



Launch of Sparks of Superpower life-skills puppet show for preschoolers
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Ukraine Humanitarian Situation Report No.28



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Highlights

- So far this year, UNICEF has ensured access to safe water for 2,869,444 people, including 96,680 people newly reached in May. Most were reached through the provision of water treatment chemicals to the Kharkiv and Cherkasy water utilities.
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) interventions reached 197,428 children, caregivers and frontline workers in May for a total of 552,748 children and 392,839 caregivers reached in 2023. Seventy UNICEF-supported mobile teams delivered MHPSS, case management, supplies and referrals to 236,875 people, including 40,106 girls and 33,339 boys, in 18 regions in May.
- Access to health care has been supported for 2,215,417 children and women through delivery of kits of critical medical supplies and equipment. In May, UNICEF supported 708,250 children and women with 1,543 such kits delivered to 113 health care facilities in 13 regions.
- UNICEF participated in seven inter-agency convoys to frontline communities in Donetsk, Kherson and Kharkiv Regions in May, which provided life-saving supplies for 8,300 people. A UNICEF implementing partner joined one of the convoys to deliver health and protection services alongside life-saving supplies.
- Multipurpose cash has been delivered to 30,264 households in newly accessible areas this year. When surveyed in April, 7 out of 10 respondents in these areas reported that the cash assistance allowed their household to access goods and services for their children that they otherwise would not have been able to access.

Situation in Numbers

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

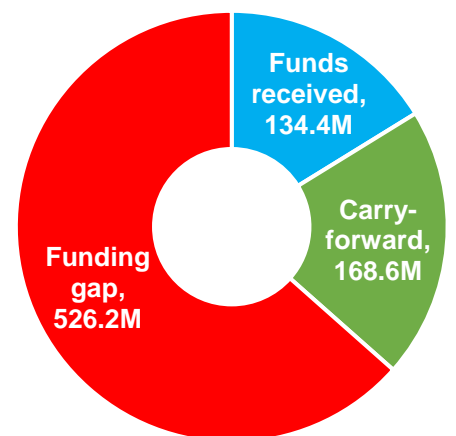
17.6 million
People in need inside Ukraine
(Humanitarian Needs Overview 2023)

5.4 million
Internally displaced people
(IOM, Displacement Tracking Matrix, January 2023)

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

UNICEF Appeal 2023 US\$829.2 million

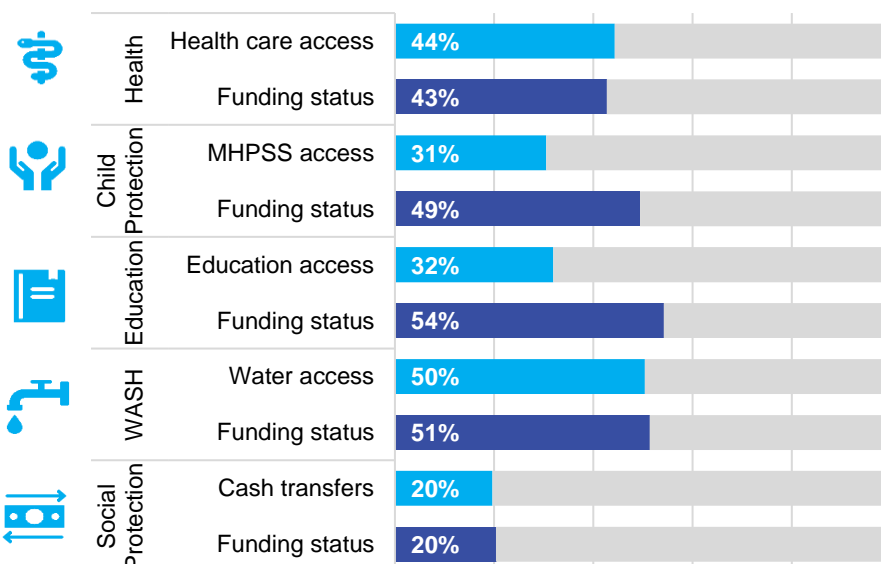
Funding status as of 31 May



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).

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.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

For 2023, UNICEF has US\$303 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\$134.4 million newly received in 2023. Of these, 72 per cent has already been utilized to meet critical needs. 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.

