



A child receiving non-food items through UNICEF assistance at the Asylum Centre Krnjaca in Serbia.

# Refugee and Migrant Crisis in Europe

Humanitarian Situation Report No. 46



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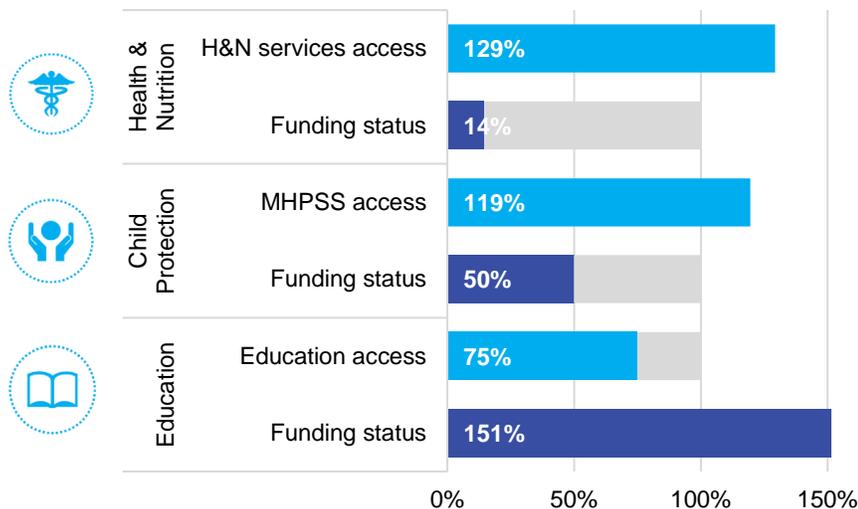
## Situation in Numbers

### Highlights

- In 2022, an estimated 321,918 refugees and migrants<sup>i</sup>, arrived in Greece, Italy, Bulgaria,<sup>ii</sup> Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro, mainly from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Syria, and North Africa. Overall, this presented a significant increase in arrivals of 86 per cent compared to 2021.
- In the six countries, UNICEF reached 33,173 children with child protection services, while 80,991 women, girls and boys accessed gender-based violence (GBV) risk mitigation, prevention or response intervention. Around 25,089 children gained access to education, while 4,084 schoolteachers were trained on inclusion of refugee/migrant children. 4,906 children and mothers accessed health and nutrition services and 263,488 people were reached with messaging on access to services.
- In 2022, UNICEF received US\$ 33.9 million against its USD 42 million appeal. With US\$ 5.7 million of carry-forward funding, the appeal was 95 per cent funded. UNICEF appreciates the generous contributions from its donors.

- 148,000** - estimated # of children in need (UNICEF HAC 2022)
- 79,700** - estimated # of children to be reached (UNICEF HAC 2022)
- 321,918** - estimated # of arrivals in 2022 in Greece, Italy, Bulgaria,<sup>ii</sup> Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro<sup>i</sup>
- 21,145** - estimated # of unaccompanied and separated children present in Greece, Italy, Bulgaria, Serbia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina<sup>i</sup>

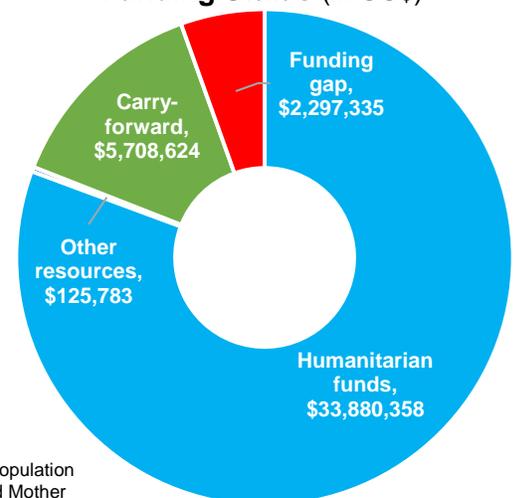
### UNICEF's Response and Funding Status\*\*\*



### UNICEF Appeal 2022

US\$ 42,012,100

Funding Status (in US\$)



\*High achievements in health and child protection are due to higher turnover rates of the refugee and migrant population in government-supported accommodation centers, resulting in a higher reach in already established and staffed Mother Baby Corners and Child Friendly Spaces, without additional investments.

