



Reporting period: 1 to 30 April 2024

# Ukraine Humanitarian Situation Report No.39



## Highlights

- On 4 April, Mine Awareness Day activities were held in 51 cities and villages in Kharkivska, Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizka, Mykolaivska, Odeska and Khersonska, the regions most contaminated by landmines and explosive remnants of war. So far this year, 642,209 people have participated in explosive ordnance risk education with UNICEF partners.
- In 2024, UNICEF has secured access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for 1,581,761 people through the repair and rehabilitation of WASH facilities and networks, as well as the supply of water treatment chemicals and equipment to water utilities.
- Based on its detailed Contingency Plan, UNICEF is undertaking key preparedness actions in areas where conflict has intensified including procuring and prepositioning supplies; deploying mobile teams; and training partners on cash registration. Considering the damage to power, WASH and heating infrastructure, UNICEF is working with water and heating utilities over the summer to repair damaged systems and increase their resilience in advance of next winter. UNICEF has immediate needs of \$32.7 million to undertake critical preparedness actions.
- UNICEF delivered digital learning devices to 38,902 students (19,062 girls) to improve their access to online education in April. To enhance the quality of online education, UNICEF and partners continue to develop education content for the All-Ukrainian School Online platform. A total of 60,258 students have newly registered and began using the platform for online or blended learning this year.

## Situation in Numbers

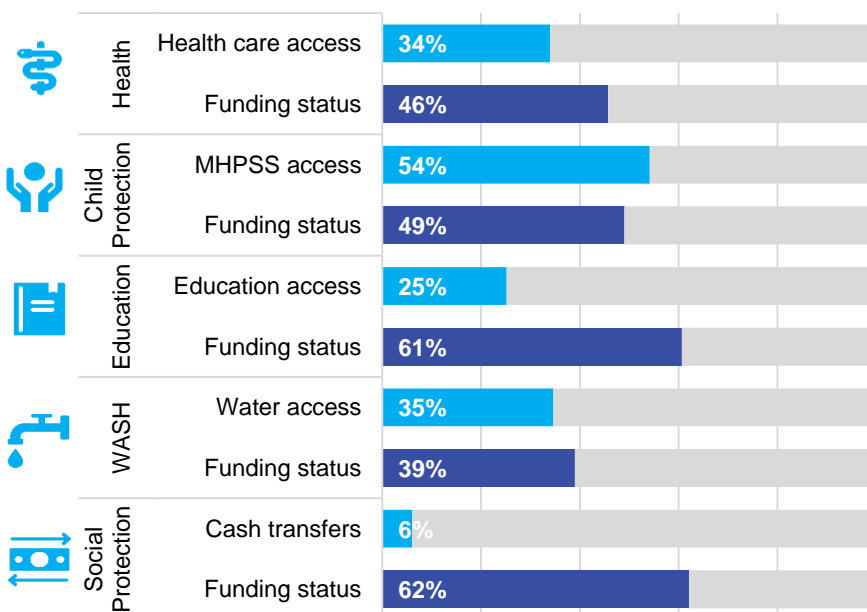
**2.9 million**  
Children in need inside Ukraine  
(Humanitarian Needs Overview 2023)

**14.6 million**  
People in need inside Ukraine  
(Humanitarian Response Plan 2024)

**3.4 million**  
Internally displaced people  
(IOM, Displacement Tracking Matrix, February 2024)

**752,000**  
Children targeted by UNICEF in Ukraine 2024  
(UNICEF HAC 2024)

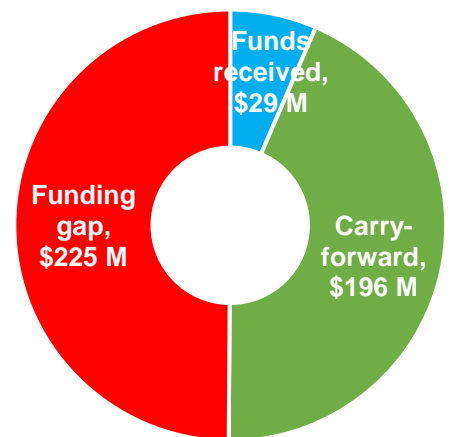
## UNICEF Response and Funding Status



Low results compared to funding for Education as a significant portion of results for children in the public system will appear at the start of the new school year. Low results compared to funding for Cash for Winterization package, since it is a higher per-person cost than regular multisectoral cash.