Generous contributions have been received from the private sector, including individuals, corporations and foundations, with new funds from JP Morgan Chase, CBIZ, Illinois Tool Works, Impetus Foundation, Neighbourhood in Need Foundation, Nippon Telegraph, NTT Data Corporation, Vego Supermercados S.A.U, Ikea, Charles Schwab & Co. Inc, Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund, Reynolds Family Foundation, The Boston Foundation, Yarbrough Family Foundation, Axa, Yuval Noah Harari, Inamori Foundation, ArcelorMittal SA, European Investment Bank Institute, AcadeMedia, Husqvarna Aktiebolag and Saudi E-sports Federation in 2023, through the UNICEF family of National Committees. Important funding has also been received from the people and Governments of Belgium, 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.

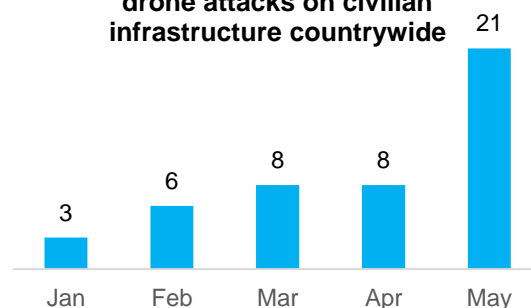
UNICEF continues to work with the Government of Ukraine, United Nations agencies, civil society and non-governmental organizations (CSOs/NGOs) and other humanitarian partners. Close consultations are also held with Presidential advisors, key ministries (Foreign Affairs; Social Policy; Education and Science; Youth and Sports; Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development; and Health), and mayors in several cities (including through Child and Youth Friendly Cities) and the Ombudspersons Office. UNICEF has established partnerships in key municipalities and will continue to expand these in all regions. UNICEF engages with 51 government, civil society and financial service provider partners to respond to the critical needs of children and families across Ukraine.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Fighting in the northwest and southwest persists. May saw an increase in the frequency of missile and drone attacks on civilian infrastructure in Ukraine, including 17 in Kyiv.¹ On 22 May the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant lost all external power for several hours, the seventh such occurrence since the start of the war. Ongoing destruction of civilian infrastructure has made life extremely difficult for children, disrupting critical services, including water, health care and electricity. This includes a missile strike on a medical clinic in Dnipro that killed two people on 26 May.²

Frontline communities remain the most affected, with Donetsk, Kharkiv, and Kherson Regions experiencing regular shelling. For example, an estimated 10,000 civilians have been forced to flee Kupianska Municipality in Kharkivska Region this year, as shelling destroys homes and markets and causes frequent blackouts. There are only three health facilities still functioning in the municipality.³ As of 4 June, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) had recorded 24,425 civilian casualties in the country: 8,983 killed and 15,442 injured. This includes 1,590 children (527 killed and 1,063 injured). Of the total, 173 people were killed and 684 injured in May.⁴

Figure 1: Days of missile and drone attacks on civilian infrastructure countrywide



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 (CWG) and the Nutrition Technical Working Group and Maternal Child Health Care Sub-Group under the World Health Organization (WHO)-led Health Cluster.

UNICEF employs a zonal differentiated approach: In the south-east (**Zone 1**), 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 (**Zone 2**), which have fewer access challenges, UNICEF uses existing national systems and engages local authorities and CSOs. UNICEF is prioritizing three Flagship areas within Zone 2: Early Childhood Development (ECD), Youth and Better Care.

¹ BBC, [Ukraine war: Russian air strikes target Kyiv for third night running](#), 30 May 2023.

² BBC, [Ukraine war: Russia destroys hospital in latest missile attack](#), 26 May 2023.

³ OCHA, [Ukraine - humanitarian situation deterioration in Kharkivska oblast, Flash Update #1: Kupiansk](#), 2 June 2023.

⁴ OHCHR, [Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine Casualty Report](#), 4 June 2023.

Zone 1: UNICEF participated in seven **inter-agency convoys** organized to Siversk, Chasiv Yar and Yampil (Donetsk Region), Sadove and Vysoke (Kherson Region) and Petropavlivka and Velykyi Burluk (Kharkiv Region) in May to provide emergency supplies for an estimated 8,300 people. A UNICEF implementing partner joined the convoy to Vysoke to deliver life-saving supplies from all agencies while at the same time provide critical health and protection services, with plans to undertake follow ups for those needing special assistance.

