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** Children accessed formal or non-formal education, including early learning
- **30,130** Children received individual learning materials

**WASH**

- **13,114** Children accessed appropriate WASH facilities and services in learning facilities and safe space

**Child Protection**

- **617,866** Children and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial support
- **18,099** 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

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.
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

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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