



8-year-old Karina fled the village of Zolote in Luhansk region to Khust, located in western Ukraine.

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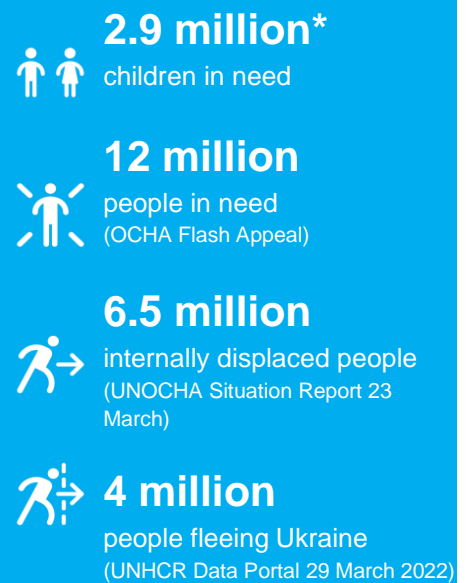
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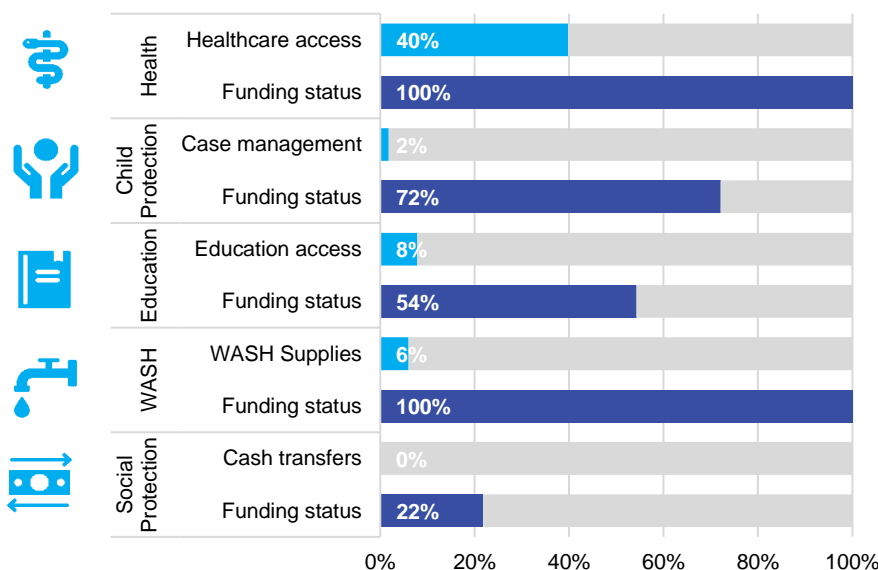
Highlights

- As of 31 March, 6.5 million people in Ukraine (2.5 million children)ⁱ are internally displaced,ⁱⁱ with 112 children killed and 149 injured.ⁱⁱⁱ
- In Sumy, Kharkiv, Okhtyrka, Izyum, Donetsk, Luhansk, Mariupol, Kherson, Volnovakha, Sieverodonetsk and Chernigiv, access to food, water, medicines remain constrained. The humanitarian notification system^{iv} is being tested in these cities, however access remains significantly constrained.
- On 30 March, UNICEF and the Ministry of Social Policy jointly launched a humanitarian cash transfer program targeting 50,000 conflict affected households, including children with disabilities, in the first phase.
- Since 24 February, life-saving medical supplies have reached 596,000 people through the hospitals and maternity homes in Dnipro, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Odessa, Vinnytska and Zhytomyr.
- Despite access challenges, since 24 February, over 68,000 people were reached with drinking water and hygiene supplies in Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Kyiv and Lviv.
- Since 24 February, over 47,000 children were reached through recreational activities and psychosocial support including provision of educational and recreational supplies.
- As of 30 March, UNICEF has USD 173.5 million available against its USD 276 million ask of the UNICEF humanitarian appeal. UNICEF acknowledges and appreciates the generous contributions from all public and private sector donors to support the response in Ukraine.