## UNICEF Appeal 2024 US\$450 million

Funding status as of 30 April



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 2024, UNICEF has US\$225.5 million available for its response inside Ukraine (Pillar 1) under its [Humanitarian Action for Children](#) (HAC) appeal of US\$450 million. This includes US\$196.3 million carried over from 2023 and US\$29.2 million received in 2024. The HAC was developed in line with the [Ukraine Humanitarian Response Plan \(HRP\) 2024](#), which targets 8.5 million of the 14.6 million people in need. Targets and funding requirements are currently under review to align with the final HRP and current situation. Generous contributions have been received from the private sector, including individuals, corporations and foundations, with the funds from Ayuntamiento de Madrid, Citibank Ukraine, Daimler Truck AG and Trafigura Foundation through the UNICEF family of National Committees. Funding has also been received from the people and Governments of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Philippines, Romania, Spain, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the pooled Ukraine Humanitarian Fund.

UNICEF works with the Government of Ukraine, United Nations agencies, civil society and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other humanitarian partners. Close cooperation is ensured with key stakeholders (Ministries of Foreign Affairs; Social Policy; Education and Science; Youth and Sports; Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development; and Health), mayors in several cities and the Ombudsperson's Office. UNICEF has established partnerships in concerned municipalities and will continue to expand them. UNICEF engages with 110 government, civil society and service provider partners to respond to the critical needs of children and families across Ukraine.

## Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

The intensification in attacks seen in March continued to impact children across Ukraine in April. Attacks reported include 18 people, including 5 children, injured in an attack on a [college and a kindergarten](#) in Dnipro on 3 April; four people, including three [rescue workers](#), killed in Kharkiv City on 4 April; 3 people killed and 13 wounded in [Zaporizhzhia City](#) on 6 April; 14 people killed and 21 injured in [Kharkiv City](#) on 6 and 7 April; three people killed in strikes on [residential, educational and health facilities](#) in Zaporizhzhia on 9 April; two people killed in an [education centre](#) in Kharkivska Region on 16 April; 18 people killed and 60 injured in the [city centre](#) of Chernihiv on 18 April; 7 people including 2 children killed and 28 injured in [Dnipro Region](#) on 19 April; nine people, including two babies, injured when [residential buildings](#) were hit in Odesa on 24 April; and four people killed and seven injured in a [seafont park in Odesa](#) on 30 April. Twenty-five children were verified as killed in the first quarter of 2024, [40 per cent more than in the same period](#) in 2023.

Critical civilian infrastructure remained a common target, including power generation plants, heating systems, gas pipelines and [railways](#), as well as the destruction of a [TV tower](#) in Kharkiv. These strikes interrupted the supply of electricity and safe water for hundreds of thousands of people. Thirty-six health facilities and 140 educational facilities have been [verified as damaged or destroyed](#) in the first three months of the year.

## 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) and Education Clusters, Child Protection Area of Responsibility, 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 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, UNICEF uses existing national systems and engages local authorities and civil society. Flagship priorities include Better Start to Life (Early childhood development – ECD), Better Learning and Skills (Maximizing the potential of children and youth) and Better Care (A family for every child).

As the situation in Ukraine has grown more critical since the start of the year, UNICEF has updated its contingency plan. The funding required for the [Contingency and Preparedness Plan for Children in War-affected Communities](#) is included within the UNICEF 2024 HAC appeal of US\$450 million, with a current funding gap of 50 per cent. Within its overall HAC, UNICEF has immediate needs of \$32.7 million to undertake critical preparedness actions to ensure that children are protected from harsh winter weather, ensuring continued access to water, sanitation and heating.

Based on this updated Contingency Plan, UNICEF is undertaking key **preparedness actions** including procuring and repositioning supplies; deploying mobile teams; and training partners on rapid assessments and cash registration. Considering the damage to power, water, sanitation and heating infrastructure, UNICEF is working with water and heating utilities over the summer to repair damaged systems and increase their resilience; drilling back-up boreholes to act as alternative water sources; expanding water trucking and bottled water long-term agreements; and procuring solid fuel to support households in rural areas.

Throughout April, **four inter-agency convoys** reached Prymorske, Nechvolodivka, Kurakhove and Vysoke communities of Zaporizka, Kharkivska, Donetska and Khersonska Regions complementing the regular humanitarian response in these areas and supporting 7,200 people.

