



Opening of a digital learning centre in Zaporizhzhia
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Highlights

- UNICEF has supported access to primary healthcare for 3,406,158 children and women this year, including 632,891 women and children who benefited in August. To support newborn care, 20 neonatal ambulances with specialized intensive care equipment were delivered in August.
- So far this year, 823,292 children (452,839 girls) and 659,196 caregivers have been reached with mental health and psychosocial support. A key milestone was reached in effectively coordinating the Better Care Initiative: The Government of Ukraine, with support from the European Union and UNICEF, launched the '[Coordination Center for Family Upbringing and Child Care Development](#)'.
- UNICEF has supported 1,135,184 children (560,372 girls) to access formal or non-formal education this year, including early learning. To prepare for the new school year, UNICEF rehabilitated 42 school shelters, enabling 25,979 children to access quality education. Teaching and learning supplies reached 79,718 children in August, for a total of 404,626 students this year and supported the development of Catch-up manuals for use across Ukraine.
- In August, UNICEF initiated its cross-sectoral convergence programme for child-centred recovery in six priority municipalities of Kharkivska Region – the first region in the east of the country. Child-centred recovery is already being implemented in Lvivska, Volynska, Kyivska, Chernihivska, Zhytomyrska and Kirovohradska Regions.

Situation in Numbers

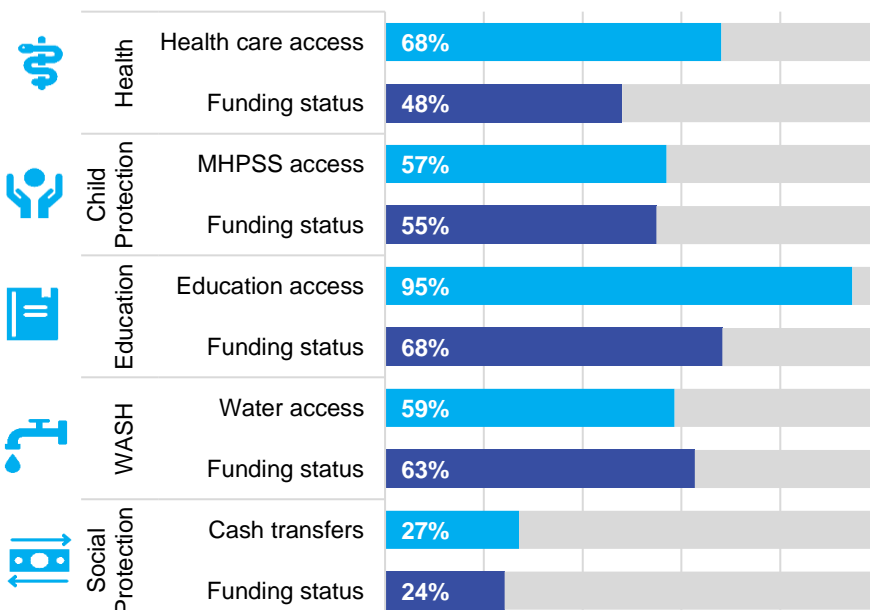
4.1 million
Children in need inside Ukraine
(Humanitarian Needs Overview 2023)

17.6 million
People in need inside Ukraine
(Humanitarian Needs Overview 2023)

5.1 million
Internally displaced people
(IOM, Displacement Tracking Matrix, June 2023)

2.5 million
Children targeted by UNICEF in Ukraine 2023
(UNICEF HAC 2023)

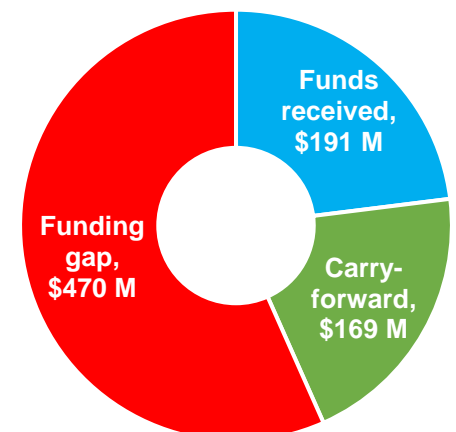
UNICEF Response and Funding Status



Funding figures represent funds available for the full year, while results in some areas may be low due to designing and deploying new programming based on the latest situation.

UNICEF Appeal 2023 US\$829.2 million

Funding status as of 31 August



The overall HAC funding gap status does not represent gaps by sector. For further details by sector, please refer to Annex B.

Figures reported to the FTS may differ for the same period due to in-process allocation of flexible funding.

This reflects the requirements for Pillar 1 (inside Ukraine).

