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# Ukraine Humanitarian Situation Report No. 4

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## Highlights

- Internal displacement and damage to basic and critical infrastructure (hospitals, water systems and schools) increased drastically over the last week. As of 16 March, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 780 civilians killed (including 58 children) and 1,252 civilians injured (including 68 children).
- Humanitarian conditions, including access to food, water and medicines, are worsening for the population of Mariupol. Conditions for safe, rapid and unimpeded humanitarian access remain significantly constrained.
- Life-saving equipment and first aid kits were distributed to 14 hospitals in Lviv, Kyiv, Chernihiv, Mykolaiv and Zhytomyr, to cover the needs of 4,000 pregnant women and newborns and 200,000 people.
- 34 trucks of supplies including essential medicines and medical equipment, hygiene and dignity kits, Early Child Development (ECD) kits, adolescent kits and winter clothes for children have arrived in Lviv and been released to partners for further distribution. Since 24 Feb. UNICEF has ordered nearly USD 41.3 million worth of supplies to cover the needs of over 6.2 million people including 1.1 million children in Ukraine.
- As of 14 March, online education has resumed in 13 regions.
- UNICEF established and equipped psychosocial support spaces with learning materials for art, play, reading and emotional support in 29 metro stations in Kharkiv where children and families have been residing for the last two weeks.
- All clusters have been activated, with UNICEF leading the WASH and Nutrition clusters, the Child Protection subcluster and co-leading the Education Cluster. UNICEF is an active member in the Health and Logistic clusters and the Cash Working Group (CWG).
- As of 16 March, UNICEF has received USD 67.8 million (including USD 1.2 million carry over from 2021) out of USD 276 million requested for Pillar 1 (inside Ukraine) of the UNICEF appeal. UNICEF acknowledges and appreciates the generous contributions from all public and private sector donors to support the response in Ukraine.

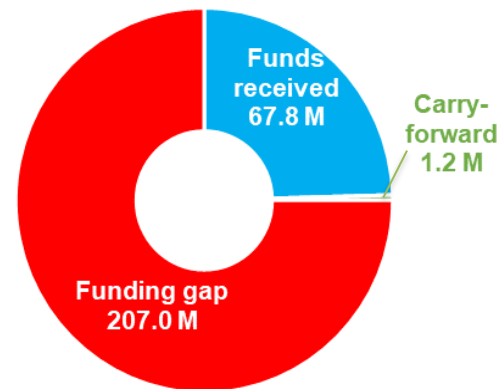
### Situation in Numbers

- 2.9 million** children in need of humanitarian assistance
- 12 million** people in need (OCHA Flash Appeal)
- 6.5 million** Internally displaced people (IOM 18 March)
- 3.3 million** people fleeing Ukraine (UNHCR Data Portal 18 March)

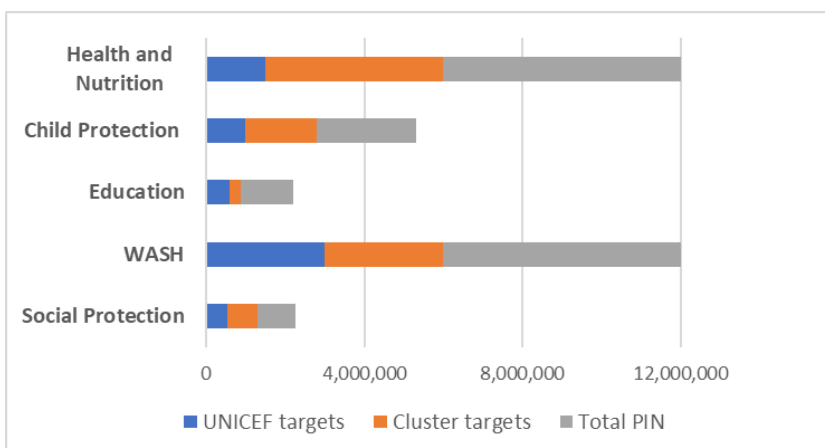
## UNICEF Appeal 2022

### US\$ 276 million\*

Funding Status as of 16 March (USD million)



## Population in Need, UNICEF & Cluster Targets



\* This reflects the requirement under Pillar 1 (Ukraine) of UNICEF's HAC appeal.