UNICEF undertook a mission to Krasnopyllia in Sumy Region to support new returnees and assess the situation of children in the area. It is reported that 100 people cross this border per day, on average 10 of whom are children, including those with special needs. UNICEF will support these **new returnees** with mobile health and protection services and supplies (such as hygiene kits, power banks and toilets), as well as cash registration for families with children. UNICEF continues to preposition supplies, develop implementing partnerships and train frontline staff as part of **contingency planning** for any escalation in military activity or provision of immediate assistance in newly accessible areas.

Zone 2: UNICEF is working with authorities and NGO implementing partners to ensure preparedness for any potential increase in displaced families from conflict-affected areas. In parallel, UNICEF continues to demonstrate leadership in its flagships:

ECD: With the regional Departments of Culture and Education, a roadmap was developed to scale up the Library Nanny project, with 10 libraries in Lviv confirming their interest in introducing half-day preschool groups at their facilities, providing services to 20 children per group. To increase access to toys that support the cognitive development of young children, Spilno Toy is being piloted at the Spilno Spot in Chernivtsi. The new project functions as a toy library where caregivers can borrow quality toys for up to three weeks.

Youth: Sixteen communities were selected to receive financial support to develop youth centres that will act as platforms for life skills, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and volunteering programmes. UNICEF also supported the OpenLab Science Festival in Lviv in May, attracting over 3,100 people including 2,199 young people aged 14 and 24.

Spilno Spot Network: UNICEF opened 13 new Spilno Spots in May in Bohoduhiv, Borodianka, Bucha, Chuhuiv, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Krasnodar, Lozova, Lviv, Slavutych, Ternopil, Uman and Vinnytsia. There are now 166 active Spots which have received over 750,000 visits this year, 440,000 of which were by children. Spilno Spots provide cross-sectoral services and activities for children and their caregivers including on MHPSS, health, nutrition and safety. The month also saw 9,238 people visit the 'Spilnoteka', an online library of useful materials for children, caregivers, teachers and NGO workers.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Health and Nutrition: Since the beginning of the year 2,215,417 children and women have gained **access to primary health care** through kits of critical medical supplies and equipment distributed by UNICEF to health facilities. In May, UNICEF supported 708,250 children and women through the distribution of 1,543 such kits to 113 health care facilities in 13 regions. To reach children in remote and conflict-affected areas, UNICEF deploys nine **mobile medical teams** including doctors, nurses and psychologists. In May, these teams served 2,016 people (131 girls, 111 boys, 1,360 women and 414 men) in Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipro, Donetsk and Kharkiv. So far this year, 13,033 consultations have been provided.

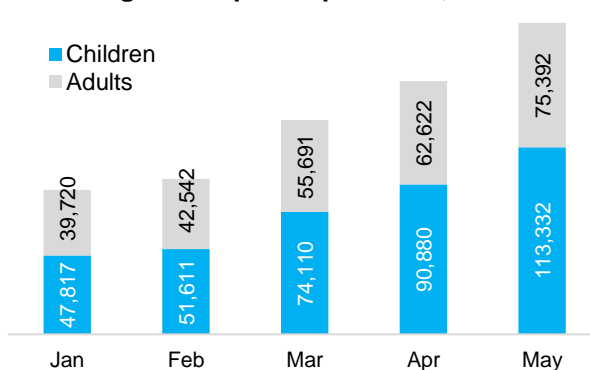
UNICEF continues to scale up the **Universal Progressive Home Visiting** model, which addresses a range of family needs including parenting skills, maternal and child health, early childhood education and social and emotional support. During May, nurses in Zhytomyr and Kirovohrad Regions undertook home visits to 635 pregnant women, children and caregivers (182 children, 259 women and 194 men). The model has reached 1,410 people this year. In May, 60 additional health care workers from 15 health facilities in Kyiv City and Kyiv Region were trained and equipped to provide home visits.

Consultations are also supported through the **National Hotline on Vaccination and Infant Feeding**. Since its launch in July 2022, 159,481 children and parents have benefitted from consultations on vaccination and 5,304 children and mothers on breastfeeding and infant feeding. The hotline is operated by 178 doctors, nurses and breastfeeding consultants trained on correct vaccination practices, communication and support to breastfeeding.