Funding Overview and Partnerships

For 2023, UNICEF has US\$359.5 million available for its response inside Ukraine (Pillar 1) under its [Humanitarian Action for Children](#) (HAC). This includes US\$168.6 million carried over from 2022 and US\$190.9 million newly received in 2023. The HAC was developed in line with the [Ukraine Humanitarian Response Plan 2023](#), which targets 11.1 million of the 17.6 million people in need. It was revised in August 2023 with adjusted targets in line with the current context and UNICEF's latest strategic approaches. Generous contributions have been received from the private sector, including individuals, corporations and foundations, with new funds from Fondazione Generali The Human Safety Net, Akelius Foundations, AMAZON ITALIA LOGISTICA S.R.L., Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A, AXA SA, Lallemand Inc., Breakthrough Prize, Business Partnership, Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Konimpex Sp. z o.o., LEGO Foundation, Loro Piana, Mail Force Charity CIO, P&G Baby Care Europe, Peregrine Sports LLC, Radiohjälpen Sweden, Tides Foundation, The 72 Fund, United Internet for UNICEF Foundation in August 2023, through the UNICEF family of National Committees. Important funding has also been received from the people and Governments of Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, the State of Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Republic of Korea, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain the European Commission, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the pooled Ukraine Humanitarian Fund.

UNICEF continues to work with the Government of Ukraine, United Nations agencies, civil society and non-governmental organizations and other humanitarian partners. Close consultations are also held with Presidential advisors, key ministries (Foreign Affairs; Social Policy; Education and Science; Youth and Sports; Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development; and Health), and mayors in several cities and the Ombudspersons Office. UNICEF has established partnerships in key municipalities and will continue to expand these in all regions. UNICEF engages with 80 government, civil society and financial service provider partners to respond to the critical needs of children and families across Ukraine.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

As children prepare for the start of the new school year in September, 57 per cent of teachers in villages report a deterioration in students' Ukrainian language abilities, while 45 per cent report a reduction in mathematics skills and 52 per cent report a reduction in foreign language abilities.¹ Only a third of children will start the school year attending in-person full-time, with one third accessing a mixed approach and a third still studying fully online.

Missile strikes continued throughout August, affecting, among others, residential buildings in [Pokrovsk](#) (seven people killed and 30 injured); a [church and basketball court](#) (two killed) as well as a [hotel](#) (one person killed and 16 injured) in Zaporizhzhia; a factory in [Lutsk](#) in the western region of Volynska; and a theatre in [Chernihiv](#) (seven people killed and 144 injured). Attacks on civilian, grain and port infrastructure also continued in [Odeska](#). From 1 to 28 August, 108 civilians (including three girls and three boys) were killed and 477 civilians (including nine boys and seven girls) were injured.²

Fighting continued along the frontlines. One incident of shelling in Kherson killed seven people, including a three-week-old baby.³ Hostilities particularly intensified in Kupiansk District in Kharkivska Region, where a fifth of settlements are under evacuation. This escalation is compounding the already dire situation in the area, home to 44,000 people (down from 130,000 before the full-scale war). Those who remain face regular bombardment along with a lack of health services, water, electricity and gas.⁴ A mandatory evacuation of 54 children from the five settlements of Vasylivka and Polohy Districts in Zaporizka was also undertaken, along with a broader self-evacuation of the area.

Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

UNICEF is working closely with United Nations agencies, the government and humanitarian partners under the inter-agency framework. UNICEF leads/co-leads the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Child Protection and Education Clusters, the Social Protection Sub-Group under the Cash Working Group and the Nutrition Technical Working Group and Maternal Child Health Care Sub-Group under the World Health Organization (WHO)-led Health Cluster.

Along the frontlines, where intense and sustained fighting and access constraints remain, UNICEF participates in inter-agency humanitarian convoys and engages with municipal, regional and local administrations and civil society partners to implement its urgent humanitarian response. In the central and western parts of the country, which have fewer access challenges, UNICEF uses existing national systems, engages local authorities and civil society and has launched three Flagship priorities: Early Childhood Development (ECD), Youth Empowerment and the Better Care Initiative to ensure family-based care for all children.

¹ State Service of Education Quality of Ukraine, [Research on education quality during war in 2022/2023 academic year](#), 2023.

² Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, [Ukraine: civilian casualty update](#), 28 August 2023.

³ BBC, [Ukraine war: Three-week-old baby and family among seven killed in Russian shelling](#), 13 August 2023.

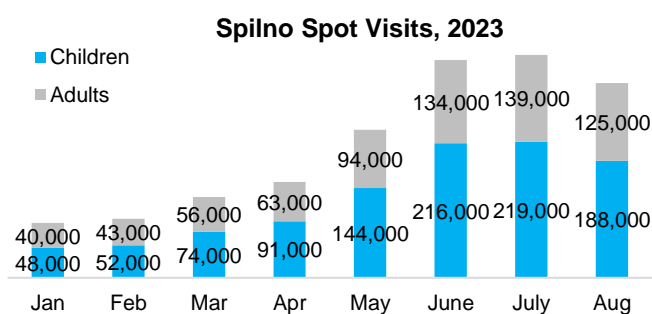
⁴ OCHA, [Ukraine: Deteriorating humanitarian situation in Kharkivska oblast - Flash Update #2: Kupiansk Raion](#), 31 August 2023.

