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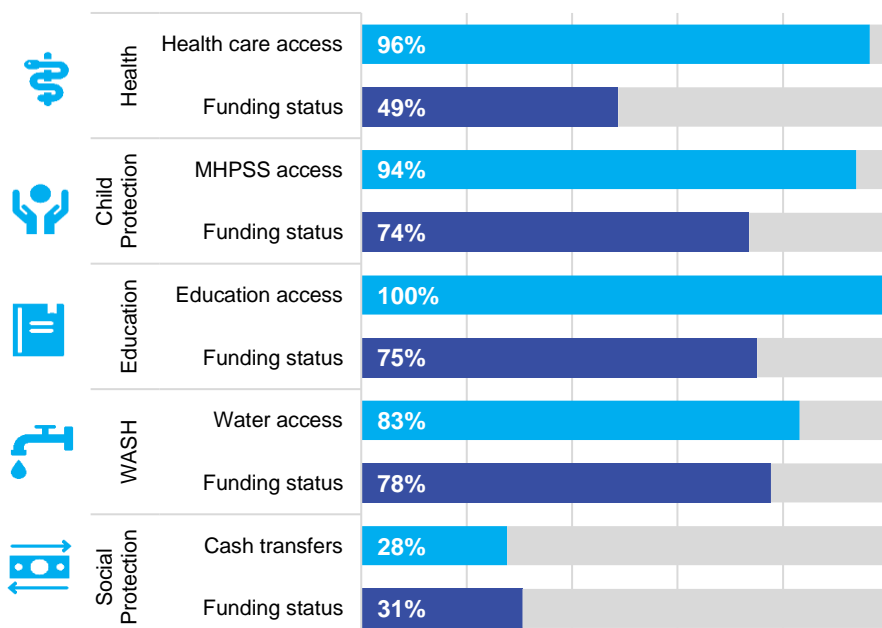


Reporting period: 1 to 30 November 2023

Highlights

- UNICEF participated in an inter-agency convoy to Chasiv Yar, the hundredth such inter-agency convoy since the start of the full-scale war. These convoys have been a lifeline for nearly 400,000 people in the most affected areas of Kharkivska, Donetsk, Zaporizka, Dnipropetrovska, Khersonska and Sumska Regions, providing them with critical water, sanitation and hygiene supplies, medical care and psychosocial support.
- As part of its winterization response, UNICEF partners have distributed 20,809 sets of winter clothing kits to vulnerable children under 15, most of whom live in the east and south of the country. UNICEF is targeting 125,000 children with warm clothing this winter.
- UNICEF has supported 196,124 children to access education including 591,392 girls and 2,533 children with disabilities this year. Throughout November, UNICEF has been delivering 29,000 laptops to support students in locations where full-time in-person learning is not available. UNICEF has also helped enhance the All-Ukrainian School Online platform to improve accessibility for users with special needs.
- UNICEF celebrated World Children's Day with an advocacy event on family-based care, together with the First Lady, ministers and national and international partners, including donors. The 120 offline participants and 4,100 online participants heard from three boys and three girls, including displaced children and children with disabilities, highlighting the right to a safe and loving family and the inclusion of children with disabilities. These stories also reached 160,000 people online

UNICEF Response and Funding Status



Funding figures represent funds available for the full programme, while the top-line indicators may have a more advanced achievement due to prioritization within the programme.

Situation in Numbers

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

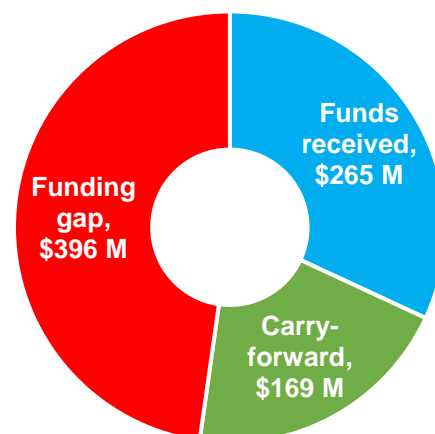
17.6 million
People in need inside Ukraine
(Humanitarian Needs Overview 2023)

3.7 million
Internally displaced people
(IOM, Displacement Tracking Matrix, September 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 30 November



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\$433.2 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\$264.6 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. Generous contributions have been received from the private sector, including individuals, corporations and foundations, with new funds from Breakthrough Prize, Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Nachbar in Not (Neighbor in Need), Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT) Corporation, NTT DATA Corporation, Plaion GmbH (formerly Koch Media GmbH), P&G Baby Care Europe, Stiftung Kinderförderung von Playmobil, United Internet for UNICEF Foundation, VIESSMANN WERKE GMBH & CO. KG in the second half of 2023, through the UNICEF family of National Committees. Important funding has also been received from the people and Governments of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, 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.