\*\*The high funding status for education is due to generous EU contributions to the Greece Country Office where achievements are close to 100% (indicator 1) and over 100% (indicator 2). However, other countries have not received education funding, leading to overall results under 100%.

<sup>i</sup> Estimations of arrivals are based on UNHCR, IOM, Greek Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Greek Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Greek Special Secretariat for Unaccompanied Minors, Italian Ministry of Interior, Italian Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, Bulgarian Ministry of Interior and State Agency for Refugees, Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration, Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Border Police and Ministry of Interior in Montenegro. The figures do not include Ukrainian refugees who arrived in the region.

<sup>ii</sup> For Bulgaria, this only includes the number of asylum-seekers, the number of arrivals is not available but estimated to be much larger.

## Funding Overview and Partnerships

At the end of 2022, UNICEF's [2022 Humanitarian Action for Children \(HAC\) appeal for the Refugee and Migrant Response in Europe](#) was 95 percent funded (US\$ 39.8 million), including US\$ 5.7 million carry over from 2021 and US\$ 33.9 million received in 2022. This included generous contributions from the European Union (EU) to Greece, for education, and to Italy, for child protection and adolescent engagement, which increased initially foreseen funding by 30 per cent and 8 per cent respectively. Additional generous contributions were received from the European Union (EU), UNICEF National Committees in Belgium, Germany, Italy, Norway and Sweden, and pooled Global Thematic Humanitarian funds. The response to urgent humanitarian needs of refugee children and families fleeing from Ukraine was supported under the Pillar 2 of the [2022 Ukraine Humanitarian Action for Children \(HAC\) Appeal](#), aligned with the Inter-agency Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP), and related results are reported under the [Ukraine Refugee Response situation reports](#).

Flexible, timely resources were critical to enable UNICEF to support essential, evidence-based, national responses addressing immediate needs and mitigating longer-term impacts on vulnerable refugee and migrant children in Europe. While generous contributions were received, they were not equal among countries. Funding gaps remained particularly high in Montenegro (97 per cent), Bulgaria (95 per cent), Bosnia and Herzegovina (78 per cent), and Serbia (75 per cent), which significantly limited capacity to respond to needs and register progress against targets in critical support areas.

UNICEF continued to work with national authorities, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and other UN agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), civil society organizations (CSOs), and religious leaders to ensure the rights of children and families on the move were protected. Inter-agency coordination enabled effective emergency response, relocation of vulnerable children and families, and country-specific initiatives to ensure protection and basic services for populations in need. Working directly with governments and EU institutions, UNICEF and partners developed and delivered unified, coordinated advocacy messages and policy positions, promoting key child rights issues faced by refugee and migrant children.

## Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Between January and December 2022, an estimated 321,918 refugees and migrants<sup>iii</sup> arrived in Greece, Italy, Bulgaria,<sup>iv</sup> Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro, mainly from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Syria, and North Africa. Overall, a significant, 86 per cent increase in arrivals compared to 2021, in addition to the unprecedented arrivals of refugees from Ukraine in the region. At the end of 2022, over 132,815 refugees and migrants were estimated to be present in five countries,<sup>v</sup> including 47,392 children and 21,145 unaccompanied and separated children.

Political and economic developments in host countries, such as a transitional government in Bulgaria, a new, right-wing government in Italy, and high inflation rates impacted the situation of refugee and migrants. In many countries stricter migration policies were observed, restricting disembarkation Italy, ending of the state-sponsored housing programme in Greece, and stricter visa regulations in Serbia. Other challenges to reaching refugees and migrants with services were high turnover rates at reception centres, establishment of informal settlements and involvement of smugglers, particularly close to EU borders.