In August, UNICEF initiated its **cross-sectoral convergence programme** for child-centred recovery⁵ in six priority municipalities of Kharkivska Region – the first region in the east of the country. Child-centred recovery is already being implemented in Lvivska, Volynska, Kyivska, Chernihivska, Zhytomyrska and Kirovohradka Regions. Following a series of consultations and field visits with local authorities and community organizations, workplans were agreed with a focus on sustainability, with government co-funding key personnel and providing communal premises for youth centres, digital learning centres and social service provision centres. The consultations were concluded with a high-level presentation of the programme to the Regional Governor and Minister of Social Policy on 16 August. During the event the Minister of Social Policy expressed support for the roll out of the Better Care Agenda in Kharkivska Region.

Festivals were organized in Mykolaiv, Novyi Rozdil, Morshyn and Slavske municipalities in Lvivska Region to introduce the communities to UNICEF's services for children. These festivals were attended by more than 3,000 visitors and featured various activities such as psychologist-led sessions, medical discussions and consultations, creative workshops and educational showcases on topics like programming, robotics, chemistry and physics.

Five **interagency convoys** were organized to deliver humanitarian assistance to 8,600 individuals in frontline communities in Donetsk, Kharkivska and Zaporizka regions. UNICEF support included hygiene and health supplies, drinking water and equipment to support water supply systems. Children on the Move kits (backpacks with hygiene and recreation supplies including a power bank) and other hygiene supplies were also mobilized for children being evacuated.

UNICEF has registered 1.8 million visits to its 165 **Spilno Spots** so far this year, including 1.1 million visits by children. Spilno Spots provide cross-sectoral services and activities for children and their caregivers, covering mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), health, nutrition and safety among others. Spilno Camps continued in August, with 1,949 young people (1,235 girls) participating in activities on creativity, safety, mental and physical well-being in Poltava while 20 Spilno Sport Clubs across the country engaged 2,788 adolescents (1,351 girls).



Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Health and Nutrition: This year, UNICEF has supported **access to primary health care** for 3,406,158 children and women through the distribution of essential medical supplies and equipment, including 632,891 women and children who benefited in August. In hard-to-reach areas of Dnipropetrovska, Donetsk, Kharkivska, Khersonska and Zaporizka Regions, 11 mobile teams proactively provided consultations for 2,514 individuals, including 159 girls, 131 boys, 1,584 women and 640 men. To support **newborn care**, 20 neonatal ambulances equipped with specialized intensive care equipment were delivered to 16 regions⁶ in August. These ambulances will enable health workers to perform resuscitations, help babies with jaundice and transport premature babies to medical facilities for specialized care.

The **Universal Progressive Home Visiting** model provides comprehensive support to families with young children, emphasizing key areas such as immunization, nutrition, health monitoring and ECD. The model is now operating in Chernihivska, Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, Kirovohradka, Kyivska, Lvivska, Poltava and Zhytomyrska where trained nurses conducted 534 home visits in August. These visits were made to 886 children, pregnant women and caregivers, bringing the total home visiting beneficiaries to 3,174 for the year.

In August, support continued for **immunization** including the delivery of 240,000 doses of oral polio vaccine to bolster Ukraine's National Immunization Programme. To respond to the increased vulnerabilities created by the destruction of Kakhovka Dam, 3,000 doses of the Hepatitis A vaccine were also delivered. UNICEF collaborates with the Ministry of Health (MOH) to increase access to accurate information on vaccination through the joint National Hotline on Vaccination and Infant Feeding, which was accessed by 35,250 individuals in August.

Caregivers of 3,440 children also accessed consultations on **breastfeeding and infant feeding** through the National Hotline. In August, 110 health professionals continued a certified course on support to breastfeeding; these professionals are now preparing for certification exams. Of them, 81 have completed the required offline practical training (including 22 in August). A



Regina De Dominicis, UNICEF Regional Director at the ambulance handover with First Lady Olena Zelenska and Minister of Health Viktor Liashko
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⁵ The UNICEF Ukraine cross-sectoral convergence programme for child-centred recovery approach is designed to maximize the effectiveness of UNICEF activities and their impact on an individual child, family and community through geographical focus in both design and implementation; close collaboration with local authorities; and convergence of interventions from every UNICEF programmatic sector in one location.