## Funding Overview and Partnerships

Under the [2022 Ukraine Humanitarian Action for Children \(HAC\) Appeal](#), UNICEF is requesting USD 276 million to sustain life-saving services and support for children and their families affected by the drastic escalation of the war in Ukraine. UNICEF is grateful for the timely and quality support received from private and public sector partners for the emergency response. As of 16 March, UNICEF has received a total amount of USD 67.8 million against the HAC for the response inside Ukraine, out of which 65% is fully flexible.

The funding is helping UNICEF and partners progressively scale up response to address critical humanitarian needs in Ukraine, including to deliver supplies and services in the areas of health, nutrition, WASH, child protection and education. With the continued war, humanitarian needs continue to escalate across the country, and UNICEF continues to review requirements.

UNICEF acknowledges immediate contributions and pledges of support received against the overall HAC appeal<sup>1</sup>, including from the Government of Austria, the Government of Denmark, the Government of Japan, the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Government of Italy, the Government of Poland, the Government of Liechtenstein, the US Bureau of Population (BPRM) and the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), as well as the significant, ongoing fundraising campaigns by UNICEF National committees that have generated significant, timely and generous support from private sector and individual donors.

UNICEF continues to work closely with the Government of Ukraine, UN Agencies and key humanitarian partners - Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), through established interagency mechanisms, to address the large-scale humanitarian needs in Ukraine. Close consultations are also being held with the key ministries including Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Social Policy and Ministry of Health, as well as with mayors in several cities. Through its long-standing country programmes, UNICEF has established partnerships in key *hromadas* (municipalities) and will continue to expand and leverage these in all *oblasts* (regions) across the country to deliver humanitarian response through integrated services. UNICEF is also leveraging important private sector partnerships throughout Ukraine.

## Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

The war in Ukraine has left hundreds of thousands of children and their families in desperate need of safety, protection and humanitarian support. As of 16 March, OHCHR reports that 58 children have been killed, and 68 have been injured, with numbers likely much higher as they reflect only what has been possible to verify to date. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), there have been 43 attacks impacting health care facilities in Ukraine since 24 February. In Mariupol, a maternity hospital was struck on 9 March, leaving young children and women in labor buried beneath the rubble of destroyed buildings, killing at least three people and injuring 17.

With continuing destruction of basic and critical infrastructure, disruption of basic social services and economic activity and massive internal population displacement, the scale and scope of humanitarian needs continues to worsen across the country, leaving children and their families exposed to traumatic events, exposed to threat and highly vulnerable. In Mariupol, humanitarian conditions continue to worsen after more than two weeks of inhumane conditions and extreme suffering. Residents remaining in the city are in dire need of food, water and medicine. Despite intensive efforts to ensure safe, rapid and unimpeded humanitarian access, significant challenges remain in the most affected areas across the country.

The war has taken a heavy toll on the wellbeing of children and their families, leading to displacement, limited and uncertain essential social services – including health and nutrition, protection, education, water and sanitation, uncertain and precarious daily living and livelihood conditions and limited income or resources to meet basic needs. Children and their families remain in desperate need of safety, stability, systematic protection services and psychosocial care.

## Summary Analysis of Programme Response

### Child Protection

UNICEF, in coordination with the Ministry of Social Policy (MoSP), the National State Service, and in partnership with the Ukrainian Child Rights Network has continued the operation of a hotline for the social workforce and vulnerable families with children/caregivers which was established from the first days of the war. The national Child Helpline, supported by UNICEF, continues to provide direct psychosocial support and consultation to children. In eastern Ukraine, UNICEF and its partners continue to deliver child protection services in Donetsk and Luhansk region. These services include psychosocial support, information on protection risks, and case management support. Essential humanitarian supplies (including hygiene items, food, and warm clothes for children) were distributed to

<sup>1</sup> Including Pillar 1 (Ukraine) and Pillar 2 (Refugee Outflow) of UNICEF's HAC appeal which covers cover interventions in Poland, Moldova, Romania, Belarus, Hungary, Slovakia and other surrounding countries

highly vulnerable families in 12 municipalities in Donetsk and Luhansk.

