supplied to child-friendly spaces, enabling safe spaces and learning activities to continue despite prolonged blackouts.

## 2022–2025 Impact Highlights



**607,245 people** were reached through life-saving food assistance



**477,693 NFI kits** were distributed to families



**46,871.09 metric tons (MT)** of food commodities were distributed to combat food insecurity



**573,266 people** received support through the provision of Non-Food Items (NFIs)

**Scan the QR code to see how World Vision is responding to the winter needs:**



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Our **Impact**

## **Localisation & Partnerships: Working Through Communities**

The Dream Center inclusive kindergarten in Dnipro, Ukraine, is run by World Vision's local partner and provides early childhood education along with specialized support for children with developmental difficulties, including those on the autism spectrum.

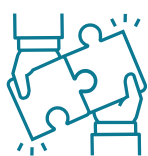
From the outset of the World Vision Ukraine Crisis Response (WV UCR), localization has been a core strategic objective. Partnership with national and local civil society organizations was deliberately prioritized as the primary modality for programme delivery, enabling both effective assistance to crisis-affected populations and the strengthening of local humanitarian leadership.

Between 2022 and 2025, approximately **80 partner organizations** supported WV UCR operations across Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Georgia. Over time, the response increasingly shifted toward local partnerships. In Ukraine, by the end of 2025, 85% of projects were implemented in partnership with local civil society organizations. In parallel, the proportion of programme funding transferred to partners continued to grow, reaching approximately 37%.

WV UCR complements programme delivery with targeted, demand-driven investments in **partner capacity strengthening**. Trainings and learning activities are designed in response to partners' self-identified needs and priorities, rather than delivered as standardized packages. This approach is further reinforced through dedicated budget allocations within selected projects, enabling partners to strengthen organizational systems in line with their specific contexts. In 2025 alone, 142 tailored training sessions were delivered for 20 partner organizations in Ukraine.

To assess progress and strengthen its localization approach, WV UCR conducted a localization **study** in 2023, followed by a dedicated **follow-up study** in 2025. These studies examine partnership practices and localization progress from the perspectives of local partners themselves.

## 2022–2025 Impact Highlights



**80 Local partner organizations** across 4 countries (2022–2025)



**85% Projects** in Ukraine implemented with local partners (2025)



**37% Programme budget** transferred to partners

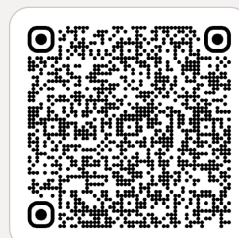


**142 Demand-driven training sessions** delivered in 2025 to local partners



**20 Local NGOs supported** through tailored capacity strengthening

**Scan the QR code to discover the findings:**







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## Accountability in Action

In the midst of war and displacement, being heard matters. Across the Ukraine Response, World Vision's commitment to accountability is grounded in one simple principle: **listen first**. In 2025, the World Vision Digital Accountability Platform, implemented in partnership with International Organization for Migration (IOM), received 2,746 feedback entries, with 99.8% resolved. Most were submitted through the hotline, the channel communities trust most.

### One woman displaced from her home shared:

**I am very grateful to the employees of World Vision. Not everyone understands how important it is to lend a helping hand to those who have left their destroyed homes and are forced to live in unfamiliar places. Thank you for your humanity and understanding. I sincerely wish you to continue to be people for the sake of people."**

Community feedback directly shaped programme design. Parents' voices led to the introduction of English lessons in the World Vision-supported catch-up classes. In cash assistance projects, concerns around eligibility were carefully reviewed, resulting in revised criteria that ensured fair access for families who had previously received food or non-food items. At the same time, serious complaints remained extremely rare, reflecting strong safeguarding systems. As co-chair of the PSEA Network in Ukraine, World Vision's Ukraine Crisis Response continues to lead prevention efforts with transparency and zero tolerance for harm. By combining digital tools with human connection, community voices do more than inform programmes – they guide them.