⁶ Vinnytska, Volynska, Dnipropetrovska, Zakarpatska, Ivano-Frankivska, Kyivska, Lvivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Poltavska, Rivnenska, Sumska, Ternopilska, Khmelnytska, Cherkaska and Chernivetska Regions.

new certified course has been launched for 304 health professionals. Meanwhile, 486 health professionals received online capacity building on breastfeeding, infant and young children feeding, with 20,000 additional people reached when the video was streamed on the UNICEF Ukraine Facebook page.

To promote **MHPSS**, 346 health professionals received online capacity building on self-help, peer groups, the role of a family doctor in building the network for psychological support, the all-Ukrainian programme “How are you?” and MHPSS services available at municipality level. An additional 17,000 people were reached through UNICEF social media channels. With MOH and WHO, 28 health care professionals completed a training of trainers on WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP), including a module on children and adolescents. Twenty-six Heads of Departments of Family Medicine of the medical universities/institutes in Ukraine participated in a workshop initiated by the Cabmin Coordination Centre for MHPSS together with UNICEF to discuss integration of MHPSS component, including mhGAP, in the education programme for family doctors.



**Catch-up class in Zaporizhzhia.
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Child Protection: Gender-based violence (GBV) response, prevention and/or risk-mitigation activities reached 93,758 children (55,115 girls) and 273,518 women in August, with 168,140 children (98,565 girls) and 408,660 women supported overall in 2023. A new safe space for women and girls opened in Kharkiv City, providing a package of protection services for women, girls and boys at risk of GBV and/or those who are survivors. Four such spaces are now open across the country. To increase capacities on GBV core concepts and safe referrals, eight webinars were run for 225 Spilno Spot staff (38 male; 56 per cent of all Spilno staff) in August, as was a two-day training for 18 home visiting nurses (all female). An [information campaign](#) on GBV prevention and early identification of signs of violence was launched and reached 315,873 community members (5,784 male).

August also saw 65,553 children (37,111 girls) and 82,208 caregivers reached with **MHPSS**, for a total of 823,292 children (452,839 girls) and 659,196 caregivers covered since the beginning of the year. To reach the most affected areas of the country, 113 mobile teams provided services and supplies to 1,020 beneficiaries, including 330 children (150 boys). Four of these teams serve families affected by the Kakhovka Dam destruction while others deploy to collective centres, railway stations and frontline areas. To improve the quality of MHPSS services, strengthen community support systems and increase knowledge on global and national MHPSS strategies and approaches, UNICEF trained 338 implementing partner staff (304 women) in August.

Case management was newly extended to 1,886 girls and 1,966 boys in August, for a total of 48,346 children (23,648 girls) reached this year. Among them are 1,486 children from alternative family-based care (109 of which were children with disabilities). This included 672 children for which local coordinators provided consultations and referrals for psychological, legal, social, rehabilitation services, and social benefits.

A key milestone was reached towards implementing and effectively coordinating the **Better Care Initiative**: The Government of Ukraine, with support from the European Union and UNICEF, on 23 August launched the '[Coordination Center for Family Upbringing and Child Care Development](#)', including participation of the First Lady; the Ministers for Social Policy, Education and Health; the Ombudsman's Office; the European Union; and UNICEF Regional Director de Dominicis.

In August, 176 children benefitted from the Better Care initiative, for a total of 905 children reached in 2023. Among them, 91 children have been placed in alternative family-type care and 35 received early intervention services. In cooperation with partners and the Kharkiv Institute on Early Intervention, 16 early intervention teams from 12 regions have now been trained. Other capacity building efforts included 36 community professionals trained on case management and 68 Children's Affairs Specialists from Zaporizka Region (including the temporarily occupied territories) trained on child protection procedures. Trainings for parents, social workers and candidates for family-based care continued with 650 caregivers and professionals reached in August. Nine online 'Parent Clubs' reaching 115 parents were held, aimed at creating an environment for positive communication between parents of children with disabilities and project specialists.

As of August 2023, 70 **Child Protection Area of Responsibility (CP AOR)** partners have provided critical child protection prevention and response services to 1,309,941 people, including 816,458 children (446,398 girls; 19,263 children with disabilities). This includes 750,326 children and parents/caregivers (316,827 females) provided with MHPSS to help them deal with the distressing effects of war and displacement. AOR partners have provided case management and referrals to 38,691 children (19,732 girls) who have been identified, registered, assessed and subsequently given direct support and referrals based on personalized case plans tailored to their specific needs. The web-based [Child Protection Referral Pathways](#) system continues to be strengthened, current including contacts for 57 organizations, 190 mobile teams and 350 referral focal points. These efforts extend across 25 regions, 93 districts and 812 municipalities.