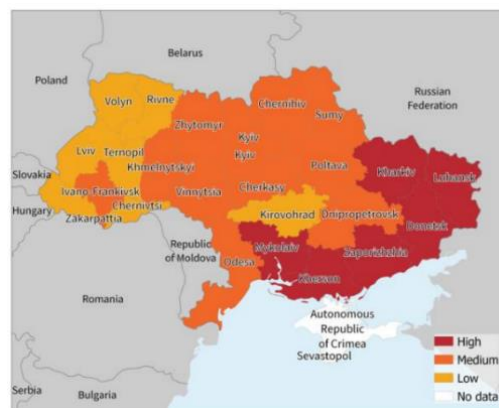
UNICEF continues to work with the Government of Ukraine, United Nations agencies, civil society and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other humanitarian partners. Close consultations are also held with Presidential advisors, key ministries (Foreign Affairs; Social Policy; Education and Science; Youth and Sports; Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development; and Health), and mayors in several cities and the Ombudspersons Office. UNICEF has established partnerships in key municipalities and will continue to expand these in all regions. UNICEF engages with 103 government, civil society and financial service provider partners to respond to the critical needs of children and families across Ukraine.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Air strikes continued across the country in November, significantly affecting frontline communities such as Kherson¹ and key port facilities. Drone attacks on 17 and 18 November cut off power in 400 settlements, affecting 22,500 people² while a similar attack on Kyiv on 25 November injured five people, including one child, and left 16,000 homes without power.³

Cold weather set in during November, with areas of Ukraine receiving their first snowfalls. The Humanitarian Coordinator for Ukraine called out the increased attacks against power plants and gas and water systems.⁴ A 'cold spot analysis' identified Bakhmutskiy, Kramatorskiy and Pokrovskiy (Donetska Region); Okhtyrskiy and Sumskiy (Sumska Region); and Kharkivskiy and Vinnytskiy in Kharkivska and Vinnytska as highly at-risk due to damaged infrastructure, internal displacement and high levels of humanitarian need.⁵ This vulnerability was also translated into a public health risk analysis by WHO (Figure 1) considering the availability of health services. The vulnerability of children under 5 – and especially premature and low birthweight newborns – was also highlighted in the WHO analysis.

Figure 1: WHO composite of public health risk



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, 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 Initiative⁶ to ensure family-based care for all children.

¹ BBC, [Russian bombing of Kherson region at record high, says Ukraine](#), 6 November 2023.

² BBC, ['Waves' of Russian drones attack Kyiv for second night in a row](#), 19 November 2023.

³ BBC, [Ukraine war: Kyiv hit by biggest drone attack since war began](#), 25 November 2023.

⁴ OCHA, [Incessant attacks on vital services put the lives of the people in front-line communities in peril](#), 22 November 2023.

⁵ REACH, [Cold Spot Risk Assessment: Winterisation 2023/24](#), August 2023.

⁶ Better Care focuses on strengthening families to prevent separation and increasing access to family-based care for all children. This includes access to a minimum package of social services (individual case management, day care, early intervention, psychosocial support, social and medical patronage, crisis intervention, and integrated social services and benefits) and to quality alternative family-based care, through positive parenting and training for current, new and potential alternative care families.

UNICEF participated five **inter-agency convoys** in November, reaching 6,500 people in Kivsharivka of Kharkivska Region; Chasiv Yar, Mariinka and Vuhledar in Donetska Region; and Stepanohirsk and Tavriyske in Zaporizka Region. The convoy to Chasiv Yar was the hundredth inter-agency convoy since the start of the full-scale war. These convoys have been a lifeline for nearly 400,000 people in the hardest hit areas of Kharkivska, Donetska, Zaporizka, Dnipropetrovska, Khersonska and Sumska Regions, providing critical WASH supplies, medical care and psychosocial support.