The number of refugees and migrants coming to the region increased significantly due to a variety of root causes, including conflict, impacts of climate change, and food insecurity. The war in Ukraine triggered an unprecedented increase of refugee arrivals across Europe<sup>vi</sup> and continued to put pressure on national systems in hosting countries, stretching capacities of governments to sustain equal access to quality services for refugee and migrant as well as host communities. Gaps included overcrowded and inadequate reception facilities – especially for unaccompanied and separated children, women, and girls. Additional challenges were overstretched capacities to provide adequate sanitation and hygiene facilities, sufficient access to health and protection services and learning opportunities for children and families as well as insufficient measures to prevent and address GBV risk for women and girls. Insufficient mechanisms for identification and protection, case management and best interest determination of the child as well as limited availability of alternative care and legal guardianship options, exacerbated the vulnerability of children, especially those who were unaccompanied and separated.

## Summary Analysis of Programme Response

### GREECE

In 2022, 18,778 refugee and migrant arrivals, including 3,566 children, were recorded, mainly from the State of Palestine, Afghanistan, Somalia, and Syria<sup>vii</sup>. This presented an increase of 134 per cent, compared to 2021. By the end of 2022, an

<sup>iii</sup> Estimations of arrivals are based on UNHCR, IOM, Greek Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Greek Special Secretariat for Unaccompanied Minors, Italian Ministry of Interior, Italian Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, Bulgarian Ministry of Interior and State Agency for Refugees, Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration, Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Border Police and Ministry of Interior in Montenegro.

<sup>iv</sup> For Bulgaria, this only includes the number of asylum-seekers, the number of arrivals is not available but estimated to be much larger.

<sup>v</sup> No data available for Montenegro.

<sup>vi</sup> The response for the Ukrainian refugee populations was provisioned for and reported under the 2022 Ukraine and Refugee Receiving Countries HAC.

<sup>vii</sup> UNHCR data only available from January – October 2022. Country of origin breakdown refers to sea arrivals only.

estimated 119,700 refugees and migrants, including 22,000 children (41 per cent girls)<sup>viii</sup> and 2,612 unaccompanied and separated children (15 per cent girls),<sup>ix</sup> were present in the country.

**Health and Nutrition:** In 2022, 850 infants and young children and 2,072 mothers benefitted from age-appropriate nutrition counselling, mainly through Mother Baby Corners (MBCs) at asylum centres. Moreover, 1,126 children were vaccinated against measles. UNICEF and the national NGO GIVMED continued outreach activities to communicate access points for medical supplies and medicines. By the end of December, distribution of 3,300 health products to organizations supporting refugee and migrant children and their families was facilitated, reaching more than 1,126 children in 2022.



Recreational Activities on World Children's Day, November 20 2022, at the Solidarity Now Green Center

### **Child Protection, Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies (GBViE) and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA):**

In 2022, 13,167 children were reached with quality child protection support, including mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), while frontline workers and caregivers were supported to improve their knowledge and skills on child protection. UNICEF, in collaboration with the NGO ELIZA, organized interactive workshops against children's sexual exploitation for frontline professionals. To help survivors of GBV and children exposed to violence, UNICEF offered interpretation services. UNICEF also contributed to establishing a complaints and feedback mechanism for unaccompanied children in the framework of the new Guardianship Law, by providing technical expertise to the Special Secretary for the Protection of Unaccompanied Minors, and jointly with the Secretariat launched a guide on working with refugee unaccompanied children for educators and social workers. In cooperation with the Reception and Identification Service, UNICEF organized the roll out of the fourth Child Friendly Site Checklist across 22 Open Accommodation Sites (OAS) to ensure adequate offers of services for children.