Together with the office of the Presidential Commissioner for Child Rights and the MoSP, UNICEF initiated an intersectoral coordination Task Force on child protection. The Task Force comprises of members from line ministries responsible for children's matters, the offices of Human Rights Ombudsman, civil society organizations, law enforcement/justice agencies, and border patrol forces, to address critical issues of children including border crossings, evacuations, unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), prevention of trafficking and exploitation and tracking the relocation of children who are in state custody.

In close cooperation with MoSP and Presidential Commissioner on Child Rights, UNICEF has also developed a ChatBot programme to facilitate the identification, screening and support to volunteer families providing temporary fostering for unaccompanied, separated and lost children. The programme has been actively used since 7 March, and to date 8,500 applications have been received from Ukrainian families offering temporary foster care. UNICEF is supporting intersectoral mobile teams to facilitate integrated emergency response at hotspots, collections centers for the internally displaced, border crossing points and to people on the move. Currently eight mobile teams are actively working in the east of the country, while four are being activated in the west.

### **Health & Nutrition**

UNICEF is establishing partnerships to ensure delivery of health care services, including access to lifesaving, immunization services, in affected areas including camps for the internally displaced, shelters and mass gathering hubs (railway stations, etc.). UNICEF is working closely with the Ministry of Health (MoH) to support specific humanitarian response needs in the different regions, including health services and routine immunization. UNICEF delivered two trucks of life-saving equipment, including first aid kits, diagnostics and treatment equipment, midwifery, obstetrics, surgical medical kits which were distributed to 14 hospitals in Lviv, Kyiv and Kyiv oblast, Chernihiv, Mykolaiv and Zhytomyr to cover needs of 4,000 pregnant women and newborns and 200,000 residents.

With over 145,000 children aged 0-5 months in urgent need of nutrition support in Ukraine, UNICEF, in alignment with interagency coordination structures, has established and is leading a nutrition cluster, working closely with the Ministry of Health and WHO. UNICEF's response through nutrition focuses on provision of nutritional supplies (high-energy biscuits, micro-nutrient supplement) for children, pregnant and lactating mothers, promotion of breastfeeding, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices, and capacity building of partners including frontline workers and health professionals. With limited capacity and nutrition partners on the ground, UNICEF's nutrition interventions will be integrated within protection and health partnerships. A first order of essential nutrition supplies (high energy biscuits, micro-nutrient supplement) for children 0-5 and 5-23 months, pregnant and lactating women is already in the pipeline.

### **Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**

In cooperation with local authorities and with the logistical support of the local NGO "Friends Hands", UNICEF continues to address the water and sanitation needs in community centers, social and health institutions in several locations on both sides of the frontline in eastern Ukraine.

Since February, bottled water, family hygiene kits, baby diapers, institutional hygiene kits and hand sanitizers with disinfectant liquid were distributed in 17 localities of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. The biggest local water manufacturer (IDS Borjomi) is supporting UNICEF's WASH response with in-kind donations of bottled water at the most affected areas (Kharkiv, Dnipro, Chernihiv, etc.).

UNICEF is providing WASH supplies (bottled water, and a range of equipment to renovate damaged water supply systems), which are being delivered by humanitarian convoys to the cities of Mariupol, Sumy and Kharkiv.

### **Education**

On March 14, as recommended by the Ministry of Education and Science (MoES), education resumed in 13 regions through distance learning modality while in other regions schools remain closed due to the ongoing security situation. The MoES has introduced an online schedule for distance learning and Televised (TV) schooling. The national platform "All-Ukrainian School Online" continues to be used as a primary platform for distance education. UNICEF and the MoES also launched an online kindergarten platform. This project enables parents and kindergarten teachers to access a variety of learning and development resources for pre-school children aged 3 to 6 years. UNICEF will continue supporting the government to provide learning through the digital learning modality.