Situation in Numbers



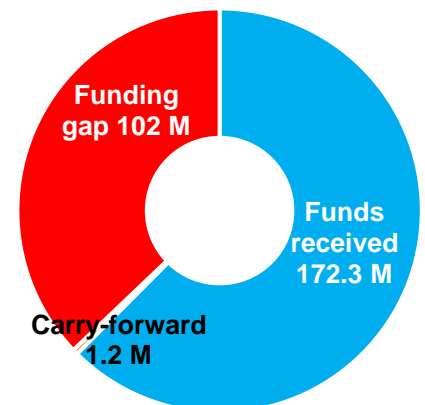
Population in Need, UNICEF & Cluster Targets^v



UNICEF Appeal 2022

US\$ 276 million**

Funding Status as of 30 March
(USD million)



ⁱ UNICEF estimation
ⁱⁱ Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
ⁱⁱⁱ Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
^{iv} Mechanism of Humanitarian Country Team to ensure safe delivery of humanitarian assistance.
^v UNICEF targets against OCHA Flash appeal February.

* Children in need is UNICEF estimation out of PIN/OCHA
 **This reflects the requirement under Pillar 1 (Ukraine) of UNICEF's HAC appeal.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

UNICEF acknowledges the timely and generous commitments of public and private sector partners against the overall [2022 Ukraine Humanitarian Action for Children \(HAC\)](#) appeal¹, including from the Governments of Austria, Denmark, Iceland, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States of America, the European Commission and the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). Ongoing fundraising campaigns by UNICEF National Committees have generated significant, timely and flexible support from the private sector including corporate partners and individual donors.

Under the [overall Ukraine HAC appeal](#), UNICEF is currently requesting USD 276 million² to sustain life-saving services and support for children and their families affected by the drastic escalation of the war in Ukraine. As of 29 March, UNICEF has a total of USD 173.5 million available for the response inside Ukraine of which approximately 70% is fully flexible. UNICEF is grateful to key private and public sector partners for the quality support received so far for the emergency response.

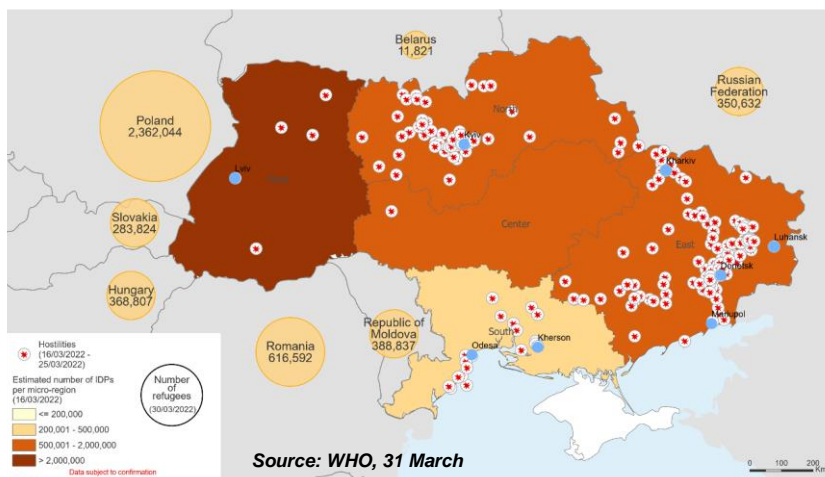
This funding has enabled a timely scale up of the response to address critical humanitarian needs in Ukraine, including to deliver supplies and services in the areas of health, nutrition, WASH, child protection and education. UNICEF is fully committed to transparency and accurate financial reporting standards, including through the Financial Tracking System (FTS) managed by OCHA.

With the situation rapidly evolving, intensified fighting, continued displacements, disruption/damage to services, the humanitarian response and related financial requirements are being assessed, scoped out and revised to reflect expanded needs until the end of 2022. A revised UNICEF appeal will be launched in early April to reflect additional resource requirements to address the needs of children. Continued, flexible contributions will enable UNICEF and partners to act quickly and respond strategically to where the needs are greatest.