As part of its **winterization response**, UNICEF partners have distributed 20,809 sets of winter clothing to children under 15 (9,903 girls). Of these, 20,286 were provided to children in the east and south, while the rest is reaching to the highly vulnerable children in other parts of the country. Overall, UNICEF is targeting 125,000 children with warm clothing the 2023/24 winter season. An online post distribution survey was shared with recipients, and the results show that 91 per cent of participating parents and caregivers expressed either full or partial satisfaction with the clothing. The primary concern, raised by 4 per cent of respondents, was that the clothing did not fit their child properly. Where possible, UNICEF partners have started to have one kit of each size opened, so parents can select the size that will best fit their child.



'A family receives winter clothes during the distribution in Izyum ©Oleksiy Filippov

To promote **gender equality in humanitarian action programming**, UNICEF and the Bureau of Gender Strategy and Budgeting developed two localized online training packages: 1) gender equality in humanitarian response for implementing partners; and 2) gender-based violence (GBV) risk mitigation for frontline workers from non-specialized actors. A checklist on GBV risk mitigation measures was also developed. Four sessions on gender equality in humanitarian response were conducted for 231 implementing partner participants (201 women). The training covered gender analysis, gender-responsive programming and accountability to affected populations. Ninety-six per cent of respondents indicated that the training increased their understanding of gender equality issues. Meanwhile, seven sessions were conducted on GBV risk mitigation measures for 688 participants (599 women), including Spilno Spot⁷ volunteers, health workers, teachers, social workers and youth workers. Participants demonstrated a significant increase in knowledge: 49 per cent of respondents were able to define GBV before the training compared to 90 per cent after the training.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Health and Nutrition: So far this year, UNICEF has supported **access to health care** for 4,823,675 children and women through the delivery of supplies and equipment, including for 143,450 women and children in November. November also saw 22 Spilno Spots host consultations for 9,522 people (6,041 children and 3,479 caregivers). Meanwhile, trained **home visiting** nurses conducted 1,003 visits to 1,366 children, pregnant women and caregivers for a total of 6,492 visits so far this year. Early intervention is as a cornerstone of the Universal Progressive Home Visiting model, with nurses trained to identify developmental milestones and potential challenges. The model emphasizes timely interventions, ensuring that children receive support when it can make the most significant impact.

In response to the [rise in COVID-19 cases](#), and as part of the COVAX facility, UNICEF delivered 203,000 doses of the updated COVID-19 **vaccine** in November. Additionally, 175 children and parents benefitted from consultations on vaccination through the Ministry of Health-UNICEF National Hotline on Vaccination and Infant Feeding 'Jointly to Health'. Capacity building efforts included 2,773 health care professionals and educators receiving online training on immunization, covering rabies, COVID-19 and hepatitis A prevention, which was also streamed for 25,000 people on UNICEF Ukraine Facebook. 954 health care professionals gained knowledge on vaccination of people with chronic diseases at the Congress on Palliative Care.

To improve the delivery of **mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)** in health care settings, 28 health care professionals completed a training of trainers (TOT) on the WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP), including a module on children and adolescents for a total of 83 trainers trained this year. An online module on mhGAP for children and adolescents was launched by the National Health Service Academy on 28 November with UNICEF support. Finally, 1,907 health care professionals were trained on MHPSS, trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder; the video was streamed by 14,700 people on Facebook.

Child Protection: Under its **GBV response, prevention and/or risk-mitigation** activities, UNICEF reached 44,308 children (25,570 girls) and 24,266 women in November, including 1,080 children with disabilities. 379,417 children (218,753 girls and 5,357 children with disabilities) and 659,721 women have been supported overall in 2023. In November, UNICEF launched an online platform called 'Laaha' to provide women and girls with key information, links to services, skills-building, peer connection and support on issues related to their rights and to sexual and reproductive health (SRH).

Two Resource Centres for Women and Girls opened in Konotop (Sumska) and Kremenchuk (Poltavska). These centres host recreational activities, group and individual consultations and outreach activities for women and girls, especially those at risk of GBV or survivors. They have reached 13 girls and 92 women to date. UNICEF now supports seven such spaces, reaching

⁷ UNICEF and its partners operate 107 Spilno Spots across the country. Spilnos provide cross-sectoral services and activities for children and their caregivers, covering MHPSS, health, nutrition and safety, among others. They are also a central platform to link families with other services they may need.

