

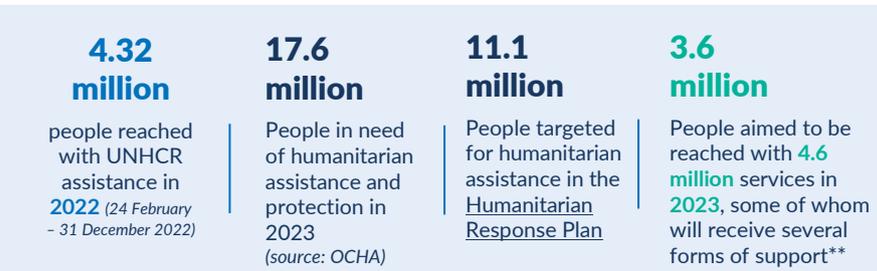
UKRAINE EMERGENCY

UNHCR Delivery Updates

8 June 2023

In response to the destruction of the Kakhovka dam, humanitarian workers have deployed multidisciplinary mobile teams to train and bus stations to assist people arriving from the affected areas. UNHCR and partner Tenth of April are in close contact with authorities in Mykolaiv and Odesa to support the evacuees. © UNHCR/Tenth of April

KEY FIGURES:



**The total number of services UNHCR aim to deliver is 4.6 million. Approximately 20% of the people are expected to receive multiple forms of assistance.

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

- The destruction of the Kakhovka dam in Khersonska oblast in the morning of 6 June is possibly [the most significant incident](#) of damage to civilian infrastructure since the start of the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. The impact is forcing many people to evacuate from their homes and hampering access to water and other essential services. The flooding is expected to last around a week, with some [40,000 individuals](#) possibly affected and serious humanitarian consequences that will last long after the water recedes.
- The UN and humanitarian organizations have stepped-up operations to provide [urgent assistance to affected people](#), including drinking water, cash assistance and legal and psychosocial support. (More on pg. 2.)
- Following a meeting between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and the UN Humanitarian Coordinator, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs released [a statement](#) noting that the UN would mobilize to provide assistance and rescue efforts in Russian-controlled areas subject to security guarantees and permission of access by Russian Federation authorities.
- Since the beginning of May, the security situation in Ukraine has deteriorated substantially, and systematic long-range air strikes against critical infrastructure and major population centres, particularly Kyiv and Dnipro, occur frequently, while escalating hostilities in the east and south are ravaging communities close to the front-line areas.
- On 1 June, the UN Humanitarian Coordinator [released a statement](#) condemning the killing or injuring of over 1,500 children in Ukraine since Russia's full-scale invasion began 15 months ago.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS:



2023 RESPONSE in NUMBERS*:

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

1.34M People reached with assistance to date

Protection
600,700

Received protection information, counselling, and support

1.90M Targeted

MPC
263,344

Supported with multi-purpose cash assistance to meet basic needs

0.80M Targeted

NFI
443,561

Reached with essential items, including in hard-to-access areas by humanitarian convoys