**Education and Skills Building:** In 2022, 21,147 children accessed formal or non-formal education, including early learning. This included 10,117 refugee and migrant children who benefitted through the 'All Children in Education' program in the 2022-2023 school year. Moreover, the Akelius Language Learning Course was implemented in 20 public schools which host refugee and migrant children, with the goal to support their language learning and digital skills. Non-formal education activities for children between 4 and 17 years old continued in over 40 centres for Homework and Creative Activities as well as service points across Greece. In coordination with the Ministry of Education, and the Institute of Educational Policy, 4,053 formal schoolteachers were trained on the inclusion of refugee and migrant children, mainly through the launch of the second round of the *Teach4Integration* programme in December 2022. In addition, workshops on inclusive education were organized for regional and local officials and education authorities, refugee education coordinators, and 'All Children in Education' partners, in collaboration with Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs (MoERA). UNICEF, in collaboration with MoERA, created a variety of information material on education, translated into different languages and disseminated to refugee families.

**Adolescent Development and Participation (ADAP):** In 2022, 513 adolescent girls and boys benefitted from enhanced participation, social inclusion, and empowerment. Empowerment activities included a series of face-to-face workshops on the right to be heard and participate in civic and political life. The voices of young refugees were also amplified through their participation in U-Report polls about the use of digital tools and protection from cyber-bullying, the protection of children's rights, and the impact of global crises on the mental health of young people. In addition, UNICEF organized two panel discussions with the active participation of young refugees and policymakers, including representatives from the Ministry of Asylum and Migration, the Ombudsperson for Children, and the Ministry of Education.

**Social and Behavior Change (SBC), Community Engagement and Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP):** Improvements in the host communities' attitudes towards the refugee population were observed following continuous UNICEF advocacy with the authorities. In turn, more schools were open to receive refugee children, while the transportation of refugee pupils to school was largely resolved.

<sup>viii</sup> UNICEF estimate based on secondary data analysis.

<sup>ix</sup> Special Secretariat for Unaccompanied Minors, Ministry of Migration and Asylum.

## ITALY

In 2022, 105,140 refugees and migrants arrived in Italy by sea, including 6,151 accompanied children and 12,687 unaccompanied and separated children, mainly from Egypt, Tunisia, Bangladesh, Syria and Afghanistan.<sup>x</sup> In addition, almost 13,500 refugees and migrants arrived travelling by land via south-east Europe, mainly originating from Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India and Nepal,<sup>xi</sup> bringing the total arrivals in 2022 to 118,640 people. This presented an increase of 77 per cent compared to arrivals in 2021. At the end of 2022, an estimated 107,268 refugees and migrants, including 20,381 children<sup>xii</sup> and 14,959 unaccompanied and separated children (15 per cent girls), were present in Italy.<sup>xiii</sup>

**Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA:** In 2022, 9,449 children were reached with child protection support, including MHPSS, legal counselling, and case management. This included new arrivals in border areas (Friuli, Sicily, Lampedusa, Calabria and Ventimiglia) where the needs were particularly high. In addition, 279 unaccompanied and separated children accessed family-base care or a suitable alternative. 1,604 frontline workers and caregivers improved their knowledge and skills on child protection. With online and in-person activities, 76,664 women, girls, and boys were reached with GBV risk mitigation, prevention or response interventions. Moreover, 543 frontline workers improved their knowledge and skills on GBV prevention and response. UNICEF continued to support PSEA activities, including a training for implementing partners on the new UN PSEA assessment harmonized tool and a refresher training for UNICEF staff.

**Education:** In 2022, 1,938 children and adolescents accessed skills development programmes. This included in-school UPSHIFT activities which reached 1,161 students in disadvantaged situations, among them students with a migration background. The Akelius digital language learning courses for Italian and English was further expanded in public schools in Bologna and Rome, reaching 616 students with a migration background and their Italian peers.

**ADAP:** 9,500 adolescents benefitted from enhanced participation, social inclusion and empowerment. A total of 880 U-Reporters were registered in 2022. The *OPS! 2.0 - Your Opinion, beyond Stereotypes, against Prejudices!* campaign, aimed at informing and engaging adolescents and youth in countering unconscious racial biases, started in September 2022 and included an online skills-building program for young aspiring activists aged between 14-24 years. 143 unaccompanied and separated children and young migrants and refugees engaged in advocacy actions on environment issues and child-well-being, including a joint campaign with the European and African Unions.