UNICEF, through its partner Professional Development, established and equipped corners for psychosocial support spaces in 29 metro stations in Kharkiv where children and families have been residing over the last two weeks. The spaces are equipped with learning materials for art therapy, playing, reading, learning and emotional support and facilitators are providing learning and re-creational activities for pre-school and school children.

UNICEF is engaging adolescents and youth to provide learning and mental health support to vulnerable children. In partnership with the Ukrainian Volunteer Service, more than 60,000 volunteers have been engaged in a wide range of activities, including the provision of learning and socio-psychological support to children. In partnership with a local

NGO “Ukrainian Education Platform”, 15 child-friendly spaces and 100 mobile teams of teachers are being organized in western Ukraine to support displaced children.

## Social Protection

Consultations with the MoSP and Ministry of Digital Transformation have been organized to explore the opportunities for beneficiary registration and data coordination on a multi-purpose humanitarian cash programme to meet the extensive and complex needs of conflict-affected populations. These discussions have led to an agreement to proceed using the existing online platform *DIJA* as an option for remote beneficiary registration for horizontal expansion<sup>2</sup>. For vertical expansion<sup>3</sup>, UNICEF has a common agreement in place with Ministry of Social Policy on providing top-up cash assistance to existing beneficiaries of the childbirth grant, and UNICEF is working with a local bank to organize delivery of cash assistance to beneficiaries. UNICEF is establishing a partnership to support post-distribution monitoring and grievance mechanisms, and to deliver cash through alternative systems when necessary.

## Social Behavior

The production of content and strategic messaging for caregivers continues throughout the country with 20 content series on hygiene practices, breastfeeding, immunization and others, disseminated on social media reaching 10 million people. The targeted promotion of the content series on explosive ordnance risk education (ORE) has reached 5 million adults on Facebook and is now being promoted to children via YouTube, Instagram and Facebook.

Five Public Service Announcements (PSA) on health and nutrition have been developed in both video and audio format to reach caregivers via television and out-of-home advertising platforms at the railway stations. 400,000 hand-out materials are being printed for further distribution to caregivers on the move, including at the border crossing points. UNICEF is providing health brochures and early childhood development (ECD) booklets to UNICEF in Moldova and Romania which will be printed and used targeting Ukrainian refugees in respective countries.

Together with the MoES of Ukraine, UNICEF has launched online kindergarten featuring educational and developmental videos for children aged 3 to 6. The first episode of the series, designed to help parents engage their children in educational and developmental activities, was viewed by 25,000 people in less than 24 hours. The online kindergarten is a part of the [NUMO project](#), a platform with tips, exercises and games, helping preschoolers learn important skills for further development.

## Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

UNICEF is leading the WASH and newly established Nutrition clusters and the Child Protection sub cluster and co-leads the Education cluster. UNICEF is an active member of the Health and Logistics cluster as well as Cash Working Group. Together with Humanitarian Country Team and Humanitarian Operations Planning Cell, UNICEF continues to advocate for humanitarian access across the most affected areas.

As co-lead of the Education Cluster, UNICEF supported a partnership meeting on 10 March attended by 100 partners and potential partners. UNICEF also supported the MoES Partnership meeting on March 15 in which a strategy for immediate, short-term and recovery was presented. The WASH cluster and child protection sub cluster coordination meetings are being held on a regular basis and 3W matrix are being developed for education, WASH, nutrition and the child protection sectors. The first draft of the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) for nutrition is now available. UNICEF has 24 surge and technical support missions currently deployed to augment existing capacities in country and facilitate scaled up response. These cover key sectors including child protection, WASH, social protection (Humanitarian Cash Transfer) and other functional areas including emergency coordination, monitoring and evaluation, operational management, supply and logistics and security.

