

Humanitarian Response for Children Outside of Ukraine

End-of-Year Factsheet (24 February – 31 December 2022)

Ukraine refugee situation

7.9 million
Refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe
UNHCR as of November 29, 2022

4.9 million
Refugees from Ukraine registered for Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe
UNHCR as of December 31, 2022

3.9 million
Children in need in refugee hosting countries
UNICEF HAC 2023

1.5 million
children to be reached by UNICEF's response in refugee-hosting countries
UNICEF HAC 2023

19 countries
Covered under UNICEF's response in Europe*
UNICEF Humanitarian Situation End-of-Year Situation Report: Response in Refugee Receiving Countries as of December 31, 2022

*Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia**, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia**, Lithuania**, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic and Türkiye.

**Covers only adolescent and youth engagement, participation and resilience for young Ukrainian refugees and technical assistance to the Government, as required.

Refugee Response Key Targets and Results 2022¹²³⁴⁵

UNICEF response in refugee hosting countries was in support of and aligned with National systems.

Target  Result  Over-achievement 



Health and Nutrition

Children and women accessing primary health care through UNICEF-supported mechanisms

Target: 429,800 Total results: 433,701 (101%)⁶



Child Protection (CP)

Unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) identified

Target: 34,600 Total results: 32,148 (93%)

UNHCR/UNICEF operational blue dots⁷

Target: 65 Total results: 40 (62%)



Social Behavior Change (SBC)

People reached through messaging on prevention and access to services

Target: 10,142,500 Total results: 10,500,187 (104%)

People participating in engagement actions for social and behavioural change

Target: 276,400 Total results: 379,796 (137%)



Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

People accessing a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking and domestic needs

Target: 216,000 Total results: 100,350 (46%)

Reception centers and accommodation facilities supported to ensure appropriate access to wash facilities and services

Target: 52 Total results: 56 (108%)



Social Protection

Households reached with UNICEF funded multi-purpose humanitarian cash transfers

Target: 64,150 Total results: 47,494 (74%)



Education

Children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning

Target: 626,050 Total results: 588,778 (94%)

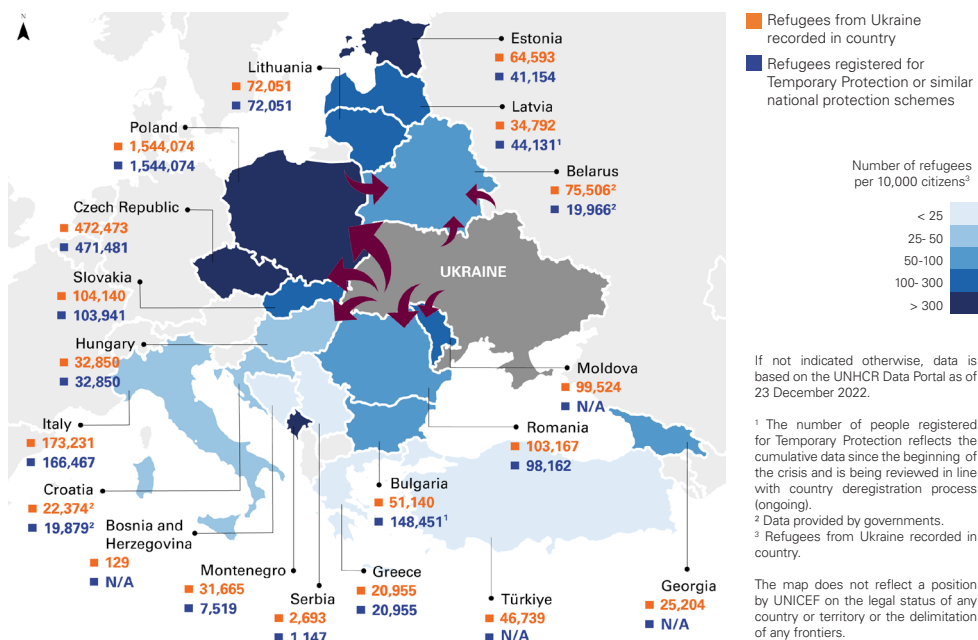
¹ This HPM table reports shows both cumulative progress from beginning of the emergency. Results reporting covers the period 01 March 2022 – 23 December 2022.
² Quantity and disaggregation level of data has increased progressively over the year with the reinforcement of Monitoring & Reporting mechanisms at country level. With improved data collection, and as activities were initiated and scaled up, country results were added progressively under each indicator.
³ Multisectoral Need Assessments continued in most neighbouring countries. The results affected targets for key interventions.
⁴ For interventions where no accurate disaggregated data was available, sex and age proportion were estimated based on trends.
⁵ The performance of some indicators below 50% was due to delays in implementation of signed partnerships and competing and shifting priorities of counterparts.
⁶ This figure measures improved access to primary health care services for refugee mothers and children thanks to UNICEF direct support.
⁷ The variation in the number of established UNICEF/UNHCR Blue Dots is due to their opening/closing depending on varying demand in different locations.

Countries covered under UNICEF response

As a result of the war in February 2022, the Ukraine refugee crisis became one of the largest in the world, with movements continuing over the year as the situation in Ukraine deteriorated. By the end of December 2022, 7.9 million Ukraine refugees were hosted in countries across Europe and nearly 4.9 million were registered for national protection schemes (see map for breakdown per country). Host populations and governments showed overwhelming support and solidarity in the face of the crisis.