**SBC, Community Engagement and AAP:** Through online and in-person activities, 255,995 people were reached with messages on prevention and access to services and 52,802 people engaged in the promotion of positive messages for the social inclusion of young migrants and refugees. Life-saving messages were disseminated via U-Report, Facebook, and Instagram, in coordination with UNHCR and national partners. An average of 17,664 U-Report followers were reached and all online activities were shared with 323 frontline workers at reception centres via bi-monthly newsletters. The podcast GRIOT, run by two young U-Reporters and focused on young migrants and refugees in Italy, published 13 episodes on skills building, MHPSS, and GBV. During the 16 days of activism against GBV, several videos, podcasts and information materials calling for the prevention and elimination of GBV were published on U-Report in multiple languages, reaching 7,278 followers.

## BULGARIA

In 2022, 19,094 asylum seekers applied for asylum: 17,590 men, 1,504 women, including 3,985 boys, 608 girls, out of which 3,337 were unaccompanied and separated children (3,271 boys, 66 girls).<sup>xiv</sup> Main countries of origin were Syria, Afghanistan, and Morocco. This marked a 74 per cent increase in arrivals compared to 2021 and presented the highest number of refugees and migrants recorded in Bulgaria to date.

**Health and Nutrition:** In 2022, UNICEF reached a total of 228 children and 367 women and men with support for access to healthcare and increased health literacy.



Young migrants and refugees, among the participants of a photography workshop in Rome, Italy.

<sup>x</sup> Ministry of Interior and UNHCR Sea Arrivals Dashboard, as of December 2022 <https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/98376>

<sup>xi</sup> UNHCR Italy Factsheet 2022, <https://data.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/98377>

<sup>xii</sup> Estimation of children based on 19 per cent of sea arrivals being children).

<sup>xiii</sup> Estimations based on data from the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, and UNHCR. Number of unaccompanied and separated children as of 31 August 2022.

<sup>xiv</sup> Bulgarian State Agency for Refugees as of 31 December 2022.

**Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA:** In 2022, 1,605 children, 396 women, and 455 men were reached with child protection support, including MHPSS. With UNICEF support, 152 frontline workers and caregivers improved their knowledge and skills on child protection and an additional 436 on GBV prevention and response. Moreover, 343 women, girls, and boys accessed GBV risk mitigation, prevention or response interventions. UNICEF and the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee assisted 870 unaccompanied and separated children in detention and at the border, including with legal aid for family reunification. UNICEF also supported the Government to improve the quality of legal representation for unaccompanied and separated children. Moreover, UNICEF contributed to the development of the National Programme for Prevention of Violence Against Children 2023-2026, the National programme for prevention and protection against domestic violence, and the 2021-2027 national programme and priorities under the Asylum and Migration Fund. A GBV training curriculum was adapted to the Bulgarian context to support the sustainable capacity building of frontline workers and stakeholders, which were integrated in six courses at the Sofia and Plovdiv Universities.



UNICEF partner Caritas is facilitating an individual session with a family on personal hygiene in the Voenna Rampa center in Bulgaria.

**Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH):** In 2022, 1,001 children, 599 women, and 603 men received much needed WASH and basic needs supplies.

**SBC, Community Engagement and AAP:** Through online and in-person activities, 4,780 people were reached with messages on access to available services. UNICEF provided information on access to rights and services and specialized information for unaccompanied and separated children on social media and in a multi-lingual video.

## SERBIA

In 2022, 129,679 refugees and migrants arrived in Serbia.<sup>xv</sup> This marked a sharp increase of 115 per cent compared to arrivals in 2021. By the end of December, 4,853 refugees and migrants (4,689 male, 164 female) were present in the country, mainly from Morocco, Afghanistan, Syria, and Burundi. They included 208 children (173 boys, 35 girls) and 75 unaccompanied and separated children.<sup>xvi</sup>

**Health and Nutrition:** In 2022, 529 infants, children, and mothers accessed health and nutrition services, including in mother and baby care centers. 234 parents and caregivers of children under the age of 5 received UNICEF-supported early childhood development (ECD) counselling and/or parenting support, with a focus on responsive and gender-balanced caregiving, responsive play and talk with children, and stress coping strategies for parents. In response, UNICEF and the NGO Danish Refugee Council developed an ECD Emergency Training Package for frontline workers and service providers.

**Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA:** In 2022, 3,504 children were reached with child protection support, including MHPSS. In addition, 814 unaccompanied and separated children benefitted from appropriate care arrangements and/or services. A specialized program for unaccompanied and separated boys focused on building their resilience, life skills and integration in local communities. UNICEF and the Republic Institute for Social Protection developed three trainings for social protection workforce on working with unaccompanied and separated children and best interests of the child determination. In total, 134 professionals benefitted from technical assistance and capacity building activities. Moreover, 1,837 women, girls, and boys accessed GBV risk mitigation, prevention and/or response and 1,667 received information on GBV and how to access services.

**Education and Skills Building:** In 2022, 164 school-aged children benefitted from formal or non-formal education which is a lower number than expected due to high turnovers and parents opting to not enrol their children during their short stay. Educational programs for refugee and migrant and local children were developed in 11 schools as well as workshops for intercultural and English language programmes led by 25 youth volunteers. At the end of 2022, online English courses were taking place in three accommodation centers, engaging 26 children and youth.

**WASH and Basic Needs:** In 2022, 2,662 children and women received culturally appropriate supplies, such as winter clothes and shoes for children and hygiene items.



Non-Food Item distribution in Krnjaca Asylum Center in Serbia

<sup>xv</sup> Based on UNHCR data.

<sup>xvi</sup> Commissariat for Refugees and Migration

**SBC, Community Engagement and AAP:** In 2022, 19,263 people were reached by the promotion of social inclusion of migrants and refugees via social media. To improve the engagement of affected populations and ensure that they were at the centre of our work, UNICEF monitored partners' dialogue and feedback from the affected population.

## BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA

In 2022, 27,429 refugee and migrant arrivals were reported, including 3,840 children (3,379 boys, 461 girls) and 2,194 unaccompanied and separated children (2,065 boys, 129 girls). This presented an increase of 74 per cent compared to arrivals in 2021. Main countries of origin were Afghanistan, Morocco, and Pakistan.<sup>xvii</sup> By the end of 2022, between 1,400 and 1,600 refugees and migrants were present, including 210 (184 boys, 26 girls) and 162 unaccompanied and separated children (155 boys, 7 girls).<sup>xviii</sup>

**Health and Nutrition:** In 2022, 1,218 infants, children, and mothers accessed health and nutrition services and UNICEF continued to support the provision of infant and young child feeding (IYCF) and counselling to 237 primary caregivers of children between 0-23 months, in two MBCs. These safe spaces also benefited children under five and their parents/guardians in temporary reception centers (TRC).

**Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA:** In 2022, UNICEF, with partners World Vision and Center for Social Welfare, continued to provide protection for children, including through Child Friendly Spaces, in two TRCs in Sarajevo and Una-Sana Canton. In total, 3,308 children and caregivers accessed MHPSS support, and 1,993 children received individual case management. In addition, 3,733 unaccompanied and separated children were provided with alternative care or reunification. UNICEF also continued to support capacity building of institutions through trainings on child safeguarding and prevention, recognition and treatment of sexual abuse of children in social welfare institutions and TRCs. 165 frontline workers and caregivers improved their knowledge and skills in child protection. Moreover, 1,235 women, girls and boys accessed GBV risk mitigation, prevention and/or response interventions.

**WASH:** In 2022, 1,200 children and women received clothing and hygiene items.



**Education and Skills Building:** UNICEF and NGO World Vision continued to support education authorities in Una-Sana Canton and Sarajevo Canton by engaging cultural mediators, teachers and assistants and provided daily non-formal education activities in TRCs, including Bosnian language classes, creative and sports activities. In partnership with NGO Save the Children, the Akelius Digital Language course was implemented in eight local primary schools, giving local and children on the move the opportunity to learn English and German through a blended approach, which also strengthened digital competencies of teachers and students. UNICEF also supported the inclusion of refugee and migrant youth in vocational training courses (chef, barber, IT technician, electrician) in two secondary schools. 1,344 children accessed formal or non-formal education, including early learning, and 496 school-aged children benefitted from

a strengthened and more inclusive formal education system. In addition, 935 children received individual learning materials.

