Situation overview

4,577,147 Total border crossing from Ukrania and Moldova into Romania
2,699,516 Back to Ukraine
92,262 Staying in Romania
141,513 Received temporary protection
45,959 Estimated number of children in the country*
6,697 Unaccompanied and separated children
27,662 Ukrainian children enrolled in formal education

Our vision: from emergency response to protection for all


- Ukraine refugee response started at the onset of the war in Ukraine with the establishment of Blue Dot safe spaces along the borders to provide immediate assistance to the refugees arriving in Romania.

- The response has transitioned from a primarily emergency one to a wider framework for the protection of all vulnerable populations through integrated service models run by the local communities and authorities. Municipalities are being supported to access European Union funding to provide more sustainable response.

- The concept of Blue Dots – the highlight of the response previously – is now in the process of transitioning towards a “Blue Grid” approach involving a progressive handover of key response activities to local social protection authorities.

- As part of the refugee population settled inside the country, the response adapted and expanded to new areas to accommodate the developing needs of refugees: systems of education, health, and social protection.

- The integration of refugees is the ongoing phase of the response with the aim of gradually progressing into their long-term social inclusion.

- Lessons learnt, experience and knowledge built as part of the response to the Ukraine refugee crisis transcend the boundaries of Romania and can be a starting point for cross-border system strengthening as part of long-term emergency preparedness and response.

What we do: UNICEF and partners

UNICEF and partners provide a minimum standard of protection and care to different categories of refugees, especially the most vulnerable. Services in safe spaces and hubs are dedicated to mothers with infants and young children, people and children with disabilities, adolescents and the elderly. These services include but are not limited to: registration, immediate assistance and protection, provision of accommodation, meals, and supplies such as winter clothes, medical and learning kits, medical and legal referrals, education, mental health and psycho-social support.

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* Based on number of Temporary Protection permits issued as of 29/09/2023 (Source: UNHCR Data Portal)
In 2023, the focus is increasingly on accelerating integration of the refugee schoolchildren into the education system of Romania. UNICEF will continue ensuring access to education for all refugee children: 1) learning hubs and safe learning spaces, including for interaction with peers from Romania; 2) support to online education in Ukrainian; 3) distribution of learning materials. In 2023, the focus is increasingly on accelerating integration of the refugee schoolchildren into the education system of Romania.

### Funding overview

UNICEF remains grateful to our government and civil society partners for continued efforts to help us reach all refugee populations in Romania. Funds received by donors are of utmost importance for sustaining the Ukraine refugee response.

#### 2023 Ukraine Response Budget

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*As of 2023, 9.64 million has been carried forward from 2022 funding to cover the continuation of commitments and interventions started in 2022.

**Most funds received for the implementation of 2023 HAC are in-kind or earmarked for specific activities under Education and Child Protection (i.e., Blue Dots).

***UNICEF would welcome flexible funding to reach all 2023 HAC targets. Flexible funds will enable UNICEF to sustain full support and provide assistance to Ukraine war refugees for further integration in Romania.