Figure 2: Interagency convoys, May 2023



Figure 3: Spilno Spot Visits, 2023



Thirty health care professionals also completed a Training of Trainers programme on the WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP)⁵, including a module on children and adolescents, in cooperation with WHO and the Ministry of Health. Training was also provided to 125 communication specialists from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and 50 representatives of key institutions, including the Office of the President; Ministries of Health, Social Policy, Education and Science and Veterans Affairs; and the National Police on communication around MHPSS. Sixty healthcare professionals (59 female) received **MHPSS services** themselves through individual and group sessions as part of "helping the helpers."

Child Protection: In May, **MHPSS** interventions reached 197,428 children, caregivers and frontline workers (69,952 girls and 65,412 boys) for a total of 552,748 children (300,995 girls) and 392,839 caregivers (305,456 women) reached in 2023. One such intervention, the online platform PORUCH, facilitated consultations for 3,718 children (2,536 girls) and 2,103 parents (1,896 women) who received counselling and support on how to cope with stress, develop resilience and improve communication with their families. Feedback is being collected to better understand the impact of MHPSS services (details to be available in June). To expand the capacities of community professionals and social workers in providing MHPSS and building their own resilience, 2,370 specialists took part in the course on the basics of psychological support for specialists who work with children.

Gender-based violence (GBV) awareness raising, prevention and/or risk-mitigation activities reached 6,896 children (3,707 girls) and 14,858 women in May. In total, 56,647 children (32,419 girls) and 100,690 women have been reached in 2023. UNICEF partners are distributing 10,000 dignity kits⁶ to women and girls at risk of GBV in 12 regions.⁷ To date, 2,000 kits have been distributed. In parallel, U-Report has been launched to receive feedback from beneficiaries on the quality, composition and distribution of the kits. As of 31 May, 1,219 responses have been received (analysis is ongoing).

Seventy UNICEF-supported **multi-disciplinary mobile teams** (MMTs) delivered MHPSS, case management, supplies and referrals to 236,875 people (40,106 girls, 33,339 boys, 132,152 women and 31,278 men) in 18 regions in May. Feedback collected from MMT beneficiaries has confirmed their necessity and relevance among internally displaced, returnee and host communities (see testimonies [here](#) and [here](#)). MMTs also provide explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) about the dangers of mines and explosive remnants of war (find more information [here](#)).

Case management newly reached 2,582 girls and 2,400 boys in May, for a total of 33,575 children (16,445 girls) reached this year. Among them are 2,657 children (37 children with disabilities) from different types of alternative family-based care, including 1,040 children (398 cases) whose local coordinators provided consultations and referrals for psychological, legal, social and rehabilitation services as well as for receiving social benefits.

A new Barnahus centre⁸ opened in Zhytomyr City in May, ensuring **child-friendly justice procedures** and psychosocial support for victims and witnesses of violence. This is the fifth region covered by such centres; an agreement was reached with the Kirovohrad Region to expand there as well. Sixty-five participants (50 women) from law enforcement and social sector agencies participated in related training modules. In May, seven children (six girls) benefited from the Barnahus model in existing centres through child-friendly interrogation, forensic medical examination and psychological support.

Under the '**Better Care**' programme, which aims to ensure children requiring alternative care, including those directly affected by the war, are placed in a safe and nurturing environment, continuous monitoring is conducted. In May, 39,012 out of 61,840 children from alternative families were monitored for status, location and family environment. Results showed that 7,723 children have been evacuated and are now abroad; 3,936 children have been moved to other regions of Ukraine; and 3,603 children in 2,257 alternative families are in non-government-controlled areas. Thirty-four baby homes supporting 2,102 children were also monitored to check the children's well-being and develop strategies for their reintegration or family placement. Thirty-five people from 21 families were trained on family-based care in May, and 34 families completed training sessions through the chatbot 'Child Not Alone'.

The **Platform for Recovery and Development** engaged over 100 senior managers of National Social Services and Regional Child Welfare Services from all regions of Ukraine on how to ensure that children have a family environment in times of war from 22 to 23 May. As a result of the discussion [initial steps for the implementation of the developed initiatives](#) were formed as a cross-sectoral cooperation of different services.



Ukrainian children in shelter during shelling. ©UNICEF 2023/Libkos

⁵ mhGAP aims at scaling up services for mental, neurological and substance use disorders in non-specialized health settings.