## MONTENEGRO

Between January and December 2022, Montenegro registered 8,298 arrivals, including 463 children (285 boys, 178 girls) mainly from Afghanistan, Iran, and Bangladesh. This presented an increase of 161 per cent compared to arrivals in 2021. Main needs included access to registration and documents, and linked to this access to health care, the labour market, increased rents for accommodation, assistance to children in school.

**Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA:** In 2022, 147 children were reached with child protection, including MHPSS, frontline workers were trained on determining the best interest of a child in asylum procedures while children and women benefitted from GBV response and prevention activities. Activities were undertaken through the country office own resources as there was unfortunately no funding leveraged for Montenegro under the HAC appeal.

## Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

UNICEF worked with national and local authorities, UN agencies, NGOs, and civil society organizations to strengthen government systems and capacities. Together with its partners, UNICEF worked to improve reception conditions and access to services in health, nutrition, WASH, education, child protection, GBV prevention and response, adolescent engagement,

<sup>xvii</sup> Information based on Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, IOM, UNHCR, and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC).

<sup>xviii</sup> This includes estimated people living in estimates which range between 85 reporting by DRC and 245 reported by IOM.

and social behaviour change. Furthermore, UNICEF delivered technical assistance and expertise to enhance child protection systems and safeguard the rights of refugee and migrant children. UNICEF continued advocacy and support to governments in aligning national policies with international norms and improve best interest determination of the child and age assessment procedures.

UNICEF's response prioritized the protection of children and women, prevention of child immigration detention, promotion of family unity, unhindered access to services as well as the fight against xenophobia and discrimination, in line with the Global Programme Framework on Children on the Move. In close cooperation with UNHCR and IOM, the response complemented the Global Compact on Migration and Refugees, promoted effective scale-up models, and enhanced linkages between humanitarian and development programmes.

At regional level, UNICEF supported emergency preparedness and continued to provide technical and surge support on protection services, with a focus on unaccompanied and separated children. UNICEF's response provides services and access to all refugee and migrant children and families across Europe, complementing the [Ukraine refugee response](#). Additionally, UNICEF's system strengthening approach in host countries benefited all refugees and migrants equally and prepared systems to cater for new arrivals.

## Human Interest Stories and External Media

- UNICEF Greece Article: "[Here indeed are all the children in education](#)"!
- UNICEF Italy Article: [UNICEF launches virtual tour of photo exhibition "Lives on the move"](#)
- UNICEF Serbia Article: [Kindness that warms the heart and soul](#)
- UNICEF BiH Article: [Overcoming learning difficulties in a refugee camp](#)
- UNICEF BiH Article: [Fundraising bazaar "Children on the move for children with cancer"](#)
- UNICEF BiH Article: [Unaccompanied children in Ušivak are cared for 24/7](#)
- UNICEF Montenegro Article: [Inclusion for Andriw and Alenairam: Accepted in Risan](#)
- UNICEF Bulgaria Article: [EU 'Refugee and Migrant Child-Health Initiative'](#)

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## Annex A - SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS (1 January - 31 December 2022)