713 girls and 3,025 women this year. Meanwhile, seven more groups of the 'Brave' adolescent self-defense course launched, engaging 147 new girls (432 girls in total). In non-government-controlled areas (NGCA) of Donetsk, 612 children (285 girls) participated in classes on GBV and 634 adolescents participated in classes on SRH while group consultations were conducted for 808 children, parents and caregivers, including 130 children with disabilities and 366 parents and caregivers.

In November, 36,287 children (19,893 girls and 903 children with disabilities) and 26,196 caregivers were reached with **MHPSS**, for a total 1,418,672 children (777,727 girls and 22,611 children with disabilities) and 1,024,199 caregivers covered since the beginning of the year. An ongoing communication campaign tackles online bullying and shares information on MHPSS services, including the PORUCH online counselling site and child helplines that offer free psychological support. 2,883 people have been reached through this campaign to date. UNICEF also supports specialized MHPSS teams to respond to children in areas affected by frequent shelling and attacks. In Sumska, the number of MHPSS referrals doubled in November. One mother shared: *"I did not expect such results – she [her child] really opened up, started talking more, and it trying to communicate with others. This is a great work on your part."*



Children attending a new multifunctional Spilno in Kharkiv ©UNICEF

UNICEF supported an event with the Kharkivska Governor on 17 November to promote the First Lady's Office 'How Are You?' initiative, which included **training** on 'Children and War: Recovery Techniques' for 15 social service workforce members as well as the development of an academic course with Kharkiv and Ulm Universities. In Dnipro, a newly launched Social Services Hub provided 49 training sessions to 405 social workers and other experts (387 women), including how to prevent professional burnout. In total, 3,375 members of the social workforce (2,385 women) have been trained with UNICEF support this year.

As part of the **Better Care** agenda, UNICEF supported the Coordination Centre for Family Upbringing and Childcare Development with the development and presentation of the National Strategy on Ensuring the Right of Every Child in Ukraine to Grow up in a Family Environment. The event on 20 November included presentations by the ministries of Social Policy, Education and Science, Health and Justice on their respective priorities within the Better Care agenda. The National Strategy was developed through national, subnational and international consultations with over 500 experts, foster parents and persons with lived experience. It envisages reform guidelines for 2024–2028 to ensure the right of every child to a family upbringing including the availability of required services and development of alternative forms of family care. The National Strategy is now undergoing public feedback.

In November, UNICEF also supported a **study visit** for 18 female representatives from the Ministries of Social Policy and Health and Coordination Centre for Family and UNICEF staff. Upbringing and Childcare Development to Bulgaria and Croatia. The participants gained in-depth insights into childcare policies and practices by visiting relevant organizations and institutions. Lessons learned and best practices will be adapted to Ukrainian context and applied during the Better Care reform in Ukraine.

In November, 2,886 girls and 2,850 boys received **case management** services, including 197 children with disabilities. In 2023, a total of 67,655 children (33,213 girls) have been reached with case management (4,099 children with disabilities). Among them, 682 children (30 children with disabilities) in alternative family-based care have been supported with case management. As a part of the 'Caring Families for 1,000 Children' project, and with the support and participation of the National Social Service Agency and local governments, 18 children were identified and placed in family-based care in November. In addition, seven child survivors of explosive remnants of war received assistance. UNICEF continued to work on the identification of children **returned from institutions, children under guardianship and at risk of institutionalization**. Following the monitoring of 898 families, it was found that 804 children and 1,205 parents were in need of case management services to prevent secondary or primary institutionalization of children.

As part of its **Justice for Children** work, UNICEF continued to strengthen the Barnahus model⁸ with 73 specialists (48 women) from Volynska and Sumska trained on child-friendly interviewing. On 16 November, Odesa became the eighth region of Ukraine to adopt the Barnahus model by opening a new centre with UNICEF's support. Technical support was provided to the Child Rights Protection Centre of the Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights where the Barnahus model was also integrated., UNICEF also supported the capacity building of 1,542 social workforce specialists and justice professionals (1,131 female) through a series of webinars on child interviewing.

