

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 social protection, education, child protection, health and social and behavior change. UNICEF's work integrates social cohesion, gender and disability, and accountability to affected populations.

Social Protection

84

Households reached with UNICEF funded multi-purpose humanitarian cash transfers

239

households benefitted from new or additional social transfers from governments with UNICEF technical assistance support

Education

1,179

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

1,328

Children received individual learning materials

Child Protection

636

Children and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial support

6,384

People had access to safe spaces, protection and support hubs

Social and Behavior Change

12,125

People reached through messaging on prevention and access to services

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

In the spotlight

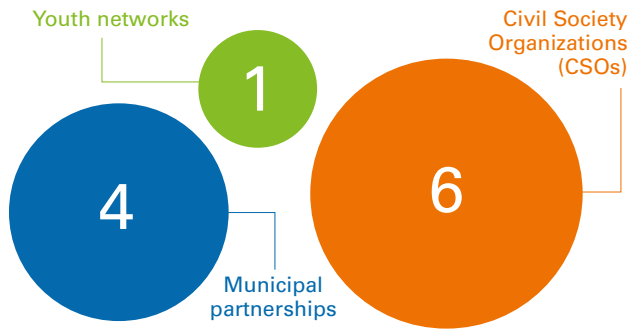
UNICEF is supporting the Municipality of Záhony to help Ukrainian refugee children and their families as well as local vulnerable households to access cash benefits and social services.

Záhony, north-eastern Hungary, is a transit and destination route on the Hungarian-Ukrainian border which receives more than 1,000 refugees daily. The UNICEF emergency response in Hungary, in partnership with the Municipality of Záhony, has set up a cash assistance support mechanism to help vulnerable refugee children and families mitigate the loss they have had to endure since fleeing their homes, while allowing them to bridge the period until they find ways to secure sustainable forms of income again.

The programme successfully reached 239 households in Záhony and its region. The scheme prioritizes refugee families from Ukraine, children with special needs, single parent families and children who live with pensioners, people with disabilities or with a pregnant mother. Among the beneficiaries are 19 Transcarpathian youth and adolescents who are studying in the high school in Záhony. Thanks to this social protection scheme, students could obtain meal subsidies and learning materials. The scheme has been anchored in the formal social welfare structure of the Municipality of Záhony in which municipality social workers follow up on vulnerable cases and refer them to adequate services.



Delivering through partnerships



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

UNICEF in Hungary has partnered with the municipalities of Debrecen, Gyor, Zahony and Budapest to provide multisectoral services and delivery of supplies to refugees from Ukraine and host communities, including Roma children and their families. Through these partnerships, UNICEF will reach more than 50,000 refugees and vulnerable host community children and families through an integrated package of services including early child education, child protection, social protection/ humanitarian cash, health and nutrition.

UNICEF also launched a partnership with Kek Vonal, the Hungarian national child helpline, to ensure accessibility of the helpline to both refugees and host communities. Kek Vonal is part of the European Union-wide 116 111 child helpline. Through this partnership and the promotion of the helpline number, UNICEF expects to reach more than 1.3 million children with information in Hungarian, Ukrainian and Russian about the helpline, more than 4,000 children and caregivers with mental health counselling, and more than 10,000 people with access to a safe and accessible channel to report sexual violence and exploitation.

Stories about our work



In Tuzsér near the Hungarian-Ukrainian border, UNICEF's Humanitarian Cash Assistance Programme is supporting refugee children and the most vulnerable local families, to access schooling, shelter and social services.

Alina, part of the group of young mothers living with their children in Tuzsér, used the funds to visit her home in Ukraine over the holiday season. "I have two children, a 13-month-old baby, Diana, and a 6-year-old. Thanks to the cash I was able to catch a train just before Christmas and crossed to Ukraine." The UNICEF supported scheme prioritizes families from Ukraine, children with special needs, single parent families and young people living with pensioners, people with disabilities and pregnant mothers, among others.

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UNICEF is also partnering with NGO and faith-based organizations who have an outsource arrangement by law with the government for child protection and education statutory roles. In addition, systemic linkages were forged among national child protection services and child and family support hubs in refugee accommodation centres in nine locations, where a total of 636 refugee and local children and caregivers were supported with mental health and psychosocial support and 6,384 children benefitted from access to safe spaces, protection and support hubs.

Delivering through national systems

With multiple stakeholders, relatively strong economies and established national government structures in refugee hosting countries, UNICEF adopted an approach of responding to humanitarian crisis using national systems. This involved working with Government at national and sub-national levels to make sure established, but overstretched national services and systems, were expanded to host refugees - bridging humanitarian and development interventions. As a result, immediate emergency needs were met while ensuring longer-term investment in systems to support vulnerable populations, which allowed for an expanded humanitarian response and helped build systems that were more resistant to crises.

Looking ahead

Strengthening national capacity for child-centered and inclusive education, including early learning and development will remain an essential intervention in 2023. Educators and school administrators will be capacitated to facilitate children's inclusion and meaningful participation in learning and education. Partnerships with the academia and linkages between key pedagogical institutions and local civil society organizations will strengthen the network of experts and practitioners.

These partnerships will support teachers and school management through child-centered and inclusive pedagogical knowledge and practices. Strengthening social protection systems in close collaboration with municipalities will continue to be a critical intervention, especially for preparedness purposes. In this regard, the new partnership with the Municipality of Budapest will be essential to installing a social protection scheme that can be activated in case of high influxes of refugees.

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

Funding requirements for 2023



Acronyms: ECD: Early Childhood Development, ADAP: Adolescent Development And Participation, GBV: Gender-based violence, PSEA: Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

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