

Humanitarian Response for Children Outside of Ukraine

Factsheet No. 7 (June 22 - July 20)

Ukraine refugee situation

9.4 million
Border crossings from Ukraine since February 24 2022
Source: UNHCR as of July 20 2022

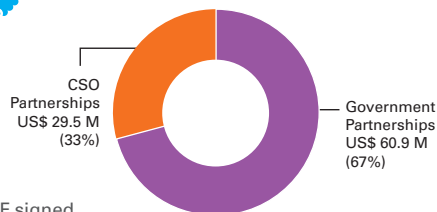
2.25 million
Children in need in refugee hosting countries
Source: UNICEF HAC as of April 12 2022

3.6 million
Refugees from Ukraine registered for Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe
Source: UNHCR as of July 20 2022

13 countries
Covered under UNICEF's response in Europe*
as of July 20 2022

*The 13 countries are Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic and Turkey.

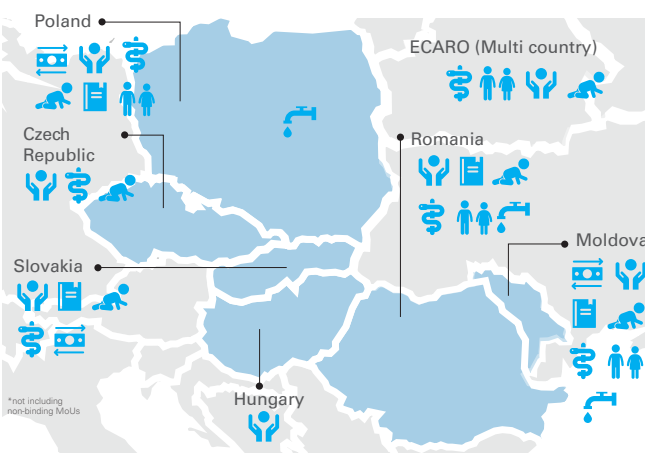
Partners



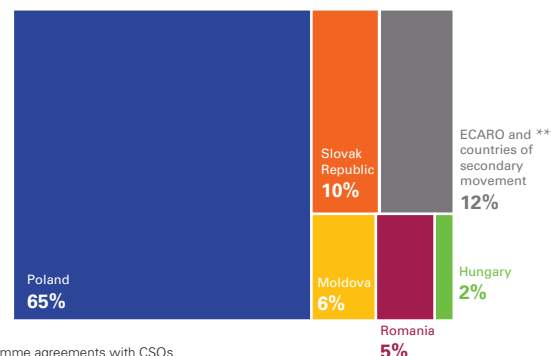
UNICEF signed **US\$ 90.4 M** worth of Implementing Partnerships with Government* & Civil Society Organisations for the refugee response.

*This considers only direct transfers made to municipalities and does not include future Programme agreements with CSOs.
** Czech Republic has signed three partnerships, two of these have committed US\$ 1.4 M, which represents 6% of the overall budget of its Response Plan, and 1.5% of the Regional budget, which will be reflected in the next iteration of the factsheet.

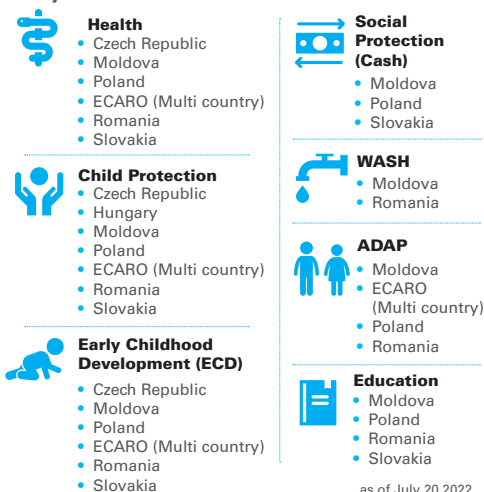
Key areas of intervention of the signed implementing partnerships per neighbouring country*



