

UNICEF Refugee response programme results

Since the start of the response, UNICEF has worked closely with national, regional and local authorities to expand services in child protection, education, health and nutrition, WASH, and social protection. UNICEF's work integrates social cohesion, gender and disability, and accountability to affected populations.



Health

31,197

Children and women received primary health care services through UNICEF supported mechanisms



Education

37,690

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

43,666

Children received individual learning materials



Social and Behavior Change

254,713

People reached through messaging on prevention and access to services



WASH

67,167

People reached with critical WASH supplies



Child Protection

99,632

Children and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial support

189,650

People had access to safe spaces, protection and support hubs



Social Protection

30,326

Households reached with UNICEF funded multi-purpose humanitarian cash transfers

Acronyms: WASH: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, GBV: Gender Based Violence.

Sources: UNICEF (as of 15/02/2023)

In the spotlight

From the onset of the Ukrainian refugee crisis in Moldova, UNICEF established itself as a trusted partner of choice in delivering humanitarian action for children in child protection, education, health and nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene, and social protection.

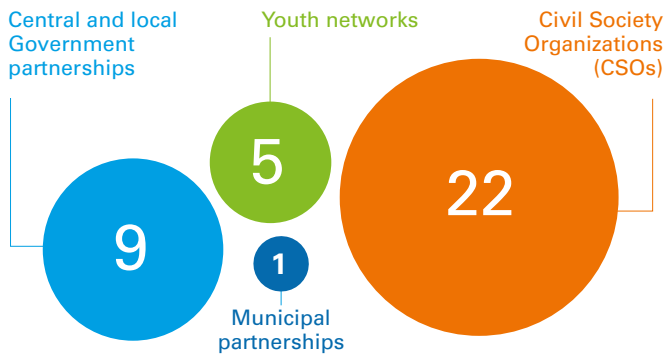
Through a network of 11 UNICEF/UNHCR Blue Dots, UNICEF and partners provided 189,650 people (68% women and girls) with access to safe spaces, humanitarian assistance, supplies and protection, including cash assistance for 66,040 individuals. This network provided multi-sectoral assistance directly to 49,495 individuals (50 percent children).

UNICEF is closely collaborating with the government, local authorities, other United Nations agencies, NGOs and affected children and their caregivers to strengthen national systems for protection, education, health care and refugee crisis management, including contingency planning.



For nine-year-old Viktor, protection became the best gift after he was forced to flee the war with his mother and 16-year-old brother; that's what Moldova and the Blue Dot specialists offered.

Delivering through partnerships



Source: UNICEF (as of 15/02/2023)

UNICEF partnered with 37 government institutions, local authorities and NGOs to deliver humanitarian action for refugee children in Moldova. Partnering with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, UNICEF strengthened national and child protection systems and refugee crisis management by developing new and enhancing existing protection services and case management system for children and their caregivers.

In collaboration with the National Health Insurance Company, UNICEF ensured free access to health care for refugee children, while with the Ministry of Health, the national immunization system's capacity was strengthened, and 2,100 refugee children received immunization. Partnering with the Ministry of Education and Research, UNICEF supported access to formal and non-formal education, including early learning, for 37,690 refugee children and access to skills development and resilience programmes for 55,000 adolescents.

Stories about our work



At the Blue Dot's Mother and Baby Corner, Elena offers some snacks to 2-year-old Iurie. He came from Ukraine with his grandmother.

Elena, 34, fled with her children from Mykolaiv, a Ukrainian town on the front lines of the war and found safety at a refugee center in Chisinau, Moldova. Here she and her children received assistance at one of the UNICEF/UNHCR Blue Dot centers established in Moldova, where refugees are provided with a variety of services including recreational activities, safe spaces, psychological and legal services, food and hygiene supplies. Elena is now herself a social worker at one of the Blue Dots in Moldova, helping women and children return to their everyday lives. She is grateful to be able to help other Ukrainian people. 'Now I can help families from Ukraine as I was helped,' says Elena.

[Read more about this story here>>](#)

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Delivering through national systems

With many drivers of complexity, multiple stakeholders, strong socio-economic conditions and robust government structures in refugee hosting countries, UNICEF adopted a system strengthening humanitarian approach. This involved working with Government at national and subnational levels to make sure established, but overstretched national services and systems, were expanded to host refugee inflows - bridging humanitarian and development interventions.

Through this, immediate emergency needs were met while ensuring longer-term investment in addressing systemic causes of vulnerability - poverty, inequality and lack of functioning accountability systems - expanding the humanitarian response and building resilience.

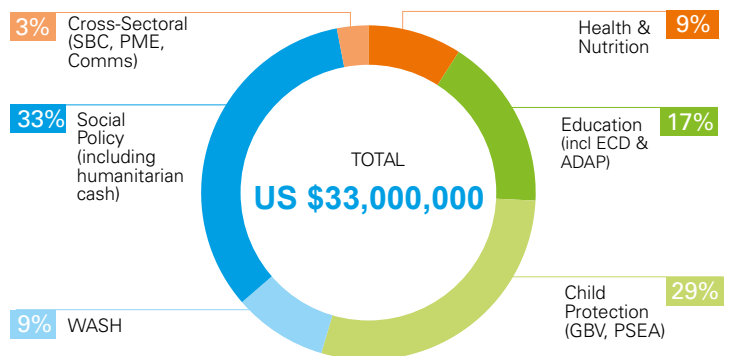
Looking ahead

In 2023, UNICEF will continue strengthening the child protection, education, health and social protection systems to respond to the needs of Ukrainian refugees and the most vulnerable Moldovan families, making substantial investments in those sectors to bolster capacities and promote efficiencies. UNICEF humanitarian response strategy is also being mainstreamed into the framework of the 2023-2027 country programme, remaining firmly embedded in the inter-agency Refugee Response Plan.

A special focus for UNICEF and its partners will be supporting the government to operationalize the recently adopted Temporary Protection mechanism for Ukrainian refugees. The response plan will also prioritize addressing gender-based violence and its prevention, ensuring accountability to affected communities, and promoting social cohesion across all priority sectors of intervention.

For additional information on **UNICEF's 2023 Humanitarian response for children outside of Ukraine** please visit [UNICEF Ukraine 2023 Humanitarian Action for Children](#).

Funding requirement for 2023



Acronyms: ECD: Early Childhood Development, ADAP: Adolescent Development And Participation, GBV: Gender-based violence, PSEA: Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, SBC: Social and Behavior Change, PME: Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation.

Source: UNICEF

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