Education So far this year, UNICEF has supported 1,135,184 children (560,372 girls) to access formal or non-formal education, including early learning. This is 95 per cent of the annual target and includes the 386,340 students currently accessing the national **digital learning** platform 'All-Ukrainian School Online'. UNICEF has supported the Ministry of Education and Science

(MOES) to improve the technical functionality and content of the platform, which is critical for the two-thirds of students still relying on online education either full-time or in a blended format. Additionally, 160,381 teachers registered and using the platform. In preparation for the upcoming academic year 2023/2024, UNICEF has rehabilitated 42 school shelters across 11 regions. This effort has created a safe and child-friendly environment, enabling 25,979 children to access quality education. Additionally, UNICEF has distributed supplies to support the learning and well-being of children in Ukraine. In total, 79,718 children have benefited from these provisions in August, for a total of 404,626 students receiving supplies this year.

To support children in advance of the new school year, UNICEF with its partners has been delivering **catch-up classes** for 4,700 children in eastern Ukraine. According to their parents, participating children have improved their knowledge and skills in math, Ukrainian and English. Catch-up manuals have been developed that will support teachers and implementing partners across Ukraine in preparing and conducting classes.

UNICEF's **inclusive education** project in non-government-controlled areas (NGCAs) of Donetsk Region has ended. In the final phase of the project, 142 children with disabilities and 303 children without disabilities were surveyed on the effectiveness of project activities. Results showed that children had improved their skills and eliminated learning gaps in English and computer literacy, while specialists supported the children to improve their emotional state and mental development. Parents were also surveyed, highlighting improvements in their children's ability to communicate with their peers and family.

UPSHIFT engaged 5,438 young people (3,236 females) in August. These young people identified concerns in their communities, and then designed and ran projects to improve these areas of concerns such as health lifestyle, MHPSS and education. The projects engaged 2,015 people (1,201 females). New UPSHIFT mentors have been trained to cover six western regions; the mentors will launch bootcamps in September. In August, **U-Report** kicked off four polls on: educational challenges, the needs of youth, inland tourism (together with the State Agency of Tourism) and radiation safety (in cooperation with State Centre on Nuclear and Radiation Safety). UNICEF has received 14,571 responses on these polls to underpin programming by UNICEF and other agencies.

UNICEF is training 12 local organizations to establish or improve the **youth centres** in their communities. Forty representatives from youth centres and spaces and 100 youth workers across 14 regions participated in this "Management of Youth Centres and Spaces" training. In Kropyvnytskyi, young activists are using their youth centres creatively, involving 3,423 people (2,035 females) in creative activities, trainings and events that unite young people in their communities.

In August, 71,000 people visited the **National Volunteer Platform** and 1,051 volunteers signed up for opportunities published on the website. To increase UNICEF's accountability towards young people and improve their participation in the design of UNICEF programming, a **Young People Advisory Board** was established with 21 young people aged 16 to 23 (17 females) from different regions of Ukraine. Over the next 18 months, the board will advise the UNICEF team on programmatic activities and support the development of its new Country Programme.

Education Cluster partners have provided critical support to 1,006,898⁷ children (519,358 girls) and 52,182 education personnel this year. This includes 112,611 students (57,209 girls; 1,046 children with disabilities) who have benefited from the rehabilitation of classrooms and shelters, ensuring safe and conducive learning environments. An additional 23,388 students (12,004 girls) have access to temporary learning spaces and digital learning centres, mitigating disruptions to their education. Catch-up classes and accelerated learning support have been extended to 89,771 students (46,773 girls). Education supplies and/or electronic learning devices have been provided to 731,001 school-aged students (360,853 girls) and 55,103 pre-primary aged children (28,175 girls) as well as 7,110 teachers and educational personnel.

WASH: So far this year, UNICEF has facilitated **safe water supply and sanitation services** for 3,341,760 people through technical support to water utility companies, restoring damaged or broken infrastructure and supplying essential equipment and chemicals for water purification. In August, UNICEF provided 1,027 tons of reagents for water treatment, benefiting 241,900 people in Khersonska, Dnipropetrovska and Kharkivska Regions. Additionally, 26,000 people in Sumska Region now have access to an ensured water supply, even during power outages, thanks to the delivery of tools and machinery for water pumping at four key water supply sites.

The decentralized **water supply has been improved** for City Clinical Hospitals 1 and 11 and the City Clinical Infectious Disease Hospital in Odesa and the Mykolaiv Regional Clinical Hospital. Boreholes have been drilled and the second phase of these projects, the installation of reverse osmosis units, is anticipated to conclude by the end of October 2023.

UNICEF has provided 1,648,907 people with **essential WASH supplies** this year, including 138,958 individuals in August. This included hygiene kits, diapers, water purification tablets, water tanks and bottled water. In response to communities which continue to lack access to water after the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam, UNICEF provided drinkable water to 92,721 people in Dnipropetrovska, Mykolaivska and Khersonska Regions in August. A total of 1,000 hygiene kits were distributed to schools and kindergartens in Lvivska Region hosting 40,100 students (including internally displaced students). WASH supplies, including hygiene kits, diapers and hand sanitizer, were also dispatched to health care facilities in Lvivska, Rivnenska,

⁷ Pending some reporting for August.