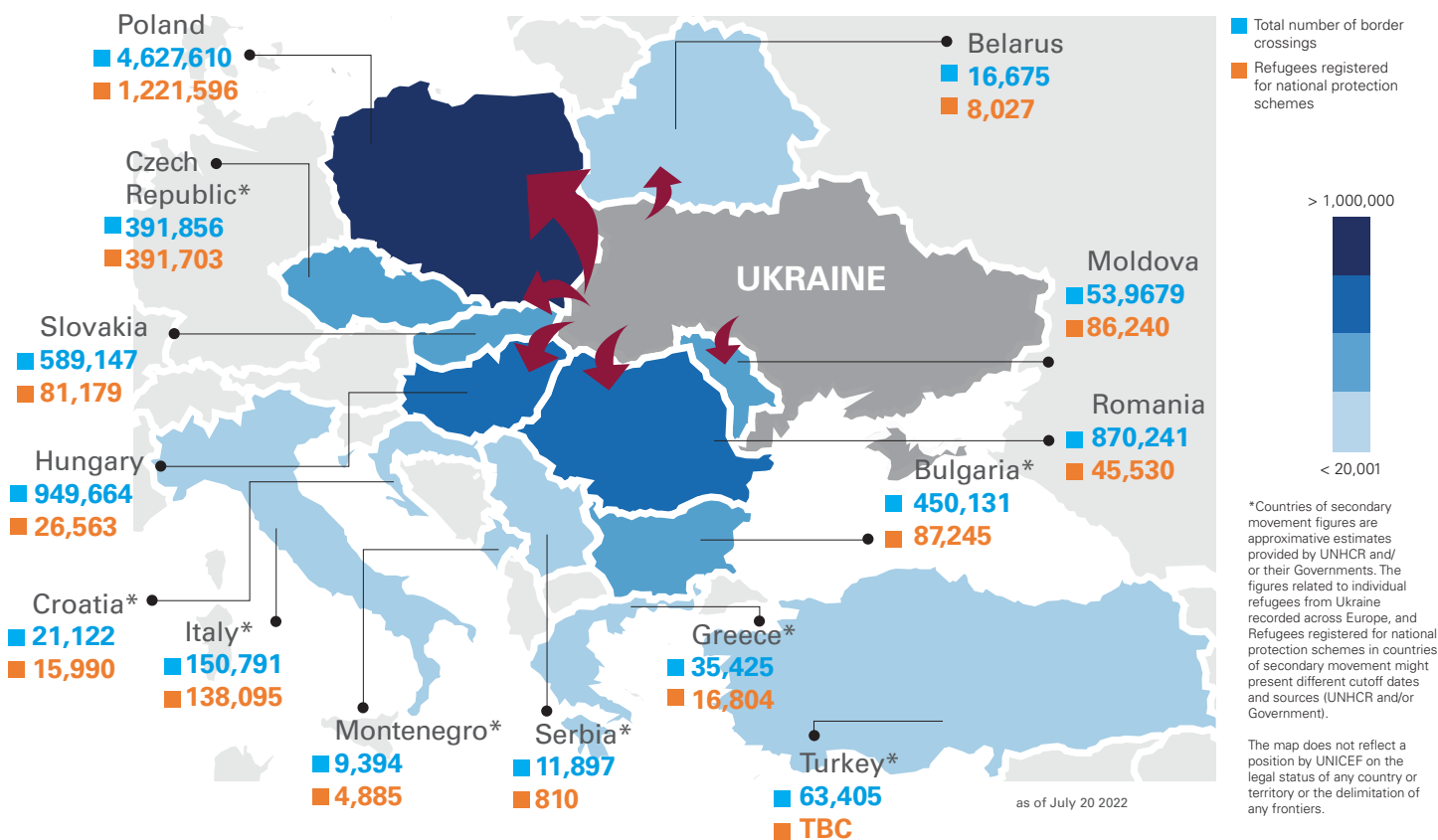
Signed partnerships - Regional budget distribution