As of November, 85 **Child Protection Area of Responsibility** (CP AOR) partners have provided prevention and response services to 2.5 million people, including 1.6 million children (901,035 girls; 29,169 children with disabilities). This includes 1,301,983 million children (714,208 girls) and 509,126 parents/caregivers (313,824 females) provided with MHPSS and 57,389 children (28,804 girls) received case management. The web-based [Child Protection Referral Pathways](#) system now includes 1,297 humanitarian and state social service providers, 677 mobile teams and 1,384 referral focal points across 25 regions, 126 districts and 1,536 municipalities. The CP AOR has updated and launched the [CP AOR Strategy for 2024](#), the [Child Protection](#)

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.

[Monitoring Framework 2024](#) and the [Child Protection Secondary Data Analysis for 2023](#) to continue facilitating quality child protection service delivery. In November, 30 online sessions were held for 20 organizations (50 participants) on information management and the Ukraine Humanitarian Fund (UHF) allocation. So far this year, 12,652 personnel have been trained on child protection approaches.

Education: Since January 2023, UNICEF has supported 1,196,124 children to **access education** (591,392 girls and 2,533 children with disabilities) including early learning opportunities. Throughout November, UNICEF delivered 29,000 laptops to support middle- and high-school students to access online education in locations where full-time in-person learning is not available. The distribution targeted displaced children as well as those with disabilities, from low-income families and deprived of parental care. UNICEF has also helped enhance the All-Ukrainian School Online platform to reach 82 per cent compliance with WCAG 2.1⁹ standards, improving accessibility for users with special needs. Additionally, UNICEF provides access to digital equipment and software for teachers and students through 34 Digital Learning Centres (DLCs) nationwide.

In November, 1,943 young children in areas where kindergartens are closed accessed in-person **early childhood education** facilitated by trained teachers. UNICEF and partners trained 2,860 preschool educators (2,717 women) on the psychological and pedagogical support in emergency situations. Additionally, two online courses, 'Creating Childhood Spaces Together' and 'Observe, Listen, Guide,' were launched, engaging 6,508 registered participants, of whom 2,612 have completed the course.

UNICEF provided education supplies to 42,266 vulnerable students this month, with a focus on displaced children. So far this year, 474,425 children have received such supplies (207,968 girls), including 5,509 children with disabilities. In Donetsk NGCA, UNICEF and partners organized catch-up learning classes for 247 children (163 girls), including 81 with disabilities. 181 children in NGCA participated in activities focusing on psychosocial support, social and emotional learning, art therapy and life skills while 20 children with disabilities received speech therapy classes.



©UNICEF/2023, *Speech therapy class and motor skill development*

Together with partners, UNICEF provided **MHPSS** to 123,673 children in November through Sports for Development (S4D) festivals and sessions. Third-party monitoring indicates a proactive adoption of the S4D approach by physical education teachers who use the techniques as a means for empowerment (74 per cent of respondents), psychological support (68 per cent) and inclusiveness (55 per cent). Since the start of the year, UNICEF has involved 489,510 children in MHPSS activities, including 283,916 girls and 1,635 children with disabilities.

The **UPSHIFT** initiative empowers youth to design and implement community-focused projects. UPSHIFT engaged 596 adolescents and young people in November (280 females and 8 people with disabilities). Thirty-six young people (27 females) from different regions participated in the bootcamp for the national thematic UPSHIFT wave on Recovery in Kyiv. The **U-Report** team initiated national surveys on volunteer resilience, children's rights awareness, charity culture and attitudes of young people towards same-sex partnerships this month. In addition, the U-Report team and partners conducted two regional surveys on youth events in Kyiv and youth policy in Zhytomyrska Region. U-Report surveys reached 6,279 young people (3,761 females) in November.

School volunteering lessons reached 39,732 adolescents in 1,839 schools this month. Thirty-three opportunities were published on the **volunteering platform**, attracting 582 volunteers (420 females). The 'My phone friend' project welcomed 48 new young volunteers (40 females) who completed an online course on psycho-emotional support. The initiative, dedicated to providing support to the elderly over the phone, has now engaged 399 volunteers (357 females, 40 males, 2 others) to support 388 beneficiaries (228 females). UNICEF also supports **peer counselling**: currently, 135 individuals (125 females) are being trained on psychological support by professional psychologists. This initiative aims to expand the pool of peer counsellors and elevate the quality of the services provided.