April saw 48,923 people provide insights on the UNICEF response through **feedback mechanisms**, including:

- Feedback on **mine safety** programming by 25,500 participants (half caregivers and half children). Of these, 21,372 were participants from areas contaminated by explosive remnants of war.
- A [U-report poll](#) of 8,725 individuals (6,300 females) aged 14 to 30 aimed to understand young people's awareness, attitudes and practices around **vaccination**. Two-thirds of youth believe that vaccination is safe, 40 per cent agree that vaccination is a social responsibility and 41 per cent had persuaded someone in their family to get vaccinated.
- Feedback from in **youth centres** was provided by 7,110 adolescents and youth to help adjust and improve interventions.
- The 'Tell us how it is' hotline facilitated 862 unique consultations, providing a direct and personal channel for individuals to express their experiences and feedback.

## Summary Analysis of Programme Response

**Health and Nutrition:** In April, UNICEF distributed medical supplies to support **access to health care** for 19,140 people in Donetsk, Kyivska, Lvivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska and Zaporizka Regions. In addition, mobile teams provided consultations for 918 people in hard-to-reach areas of Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska and Zaporizka; 4,793 people have been supported through such teams in 2024, including 1,034 girls and 1,026 boys. Since the beginning of the year, 312,608 people have benefited from UNICEF's provision of health supplies or through mobile medical teams and home visits.

Under the **Universal-Progressive Home Visiting** model, nurses visited 1,764 children and caregivers across 11 regions in April. In 2024, 6,237 people have been reached through this model, including 1,088 girls and 1,163 boys. A National Conference on the 'Implementation of the Universal-Progressive Home Visiting Model' was organized by the Ministry of Health (MOH) and UNICEF in April, bringing together over 1,400 health professionals from a combination of facilities that do and do not yet implement home visiting. The conference was held both online and offline, and introduced an increased understanding of the importance of home visits for children and caregivers.

In April, 34,474 children and parents benefitted from consultations on vaccination and 13,957 from consultations on breastfeeding and infant feeding through the MOH-UNICEF **National Hotline on Vaccination and Infant Feeding**. There are 906 health care professionals currently participating in a certification course on support to breastfeeding while a further 306 have joined the newest iteration of the course launched on 23 April.

A behaviour change campaign on **Healthy Nutrition**, which ran from November 2023 to March 2024, informed 7,591,000 children and parents about the benefits of healthy eating and involved them in promoting healthy lifestyle practices. In April, the [znaimo.gov.ua](#) platform, supported by UNICEF, was visited by 54,713 educators, caregivers and teenagers seeking resources while 122 educators registered for an online course titled 'Health Nutrition Basics for Pupils in Classes 1-4'; 1,339 educators have completed the course in 2024.

During **World Immunization Week** from 24 to 30 April, 665 children participated in activities highlighting the importance of vaccination at 22 Spilno Spots.<sup>1</sup> With the National Railway and MOH, mobile teams provided consultations and vaccinations at Spilno Spots at railway stations in Kyiv, Kharkiv and Odesa, vaccinating 162 children and adults. NGOs and health care workers supported by UNICEF reached 17,360 people (24 people with disabilities) using human-centered design methodologies to encourage changes in vaccination behaviour.

**Child Protection:** In April, UNICEF reached 3,079 children (1,533 girls and 259 children with disabilities) with child protection **case management**. UNICEF partners with government agencies such as National Social Services and the Ombudsman of Ukraine to oversee the welfare of children cared for in residential institutions. Through this collaboration, instances of violence against children and other protection issues are identified, documented and responded to. Capacity-building sessions for officials from the Office of the Ombudsman and the National Social Services, aimed at prioritizing the best interests of the child, continued with the participation of 63 civil servants and experts in April. To increase the availability of **family-based care** options, UNICEF supported the Government of Ukraine in engaging 184 new communities to recruit, train and retain emergency foster care families, doubling the current number of available families to 500 that could benefit over 1,500 children. To strengthen the collaboration and alignment between humanitarian actors and state actors, a training on child protection case management was arranged for 98 state social services and NGO case workers.

On 4 April, 3,054 children participated in **Mine Awareness Day** activities in 51 cities and villages in Kharkivska, Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizka, Mykolaivska, Odeska and Khersonska, the regions most contaminated by landmines and explosive remnants of war. Interpersonal explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) sessions engaged



**EORE session in a Spilno**  
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<sup>1</sup> Spilnos provide cross-sectoral services and activities for children and their caregivers, covering MHPSS, health, nutrition and safety among others. They also link families with services they may need.



114,027 children and 23,896 caregivers. UNICEF also provided victim assistance to 51 children affected by mines and other explosive weapons in Kharkivska, Odeska, Mykolaivska and Khersonska in April. This included health, child protection and rehabilitation services as well as basic needs assistance. So far this year, 642,209 people have participated in EORE activities with UNICEF partners.