⁶ Kits include flashlights, underwear and menstrual hygiene management items.

⁷ Cherkaska, Dnipropetrovska, Donetska, Kharkivska, Khmelnytska, Khersonska, Kirovohradska, Luhanska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Poltavaska and Volynska

⁸ Barnahus is an interdisciplinary and inter-agency specialized centre for children who are victims or witnesses of violence where, under one roof, law enforcement, criminal justice, child protection services, medical and mental health workers coordinate parallel investigations and welfare assessments. The model focuses on reducing harm to children, establishing policies to protect the child including avoiding multiple interviews, applying child-friendly judicial proceedings and no direct contact with the defendant.

The **Child Protection Area of Responsibility (AOR)** held its first regional AOR meeting in Zaporizhzhia in May to seek consensus and create partnerships and linkages between regional authorities and Child Protection partners in Zaporizhzhia. In collaboration with Save the Children and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, an inter-agency training on Child Protection Case Management was launched. The first training for 30 caseworkers took place in Lviv from 22 to 26 May, with trainings for an additional 150 caseworkers planned. The five-day training aims to operationalize the Inter-Agency Operational Guidance and Toolkit for Humanitarian Actors on Child Protection Case Management to ensure that case management and protection services 1) complement and bolster government systems and 2) are effective, well coordinated and in line with international standards.

As of May 2023, the 54 Child Protection AOR partners have reached 748,817 individuals, including 403,076 children (213,630 girls) with child protection services. This includes 355,360 children and caregivers reached with MHPSS while 26,111 children were provided with direct support and referrals based on a case plan tailored to their needs.

Education: Since 1 January 2023, through a range of interventions, UNICEF has supported 382,767 children (189,130 girls) to access formal or non-formal education. Early learning is a key priority while preschool education institutions are closed or operating in a mixed online/offline format. This includes activities to guide teachers and parents on how to support young children's learning. In May, 3,280 preschool teachers (two male) were trained to support caregivers in facilitating learning for 100,000 preschool-aged children. The aim of this initiative is to expand **early childhood education** where kindergartens are closed due to insecurity. Additionally, an online marathon and engaged 3,989 caregivers, providing them with valuable guidance and resources on early childhood learning and socialization.

UNICEF continues to support schools across the country with **teaching and learning supplies**. Classroom furniture was provided to 38 schools in May, benefitting 8,286 children, while 10 schools received with generators in Dnipro and Zaporizhzhia. These supplies are a part of preparations for the new 2023/2024 academic year and will benefit 2,150 children. Since the start of the year, UNICEF has provided educational supplies to support 285,410 children.

Psychosocial support was provided through Sports for Development activities organized during regular psychical education classes in schools and as extracurricular activities, engaging 4,544 children in 15 regions. UNICEF with its partners also conducted sessions and workshops on socio-emotional learning, art therapy and MHPSS reaching 3,452 children in stationary hubs and through mobile teams. So far this year, UNICEF and partners have organized activities aimed at addressing the psychosocial needs of 189,506 children.

A series of webinars was conducted on **inclusive education** and the use of **assistive technologies** for caregivers. The 150 participants gained insights into practices and approaches to effectively communicate with children with disabilities and foster an inclusive learning environment for them. Following the webinars, four additional families with children with disabilities reached out to the implementing partner to request training on assistive technologies. In non-government-controlled areas of Donetsk, UNICEF and a partner engaged 150 children with disabilities in inclusive education and life skills. The project also supported 301 parents with information on nurturing care and positive parenting.



*Sports for Development sessions in Kamianske
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In May, UNICEF reached 5,945 **adolescents and youth** (3,977 female) through UPSHIFT innovation programmes, informal learning and youth centres, including 74 UPSHIFT teams, which improved their skills in project implementation, teamwork and communication. UPSHIFT interventions in Kirovograd and Zhytomyr Regions benefited 5,765 people, including young people leading projects on [animal rescue](#) and [exam preparation](#). [U-Report](#) achieved a significant milestone by reaching 100,000 users, with 3,000 new users joining in May. To empower young people, national and regional polls were conducted, the findings of which will be presented to the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

The **Education Cluster**, with the support of the partners, reached 212,678 individuals (105,169 female) with education interventions throughout the country in May. Of these, 92,864 individuals were in Cherkaska, responding to the needs of the significant internally displaced population in that region. Specific Cluster achievements in May included 19,420 children (9,763 girls) supported to bridge the educational gap caused by emergencies with catch-up programming. ECD supplies were provided for 2,280 preschool children (1,134 girls), promoting early education, cognitive development and MHPSS. Digital learning devices were provided to 169,571 children (83,138 girls) including 292 people with disabilities, particularly in remote and frontline areas. Finally, 21,057 children (11,134 girls) participated in MHPSS and social-emotional learning.

