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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- Waves of Russian missiles and drones continue to hit people and civilian infrastructure in Ukraine. On 30 August, Russia launched multiple drones and missiles against Kyiv, killing two people and injuring three, in one of the most powerful strikes on the capital since spring. On 28 August, Poltava oblast was hit by missiles that killed three people and injured two. On 23 August, shelling in Kherson city injured six people and damaged a kindergarten and residential buildings. On 23 August, a drone hit a school in Sumsk oblast destroying the building and killing four civilians and injuring four. On 22 August, UNHCR’s partner Proliska came under fire in Khersonska oblast while distributing emergency shelter materials to war-affected people. On 19 August – World Humanitarian Day – missiles struck Chernihiv city and killed seven people, including a child and UNHCR’s partner Right to Protection (R2P) staff member, and injured dozens more. Also, on 19 August, missiles hit Khmelnytska oblast and injured two people and damaged many residential and public buildings.

- Assisting the people living in frontline areas remains a priority. On 16, 18, 23, and 25 August, UNHCR joined four inter-agency humanitarian convoys to frontline towns in Kharkivska and Zaporizka oblasts. UNHCR delivered essential supplies including 1,100 solar lamps, 1,050 tarpaulins, 400 sleeping bags, 400 bed linen sets, and 5 plastic sheets to war-affected people to meet their basic needs.

- UNHCR continues responding to the far-reaching and increasing urgent humanitarian needs, while supporting people’s ongoing efforts to recover now, and achieve durable solutions. In 2023, UNHCR and partners have so far reached over 2.06 million people with assistance, including protection, emergency shelter, housing, cash and in-kind.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS:

Following Russia’s devastating attack on the market in Kostiantynivka, which took 16 lives and destroyed many homes, UNHCR’s partner Proliska promptly responded on-site providing psychological first-aid and emergency shelter kits to help people with quick home repairs. © Proliska

*In alignment with the humanitarian inter-agency and cluster reporting systems and frequency established by OCHA for 2023, UNHCR and partners will publish response figures in full on a monthly basis. Narrative updates and figures on selected indicators will be published on a biweekly basis.

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2023 RESPONSE in NUMBERS*:

(Delivered with partners from 1 January to 31 August 2023)

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• **Emergency assistance:** In response to the drone strike on 23 August in Sumska oblast, UNHCR’s local partner Proliska, provided psychological first aid and emergency shelter items to people whose homes were affected by the blast so they could carry out quick repairs.

• On 19 August, UNHCR’s partner Rokada delivered emergency shelter items and provided psychosocial support to people affected by the attack in Chernihiv. Rokada also provided immediate on-site psychosocial support and emergency shelter items to families affected by the attack in Khmelnytska oblast.

• As part of an inter-agency convoy to Vovchansk on 6 September, UNHCR provided 1,000 bed linen sets and 600 solar lamps to people whose houses have been damaged by shelling. Reaching people in frontline communities remains a priority.

• **Housing solutions:** So far in 2023, UNHCR has supported the repair of 12,230 houses and apartments, enabling people to return to and to stay in their own homes and communities. One of the three modalities used is cash-for-repair that helps the families assisted to purchase the materials they need and undertake the repairs themselves. Through this method, UNHCR and its partners have disbursed US$2.9 million to 2,241 households. Since the start of UNHCR’s housing repair programme in 2022, 17,665 households have been assisted with durable housing solutions, including prefabricated housing to replace fully destroyed homes.

• **Non-food items:** NFIs continue to be distributed to support communities in need. In the last two weeks, UNHCR and its partners provided essential items to over 3,700 war-affected and displaced people in Lvivska, Rivnenska, Ternopilska, and Volynska oblasts.