Digital mass communication on **safety topics** reached 848,389 adolescents, parents and caregivers in April. The winter safety campaign concluded successfully, having reached 6,225,543 people through indoor and outdoor advertisements, and engaged 322,704 people with online with safety messages. A post-campaign evaluation with adolescents and caregivers provided insights into their perception of the visuals and slogans used in the campaign to inform the summer wave of the campaign. The popular cartoon featuring the dog Patron reached 293,300 unique viewers with a new episode that emphasized fire safety among children. Finally, to support the State Emergency Service of Ukraine Junior Rescuers movement, an online campaign was launched with the participation of 775 educators and 6,920 young people (3,903 girls) generating and sharing content around [safety rules](#).

The 'Children as Children' campaign launched on 25 April as a part of the 'Book Country' festival in Kyiv to highlight the importance of inclusion and reduce stigma surrounding **children with disabilities**. This initiative was a partnership with the Children's Rights and Child Rehabilitation Commissioner. An [inclusive space](#) was set up for children, youth, and their parents, where classes and materials were provided to foster discussions around inclusion and acceptance. UNICEF engaged 3,625 caregivers, children and youth (952 women, 1,203 girls, 625 men and 845 boys) during the festival. Furthermore, 326 of professionals (state and non-state) participated in a training on disability inclusion organized by UNICEF.

**GBV response, prevention, and/or risk mitigation** activities reached 11,836 boys and girls and 15,261 women in April, including 67 children with disabilities including through 7 safe spaces, 13 Girls' Clubs and 10 mobile teams across Ukraine. UNICEF and its implementing partner 'Volunteer' participated in the global launch of the 'Caring for Child Survivor of Sexual Assault' curriculum on 18 April. This resource package, developed over 10 years ago, was reviewed and updated globally to enable service providers in humanitarian and development contexts to provide high-quality care to children, adolescent girls and boys, and their families. Volunteer and UNICEF presented the rollout process in Ukraine, including capacity-building plans.

Sixty-one **Child Protection Area of Responsibility** (CP AOR) partners have reached 83,786 women, 18,392 men, 131,576 girls and 154,459 boys with critical child protection prevention and response services this year. The [child protection referral pathways](#) within the web-based [Child Protection Referral Pathways](#) now includes 1,303 organizations (humanitarian and state social services), 982 mobile teams and 2,376 referral focal points across 25 regions, 126 districts, 350 hromadas and 1,536 municipalities. Capacity-building initiatives included in-person and online training sessions on case management and the child protection information management system (CPIMS+) conducted for case workers and supervisors in Khersonska, Mykolaivska, Donetska, Kharkivska, and Dnipropetrovska. A [new interactive calendar of trainings](#) is available for partners to see all training opportunities related to child protection. Meanwhile, CP AOR developed a preparedness plan as part of interagency preparedness plans for Donetska and Kharkivska.

**Education (Learning and Skills Development):** In April, UNICEF delivered **digital learning devices** (laptops) to 38,902 primary and secondary school students (19,062 girls) to improve their access to online education in Chernihivska, Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, Khersonska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Sumska and Zaporizka. The distribution prioritized displaced children, those with disabilities and those from low-income families or deprived of parental care and other vulnerable groups as agreed with the Ministry of Education and Science (MOES).



**Students in a DLC in Poltava**  
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To improve the quality of **online education**, UNICEF and implementing partner Osvitoria continued developing education content for the All-Ukrainian School Online (AUSO) platform. From January to April 2024, 60,258 students newly registered and began using AUSO for online or blended learning. UNICEF trained 1,050 teachers (900 female) on distance and blended learning techniques this month, and learning support was extended to 6,125 students (2,818 girls) through 32 **Digital Learning Centres** (DLCs) operated by UNICEF partners. These efforts aim to bridge educational gaps and promote equitable access to quality education as demonstrated in [this story](#) from a student attending a DLC in Pavlohrad, Dnipropetrovska.