Key areas of intervention



Countries covered under UNICEF response





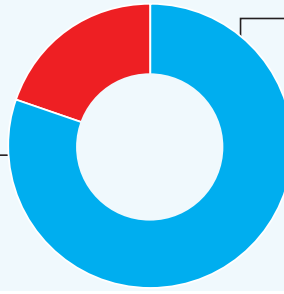
Funding

UNICEF Appeal 2022
US\$ 324.7 M

Funding data
as of July 13 2022

Funding gap*
US\$ 64 M

Funds received
US\$ 261 M



Human Resources

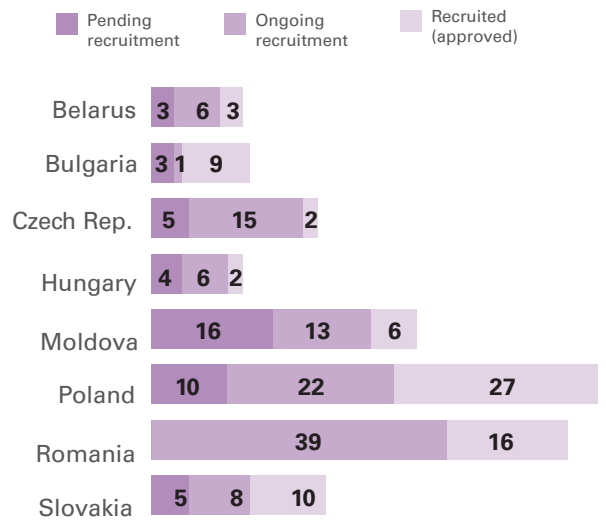
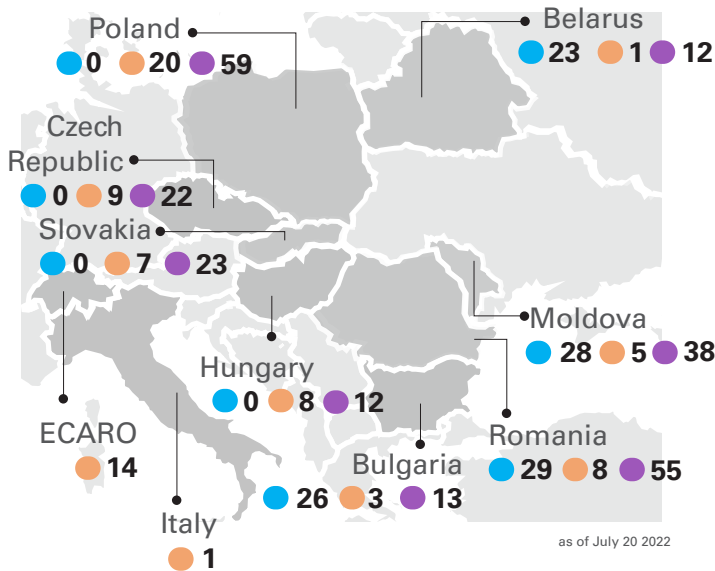
246 UNICEF staff supporting the refugee response

106 Regular Staff
as of February 28 2022

75 Surge Staff
as of July 13 2022

234 New Staff Posts
75 already recruited (approved).
as of July 20 2022

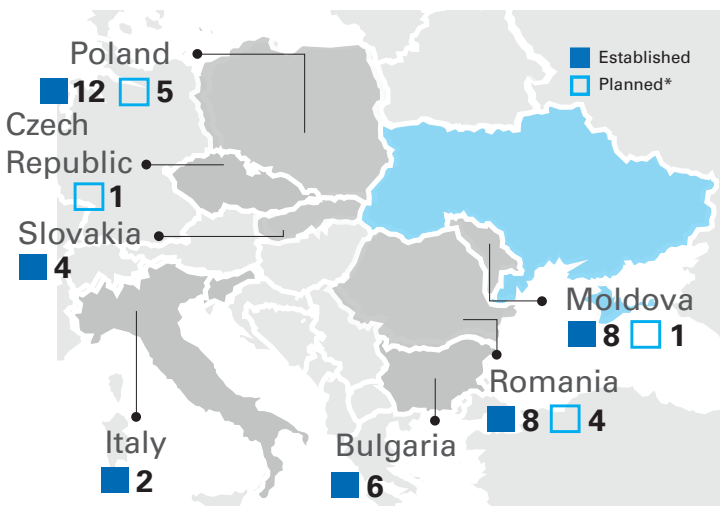
Scaling-up UNICEF capacity for the response - New recruitments



Human resources data as of July 20 2022

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Blue Dots



Established

40* Bulgaria, Italy, Moldova Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic.

Planned

11 Czech Republic, Moldova, Poland, Romania.

Blue Dots are established jointly by UNICEF and UNHCR in collaboration with local authorities and partners. They provide safe spaces in Ukraine's neighboring countries enabling access to cross sectoral services for children and families, identification, registration and connect to protection services for children traveling on their own. They also offer referral services for women, including for support on gender-based violence.

*UNHCR-UNICEF operated Blue Dots, including 7 Blue Dots operated by UNHCR.

Operational and planned Blue Dots as of July 20 2022

* The geolocation of the planned Blue Dots is only indicative and does not reflect their exact final location. The map does not reflect a position by UNICEF on the legal status of any country or territory or the delimitation of any frontiers.