## Supply & Logistics

As of 16 March 2022, UNICEF has dispatched 78 trucks from its supply division in Copenhagen and office in Turkey carrying 781 tons of emergency supplies to support children and families in Ukraine. These are being routed through a logistics and warehousing hub in Rzeszow, Poland. To date 34 trucks of supplies have arrived in Lviv which will contribute to addressing the needs of over 2.2 million people including 400,000 children. The supplies include medicines and medical equipment, winter clothes for children, institutional and family hygiene kits, educational kits, ECD kits, and recreational kits. Most of the supplies have been released from Lviv and Kyiv warehouses to 16 partners, institutions and hubs in Lviv, Kyiv and Dnipro for distribution to final beneficiaries. Distribution is ongoing in Kyiv, one truck has reached Dnipro and 68 tons of humanitarian supplies are being received in Kharkiv. The movement and distribution of supplies in the targeted locations continues to be a priority but is highly dependent on the situation on the ground.

Additional supplies worth USD 33.5 million are in the pipeline, bringing a total of USD 41.3 million worth supplies

<sup>2</sup> Refers to increasing the number of vulnerable households expanding the coverage

<sup>3</sup> Refers to providing top-up (additional) payments to existing beneficiaries of the system

procured to date for Ukraine, including medicines, medical equipment, nutrition related supplies, winter clothes, WASH supplies (hygiene kits, water bladders, water purification chemicals etc.), recreational kits, ECD kits and educational kits. These supplies will reach over 6.2 million people including 1.1 million children.

## External Media

UNICEF continues to highlight the situation of children and their families in Ukraine and advocate for their safety through external and internal media outlets. The following are a selection of communication materials produced in the reporting period:

### Press releases

- [Stop attacks on health care in Ukraine: Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell, UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Natalia Kanem, and WHO Director General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus](#)
- [Additional UNICEF supplies on their way to Ukraine as number of child refugees exceeds 1 million mark](#)
- [Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell on reported attack against maternity hospital in Mariupol, Ukraine](#)
- [First shipment of UNICEF humanitarian aid arrives in Ukraine as conflict escalates](#)
- [UNICEF, Ukraine's Ministry of Education and Science and MEGOGO launch an online kindergarten project NUMO that gained 25,000 views on local social media accounts within the first 24 hrs.](#)
- [Particularly Shocking. Every single minute, 55 children have fled their country. A Ukrainian child has become a refugee almost every single second since the start of the war. \(unicef.org\)](#)
- [UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell's remarks at the UN Security Council meeting on the humanitarian situation in Ukraine](#)

### Human Interest story

- [In Ukraine, mothers bring light of new life into the darkness: New and expecting mothers are in desperate need of health services and safety. UNICEF is delivering supplies to help facilities provide the support they need.](#)
- [At the Ukrainian border, families search for safety and shelter: Families are fleeing a devastating war and fearing for the future, as the violence in Ukraine escalates.](#)
- [Ukrainian boy who lost guitar has message for music teacher: Vitia lost everything when he fled eastern Ukraine with his family, including his beloved guitar.](#)
- ['There is no more bread in the shops': Families fear for tomorrow in eastern Ukraine: After struggling to stay warm in winter, Masha and her family are among millions now fearing for their lives in Ukraine.](#)
- [At the Ukrainian border mothers share stories of loss. Every day, thousands of families are fleeing the violence in Ukraine and fearing for their children's future.](#)

## Funding Status as of 16 March

Sector	Requirements	Funds available		Funding gap	
		Humanitarian resources received in 2022	Resources available from 2021 (Carry-over)	\$	%
Health	22,200,000	24,131,994	8,396	-	NA
WASH	41,500,000	24,417,914	358,670	16,723,416	40%
Child Protection, GBVIE & PSEA	53,912,500	12,686,180	687,566.00	40,538,754	75%
Education	11,250,000	3,007,331	121,659	8,121,010	72%
Social Protection	147,066,000	3,509,200		143,556,800	98%
<b>Total</b>	<b>275,928,500</b>	<b>67,752,619</b>	<b>1,176,291</b>	<b>206,999,590</b>	<b>75%</b>

## Next SitRep: 25 March 2022

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