1.00M Targeted

Shelter/Housing
95,536

Received emergency shelter and housing support, including in collective sites

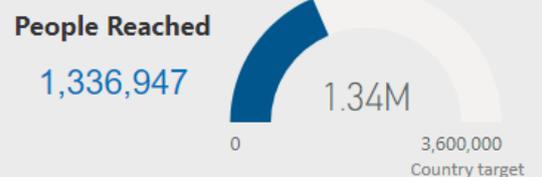
0.72M Targeted

CCCM
75,474

Supported with safe access to multi-sectorial services in collective sites

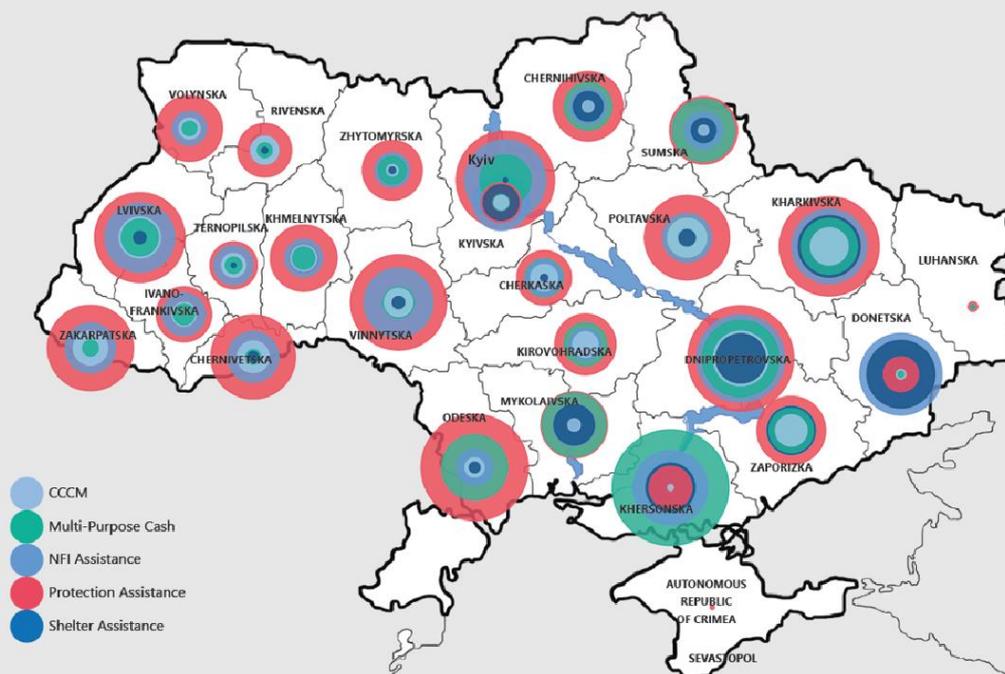
0.15M Targeted

* The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements



Reached figures are subject to data cleaning and retro-active corrections may occur.

*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.



NFI Essential Items & Housing/Shelter

- Humanitarian Convoys: Responding to the needs of people living close to the front line remains a priority.** In Preobrazhenka, 5 km from the front line in Zaporizka oblast, 2,000 civilians have limited access to food, water, and electricity. Many, including children and people with disabilities, live in damaged houses. On 31 May, UNHCR joined [an interagency convoy](#) contributing items such as jerry cans and tarpaulin sheets to reach the people in need. On 2 June, UNHCR joined another interagency convoy to Zolochiv settlement in Kharkivska oblast, distributing items such as bedding sets and solar lamps, to support over 600 people.
- Shelter materials support:** During the month of May, UNHCR sent some **100 trucks of construction materials to war-affected areas of Ukraine** to support people whose homes were damaged by hostilities to repair their houses and rebuild their lives.
- Reconstruction:** On 26 May, UNHCR joined the launch of the Irpin housing estate reconstruction project by the Kyivska oblast authorities. As part of the project, **UNHCR will provide construction materials for 47 heavily damaged houses, supporting 256 adults and 46 children** (for a total cost of US\$2 million).



UNHCR partner Tenth of April supporting evacuees arriving in Odesa. © UNHCR/Tenth of April

UNHCR and partners rush aid to people impacted by the Kakhovka dam destruction

The destruction of the Kakhovka dam has caused a dire humanitarian emergency. Thousands of people have lost their homes and access to essential services. Water, sanitation, and hygiene needs are a priority.

The emergency response mobilized by the UN and humanitarian organizations in the first 24 hours provided **immediate critical assistance to almost 2,000 people** who have been evacuated by the Government and NGOs from towns and villages which are now underwater.

As the needs of affected communities continue to rise, **UNHCR, with local partners, is responding to the collective emergency response.** UNHCR has pre-positioned and begun **delivering emergency supplies** such as beds, bed linens, jerry cans, and hygiene kits to the evacuees as well as affected communities in Kherson, Mykolaiv, Odesa, and Dnipropetrovsk regions. Partners are present at bus and train stations in Kherson and nearby regions, to provide **mental health and psychosocial support, as well as legal counselling and assistance,** to arriving evacuees.

UNHCR will continue to support the efforts of Ukrainian authorities to respond.

UNHCR and the Chernivtsi Regional State Administration strengthen ongoing collaboration in support of people impacted by the war



At the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding on 30 May 2023. ©Chernivtsi Regional State Administration

Since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the Chernivetska oblast has hosted more than 100,000 displaced people fleeing the hostilities. There are about 100,000 IDPs currently registered in the region.

UNHCR and its NGO partners are active across a wide range of areas throughout the region, assisting displaced people with essential items, legal advice on renewing documents and accessing social benefits, psychosocial support, and repairs of collective sites to improve living conditions.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will solidify the ongoing cooperation with the Regional State Administration in support of the IDPs impacted by the war to integrate, recover, and rebuild their lives. UNHCR has signed MoUs with 13 Regional State/Oblast Administrations so far with more underway. Read more [here](#).