The Cluster also collaborated with the Ministry of Education and key national and sub-national stakeholders on developing its 2023–2024 strategy, offering strategic guidance for Cluster partners. As a next step, consultations will be held with children in war-affected areas to ensure their voice and needs are reflected.

WASH: So far this year, UNICEF has ensured **access to safe water** for 2,869,444 people through technical assistance to water utilities, rehabilitation of damaged infrastructure and provision of equipment and chemicals for water treatment. In May, 96,680 people were newly reached with safe water; most were reached through the provision of water treatment chemicals to the Kharkiv and Cherkasy water utilities. This year has also seen 600,423 people reached with **critical WASH supplies** including hygiene kits, water purification tablets and water tanks as well as through water trucking and bottled water distribution for vulnerable communities and key institutions such as collective centres, hospitals and schools. WASH supplies were delivered to 154,511 people in May, including through the distribution of 400 institutional hygiene kits in Kryvorizhskiy.

UNICEF conducted several **field assessments** in May in coordination with government counterparts and the WASH Cluster, as part of the development and initiation of (i) new projects with the regional Zaporizhzhia and Izium water utilities to ensure the continuity of WASH services for an estimated 140,000 people and (ii) with NGO partners for the improvement of WASH facilities in 50 institutions (including schools and hospitals) and the distribution of critical WASH supplies for 180,000 people. UNICEF also supported the following coordination:

- For the response for the **Karlivka Dam** (Donetsk Region) which was also damaged because of the war. UNICEF will support the Vododonbasu water utility to undertake repairs of the dam from June to July 2023.
- With rural water utilities in **Mykolaiv and Kherson Regions** during WASH Cluster meetings during which representatives of nine utilities presented their situations and needs for the repair/rehabilitation of their water supply and sewerage systems particularly affected by the conflict. This will inform future priority projects.

Finally, the WASH programme is actively engaging in the **recovery agenda**. Building on the leading role played in the second Rapid Damage Needs Assessment, UNICEF is now working closely with the World Bank and the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development, to develop the national roadmap for reconstruction in the WASH sector.

In May, the **WASH Cluster** worked to organize the response in communities served by the Karlivka reservoir in Donetsk. This reservoir was the last remaining water source for the western distribution zone, and WASH Cluster partners had been trying to support and develop alternative sources in the area before its destruction.

An alternative source in Myrnohrad was piloted and brought online, providing partial water supply to Myrnohrad and Pokrovsk. ACTED, International Organization for Migration, People in Need, Samaritan's Purse, UNICEF and Water Mission, and the Ukrainian Red Cross Society and International Committee of the Red Cross (non-cluster partners) have been responding in affected communities and collecting information on needs in downstream areas. Repairs to the reservoir proper have been challenging given the daily shelling in the area.

Social Protection: In May, UNICEF provided **multipurpose cash** (MPC) to 10,123 households (22,028 individuals including 13,657 children). Through the MPC programme, households receive a one-time payment to help them meet their basic needs. The programme targets vulnerable families with children; most households supported in 2023 live in affected areas of the east and south, including Donetsk, Kharkiv and Kherson Regions. This brings the total to 39,258 households reached so far in 2023: 30,264 households in newly accessible areas and 8,994 families with children with disabilities (country-wide).