Education Cluster partners reached 274,529 (142,755 girls) students and teachers in November with MHPSS, school rehabilitation, explosive ordnance risk education (EORE), safe and secure temporary learning centres and DLCs and essential training and support for teachers. Of these children, 179,994 (91,797 girls) benefited from MHPSS; 43,200 (22,464 girls) received learning materials and devices; and 21,081 (10,962 girls) participated in catch-up classes. The Cluster is building the capacities of partners on education-in-emergencies (EiE) through an initial contextualization of EiE foundations online course, a series of online sessions and a comprehensive four-day TOT. Fifteen local and international NGO representatives and Education Sub-Cluster team members became certified EiE trainers upon completing the programme. The trainers have developed a two-day 'EiE in the context of Ukraine' programme for partners and will launch it in 2024.

WASH: In 2023, UNICEF has ensured **access to safe water and sanitation** services for 4,741,505 people through repairs and rehabilitation of networks and the supply of water treatment chemicals and equipment to water utilities. UNICEF supports 50 water utilities across the country, with the goal of ensuring water security and maintaining infrastructure functionality amidst

⁹ The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 outline the principles for enhancing the accessibility of web content to cater to a diverse spectrum of disabilities, encompassing visual, auditory, physical, speech, cognitive, language, learning and neurological impairments.

the ongoing war. In November, 237,184 beneficiaries accessed safe water through the delivery of equipment such as pipes, water pumps, valves, generators and water treatment supplies for water systems in Poltavska, Vinnytska and Volynska.

Responding to the **hepatitis A outbreak**, UNICEF supplied liquid chlorine to the Vinnytsia water utility, safeguarding the water supply for 16,000 people. UNICEF also continued its support for 800,000 people in Kharkiv through the provision of water treatment chemicals to the local water utility. A generator was sent to Lutska water utility to secure the operation of the wastewater treatment plant benefiting 44,000 people while additional generators were provided in Sumska Region in locations vulnerable to regular shelling.

WASH supplies have been provided to 1,938,889 people this year, including in newly accessible settlements. In November, supplies were distributed to an additional 61,495 people in seven regions. This included hygiene kits, diapers, soap, water purification supplies and bottled water. The ongoing water trucking in response to the destruction of the Kahovka Dam and reservoir supported Nikopol and Marhanets which have a population of 155,000 people.¹⁰ Institutional hygiene kits were also delivered to 259 schools in five regions, enabling them to maintain cleanliness standards for three months for 12,500 children.

UNICEF supported the participation of representatives from UNICEF Ukraine's Young People Advisory Board, along with high-level representatives from Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine in **COP28**. At a Bulgaria-UNICEF [event](#) on the Youth, Children and Skills Day at COP28 Ukraine's representatives affirmed Ukraine's commitment to accelerating inclusive, child and youth-centred climate policies and action.

As part of the UHF strategy development, the **WASH Cluster** has positioned several key intersectoral objectives alongside Health, Shelter, Camp Coordination and Camp Management and Food Security and Livelihoods and is working to promote and support partners in integrating these actions. A joint WASH-Health Task Force will be established to ensure complementarities in piloting, refining and supporting efforts by WHO-UNICEF to support the integration of the WASH-Facility Improvement Tool (WASH-FIT) approach. WASH data available from existing humanitarian data collection initiatives has been compiled into database (with dashboard forthcoming) to facilitate access and analysis by partners. Finally, the Gender and Inclusion Working Group has facilitated exchanges on inclusive WASH facilities for collective centres.

Social Protection: In November, UNICEF provided **multipurpose cash** (MPC) to 306 households (1,061 individuals) including 510 children of which 273 were boys and 237 girls. This covered 196 households with at least one child living in frontline areas and 110 foster families. Through the MPC programme, households receive a one-time payment to help them meet their basic needs. This brings the total to 56,848 households reached in 2023. UNICEF is currently analysing the data collected in the latest round of post-distribution monitoring. UNICEF and the Ministry of Social Policy secured a Cabinet decree that authorizes the ministry to share the details of vulnerable families from their databases. The **cash for winterization** programme, which will be rolled out in December, will use these databases to identify and support vulnerable families with children.

UNICEF is not only contributing to enhance the shock-responsiveness of the **national social protection system**, but also advancing the Government's digital transformation agenda for improved social support. UNICEF's Technical Support Office, established within the Ministry of Social Policy, and plays a pivotal role in coordination across the humanitarian-development nexus. This includes Co-chairmanship of the 'Perekhid Initiative', which is aimed at enabling a transition from humanitarian cash to shock-responsive social protection, as well as UNICEF's active role in humanitarian cash and regular social protection coordination. UNICEF also continues to advocate for investments in addressing children's needs at central and local levels, including through the recent publication of a [2024 budget analysis](#).