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. Close consultations are also being held with Presidential advisors and key ministries including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Social Policy, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health, as well as with mayors in several cities (including through Child and Youth Friendly Cities). Through its long-standing presence in Ukraine, 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 the humanitarian response. UNICEF is also leveraging important private sector partnerships throughout Ukraine.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

The situation of children and families in Ukraine remains dire, just over a month since the war started. As of 31 March, 112 children have died, and 149 have been injured. The scale of the crisis has forced over 10.5 million people³ to flee their homes, nearly a quarter of the total population of Ukraine. At least 4 million are seeking refuge in other countries, and 6.5 million have been displaced within the country. Civilian infrastructure and basic services continue to be under attack. WHO has registered 82 confirmed attacks on healthcare since 24 February.⁴ The city of Mariupol is in dire need of humanitarian assistance and protection with civilians trapped inside for more than a month without any access, experiencing consistent shelling, and prolonged disruption of essential services. In *Chernihiv, Iziom, Kharkiv, Mariupol, Okhtyrka and Volnovakha*, access to food, medicine, heating, water, and mobile connections, is constrained with continued fighting and shelling.



The humanitarian notification system is being tested with significant constraints to reach the most affected areas. The second convoy since 24 February has reached *Kharkiv (Kharkivska oblast)* on 28 March. The supplies included medical items from UNICEF and supplies from other agencies.

UNICEF's implementing partners on the ground continue to face severe constraints in accessing certain areas due to ongoing military clashes. The disruption of the banking system in non-government-controlled areas has affected

¹ In line with the OCHA Flash Appeal and the Inter Agency RRRP, UNICEF HAC appeal of USD 349 million includes *Pillar 1 (Ukraine) and Pillar 2 (Refugee Outflow which covers interventions in Poland, Moldova, Romania, Belarus, Hungary, Slovakia and other surrounding countries)*.

² This figure is expected to significantly vary with the planned revision of the UNICEF HAC 2022 for Ukraine Crisis, to address an exponential humanitarian need inside Ukraine by 15-April 2022.

³ Estimation from OCHA and UNHCR data

⁴ Including attacks against health facilities, transport, personnel, patients, supplies and warehouses.

fund transfers to partners. UNICEF is revising its implementation strategies to overcome these challenges, including by reinforcing direct work with municipalities and local authorities.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Child Protection

UNICEF supported the Ministry of Social Policy in the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which has been submitted to 23 EU member states for the registration and identification of unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), and those who were moved from residential care institutions and other alternative care settings. Once formalized, through this mechanism, the Ukraine Government aims at securing uniformity of requests to countries with diverse legal and social protection systems, which are hosting Ukrainian children and their caregivers. UNICEF is facilitating the implementation of the MoU in EU host countries, leveraging its presence in countries such as Moldova, Romania, Belarus, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Czech Republic and beyond.

As part of the national inter-ministerial coordination task force on child protection, UNICEF contributed to the development of a simplified procedure for short-term fostering for unaccompanied and separated children. The procedure will be applied by institutions, orphanages and other alternative care arrangements.

Since 24 February, 2,087 girls, boys and women received support on gender-based violence (GBV) and violence against children (VAC), which included case management referral and counselling services. In *Donetsk and Luhansk*, 1,054 people have received direct psychosocial counselling services through telephone and face to face consultations.

Approximately 6,000 children have been reached with winter clothes and other non-food items (NFIs) in *Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Rivne, and Zhytomyr*, in partnership with municipalities, NGO partners and mobilizing volunteers.

In *Luhansk and Donetsk*, over 1,500 displaced people were reached with hygiene items, clothing and other non-food items. Three social rehabilitation centers were provided with recreational and early learning materials that will serve 148 children with disabilities.

The functionality of the Child Helpline was significantly disrupted due to the military operations in and around *Kiev*, where the helpline office is located. Despite these challenges, the helpline maintained its services, with reduced working hours, providing psychosocial support and online counselling services. The helpline established for the social workforce and vulnerable families/caregivers reached 355 children and 402 adults with referral and case management services.

Since 24 February, over 13,000 applications were received for foster care of unaccompanied and separated children from Ukrainian families, through the chatbot co-facilitated by UNICEF together with State Social Services. All applications were processed, and the selected families are being trained by Social Service workforce.

Health & Nutrition

Since 24 February, life-saving medical supplies have reached 596,000 people through the hospitals and maternity homes in *Dnipro, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Odessa, Vinnytska and Zhytomyr*. The items distributed included midwifery kits, obstetrics surgical kits, medicines, surgical sets, first aid kits and other medical supplies.

In *Donetsk* (NGCA), an e-voucher medical project is ongoing, which allows beneficiaries to receive free medicines based on doctors' prescriptions. The interventions continued from February in to March, with 369 families (116 children) reached in February. Results are reported at the end of each month.

Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Since 24 February, UNICEF with partners provided safe water in locations where the water supply services have been severely disrupted, reaching a cumulative total of 33,042 people, in *Donetsk, Kharkiv and Luhansk*. This is secured through the provision of bottled water or through water trucking. Unfortunately, due to ongoing shelling, the water trucking services have now had to be halted.

WASH supplies, including hygiene and dignity kits, diapers, water purification tablets, among other, have been delivered to approximately 35,000 people in *Donetsk, Luhansk, Lviv, Odessa, Poltava, Zakarpattia and Zhytomyr*, to the children and families on the move, and in community centers or temporary shelters.

As part of UNICEF's commitment to support water companies in war torn areas, UNICEF is supporting the procurement of 14.25 tons of liquefied chlorine for water purification for the weekly operation of the *Kharkiv Vodokanal* water system. This will ensure access to safe water for approximately 900,000 people, covering the system's weekly need for chlorine and further procurement will be conducted, based on needs.

Education

As of 28 March, primary and secondary education has resumed in 13 regions out of 24, through a remote learning modality reaching 3 million children. UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Education and Sports in the remote learning modality to ensure access to vulnerable population and expand the content.

Since 24 February, 47,110 children have been reached with recreational activities such as games, drawings and physical activities, supported with provision of supplies including ECD kits, recreational kits, adolescents' kits in *Chernivetska, Dnipro, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kiev, Poltava, Vinnytska and Zaporizka*. In 29 metro stations in *Kharkiv*, where approximately 17,400 people are seeking shelter, children and families continue to receive psychosocial support, including recreational supplies provided through UNICEF and partner NGO "Professional Development".

48 teachers and school psychologists of all-Ukrainian "School Mediators Network", were provided with psychosocial support and psychosocial first aid training through an online modality. Around 800 children and caregivers received individual psychosocial support through telephone and face-to-face sessions.

Social Protection

On 30 March, UNICEF's remote registration platform for the humanitarian cash transfer has been launched jointly with the Ministry of Social Policy and registration has started. In the initial round of support, the humanitarian cash transfer programme will reach 50,000 households, including children with disabilities, for three months of humanitarian cash transfer support. UNICEF is working closely with the Ministry of Social Policy to access the data on internally displaced households with children. Consultations with a SMS aggregator company are ongoing to support communication with selected beneficiaries regarding eligibility and payments. Humanitarian cash transfer communication and registration interventions will also be delivered by seven existing partners engaged in UNICEF's sectoral programmes, to connect cash with services and supplies delivered to vulnerable households.

Influencing Social Behaviour

The digital content has reached 8 million people through UNICEF's Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube as well as through targeted promotion efforts to caregivers in different parts of the country. The series of content include posts on radiation and ammonia, has received a high level of interest from social media users, and reaching 1.9 million over the past week. The first wave of Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) campaign has concluded with a cumulative reach of 860,000 users on YouTube and 500,000 users on Instagram and Facebook.

Five more episodes of UNICEF's online kindergarten "NUMO" have been released. To date, all 10 episodes have been viewed 2,943,933 times on Facebook and YouTube combined. In addition, the series of 10 Public Service Announcements (PSAs) has been fully rolled-out both online and offline. The online dissemination through UNICEF's social media channels reached 900,000 people, while offline video and audio spots were placed on local radio and LED screens in public areas.

A set of posters including content related to child protection and health information has been developed for dissemination to border crossing points and collective centres. Additionally, a brochure with key messages on breastfeeding and immunization, was developed and is being disseminated.

Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

UNICEF is working closely with UN agencies, government and partners under the inter-agency framework. Following the activation of all clusters, UNICEF led/co-led clusters (WASH, Child-protection subcluster, Nutrition and Education) as well as the UNICEF led Maternal Child Health Care subgroup under the WHO Led Health Cluster.

Following the start of the war, UNICEF Ukraine has scaled up this capacity with 152 personnel (staff, surge, consultants) now operating from *Lviv*, strategic locations closer to the beneficiaries in *Kiev, Dnipro, Kramatorsk, Mariupol, Donetsk, Luhansk* and a few working remotely from outside the country. Through leveraging established networks, UNICEF has scaled up humanitarian response throughout Ukraine to deliver immediate life-saving assistance to children and families in worst affected areas (eastern, northern and southern parts of the country), and supporting local governance in humanitarian response for the internally displaced population in central and western parts of the country. Partnerships have been established with 51 implementing partners covering a range of humanitarian response through multi-sectoral approach in 24 oblasts. Active partnerships cover child protection, education, health and WASH sectors, including for the implementation of multidisciplinary mobile teams and UNICEF Child Spots Spilno. In addition, to ensure that aid reaches the most in need, UNICEF partners with local authorities and hospitals that are able to distribute supplies to the beneficiaries. These partnerships allow UNICEF to ensure presence in all *oblasts* (regions), in at least 35 *hromadas* (municipalities).