Figure 4: Ability to meet priority basic needs in the previous month

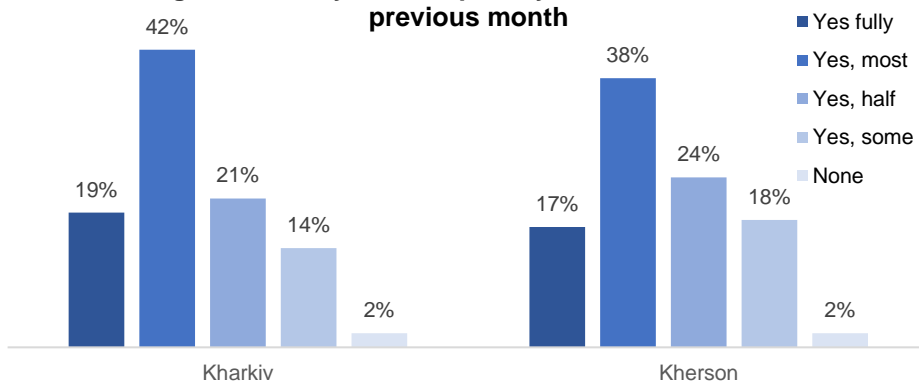
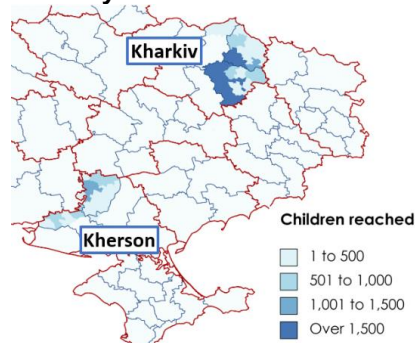


Figure 5: Children reached with MPC in newly accessible areas



A **post-distribution monitoring survey** completed in April showed that for 7 out of 10 respondents in newly accessible areas, the cash assistance allowed their household to access goods and services for their children that they otherwise would not have been able to access. The vast majority (94 per cent of the cash recipients) indicated that they used (at least part of) the cash on expenditures related to their children, mainly on food (71 per cent) and clothes and shoes (68 per cent), followed by health care and medication (34 per cent), hygiene items (22 per cent) and education (18 per cent). Additionally, 81 per cent of cash recipients reported that they were able to meet at least half of the basic needs of the household in the 30 days prior to the

survey.

UNICEF also continued support to the Perekhid Initiative, which aims to bridge achievements and lessons from humanitarian cash transfers to **strengthen the national social protection system**. UNICEF is also recruiting technical support to the Ministry of Social Policy for shock-responsive social protection and digitalization; the recruitment is expected to be finalized by next month.

Influencing Social Behaviour: So far this year, UNICEF has reached 6,936,612 people with messages and engaged 800,647 people in Ukraine on issues including:

ECD: A puppet show with four main characters [Sparkles of Superpowers](#) was launched to help children gain competencies such as interacting with peers and adults, creativity and understanding of emotions. Eight Ukrainian macro-influencers and opinion leaders with preschool-aged children were engaged around the launch. All major TV channels covered the event, and the First Lady published the news on her channel. All materials [are available](#) for teachers and parents at the ECD platform NUMO. In the week after the launch, scenarios were downloaded 4,000 times, and helped boost NUMO web platform visits to 119,000 in May for a total of 904,889 visits this year.

EORE: An online mass communication campaign was launched to promote messages on mine safety, engaging 302,934 people and reaching 6.9 million people with messages. To further increase engagement, 733 educators, social workers and CSO staff were trained in May on the UNICEF edutainment approach to EORE; 3,391 such staff have been trained in 2023. In May, 145,220 children and 46,701 caregivers participated in EORE sessions conducted in educational facilities, Spilno Spots and communities and through mobile teams and State Emergency Service of Ukraine. In total, 538,508 children and 202,123 caregivers have received EORE through interpersonal communication in 2023.

Healthy nutrition sessions and activities reached 1,316 children (765 girls) in May, the first month of rollout. Sixty-four administrators of Spilno Spots were trained on Healthy Nutrition Basics and organized 153 interactive lessons using different board games, educational materials and motivational messages from health nutrition edutainment boxes.

Accountability to affected populations (AAP) and evidence generation: Nine social media listening reports were received in May analysing beneficiary concerns and discussions on social media covering, among others, EORE, cash transfers, Better Care and ECD. The reports provided insight on interest in measles vaccination and the need for kindergarten spaces.

Supply and Logistics: UNICEF has placed US\$39.2 million worth of purchase orders in 2023 to buy life-saving supplies, including US\$5.9 million placed in May. So far, US\$69.5 million worth of supplies have been received in Ukraine and US\$63.4 million in supplies have been dispatched from UNICEF-controlled warehouses and US\$12.2 million of supplies were delivered to implementing partners directly from local vendors in 2023. The total value of supplies currently in pipeline is US\$26.6 million.