While at the beginning UNICEF implemented an immediate emergency response in six neighbouring countries, by the end of 2022, UNICEF had expanded the refugee response to 19 host countries as refugees from Ukraine kept moving across Europe. Currently, Poland still hosts the largest number of refugees (approximately 1.5 million); however, in smaller countries like Moldova and Montenegro, the refugee population now makes up to 5 per cent of the country's population, creating extra pressure on social services.

as of December 31, 2022



From the start of the humanitarian response, UNICEF adopted a child-centered approach to protect refugee children and their families from harm and violence and ensure their rights are fulfilled.

UNICEF worked closely with national and local authorities to establish, expand and scale up [UNICEF-UNHCR Blue Dots](#) in strategic locations to provide a multi-sectoral and cross-border response. Since February 2022, 40 Blue Dots have been opened providing various services including critical information, mental health and psychosocial support, child-friendly spaces and referrals to other services.

As the crisis evolved and refugees clustered around major cities in host countries, UNICEF established partnerships with local authorities and municipalities to expand and improve existing services on child protection, education, health and nutrition, WASH, and social protection. Additionally, UNICEF's response integrated cross-cutting issues such as social cohesion, gender and disability, and accountability to affected populations.

Given the volatile and evolving situation inside Ukraine and the onset of the winter season that included further displacement from Ukraine and harsher conditions in host countries, UNICEF also enhanced preparedness measures, procuring winter clothes, hygiene items, and WASH facilities to respond to increased needs during winter as well as potential new arrivals. In Belarus, UNICEF and UNHCR also established the first Blue Dot at the border of Brest for this purpose.

A priority of UNICEF's response is the establishment of, so far:



39 new partnerships with local authorities in Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovak Republic.



In **Romania, 17 new partnerships** with municipalities allowed UNICEF and partners to **reach approximately 45,000 refugees** - half of the total population - with various services, including protection, education, basic needs and WASH.



In **Poland, 12 partnerships** with municipalities **reached 462,347 children** in the education programme alone and **358,584** received educational materials.

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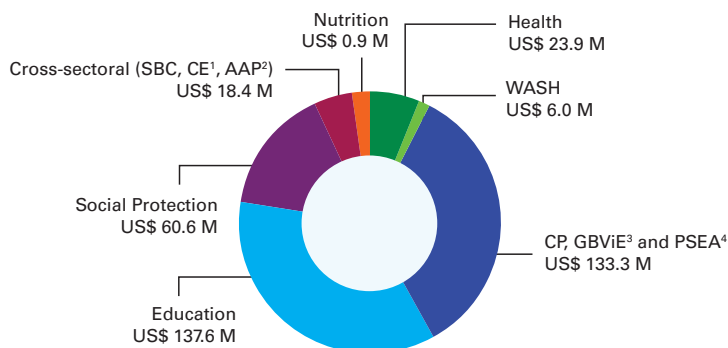
Funding

**UNICEF
Appeal 2022
US\$ 377.2 M***

With thanks to the generous contributions of donors, UNICEF received US\$380.7 million** against its revised funding ask of US\$377.2 million to respond to the humanitarian needs of refugee children and their families fleeing from Ukraine to Europe (Pillar 2, [2022 Ukraine and Refugee Response HAC](#), November Revision), resulting in the appeal being slightly over 100 per cent funded for 2022.

Flexible, timely funding allowed UNICEF to meet the immediate needs of refugees, and to address critical gaps in the capacities of host countries' national systems to respond to the crisis. This included meeting child protection standards, providing access to continued learning, investing in preparedness for new refugee arrivals, and supporting readiness for the winter season – all within a context of increased fuel prices and economic hardship for affected populations and host communities.

Funding received against sector as of 31 December 2022
US\$380.7 million**



*The funding ask reflects requirements for refugee receiving countries (Pillar 2) under UNICEF's Overall Ukraine HAC appeal of US\$1.4 billion, revised in November 2022. The overall HAC funding status does not represent gaps by sector. Figures reported to the FTS may differ for the same period due to in-process allocation of flexible funding.

**During the last week of December, UNICEF received earmarked funding for some of refugee hosting countries (Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Croatia, Bulgaria) and Regional Office, which resulted in additional funding over the 2022 ask, leaving Pillar 2 slightly over 100 per cent funded in 2022.

¹ Community Engagement (CE). ² Accountability to affected population (AAP).

³ Gender Based Violence in Emergencies (GBVIE). ⁴ Protection from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (PSEA).

[End-Year Humanitarian Situation Report No. 20 – Ukraine Refugee Response in Neighboring Countries](#) as of December 31, 2022

Top 5 public sector donors for UNICEF's Ukraine response*

United States **US\$ 80.44 M**
Japan **US\$ 6.80 M**
The United Kingdom **US\$ 5.49 M**
Norway **US\$ 5.40 M**
Italy **US\$ 5.22 M**

Top 5 National Committee donors for UNICEF thematic pool**

United States Fund for UNICEF **US\$ 223.18 M**
German Committee for UNICEF **US\$ 72.00 M**
Japan Committee for UNICEF **US\$ 66.63 M**
United Kingdom Committee for UNICEF **US\$ 51.02 M**
Swedish Committee for UNICEF **US\$ 44.42 M**

* Includes only the response under Pillar II Refugee Response (Outside Ukraine) as of updated HAC Appeal.

** Includes the response under Pillar 1 (Inside Ukraine) and Pillar 2 (Refugee Receiving Countries).

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Human Resources

Since beginning of the crisis, UNICEF quickly mobilized specialized staff and surge support to strengthen the emergency response in neighboring and secondary movement countries.

As the response stabilizes, UNICEF created total **290 new staff positions** outside Ukraine and is accelerating the recruitment process with **245** positions already filled.

290

Positions opened since the beginning of the Response

245

Total recruitments completed

45

Staff being recruited

as of December 29, 2022

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