## 2,746 feedback entries received, 99.8% resolved

### GENDER



2,463 (89.69%)  
Female

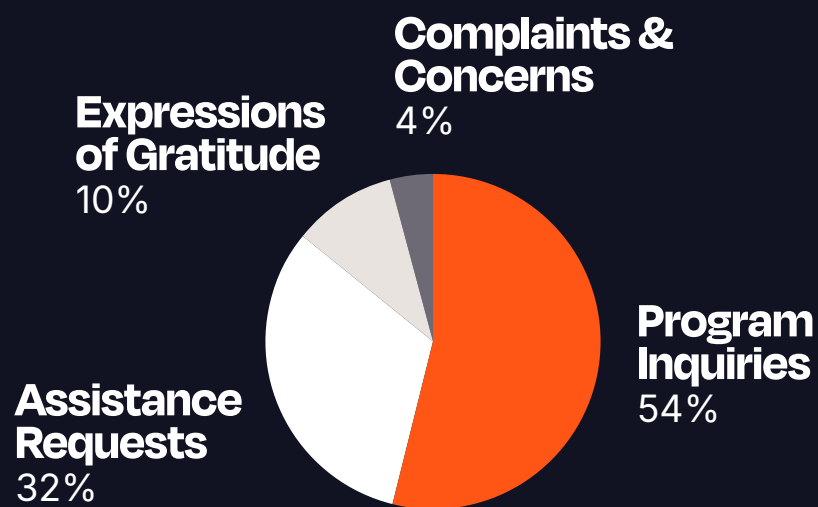


196 (7.14%)  
Male

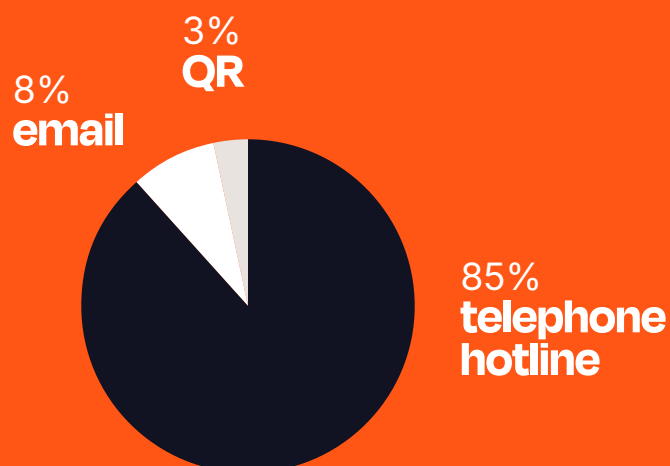


87 (3.17%)  
Prefer not to say

### Types of Inquiries



### Top Channels



# FINANCES

The ongoing work of the Ukraine Crisis Response has been made possible through the generosity of World Vision supporters around the world, together with our donor and partner organisations.

On behalf of the more than 2.3 million people who have been supported through the Ukraine Crisis Response, we would like to thank the World Vision supporters in Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, U.K. and the U.S. for their generosity.

Spent budget  
in FY 2025:

**US\$ 21.8**  
million

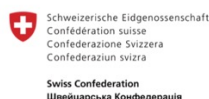
Secured funding  
in FY 2026:

**US\$ 17.2**  
million

Pipeline funding  
in FY2027:

**US\$ 5**  
million

Our appreciation to all our **local and international partners** who support the humanitarian work of the Ukraine Crisis Response work:



# LOOKING AHEAD

As the crisis in Ukraine enters its fourth year, World Vision's Ukraine Crisis Response will move into 2026 with a sharpened focus on **sustained impact, system strengthening, and pathways to recovery**, while continuing to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable children and families affected by war.

Recognising the protracted nature of the crisis, World Vision will further operationalise a **holistic, child-centred programming approach** that intentionally integrates **psychosocial support**,

**education, and child protection** with life-saving assistance. This layered approach acknowledges that children's wellbeing is multidimensional, addressing trauma and mental health needs, ensuring continuity of learning, and strengthening protective environments at the family and community levels. Programming will increasingly prioritise resilience, coping capacities, and long-term developmental outcomes for children living in contexts of displacement, insecurity, and disruption.

In parallel, 2026 will see a **significant expansion of livelihoods and early economic recovery initiatives**, aimed at reducing dependency on aid and supporting households to rebuild sustainable income streams. World Vision will scale market-relevant livelihood opportunities, vocational and skills-based training, and enterprise development interventions, with a particular focus on women, displaced populations, and conflict-affected communities. VisionFund will continue to expand its presence in Ukraine, providing tailored financial services to small and medium-sized enterprises—unlocking access to capital, stimulating local economies, and contributing to job creation and household resilience.

World Vision will also deepen its commitment to **localisation and partnership-driven delivery**, strengthening the capacity and leadership of national and community-based organisations. By placing local actors at the forefront of programme design, implementation, and decision-making, World Vision will support a more effective transition from humanitarian response to recovery, rehabilitation, and longer-term development—anchored in local ownership and sustainability.

“The needs of children in Ukraine have evolved, and so must our response. Beyond immediate relief, children require protection, psychosocial care, access to quality education, and economic stability within their families. Our role is to respond holistically – working with local partners to strengthen systems, restore livelihoods, and support communities on a path from survival to recovery. World Vision remains committed to walking alongside children and families for as long as it takes to see hope, dignity, and peace restored.”

**Arman Grigoryan**, Director of the Ukraine Crisis Response



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