Protection

- **Protection monitoring tool (PMT):** During the fifth round of PMT (1 to 31 May) conducted by the Protection Cluster, 1,735 key informants were interviewed across 23 oblasts by 14 reporting partners. **Forced evictions from owned or rented apartments or collective sites** were reported in several oblasts, while **lack of access to specialized services** continues to be the main protection issue affecting women and girls in Zaporizka and Donetska oblasts. Limited information about **service providers and support for trafficking victims** was raised as a significant issue in Khmelnytska oblast. Additional findings can be found on the [Interactive Dashboard](#).
- **Child protection:** UNHCR is engaging with the Government of Ukraine and international and national partners to **promote the safety and well-being of Ukrainian refugee children without parental care who have been returned from institutions in Poland**. Advocacy was done with authorities in Ukraine and Poland to promote and ensure respect for the best interests of children and their safety and dignity, including through the implementation of individual best interests determinations and the placement of children in family-based alternative care rather than institutions.
- **Child-Friendly Spaces:** On 1 June, UNHCR partner Rokada opened **two child-friendly spaces in Chernihivska and Zhytomyrska oblasts**. Both spaces were renovated jointly with local authorities and equipped by Rokada, for 1,189 IDP and host community children to have access to a safe space to play, heal and recover.
- **Psychosocial support:** UNHCR and local partners are **working to support children with their mental health and inclusion in the community**. On 1 June, [over 150 events](#) were organized by UNHCR and partners across the country to mark Ukraine's Children's Day.
- **Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA):** On 29 and 30 May, **60 humanitarian workers** from different non-government and government organizations in Poltava were trained by UNHCR on PSEA. It is critical to ensure the capacity building of humanitarian actors involved in the Ukraine emergency response.

Supporting the capacity of local lawyers to serve people impacted by the war

In collaboration with the Free Legal Aid Coordination (FLAC) Centre at the national level, UNHCR's legal partners (Right to Protection, Tenth of April, and NEEKA) are conducting training sessions for local-level staff of FLACs.

Over the past two weeks, training was organized for lawyers in Chernihivska, Kyivska, Vinnytska, and Zhytomyrska oblasts on complex cases related to IDP registration, acquiring personal documents, and documenting war-related damages to housing and property.

The training serves as both a learning and networking opportunity, ultimately enhancing the quality of services provided to IDPs and others affected by the full-scale war.



UNHCR partner Right to Protection led the training for FLAC staff in Vinnytska oblast. ©Right to Protection

Grassroots organisations help coordinate the work of volunteers in Kharkiv



During the visit to the Kharkiv Humanitarian Coordination Hub, UNHCR Representative in Ukraine shared her admiration for volunteers' work and emphasized how "UNHCR is working closely with grassroots organisations to achieve our shared goal – to help the most vulnerable people live through the hardships caused by the war." ©UNHCR/Victoria Andrievska

UNHCR's local NGO partner Proliska works with the Kharkiv Humanitarian Coordination Hub to reach the most vulnerable people, with essential items and psychosocial support, including in the areas where the Ukrainian Government regained control in Kharkivska oblast.

The Hub works in several areas – the coordination of humanitarian aid and evacuation, the issuance of humanitarian passes for the retaken areas, and the coordination of support to IDPs living in collective sites.

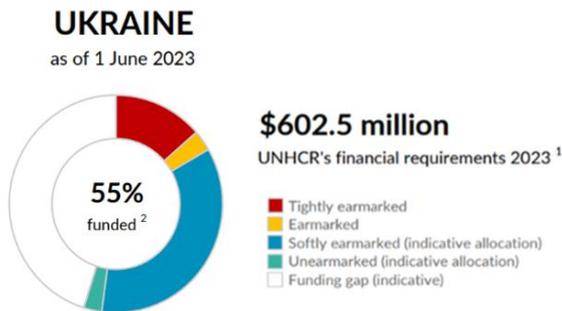
There are some 160 volunteer organizations that work in Kharkivska oblast, and the Hub aims to ensure the most effective allocation of resources by tracking the needs and updating detailed maps of all humanitarian activities.

Read more [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS

- UHNCR Ukraine Monthly Operational Update – April 2023
- Lives On Hold: Intensions and Perspectives of Internally Displaced Persons in Ukraine
- UNHCR Ukraine Participatory Assessment - November 2022
- Thematic update on PSEA in the Ukraine emergency (March 2023)

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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](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Visit Ukraine's [Operational Data Portal](#) for more information products [here](#).
- UNHCR's [Regional Flash Update](#) on the Ukraine situation can be found [here](#).
- [Ukraine Protection Cluster Response Dashboard](#) can be found [here](#).
- [CCCM Cluster Collective Sites Mapping](#) [here](#)
- [Shelter Cluster Response Dashboard](#) [here](#).

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