Ternopil'ska, Volyn'ska and Zakarpattia Regions to support 41,600 people (including internally displaced people).

Meanwhile, in NGCAs, UNICEF has reached 59,636 people through essential WASH supplies and the delivery of water treatment chemicals this year. In August, 4,497 people in NGCA received hygiene kits and diapers, and 4,393 individuals gained access to safe water through the delivery of water treatment equipment.

At the national level, the **WASH Cluster** has launched three studies, and is currently reviewing the tenders. These will include: a household water treatment market study; a WASH Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices survey; and a capacity-building package for local WASH actors. The WASH Cluster's Strategic Advisory Group has been refreshed and is currently reviewing of project proposals for the Ukraine Humanitarian Fund reserve allocation; the Cluster's humanitarian needs analysis chapter; and advocacy notes on water quality and support to water utilities. A series of planning municipal-level meetings have been organized, primarily in Kherson'ska. Similarly, the Technical Cell has arranged meetings bringing together humanitarian and development actors, with an initial focus on Mykolaiv'ska. An updated cluster dashboard has been developed and [is available](#). Other communication products have been streamlined, including fortnightly media monitoring and information and updates; monthly situation reports; and quarterly bulletins.

Social Protection: In August, UNICEF provided **multipurpose cash (MPC)** to 5,624 households (17,156 people including 7,883 children). This covered 4,548 households with at least one child living in newly accessible and frontline areas along with 1,076 foster families. Through the MPC programme, households with children receive a one-time payment to help them meet their basic needs. Support in 2023 has focused on Donetsk'ska, Kharkiv'ska and Kherson'ska Regions. This brings the total to 55,351 households⁸ reached so far in 2023. UNICEF is planning a post-distribution monitoring round in September focusing on vulnerable households living on the frontline who have recently received MPC. UNICEF is also exploring the possibility of supporting the national system to provide these cash transfers. It should be noted that UNICEF has a 76 per cent funding gap for its Social Protection interventions which has required UNICEF to prioritize the inclusion of the most vulnerable groups in its humanitarian cash transfer programme.

UNICEF continues support to the **national social protection system**, including through enhancing the shock-responsiveness of the system, the digital transformation initiative and supporting the social protection reform agenda. UNICEF is supporting and coordinating the 'Perekhid Initiative' in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Policy and other key stakeholders across the humanitarian-development nexus, with the aim to promote and operationalize effective linkages and support the sustainable transition from humanitarian cash transfers to an inclusive shock-responsive social protection system. UNICEF is also investing in the government's capacity to implement and reform social protection at both the national and local level, supporting the establishment of the 'Technical Support (or Reform) Office' at the Ministry of Social Policy, including through the recruitment and deployment of technical experts.

Influencing Social Behaviour: UNICEF established itself as a strategic partner of the August Conference, an **annual event for educators** prior to the new school year. UNICEF participated in key panels covering ECD, digitalization in education, rebuilding efforts and envisioning the future of education. The conference drew 750 education managers, teachers and education experts and its live broadcast garnered 150,000 views on Facebook and 53,851 views on YouTube. The All-Ukrainian First Lessons on Mental Health have been watched by 9,997 users in collaboration with the National Programme on Mental Health, initiated by the First Lady and MOES. The First Lessons are designed for students as they return to school in a highly stressful environment. An information pack for teachers on the First Lessons was distributed to all schools, recommending they are taught on 1 September.

In collaboration with MOES, 3,009 boxes of **ECD** materials were delivered to support over 90,000 students in kindergartens in Khmelnytska, Cherkaska and Vinnytska Regions. By the end of October, 19,100 boxes will be delivered to kindergartens operating in either offline or mixed format. Meanwhile, the [NUMO platform](#) with ECD content has been accessed by 252,494 users and the educational puppet show has been downloaded 9,676 times. A puppet show contest encouraged 530 families to perform shows at home, in the mountains, at church and in libraries, amongst others ([Examples 1, 2, 3 and 4](#)).

The documentary series 'Family for Every Child' featuring Ukrainian TV host Kateryna Osadcha continues as part of UNICEF's **Better Care Initiative**. The series explores different forms of alternative family care in Ukraine and highlights the importance of providing family care for every child. The series was viewed 689,327 times in August and 766,711 times in total. Online outreach efforts through Facebook, Instagram and YouTube have reached 3,079,761 individuals.

The **summer safety campaign** collaborated with key digital influencers in August, reaching 1,842,125 beneficiaries. To date, messages around water, fire and mine safety have now reached 8,246,000 people, including 276,052 who have engaged with via collaborations with influencers and 12,827 people via Telegram and Viber groups. UNICEF collaborated with the State Emergency Service to further extend the reach of these messages to 53,865 individuals (36,519 children and 17,346 adults).

