

## 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

**34,145**

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



Education

**42,636**      **30,130**

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

Children received individual learning materials



Social and Behavior Change

**1,086,214**

People reached through messaging on prevention and access to services



WASH

**13,114**

Children accessed appropriate WASH facilities and services in learning facilities and safe space



Child Protection

**617,866**      **18,099**

Children and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial support

Women, girls and boys accessed GBV risk mitigation, prevention and/or response interventions



Social Protection

**21,920**

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

Since June 2022, UNICEF cash assistance worth EUR 10,850,000 reached 21,520 Ukrainian households in Slovakia. Several cash grants – material needs benefits, carer's grants for families with children with disabilities and education grants – provided crucial support for Ukrainian families. Most recently two rounds of winterization grants supported Ukrainian families to cope with soaring energy prices and other winter-related costs.

Beneficiaries expressed strong satisfaction with the assistance received – with cash mainly spent on basic needs and children's needs and having a positive impact on food security (as per post distribution monitoring / impact monitoring data).

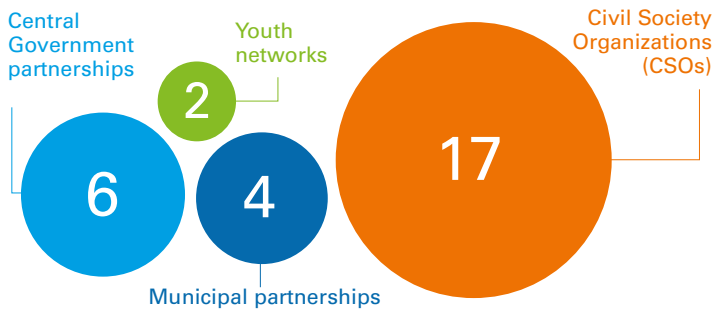
Two grants were successfully transferred to the government in 2022. In 2023, UNICEF will continue to provide targeted cash support to enable children and families to access education, health, and protection.



A Ukrainian child runs in the courtyard of a Play and Learning Hub in Bratislava.

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## Delivering through partnerships



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

Since early 2022, UNICEF formed 29 partnerships with government institutions, civil society organizations, municipalities and academia in Slovakia. Through strategic partnerships at national and subnational levels, UNICEF supports the strengthening and expanding of national child protection, education, health, and social protection systems, as well as social inclusion interventions, for Ukrainian children and women as well as vulnerable host communities in Slovakia.

UNICEF also works with municipalities to scale up services at the local level, supporting programming, planning and coordination and strengthening the provision of child-friendly services for the inclusion of refugee children. Finally, partnerships with civil society organizations have enabled UNICEF to support service delivery and expand and complement the coverage of government programmes, including by filling existing gaps in the social sector.

## Stories about our work



Pavel smiles as he looks at the camera inside a Play and Learning Hub.

Four-year-old Pavel is one of the children with disabilities who attend a UNICEF-supported play and learning hub in Dubravka, Bratislava. When Pavel was two years old, he was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and a speech delay. Together with his mother Inna and sister Alexandra, Pavel fled his hometown of Kharkiv, Ukraine when the war escalated in early 2022. Once in Slovakia, Inna enrolled her son Pavel as it was the only place that could provide support for her child to continue learning in his native language Ukrainian. Here, Pavel is followed by a therapist and an educator who provide additional support. *“He now runs to school with joy. We have a game – let’s run to kindergarten! And he is so happy. He runs and jumps, he is really having a lot of fun here,”* Inna says.

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## 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

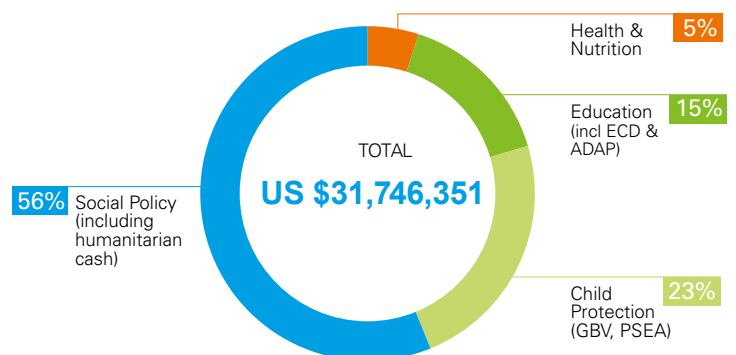


The UNICEF team walks inside the Blue Dot in Bratislava.

In 2023, UNICEF will expand cooperation with municipalities to promote the social inclusion of Ukrainians and social cohesion within local communities. UNICEF will support the national social and child protection response to ensure proactive outreach, especially to children with disabilities and unaccompanied and separated children. To promote quality education and inclusion of Ukrainian children, UNICEF will support teachers and schools and create opportunities to involve out-of-school children and adolescents in different learning pathways. Moreover, UNICEF will advocate for full access of Ukrainians to health services, the expansion of existing mother and child health services, and the integration of Ukrainian health workers in the Slovak health system.

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

Source: UNICEF

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