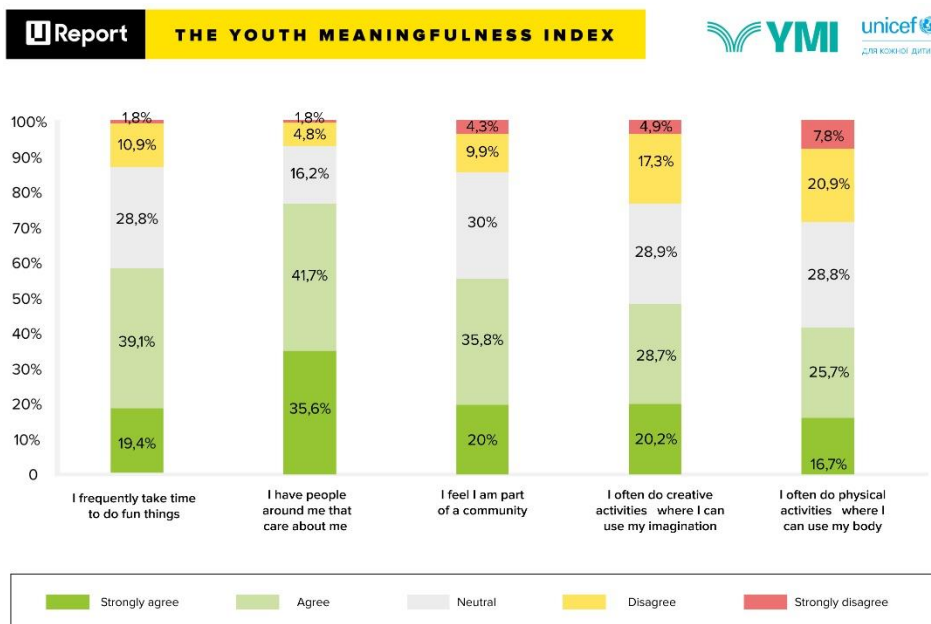
**Catch-up learning** was provided by UNICEF implementing partners for 7,671 students (4,054 girls) in 88 schools in Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska and Zaporizka in April. To further expand catch-up learning in the formal system, 1,345 teachers

(1,249 female) participated in face-to-face trainings on catch-up, distance and blended learning. These teachers will support at least 13,450 children in the formal education system.

UNICEF is actively supporting preschool children who lack access to in-person education through **alternative preschool programmes**. Activities are conducted face-to-face twice a week for three hours per session in safe facilities provided by local community councils. In April, 4,564 preschoolers participated in this alternative learning opportunity in the east and south of the country. Additionally, 995 new female preschool teachers were trained to provide this support this month. The [NUMO](#)

[Platform](#) website, educational application and chatbot reached 27,524 individuals and actively engaged 6,043 parents, caregivers, young children, and educators in April with content and advice on non-formal preschool education. In partnership with MOES, UNICEF launched a Viber Channel – ‘NUMO to preschool’ – which so far in March and April has connected 5,480 preschool educators.

The **U-Report** platform gained 5,257 new participants (3,198 females) in April, for a total of 20,423 new U-Reporters (11,998 females) joining this year. Five polls were launched in April. In addition to the poll on mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) detailed below, this included a collaboration with the Danish foundation Voluntas as part of the Youth Life Meaningfulness Index project aimed to promote youth-centered ideas among educators and policymakers globally. A total of 6,635 young people responded. Three regional surveys assessed the specific local needs of young people to inform tailored support and interventions.



Through the UNICEF-supported [volunteering platform](#), 1,675 young people (944 female) participated in **volunteer opportunities** in April. This platform connects young people with opportunities such as assisting the elderly, cleaning-up their local environment and supporting MHPSS projects.

A total of 5,006 young people (3,004 female) have participated this year. School Volunteering Lessons engaged 8,920 adolescents (4,688 females) to sensitize and inspire them to volunteer. Four three-day **hackathons** on volunteering were held in Lviv, involving 354 participants (268 females) from 66 school teams from different regions. Each team applied with a specific volunteering project that they want to organize in their community or school and gained practical skills such as project management to implement their projects after the event.

The fourth wave of the **UPSHIFT programme** kicked off in Zaporizhzhia with a bootcamp that brought together 53 adolescents (27 girls). The participants focused on addressing key societal challenges such as financial literacy, mental health and sex education. So far this year, 558 young people have completed the UPSHIFT learning programme and received support to implement their own initiatives.

Despite insecurity and power cuts, **youth centres** in the PISOCHYN, CHUHUIV, KEHYCHIVKA, KRASNOKUTSK, BALAKLIYA and VALKY municipalities of Kharkivska Region remained active, supporting 3,577 adolescents (2,077 girls). These centres offer activities such as career guidance, public speaking workshops and mental health sessions.

The **Education Sub-National Clusters** have engaged their partners to develop preparedness plans to facilitate continued learning for children whose education will be interrupted by evacuations and displacement. The National Cluster also contributed to the OCHA-led broader inter-cluster preparedness plan. To enhance localization, the Cluster facilitated capacity building of national partners on partnership, leadership and finance. Local and international partners were brought together to discuss how to effectively facilitate localization and influence decision making. Thirty partners shared their expectations, opportunities, challenges and ways forward for better localization in delivering the education response.

