The war against Ukraine has triggered one of the fastest-growing displacement and humanitarian crises on record. In 50 days, more than a quarter of the population of Ukraine were forced to flee their homes while some 13 million remain in areas of intense fighting, driving critical humanitarian needs.

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.

To date, UNHCR has been:

- Providing protection counselling and services, including psychosocial support and legal aid, at border crossing points, online and in locations where people have fled.

- Progressively rolling out a large-scale multi-purpose cash assistance programme in seven oblasts to support displaced people to meet their immediate basic needs with expansion to further oblasts underway.

- Delivering essential items, food and shelter support to individuals and households, including in hard-to-reach areas with humanitarian convoys.

- Supporting local authorities in IDP-receiving locations to expand the capacity of reception and collective centres and providing essential items to these.

- Prepositioning relief items to enhance reception capacity in central and western regions given the increased displacement from the east and in locations targeted by the intensified hostilities.

UNHCR is reaching IDPs with cash assistance now in seven oblasts - Lviv, Vinnitsia, Zakarpattia, Khmelnytsky, Dnipropetrovsk, Ternopil, and Chernivtsi – to help vulnerable displaced people cover their basic needs. @UNHCR
KEY RESPONSE IN NUMBERS as of 18 April

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

- **97,010** individuals enrolled to receive cash assistance and **+ 390%**
- **57,080** individuals received their first payments.
- **73,559** people received targeted protection assistance and information at border points, transit, and reception centres and through hotlines. **+ 34%**
- **266,802** people received essential items, winter clothes, shelter materials and food assistance. **+ 35%**
- **27,172** people have received assistance through humanitarian convoys delivered to hard-hit areas. **+ 44%**
- **145** reception and collective centres were supported with essential items. **+ 99%**

*Increase from previous week

**Initial Emergency Response**

- **1.1 million people** will receive protection assistance and information.
- **847,000** essential 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.

UNHCR signed Memoranda of Understanding with three key Government Ministries that will strengthen coordination and cooperation in finding sustainable and durable solutions for displaced people, including on accessing cash assistance, services, and dignified housing options.

- Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine
- Ministry for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine
- Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine also announced the launch of cash programs to vulnerable categories of IDPs in synergy with the United Nations.

**UNHCR Presence in Ukraine**

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