External Media: In May 2023, UNICEF Ukraine published two [press releases](#) and 14 [human-interest stories](#) on the UNICEF Ukraine website, with related content on social media and other content like videos and photo sets showing the impact of the war on children as well as UNICEF's emergency response. Advocacy for the Country Office's Flagship priorities was supported by the launch of the [Sparkles Puppet Show digital activation](#) and special media projects with Elle Magazine Ukraine and NV magazine that highlighted key messages on Better Care from UNICEF, the Ministry of Social Policy and foster families taking care of children. In an [interview with RTVE](#), the impact of the war on children in Ukraine and UNICEF's ongoing assistance, including Spilno Spots, was communicated to Spanish-speaking audiences.

Human Interest Stories



[Displaced mother fights to help children with disabilities](#)



[Team of youngsters use drones to boost water quality](#)



[UNICEF helps to restore clean water supplies in Kherson](#)



[Ukraine's schools reopen after UNICEF helps to rebuild](#)

Annex A: Programme Results (January to May 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	2,215,417	708,250
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months vaccinated against measles		257,340	- ¹⁰	-
Number of primary caregivers of children 0–23 months receiving infant and young child feeding counselling		300,000	1,003 ¹¹	456
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	3,100,000	945,587	197,428
	Girls		300,995	69,952
	Boys		251,753	65,412
	Women		305,456	48,457
	Men		87,383	13,607
Number of women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention and/or response interventions		1,550,000	157,337	21,754
Number of children who have received individual case management	Total	124,000	33,575	4,982
	Girls		16,445	2,582
	Boys		17,130	2,400
Number of children, young people and caregivers accessing explosive ordnance risk education and received information on preventive practices		10,000,000	6,936,612 ¹²	6,334,287
Number of people with safe and accessible channels to report sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers		1,700,000 ¹³	357,053	6,000
Education (5,300,000 people in need)				
Number of children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning	Total	1,200,000	382,767	40,286
	Girls		189,130	20,083
	Boys		193,637	20,203
Number of girls and boys benefiting from supplied education, early child and recreation kits or learning		500,000	285,410	126,422
Number of children accessing psychosocial support, social and emotional learning, or life skills education		350,000 ¹⁴	189,506	20,962
Number of teachers and educational personnel trained to address learning loss through remedial and catch-up learning		30,000	27,579	26,568
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	2,869,444	96,680
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies		2,500,000	600,423	154,511
Social Protection				
Number of households reached with UNICEF-funded humanitarian cash transfers		200,000	39,258	10,117
Number of children in foster families and family-type children's homes assisted with multipurpose humanitarian cash transfers		60,000	- ¹⁵	-

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

¹⁰ Vaccination data is published by the Ministry of Health at mid and end year.

¹¹ An assessment is underway to understand infant and young child feeding practices, which will feed into a new programme design.

¹² A major mass messaging EORE campaign was conducted in April. To eliminate the risk of double counting, other EORE activities are counted within this number. Similarly, as this was the largest mass messaging campaign to date, the number is reflected for the social behaviour indicator.

¹³ Target to be reviewed at mid-year considering the need to reach all UNICEF beneficiaries with PSEA awareness and reporting mechanisms.

¹⁴ Target to be reviewed at mid-year considering the capacity of partners to roll out additional training and reach additional children.

¹⁵ Social Protection and Child Protection are developing a Better Care strategy that covers the 60,000 children in foster families.

Influencing Social Behaviour				
Number of people reached through messaging on prevention and access to services		12,000,000	6,936,612 ¹¹	879,612
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/ clarifications to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms		500,000	110,978	14,258
Number of people participating in engagement actions for social and behaviour change		500,000 ¹⁶	800,647	203,516

Annex B: Funding Status as of 31 May 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	15,232,659	29,149,164	59,618,177	57%
Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA	111,010,000	34,730,415	20,100,660	56,178,925	51%
Education	100,000,000	20,211,859	33,938,580	45,849,560	46%
WASH	145,000,000	40,227,499	34,160,352	70,612,148	49%
Social Protection	369,230,400	24,025,730	51,260,160	293,944,510	80%
Total	829,240,400	134,428,162	168,608,916	526,203,321	63%

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¹⁶ Target to be reviewed during the mid-year review process.