**Mental Health and Psychosocial Support:** A [joint poll by U-report](#) and the ‘How are you?’ National Initiative on MHPSS, gathered responses from 6,726 individuals aged 14 to 30 to inform programming for adolescents and young people. Thirty-seven per cent of respondents were aware of self-support practices. The respondents named listening to music (62 per cent), talking to friends (56 per cent), watching movies/TV (49 per cent), exercise (46 per cent) and reading (35 per cent) as key self-support practices.

In April, UNICEF provided **MHPSS support** to 12,631 girls, 11,687 boys, 8,428 women and 1,584 men, for a total of 270,978 people reached this year. New initiatives launched to diversify entry points and platforms include a new multifunctional centre opened in Zaporizhzhia City, which offers services for children and families, including psychological support, speech therapy, music and art activities. The centre operates closely with the Government ‘Palace of Culture’, sharing a premises and ensuring sustainability of programme activities with the support of governmental service providers. In addition, two new child-friendly spaces opened in Pavlohrad and Novomoskovsk (Dnipropetrovska) and will offer individual and group psychosocial support. The newly established **Resilience Centres** in Valkivksa and Kehychivska municipalities in Kharkivska Region, have started receiving visitors, with 165 girls, 157 boys, 274 women and 60 men accessing that integrated social services in April.

'[Playing with no Fear](#)' [edutainment materials](#) were distributed to 384,490 preschool-aged children and 31,163 teachers from 6,520 kindergartens in 15 regions in April.<sup>2</sup> The materials aim to support children's mental health and continuing skills development during challenging times. In total, 9,434 preschool educational facilities with 518,777 students have received these supplies this year. Video explainers, designed to guide parents on supporting the development and mental health of their young children, were broadcast to 264,113 unique users in April and have reached 824,328 users this year.

In April, 12,734 **adolescents** and 7,352 caregivers were engaged in MHPSS through arts and sports. Examples include 2,622 children and youth (1,436 females) engaged in creative programming such as [music corners](#) and 2,100 young people (1,086 females) who participated in 21 Sport Clubs. The National Hotline on Children and Youth shared social media content to support the mental health needs of 539,239 children and youth, including the podcast Safeplace. Two new episodes of the podcast were released and had 3,097 listeners.

Eight-seven **health care professionals** received online capacity building on MHPSS in April, with over 29,000 people joining when the video was streamed on UNICEF Ukraine Facebook. Capacity building on MHPSS in April also included 70 health facility managers, leaders of medical universities and heads of health agencies participating in the second School of Leadership in Mental Health. The three-day school, organized by UNICEF, the Cabinet Coordination Centre for MHPSS and MOH, in support of the First Lady's MHPSS initiative, aims to establish a core group of local leaders promoting MHPSS.

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene:** In 2024, UNICEF has secured access to safe water and sanitation for 1,581,761 people through the repair and rehabilitation of WASH facilities and networks, as well as the supply of water treatment chemicals and equipment to water utilities. Currently, UNICEF and its partner water utilities are implementing 80 WASH projects across 17 regions to support over 4 million people at a cost of US\$30.5 million.

During the reporting period, UNICEF extended uninterrupted access to **safe water and sanitation services** to 806,298 people, including 136,000 children. Forty water utilities in Poltavaska, Sumska, Zhytomyrska, Chernihivska, Kyivska, Cherkaska, Kharkivska, Lvivska, Dnipropetrovska, Mykolaivska and Khersonska Regions received equipment and spare parts for infrastructure restoration and maintenance, ranging from pipes and valves to specialized equipment and reverse osmosis systems. With the Zaporizka Region water utility company, repairs were completed at the pumping station in Vilnyansk and a water pipeline to Novomykolayivka installed. Building upon previous support to this water utility, 70,000 residents now have uninterrupted access to safe water and there has been a 10 per cent reduction in water loss during transportation.

Additionally, water utilities in Poltavaska, Sumska, Zhytomyrska, Cherkaska, Vinnytska, Khersonska, Dnipropetrovska, Odeska and Mykolaivska Regions received **water treatment chemicals**. This has ensured the maintenance of minimum water quality standards, crucial in preventing the spread of waterborne diseases, for 424,969 people.