Influencing Social Behaviour: To support **ECD**, 4,460 boxes of edutainment materials were delivered in November for a total of 15,744 boxes delivered to support 472,320 children in 17 regions since August 2023. Kindergartens have [actively shared feedback and photos](#). The ['My Superpowers' online activation](#) for preschool-aged children engaged 1,153 children (667 girls) this month while [NUMO](#) digital products, including the website, app and chatbot, reached 202,074 users and engaged 9,541 beneficiaries. These tools support parents, caregivers and preschool teachers by providing a wide range of materials on ECD.

In November, 7,512 **adolescents** and 401 caregivers were engaged in social and behaviour change communication interventions for a total of 43,750 adolescents and 2,163 caregivers engaged this year. This included 1,701 young people (987 girls) and 92 caregivers who participated in creative skills sessions; 1,270 young people (674 girls) who joined sessions on healthy nutrition; and 1,399 young people (715 girls) who participated in Junior Sport Clubs.

On 20 November, **World Children's Day**, a high-level advocacy event was organized focusing on Better Care, featuring the First Lady, Ministers and national and international partners, as well as donors. It gathered 120 participants offline and an



Celebrating the National Record for the largest online flash mob for Mental Health Day ©UNICEF

¹⁰ This is above the 61,432 people newly reached in November, as the same population receives water each month and so is not newly counted.

additional 4,100 people online. Three boys and three girls, including displaced children and children with disabilities, shared stories about their lives, challenges, achievements and experiences highlighting the right to a safe and loving family and the inclusion of children with disabilities. These stories also reached 160,000 people online.

In partnership with the First Lady's Office and the 'How are you?' National Mental Health Programme, UNICEF has launched a behaviour change campaign aimed at raising **mental health awareness** among parents and caregivers. This campaign has already reached 5.3 million people through outdoor advertisements, focusing on simple self-care tools for both adults and children. The online engagement strategy included the launch of a podcast with The Ukrainians media to foster a safe space for youth to discuss issues such as bullying, safe sex and violence. Two episodes of the podcast have garnered 2,883 listeners. A TikTok and Instagram site for the National Hotline for children and teenagers was introduced, reaching 1.2 million people.

In November, 153,668 children and 34,296 caregivers participated in **EORE** sessions for a total of 1,013,592 children and 343,767 caregivers reached in 2023. This month, 1,013 children and youth completed an [online game on mine safety](#) (15,622 users have now completed it) while 152,755 unique users have accessed the main site this year. Using Mobile Safety Classes, the State Emergency Service of Ukraine and the National Police of Ukraine engaged 10,454 children in interactive sessions on safety, including mine safety. 1,920 children (1,166 girls) participated in Spilno sessions on **healthy nutrition**; 18,664 children (11,092 girls) have been engaged in such sessions since May. Messages have been further disseminated to 265,323 people on the [znaimo.gov.ua](#) platform this year.

As part of the Risk Communication and Community Engagement Technical Working Group's efforts to tackle the **hepatitis A outbreak**, UNICEF collaborated with WHO and the National Public Health Center to design and disseminate 41,600 copies of informational, educational and communication materials on symptoms and prevention measures. A nationwide webinar targeting education administration was organized, facilitated by health experts, for 7,000 viewers.

A series of **human-centred design** sessions in Kharkivska and Kyivska focused on Resilience Centres. The sessions were joined by 120 boys, girls, women and men including children with disabilities who provided feedback and helped to prioritize the suggested services and spaces. Seven **social media listening reports** monitored discussions on social media. The reports provided insights on challenges facing children in special education; concerns around vaccination including for rabies and hepatitis A; and the complexity of Ukraine's adoption process.

Supply and Logistics: So far this year, UNICEF has placed US\$84.2 million worth of purchase orders to buy life-saving supplies, including US\$5.7 million in orders placed in November. US\$135.7 million worth of life-saving supplies were received in Ukraine, with US\$10 million having arrived in November. US\$93.2 million worth of supplies were dispatched from UNICEF-controlled warehouses and US\$41 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\$22.9 million. The total value of supplies currently in pipeline is US\$18.9 million.