Areas of Response	2022 Target	Total UNICEF Results	% Achieved	Increase from last SitRep	
<b>Health &amp; Nutrition</b>					
# of infants, children and mothers accessing health and nutrition services, including in mother and baby care centres*	3,795	4,906	129%	1,127	▲
# children benefitting from increased access to general health checks and referrals, incl. access to life-saving vaccines***	6,386	1,567	25%	180	▲
# women, girls, men and boys benefiting from increased health literacy***	275	102	37%	-	=
# of parents/caregivers of children under 5 receiving ECD counselling and/or parenting support*	160	234	146%	28	▲
<b>WASH</b>					
# of children receiving culturally appropriate basic supplies, including clothes, baby hygiene items, dignity kits	7,260	4,863	67%	2,846	▲
<b>Child Protection</b>					
# of children reached with quality child protection support (MHPSS, legal counselling and case management) and protection standards	27,770	33,173	119%	13,973	▲
# of unaccompanied and separated children accessing family-based care or a suitable alternative	5,885	4,826	82%	1,795	▲
# of frontline workers and caregivers with improved knowledge and skills on child protection	2,745	2,161	79%	623	▲
<b>GBV</b>					
# women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention or response intervention**	35,201	80,991	230%	9,210	▲
# of frontline workers with improved knowledge and skills on GBV prevention and response	1,295	1,047	81%	601	▲
# of women, girls, men and boys (including refugee, migrants and host community) receiving information on GBV, available services and how to access them***	11,165	2,572	23%	444	▲
<b>Education</b>					
# children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning	33,490	25,089	75%	2,017	▲
# of formal school teachers trained on at least one key theme on inclusion of refugee and migrant children**	2,712	4,084	151%	1,178	▲
# children receiving individual learning materials*	550	935	170%	200	▲
<b>ADAP</b>					
# of adolescent boys and girls benefitting from enhanced participation, social inclusion and empowerment***	13,350	1,436	11%	484	▲
<b>SBC, Community Engagement &amp; AAP</b>					
# of people reached through messaging on access to services**	50,250	263,488	524%	23,518	▲
# people participating in engagement actions (for social and behavioural change)**	132,430	72,065	54%	29,599	▲

\*More people were reached than anticipated due to higher turnover rates of the refugee and migrant population in 2022.

\*\*Overachievement due to online activities that allowed for a wider reach.

\*\*\*Underachievement due to limited funding in 2022.

## Annex B - FUNDING STATUS

Countries	Requirements	Funds available			Funding gap	
		Humanitarian resources received in 2022	Other resources used in 2022	Resources available from 2021 (Carry-over)	US\$	Per cent
Greece	21,996,500	25,231,898	75,783	3,336,428	- 6,647,609	-
Italy	8,373,600	8,198,934	50,000	769,627	- 644,960	-
Bulgaria	1,560,000	-	-	84,529	1,475,471	95%
Bosnia-Herzegovina	6,684,000	342,000	43,089	1,107,211	5,191,700	78%
Serbia	2,048,000	107,527	-	403,348	1,534,069	75%
Montenegro	250,000	-	-	7,480	242,520	97%
Regional Support	1,100,000	-	-	-	1,100,000	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,012,100</b>	<b>33,880,358</b>	<b>168,872</b>	<b>5,708,624</b>	<b>2,251,190</b>	<b>5%</b>

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Child protection and/or GBV prevention and response



Education and/or Adolescent development and participation



Health and nutrition



WASH and basic supplies



Technical assistance

## Greece



METAdrasi, SOS Children's Villages Greece



ARSIS, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, DRC, ELIX, METAdrasi, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Network for Children's Rights, OAED, Solidarity Now, University of Patras, University of Thessaly



GivMed



Movement on the Ground



EKKA, Ministries for Labour, Migration, Education, Deputy Ombudswoman for Children, General Secretariat for Gender Equality, Institute of Educational Policy, Public Prosecutor's Office, national authorities

## Italy



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Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, the National Ombudsperson, SIPROIMI, local authorities

## Bulgaria



Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, Animus Association Foundation, Mission Wings Foundation, Council of Refugee Women in Bulgaria, Caritas, Bulgarian Red Cross



Nadja Center Foundation, Caritas



State Agency for Refugees

## Serbia



Info Park, Republic Institute for Social Protection



Indigo, Commissariat for Refugees and Migration



Institute for Public Health Dr Milan Jovanovic Batut



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## Bosnia and Herzegovina



World Vision, Centres for Social Welfare, Red Cross



Save the Children, World Vision



World Vision, Fenix



Government authorities at all levels

## Montenegro



Red Cross



Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Education

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