**Social spaces help support the well being of displaced people in collective centres**

UNHCR and its local partner, Right to Protection, opened a community space in a collective site in Kharkiv for people who lost their homes due to Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Tamara, whose apartment in Saltivka was destroyed by shelling, shared “This November, I’m celebrating my 75th birthday. The only wish I have, is to celebrate at home.”
Evacuations: In the last two weeks, 306 people were evacuated from Khersonska oblast to Odeska oblast, including 41 children and seven people with disabilities. In coordination with the local authorities, UNHCR's local partner, The Tenth of April (TTA), supported the displaced people with accommodation, transportation, information on available services and legal counseling. Meanwhile in Khmelnytska oblast, UNHCR's local partner, Right to Protection, supported 72 evacuees from Khersonska oblast with legal assistance and enrolment into the cash programme.

Child Protection: On 21 August, UNHCR’s partner Rokada opened a child-friendly space in Lvivska oblast bringing together internally displaced children and children from the local community to foster social cohesion.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV): On 21 August, UNHCR’s partner, Neemia, organized the 4th Forum on Prevention and Combating GBV in Zakarpatska oblast. The Forum was facilitated by UNHCR and UNFPA and brought together more than 150 participants from the national social protection departments, local authorities at the hromada level, national and oblast police departments, and local humanitarian NGOs. Participants discussed key trends and concerns, notably the increased number of GBV cases reported since January 2023 and the lack of sufficient specialized staff to support survivors, and agreed on closer cooperation to establish common mechanisms to successfully prevent GBV.

Counter-Trafficking: From 21 to 22 August, UNHCR, jointly with IOM, conducted two trainings in Uzhhorod on prevention and response to human trafficking, including identification and assistance to unaccompanied minors. The training involved 36 personnel from the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine and UNHCR’s partner NEEKA. Just a few days after the joint UNHCR and IOM training, it was reported that the Lviv Detachment of SBGS arrested people engaged in recruiting and transporting women to EU countries for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

IDP Councils: From 17 to 18 August, UNHCR’s partner, Stabilization Support Services (SSS), organized a forum for the IDP Councils of Eastern Ukraine. During the two-day event, close to 100 participants composed of IDP Councils, local and oblast authorities, activists, and NGOs from Kharkivska, Luhanska, Poltavska and Sumska oblasts exchanged experiences and best-practices on durable solutions for IDPs.

Cash assistance

In 2023, UNHCR has so far distributed US$79.4 million through the multipurpose cash programme to 441,100 people, helping socioeconomically and otherwise vulnerable war-affected and displaced families cover the costs of basic items like food, medicines, clothes, accommodation and pay for utilities.

Collective sites

On 18 August, UNHCR and its partner, R2P, opened a community space in a collective site in Kharkivska oblast, providing IDPs who have fled from their homes due to the war with an area for recreational and educational activities.
From asylum seeker to aid worker: one Odesa resident’s empowering journey

The full-fledged escalation of the war in February 2022 plunged 36-year-old Ali into a state of desperation. Having previously endured war in Afghanistan, Ali quickly realised the far-reaching implications that the hostilities would have on the lives of civilians.

“24 years ago, my parents took me and my brother and sister and moved from Afghanistan, fleeing war and persecution. Back then, I was 12 years old,” Ali recalls.

Immediately, Ali and his wife, the owners of a small clothing store in Odesa, began to engage in charity work and donate clothes to displaced people. With each passing day, an increasing number of people sought their assistance. Ali used his proficiency in multiple languages to aid refugees and asylum seekers who had earlier fled to Ukraine in search of international protection and started to volunteer with the NGO, The Tenth of April (TTA). Subsequently, Ali was invited by TTA to join their team as a social worker and logistician.

Ali has now been working for TTA for more than a year. Despite the physically and psychologically demanding nature of the work, he has never once regretted choosing such a job. Read more here.

UNHCR cooperates with 29 partner organizations, such as The Tenth of April, to help people in need throughout Ukraine.

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**FUNDING UPDATE | 2023**

**UKRAINE**

as of 31 August 2023

$602.5 million
UNHCR’s financial requirements 2023

- 62% funded
- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Fund line (indicative)

UNHCR is grateful for the support from our top government donors and for the generous contributions from individuals and the private sector. Given the immense humanitarian needs, UNHCR continues to seek support to deliver assistance inside Ukraine in the 2023 Supplementary Appeal.

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- CCCM Cluster Collective Sites Mapping [here](#).
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