UNICEF provided 234,426 people across 10 oblasts<sup>3</sup> with a range of **WASH supplies** in April, including 103,410 women, 91,625 men, 19,107 boys, 20,284 girls. A total of 18,226 hygiene kits were provided to maintain health and cleanliness in households and institutions. In addition, 1 million water purification tablets were provided to 151,048 people in areas of Khersonska, Odeska, Mykolaivska, Kirovohradska and Poltavaska where the water supply system has been destroyed or where water is not suitable for drinking, to prevent waterborne diseases. A total of 225,000 litres of water were distributed through water trucking in Khersonska. In parallel, 55,715 recipients of WASH supplies were provided with information on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse by humanitarian actors.

**WASH facilities were rehabilitated** in 16 educational institutions, six hospitals and one centre for the internally displaced in Vinnytska, Kirovohradska, Lvivska, Odeska, Khersonska and Mykolaivska benefiting 109,954 people, including 85,962 children. This brings the total to 47 institutions supported this year.

In preparation for the 2024–2025 winter season, in the context of **centralized heating systems** being purposely targeted in frontline areas, UNICEF is planning support to at least six district heating utilities to ensure the availability of heating for 500,000 people. This will include the replacement of outdated heat mains in Kharkiv, the modernization of boiler plants and heating network repairs in Kryvyi Rih, the reconstruction of chemical water treatment systems in boiler houses in Pavlograd, and the technical re-equipment of water purification equipment units in Zhovti Vody.

The recently amended Humanitarian Law it did not explicitly include water and heating utilities in this list of exemptions, causing several of these utilities to freeze or cancel emergency support. UNICEF is advocating for the inclusion of these utilities by engaging with the Ombudsman's Office and the Ministry of Reconstruction and Development. The parliamentary committee is planning to review the provisions that limit access to humanitarian assistance for water and heating utility companies.

**The WASH Cluster** with the Water Utility Technical Cell and Sub-National Clusters have been undertaking diagnostic missions and joint planning meetings with water utilities and municipal authorities in areas facing intensified hostilities including Kharkivska and Donetsk. Other preparedness steps included a joint planning meeting on expected water scarcity in at-risk

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<sup>2</sup> Chernivetska, Dnipropetrovska, Ivano-Frankivska, Khmelnytska, Kirovohradska, Kyivska, Lvivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Poltavska, Ternopilka, Vinnytsya, Zakarpattia, Zhytomyrska, and the city of Kyiv

<sup>3</sup> Kharkivska, Lvivska, Volynska, Chernivetska, Rivnenska, Khersonska, Kirovohradska, Poltavska, Mykolaivsk and Odeska



areas of Khersonska and Mykolaivska and initial coordination of WASH support for district heating in Kharkhivska. The restoration of heating systems in time for winter in affected cities will be a challenge, and response strategies to 'pre-winterize' humanitarian services should be explored.

The WASH Voucher-Based Approaches Working Group has agreed on deliverables and initiated interviews and pilots among WASH Cluster actors to pull together existing resources and drill into operational questions as a first step. The data analysis framework for the Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices study was also finalized, and field data collection has begun.

**Social Protection:** In April, UNICEF's humanitarian cash transfers reached 6,428 children (90 children with a disability) from 1,955 households in Donetsk Region. UNICEF worked in coordination with the Ministry of Social Policy. The Ministry was able to provide household data to target low-income families with three or more children or children with disabilities living in frontline areas. Each family member receives a multipurpose cash transfer of US\$292 to cover basic needs.

**Supply and Logistics:** So far this year, UNICEF has placed US\$13.4 million worth of orders to purchase supplies, including US\$9.2 million in orders placed in April. US\$23.5 million worth of supplies have been received in Ukraine. US\$20.2 million worth of supplies were dispatched from UNICEF-controlled warehouses, with US\$4.5 million dispatched in April. US\$11.8 million of supplies were delivered to implementing partners directly from local vendors in 2024, including US\$4 million delivered in April. The value of supplies currently in UNICEF warehouses is US\$9.6 million with US\$16.2 million of supplies in the pipeline.

**External Media:** In April, UNICEF Ukraine produced 28 content pieces on the war's impact on children and UNICEF's response, shared 14 short statements on social media about grave violations of child rights and published three statements on its website about the rising number of child casualties and damaged infrastructure. The UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, visited Ukraine in April. Her visit was widely shared on social media, highlighting key UNICEF priorities, including youth-led recovery through the 'Lviv – European Youth Capital' initiative, support for Better Care reform with visits to day care centres and Baby Houses in Volyn, and participation in discussions on ECD. Following her visit, the Regional Director issued a [statement on the increase in child casualties in Ukraine](#).