With MOH, a targeted communication campaign on **measles vaccination** was launched, reaching 1.5 million people, and will

⁸ This is the total number of households reached with cash transfers – it does not directly equate to the numbers in the HPM, since the second indicator counts the number of children rather than households.

continue throughout September. Thirty-nine communication experts from regional Centers for Disease Control and Prevention took part in a five-day course to enhance their knowledge and skills to effectively promote vaccination and other health-related topics. The course was organized as a collaboration between the Ukrainian Catholic University and PACT/USAID.

Breastfeeding Week, held from 1 to 7 August, aimed to address the lack of support for breastfeeding mothers and pregnant women. UNICEF highlighted the importance of a strong circle of support, which includes partners, parents, friends, employers and society as a whole. Online activities reached 1,303,859 people, of whom 51,674 engaged with the content through liking, commenting, sharing and downloading the Telegram-sticker pack. In August, 3,595 children (2,118 girls) participated in Spilno Spot sessions on **healthy nutrition**, for a total of 11,610 children (6,914 girls) participating since May. A digital campaign, meanwhile, reached 536,456 people promoting healthy eating which including 31,637 people who actively engaged with the contents. Additionally, 2,990 adolescents (1,773 girls) learned about healthy nutrition and components of a healthy plate.



Women attend a Breastfeeding Week event in Kyiv. ©UNICEF

The **UNICEF hotline** continued operation, with 7,505 callers supported in August. Human-centered design sessions were conducted in Ivano-Frankivska and Odeska, to gather insights and concerns from target groups to support programme design on breastfeeding, immunization and MHPSS. Participants in August included 47 young people, 18 parents, 15 teachers, 10 school psychologists, 20 pregnant women, 21 mothers of infants, 10 fathers of infants, 20 health workers and six grandparents. Programme design was also enhanced through eight new social media listening reports, including on unexploded ordnance and cash transfers.

Supply and Logistics: So far this year, UNICEF has placed US\$64.4 million of purchase orders to buy life-saving supplies, including US\$5.7 million in orders placed in August. US\$97.7 million worth of life-saving supplies have been received in Ukraine, with US\$5.7 million having arrived in August. US\$76 million worth of supplies were dispatched from UNICEF-controlled warehouses and US\$22.8 million of supplies were delivered to implementing partners directly from local vendors in 2023. The value of supplies currently at stock at UNICEF-controlled warehouses is US\$15.3 million. The total value of supplies currently in pipeline is US\$35.8 million.

External Media: Content featuring the visit of the UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia highlighted the continued impact of the war on children in Ukraine and UNICEF's ongoing work with partners to support humanitarian needs and recovery. The Regional Director's visit culminated with a [press briefing in Geneva](#) focusing on the impact of the war on the education of children in Ukraine and in refugee-hosting countries. Other key moments for August 2023 included World Humanitarian Day (19 August), where UNICEF highlighted the stories of individuals including young people who have supported their communities since the escalation of the war. These profiles were featured on UNICEF Ukraine's social media channels and in the exhibit organized by United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

For World Water Week, UNICEF produced and published content on the impact of ongoing work to rebuild water systems in Ukraine and the results of the Kakhovka Dam emergency response. UNICEF Ukraine successfully launched the Back-to-School campaign, including a [special project](#) in the media on education, as well as the August Education conference and several interviews on education with [international media](#) outlets. Digital content and activation for World Breastfeeding Week reached 1.3 million users, with a 51,600 people engaged. UNICEF also worked with the Resident Coordinator's office to provide communication support for the [signing of the Joint Prevention Plan](#) to end and prevent grave violations against children.

Human Interest Stories



[Kindergarten children back to class thanks to Spilno Spot](#)



[Ukraine's newborns reap benefits of breastfeeding amid war](#)



[Doctors urge parents to protect children with power of vaccination](#)



[Young UPSHIFT teams transform communities in Ukraine](#)

Annex A: Programme Results (January to August 2023)

