

UNICEF Humanitarian 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.

Child Protection

1,248,025

Children and caregivers accessed mental health and psychosocial support

1,103,562

People accessed safe spaces, protection and support hub

Education

1,058,230

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

719,599

Children received individual learning materials

Health

473,563

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

WASH

115,544

People accessed a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking and domestic needs

Social Protection

53,679

Households reached with UNICEF funded multi-purpose humanitarian cash transfers

Social and Behavior Change

15,712,497

People reached through messaging on prevention and access to services

Acronyms: WASH: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, GBV: Gender Based Violence, VAC: Violence against children, CSO: Civil Society Organization.

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

In the spotlight

Many Ukraine refugees are struggling to make ends meet; with little or no income and facing skyrocketing food and fuel price inflation, they struggle to access food, shelter, clothing, and school equipment. Recognizing the diversity of refugee's needs, UNICEF prioritized social protection, including cash transfers. This funding has provided families and children with financial security and allowed them to cope with the vulnerability created by forced displacement. UNICEF mounted an immediate response, partnering with national and local governments, and supporting inter-agency coordination to ensure effective programme design. UNICEF developed tools and strengthened capacities of partners to ensure proper implementation and adequate coverage of cash response, prioritizing gender equity and vulnerable children, including with disabilities, and aligning cash transfers with existing social protection systems. As a result of UNICEF support, 266,186 households received humanitarian cash transfers in the refugee receiving countries.



Over 108,000 refugees from Ukraine have requested temporary protection in Slovakia. UNICEF has partnered with the Government to meet the immediate needs of refugee children and families.

Delivering through partnerships



8-year-old Eliza holds a doll as she stands next to some supply boxes in a tent provided by UNICEF local partner organization Scouting Association of the Republic, Poland.

Together with UNHCR, other United Nations agencies and humanitarian partners, UNICEF scaled up its multi-sectoral response in 19 refugee-hosting countries, leveraging partnerships established through long-standing country programmes and a strong network of National Committees. In countries where it did not have a presence prior to the war (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia), UNICEF quickly formed solid partnerships with national governments and municipalities. UNICEF expanded its close relationships with national governments and municipalities, worked on the ground with NGOs and civil society organizations, and developed new multi-country partnerships, including Eurocities, a network of over 200 major cities across Europe, and the World Organization of the Scouts Movement, covering Poland, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Latvia, and Ukraine.

Stories about our work



Dasha Mostovaya, 13, from Mariupol, Ukraine fled from the war to Kutaisi, Georgia with her mom.

Dasha (13) from Mariupol, Ukraine fled with her mother to Georgia and now attends a public school in Kutaisi where she made new friends, including other refugees from Ukraine. More than 180,000 citizens of Ukraine have entered Georgia since the war started. Around 25,000 remain with 25% of them being minors. With UNICEF's support, the Government provides financial aid to vulnerable families with children.

In total, more than 1,883 Ukrainian children already received one-time cash support, while 1,117 children will receive financial aid in the first quarter of 2023 to help them cope with the challenges related to winter.

Three teenage girls share their stories of living in a new town, going to a new school, finding new friends and new life in Kutaisi – a small town in Western Georgia in the full story below.

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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

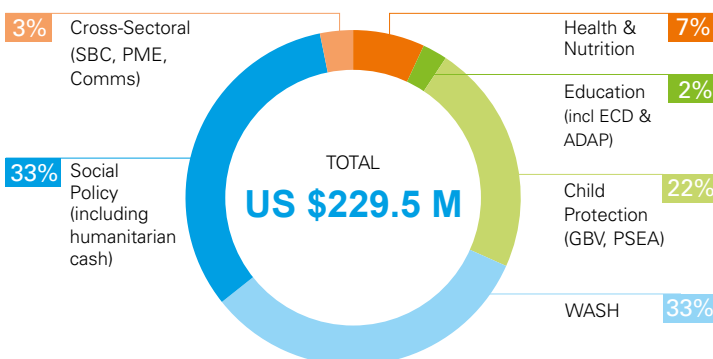


Xenia and her 3-year-old son, Miron, who was born with a hole in the heart, walk by the sea in Constanta, Romania.

Moving forward, UNICEF and its partners in refugee-hosting countries will sustain and scale up interventions in child protection, education, early learning, health, nutrition, accountability for affected people, and social protection, including cash assistance and support to national social protection systems to respond to crises and shocks.

UNICEF will also facilitate access to critical services and enhance national systems and capacities to maintain a supportive environment for all refugee children, including vulnerable and minority groups such as Roma children. Additionally, UNICEF will adapt its support to the local context and leverage its comparative advantage in supply chains, child protection monitoring, and data/knowledge management. 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