Regional Approach



Early childhood development

To support Ukrainian mothers' transitions to the formal labor market and to provide young children with the best start in life, UNICEF's ECD program advocates and collaborates with municipalities and governments to rapidly expand access to quality play and learning hubs, daycares, nurseries, and pre-schools. UNICEF supported programs strengthen the skills of parents, caregivers, front-line workers, including teachers, to identify developmental delays and support, and to create nurturing environments for all young children.



Engagement of youth and adolescents

UNICEF is mobilising and engaging young people as partners in the response to the refugee crisis and working with refugee and local youth to build their competence, confidence and resilience and to strengthen social cohesion and solidarity within communities. UNICEF is also building more sustainable mechanisms for youth participation in local governance.



Gender equality and empowerment

UNICEF works to ensure gender analysis and advocacy are available, disseminated, and utilized.



Improving access to health services for refugees

UNICEF works on strengthening outbreak preparedness through advocacy, risk communication and demand generation, capacity building and vaccine procurement. UNICEF supports Health System Strengthening through expansion of access of refugees to Primary Health and Pediatric services, capacity building of health professionals and providing counseling to parents on health and nutrition.



Inter-agency coordination mechanisms

For greater impact and effective response, UNICEF chairs/co-chairs ten working/sub-working groups in Bulgaria, Belarus, Moldova, Poland and Slovak Republic and participates in 37 groups in Bulgaria, Belarus, Czech Republic, Moldova, Poland and Slovak Republic. UNICEF also supports national Emergency Response Plans.



Learning and school integration

With a longer-term view of supporting inclusion in the national education systems and avoiding the creation of parallel mechanisms, UNICEF supports initiatives related to online education curriculum, school registration and support to host country education systems.



Protecting children

From strengthening child protection systems to setting up over 40 [UNICEF-UNHCR Blue Dots*](#) to help children cope with the traumatic events and family separation.



Social and behaviour change, community engagement and accountability to affected populations

UNICEF supports national stakeholders to inform refugees about their rights, available services and how to reach them, and to help them adopt positive and healthy practices. Community engagement and co-creation activities are implemented to design response activities with refugees and host communities and strengthen social cohesion. To ensure refugees can provide feedback on received services, UNICEF supports development of complaints and feedback mechanisms.



Social listening and digital engagement

UNICEF implements periodical assessments and conducts social media listening to understand refugees and host communities concerns, topics of interests, rumours and misinformation, to inform development of relevant response actions, online and offline.



Working with Municipalities

Policy, engagement, advice, and support to national and local governments form the foundation of our response. UNICEF has signed MoUs with 22 municipalities in Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovak Republic to support access and complements services for a sustainable response for refugees and host communities in the short- and medium-term.

Spotlight - Social Protection

- To provide rapid and flexible support for refugee populations to meet a wide variety of needs, UNICEF has partnered with governments and humanitarian partners, to expand social protection and delivery humanitarian cash transfers in selected countries. In **Moldova**, where UNICEF partners with UNHCR and WFP, the programme is already in its third round of transfers, with plans to triple the amount of disbursement by the end of the year.
- In **Slovakia**, UNICEF has partnered with the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, and Family and humanitarian partners to provide monthly cash transfers to refugee households. **Over 24,528 households** have registered to date and are receiving material needs benefits. **UNICEF is covering 40 percent of this caseload**, or 9,811 households, and has just distributed the second monthly cash transfer to refugee households. In addition, UNICEF provides Carer's Benefits to meet the additional cost of care to support and integrate children with disabilities. A disability assessment tool developed by UNICEF and endorsed by the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, and Family is being used to assess eligibility and care needs and the first Carer's Benefits have been provided.

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- In **Bulgaria** and **Romania**, a Cash Working Group (CWG) was set up to ensure that humanitarian interventions are linked with the government and local response. UNICEF is exploring how to complement this one-off cash assistance for vulnerable refugee families with UNHCR.
- In **Poland**, UNICEF is supporting local governments, including the municipalities of Krakow and Wroclaw, to expand social protection for vulnerable refugees, including children under temporary care or guardianship and children with disabilities.

58,631*

individuals receiving monthly cash grants of US\$120, 74% received second transfer and 28% their third.

\$15,468,360

total distributions to date (US\$ 45M planned by end of the year).

24,528

households registered, with 9,811 households who have already received a UNICEF-funded transfer.



Disability assessment tool developed by UNICEF and partnership underway with local NGO to conduct disability assessment. 52% of referred children assessed to date and Carer's Benefits paid to all eligible assessed children this week.

* A verification exercise is ongoing. Beneficiaries who do not show-up for an in-person verification are deactivated.

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