Sector		UNICEF and IPs Response		
		2023 target	Total results	Change
Health (14,600,000 people in need)				
Number of children and women accessing primary health care in UNICEF-supported facilities and through mobile teams ⁹		5,000,000	3,406,158	632,891
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months vaccinated against measles		257,340	105,204 ¹⁰	105,204
Number of primary caregivers of children 0–23 months receiving infant and young child feeding counselling		300,000	82,865	4,296
Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA (3,400,000 people in need - Child Protection)				
Number of children, adolescents and caregivers accessing community-based mental health and psychosocial support	Total	2,600,000 ¹¹	1,482,488	147,761
	Girls		452,839	37,111
	Boys		370,453	28,442
	Women		505,567	62,726
	Men		153,629	19,482
Number of women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention and/or response interventions		1,550,000	576,800	367,339 ¹²
Number of children who have received individual case management	Total	124,000	48,346 ¹³	3,852
	Girls		23,648	1,886
	Boys		24,698	1,966
Number of children, young people and caregivers accessing explosive ordnance risk education and received information on preventive practices		10,000,000	6,936,612	-
Number of people with safe and accessible channels to report sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers		1,700,000	390,208 ¹⁴	16,183
Education (5,300,000 people in need)				
Number of children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning	Total	1,200,000	1,135,184	37,619
	Girls		560,372	19,103
	Boys		574,812	18,516
Number of girls and boys benefiting from supplied education, early child and recreation kits or learning		500,000	404,626	79,718
Number of children accessing psychosocial support, social and emotional learning, or life skills education		500,000 ¹⁵	268,678	21,959
Number of teachers and educational personnel trained to address learning loss through remedial and catch-up learning		30,000	31,139 ¹⁶	2,507
WASH (11,000,000 people in need)				
Number of people accessing a sufficient quantity and quality of water for drinking and domestic needs		5,700,000	3,341,760	289,149
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies		2,500,000	1,648,890	663,038 ¹⁷
Social Protection				
Number of households reached with UNICEF-funded humanitarian cash transfers		200,000	54,275	4,548
Number of children in foster families and family-type children's homes assisted with multipurpose humanitarian cash transfers ¹⁸		60,000	1,407 ¹⁹	1,407

⁹ This result is calculated based on the delivery of supplies from UNICEF to implementing partners.

¹⁰ Estimated data from primary health centres as of 1 July 2023.

¹¹ Target updated during August HAC revision. Under the Better Care Flagship, children will receive a higher-level, sustained package of support. This has created a higher unit cost, creating this reduction from the original target of 3.1 million.

¹² Significant increase in August due to the information awareness campaign.

¹³ Constrained due to changing focus from rapid humanitarian case management (mainly referrals to specialized services) to more in-depth and longer-term case management under Better Care programme.

¹⁴ Reporting pathways continue to be developed across programme sections; this indicator is expected to increase in the second half of the year.

¹⁵ Target updated during August HAC revision from the original target of 350,000. UNICEF has introduced new, more cost-efficient in-school modalities to reach more children with MHPSS in school without increasing the funding requirements.

¹⁶ Annual target over-reach for teacher training is due to the high demand for training which exceeded the initial expectations, indicating a greater need for the catch-up teacher training programmes than was originally anticipated.

¹⁷ Higher than the new reach detailed in the narrative due to back-reporting.

¹⁸ When a family/family-type home takes a child into care, all children in the family/home are eligible for cash assistance.

¹⁹ UNICEF has a 76 per cent funding gap for its Social Protection in 2023. A lack of available funding has meant that UNICEF has had to prioritize the inclusion of groups most in need, such as households with children in newly accessible areas and frontline areas.

Influencing Social Behaviour				
Number of people reached through messaging on prevention and access to services		12,000,000	8,246,000	528,482
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms		250,000 ²⁰	142,394	8,959
Number of people participating in engagement actions for social and behaviour change		1,200,000 ²¹	978,163	42,222

Annex B: Funding Status as of 31 August 2023

With humanitarian needs still acute, the UNICEF HAC appeal reflects resource requirements under Pillar 1 to reach vulnerable children and families in Ukraine with essential services and life-saving supplies. Continued, flexible contributions mean that UNICEF and partners can act quickly and respond strategically to where the needs are greatest.

Sector	Requirements	Funds available		Funding gap	
		Resources received (current year)	Carry-over	US\$	%
Health and Nutrition	104,000,000	20,768,845	29,134,589	54,096,566	52%
Child Protection, GBVIE and PSEA	111,010,000	40,919,854	20,092,284	49,997,862	45%
Education	100,000,000	34,367,678	33,931,587	31,700,735	32%
WASH	145,000,000	56,748,488	34,152,841	54,098,671	37%
Social Protection	369,230,400	38,114,323	51,247,615	279,868,462	76%
Total	829,240,400	190,919,187	168,558,916	469,762,296	57%

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²⁰ Target updated during August HAC revision. There is evidence from across the region (refugee-hosting countries) and inside Ukraine that beneficiaries are not active in providing feedback, despite the variety of feedback mechanisms available across the region. To address this, UNICEF has created a new office-wide hotline to help improve feedback, the targets of which are included within this target, which was reduced from 500,000.

²¹ Target increased from 500,000 during August HAC revision. Engagement activities were higher than expected in the first half of the year, including a national safety campaign with State Emergency Service of Ukraine focusing on how to be safe during the long power outages caused by the strikes on energy infrastructure.