Five press releases were disseminated on [Spilno Spots' anniversary](#), [vaccine delivery](#), [Mine Risk Awareness Day](#) and the delivery of [laptops](#) to improve access to online education. World Immunization Week was a key moment for advocating urgent action to boost immunization coverage in Ukraine. It was kicked off with a joint media briefing by UNICEF and MOH, followed by media announcements that amplified the call for vaccination among children and adults. The week was concluded with [shared video statement by heads of UNICEF and WHO in Ukraine](#).

## Human Interest Stories



[Spilno Spots remain safe haven for children in Ukraine](#)



[Teenager who survived blast urges others to avoid mine dangers](#)



[Social workers upskill to help vulnerable families in Ukraine](#)



[Families in Ukraine continue to flee home after two years of war](#)

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## Annex A: Programme Results (April 2024)

Sector		UNICEF and IPs Response			
		2024 target	Total results	Change	
<b>Health (7,800,000 people in need)</b>					
Number of children and caregivers accessing primary health care in UNICEF-supported facilities, and through mobile teams and home visits		920,000	312,608	25,697	
Number of primary caregivers of children 0–23 months receiving infant and young child feeding counselling		30,000	21,162	16,092	
<b>Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA (3,400,000 people in need - Child Protection)</b>					
Number of children, adolescents and caregivers accessing community-based mental health and psychosocial support		Total	500,000	270,978	34,330
		Girls		118,215	12,631
		Boys		90,956	11,687
		Women		49,750	8,428
		Men		12,057	1,584
Number of women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention and/or response interventions		513,028	96,301	27,097	
Number of children who have received individual case management		Total	63,472	12,132	3,079
		Girls		6,112	1,533
		Boys		6,020	1,546
Number of children and caregivers provided with landmine or other explosive weapons prevention and/or survivor assistance interventions		1,314,484	642,209	344,966	
Number of people with safe and accessible channels to report sexual exploitation and abuse by personnel who provide assistance to affected populations		1,237,236	526,097	130,019	
<b>Education (1,200,000 people in need)</b>					
Number of children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning		Total	625,000	157,319	110,851 <sup>4</sup>
		Girls		77,874	54,542
		Boys		79,445	56,309
Number of girls and boys receiving learning materials		400,000	153,278	375	
Number of children and young people <sup>5</sup> accessing skills development and participation opportunities		150,000	130,603	61,655	
Number of teachers and other education personnel trained to provide quality learning		15,000	30,191 <sup>6</sup>	4,659	
<b>WASH (9,600,000 people in need)</b>					
Number of people accessing a sufficient quantity and quality of water for drinking and domestic needs		4,497,000	1,581,761	806,298	
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies		1,535,800	1,601,954 <sup>7</sup>	234,426 <sup>8</sup>	
Number of institutions provided with child friendly, gender sensitive and inclusive WASH facilities		260	47	23	
<b>Social Protection</b>					
Number of households reached with UNICEF-funded humanitarian cash transfers (including for social protection and other sectors)		39,985	2,427	1,955	

<sup>4</sup> Significant increase due to inclusion of students newly using the AUSO platform supported by UNICEF.

<sup>5</sup> Includes ages 10 to 24

<sup>6</sup> Target to be reviewed.

<sup>7</sup> Target to be reviewed.

<sup>8</sup> Difference between increase in the table and new reporting in the narrative due to data cleaning.



Influencing Social Behaviour				
Number of affected people (children, caregivers, community members) reached with timely and life-saving information on how and where to access available services		4,000,000	1,499,060	61,779
Number of people participating in engagement actions for social and behaviour change		150,000	262,613 <sup>9</sup>	56,312
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions through established feedback mechanisms		50,000	48,292 <sup>10</sup>	34,324

## Annex B: Funding Status as of 30 April 2024

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 (ORE/current year)	Carry-over (ORR and ORE)	US\$	%
Health and Nutrition	72,783,360	7,557,097	25,714,652	39,511,612	54%
Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA	101,313,504	9,438,618	40,209,722	51,665,164	51%
Education	88,949,664	10,144,571	43,806,933	34,998,160	39%
WASH	118,898,150	1,032,364	45,306,568	72,559,218	61%
Social Protection	68,066,438	979,952	41,310,756	25,775,730	38%
<b>Total</b>	<b>450,011,116</b>	<b>29,152,602</b>	<b>196,348,630</b>	<b>224,509,884</b>	<b>50%</b>

<sup>9</sup> Target to be reviewed.

<sup>10</sup> Target to be reviewed. Number differs from the number of people reached in April (48,923) in the narrative to avoid double counting those who may have provided feedback more than once.