External Media: Communication around the visit of UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Ted Chaiban to Ukraine from 20 to 24 November highlighted the situation of children, UNICEF's ongoing humanitarian response and the need for a child-centred recovery. Key messages were communicated through a [press release](#), social media posts, local media interviews and piece-to-camera videos. UNICEF also published content on Social Workers' Day (Better Care, support for social workers, and mobile teams); World Prematurity Day (rehabilitation support and equipment for hospital shelters); and the start of the 16 Days of Activism Against GBV (safe spaces for women and children). Continued social media coverage included assistance provided to children and families displaced from the Gaza Strip who returned to Ukraine. Two social media posts/short statements on reported child casualties in attacks helped sustain coverage and advocacy on grave child rights violations.

UNICEF issued press releases for the [delivery of COVID-19 vaccines](#), [launch of the winter safety campaign](#), [signing of the agreement for the development of shelter design standards](#), and [delivery of learning devices](#) – highlighting some of the response and recovery activities implemented with the Ukrainian Government and other partners. A [special media project with NV](#) highlighted the situation and needs of children with disabilities.

Human Interest Stories



[UNICEF ensures clean water for children in Northern Zaporizhzhia](#)



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Annex A: Programme Results (January to November 2023)

Sector		UNICEF and Partners 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 ¹¹		5,000,000	4,823,675	143,450
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months vaccinated against measles		257,340	105,204 ¹²	-
Number of primary caregivers of children 0–23 months receiving infant and young child feeding counselling		300,000	105,052	19,925
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	2,442,871	62,483
	Girls		777,727	19,893
	Boys		640,945	16,394
	Women		843,479	21,574
	Men		180,720	4,622
Number of women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention and/or response interventions		1,550,000	1,039,138	68,574
Number of children who have received individual case management	Total	124,000	67,655 ¹³	5,736
	Girls		33,213	2,886
	Boys		34,442	2,850
Number of children, young people and caregivers accessing explosive ordnance risk education and received information on preventive practices		10,000,000	8,061,496	157,756
Number of people with safe and accessible channels to report sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers		1,700,000	652,657	190,252
Education (5,300,000 people in need)				
Number of children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning	Total	1,200,000	1,196,124	7,468
	Girls		591,392	3,721
	Boys		604,732	3,747
Number of girls and boys benefiting from supplied education, early child and recreation kits or learning		500,000	474,425	21,962
Number of children accessing psychosocial support, social and emotional learning, or life skills education		500,000	489,510	151,657 ¹⁴
Number of teachers and educational personnel trained to address learning loss through remedial and catch-up learning		30,000	40,426 ¹⁵	3,412
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	4,741,505	237,184
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies		2,500,000	1,938,889	61,495

¹¹ This result is calculated based on the delivery of supplies from UNICEF to implementing partners.

¹² Estimated data from primary health centres as of 1 July 2023. Further data is expected from health authorities at the end of the year.

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 (return, reintegration, tracing, reunification of child)

¹⁴ High increase as partner reported cumulatively for September-November. Also the reason for difference between the narrative report and results table.

¹⁵ 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.

Social Protection				
Number of households reached with UNICEF-funded humanitarian cash transfers		200,000	55,317 ¹⁶	196
Number of children in foster families and family-type children's homes assisted with multipurpose humanitarian cash transfers ¹⁷		60,000	1,921	224
Influencing Social Behaviour				
Number of people reached through messaging on prevention and access to services		12,000,000	11,940,000	3,694,000 ¹⁸
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms		250,000	170,090	9,367
Number of people participating in engagement actions for social and behaviour change		1,200,000	1,027,984	22,550

Annex B: Funding Status as of 30 November 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	21,568,109	29,134,589	53,297,302	51%
Child Protection, GBVIE and PSEA	111,010,000	61,573,470	20,092,284	29,344,246	26%
Education	100,000,000	41,181,718	33,931,587	24,886,695	25%
WASH	145,000,000	78,528,378	34,152,841	32,318,780	22%
Social Protection	369,230,400	61,746,628	51,247,615	256,236,157	69%
Total	829,240,400	264,598,303	168,558,916	396,083,180	48%

¹⁶ UNICEF has a 69 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.

¹⁷ When a family/family-type home takes a child into care, all children in the family/home are eligible for cash assistance.

¹⁸ 11,940,000 is the total reach of the summer safety campaign, and therefore has replaced the previous messaging reach figure of 8,246,000