Supply & Logistics

As of 28 March, UNICEF had dispatched 107 trucks of supplies from its Supply Division in Copenhagen, Turkey Country Office and directly from suppliers, carrying 1,198 tons of emergency supplies to support children and families in Ukraine. These are being routed through a logistics and warehousing hub in *Rzeszow, Poland*. A total of 92 trucks of supplies have arrived in *Lviv*, to UNICEF's warehouse and the Logistics Cluster's warehouse. Supplies have been dispatched to 38 consignees in the country through road and rail transport, including to *Kharkiv, Kyiv, Dnipro, Odessa, Lviv*, and delivered to municipalities, implementing partners and directly to hospitals and key sites. To ensure effective distribution of supplies between regions, three temporary supply hubs have been established in *Dnipro, Kyiv and Odessa*, allowing for the prepositioning of supplies closer to beneficiaries throughout the country. Aiming at increasing UNICEF's capacities in strategic locations, additional warehousing alternatives are being explored in *Lviv* and in *Dnipro*. UNICEF has utilized USD 92.2 million for supply orders, for the Ukraine emergency response.

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

[UNICEF to Ukrainians: a program of financial assistance jointly | UNICEF](#)
[UNICEF and Ministry of Social Policy jointly launched humanitarian cash transfer program](#)
[Two million refugee children flee war in Ukraine in search of safety across borders \(unicef.org\)](#)

Human Interest story

[UNICEF is helping to turn metro stations into support spaces for children](#)
[Seven-year-old scarred by last minute escape from Mariupol](#)
[Ukrainian children seek safer skies](#)
[Ukrainian subways become safe spaces for children scarred by war](#)

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Annex A: Programme Results (01 March – 27 March 2022)

Sector Indicator	Total needs	UNICEF and IPs Response		
		2022 target (Mar-May)	Total results	Change* ▲ ▼
Health, HIV and Nutrition	12 million			
# children and women accessing primary health care in UNICEF-supported facilities		1,500,000	596,070**	-
Child Protection	5.3 million			
# children who have received individual case management		20,000	355	-
# women, girls and boys accessing GBV/VAC response interventions		100,000	2,087	-
Education	2.2 million			
# children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning		600,000	47,110**	-
# children accessing psychosocial support, social and emotional learning, or life skills education		50,000	5,040	-
WASH	12 million			
# people accessing a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking and domestic needs		3,000,000	33,042	-
# people reached with critical WASH supplies		600,000	35,894**	-
Social Protection	2.25 million			
# of households reached with UNICEF funded multi-purpose humanitarian cash transfers		265,000	-	-
Cross-sectoral				
# people reached through messaging on prevention and access to services		10,000,000	1,900,000	-

Cluster indicator specific targets are being set through interagency planning that is currently in process. Cluster results reporting is being established.

* This is the first presentation of the results table. The 'change' will be reported in subsequent SitReps

** This result is calculated based on delivery of supplies from UNICEF to implementing partners.

Annex B: Funding Status as of 30 March⁵

Sector	Requirements	Funds available		Funding gap
		Humanitarian resources received in 2022	Resources available from 2021 (Carry-over)	%
Health	22,200,000	53,080,102	8,396	NA
WASH	41,500,000	42,258,887	358,670	NA
Child Protection, GBViE & PSEA	53,912,500	38,845,314	687,566	27%
Education	11,250,000	6,099,964	121,659	45%
Social Protection	147,066,000	32,050,591	8,396	78%
Total	275,928,500	172,334,858	1,184,687	37%

⁵ With the exponential need for health, flexible resources mobilized for health supplies overreaching the planned amount against UNICEF HAC 2022 for Ukraine crisis. With expanding support needs, the response actions and related financial requirements are being assessed. A revised UNICEF HAC appeal is being launched within mid-April.