UNHCR has launched a cash assistance programme to support an initial target of 360,000 displaced people across Ukraine to meet their immediate basic needs. © UNHCR

The war in Ukraine has triggered one of the fastest-growing displacement and humanitarian crises on record. The geographic scope of the hostilities continues to expand, forcing people to flee their homes while millions are trapped in areas of escalating conflict.

Under the leadership of the United Nations Crisis Coordinator, UNHCR operates as part of the inter-agency humanitarian response, working in close coordination with local authorities and humanitarian partners. UNHCR is leading three clusters - Protection, Shelter and NFI (non-food items), and CCCM (Camp Coordination and Camp Management).

The overall goal of UNHCR’s operational delivery is to provide immediate relief to those fleeing military hostilities, while helping to stabilize a situation of fast-paced displacement.

In the first month of the emergency response, UNHCR has been:

- Delivering essential items, food and shelter support to individuals, households, and reception and collective centres hosting IDPs.
- Supporting local authorities in IDP-receiving locations to expand the immediate and medium-term reception capacity.
- Progressively rolling out a large-scale multi-purpose cash assistance programme to support displaced people meet their immediate basic needs.
- Providing protection counselling and services, including psychosocial support and legal aid, at border crossing points, online and in locations where people have fled.
KEY RESPONSE IN NUMBERS as of 27 March

**DELIVERED WITH PARTNERS**
(Since 24 February)

- **65,538 people** received essential items and food.
- **8,913 individuals** enrolled to receive cash assistance and first payments initiated.
- **73 reception centres and collective centres** were newly equipped with essential items to increase capacity.
- **22,521 people** received targeted protection assistance and information at border points, transit, and reception centres and through hotlines.
  *Protection assistance covers the period up to 24 March
- **11,862 people** with damaged homes received shelter assistance.
- **8,100 people** have received assistance through 3 convoys delivered to hard-hit areas.

### IN THE PIPELINE

- **1.1 million people** will receive protection assistance and information.
- **550,000 non-food items** including 100,000 mattresses pledged by Ingka Group (IKEA).
- **360,000 people** will receive Multi-purpose Cash Assistance.
- **200 reception & collective centres** will be equipped with essential items.

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**Further Information**

For the [Ukraine Refugee Situation](https://www.unhcr.org) in neighboring countries, see UNHCR’s Operational Data Portal.

UNHCR’s [Regional Flash Update](https://www.unhcr.org) on the Ukraine situation can be found [here](https://www.unhcr.org).

Protection [Cluster Snap Shots](https://www.unhcr.org) can be found [here](https://www.unhcr.org).

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