

World Vision is responding to the devastating impact of the conflict in Ukraine in **Romania, Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine.**



4.8 million Returnees
11.2% of total Ukrainian population

Source: [Ukraine Data explorer](#)



5.9 million refugees recorded across Europe

13.7% of total Ukrainian population

21 million people affected **18 million people in need**

49% of total Ukrainian population

42% of total Ukrainian population



Romania:

93,667

1.6% of total Ukrainian refugee



Moldova:

109,315

1.9% of total Ukrainian refugee



Georgia:

27,000

0.5% of total Ukrainian refugee

Source: [UNHCR](#)

Situation Overview

- Humanitarian access remains an issue. In 2023 alone, because of the deterioration of the security situation and shifts in the front line, humanitarian partners have lost access to an estimated 60,000 people in almost 40 towns and villages in the east of the country.
- To date, only 4 percent of people reached with humanitarian aid are in the areas under the control of the Russian Federation. In addition, humanitarian workers and projects have increasingly been impacted by artillery fire and missile strikes, with 5 incidents in July alone.
- Ukraine remains heavily mine-contaminated, a situation that worsened since the escalation of the war in February 2022 and with the introduction of cluster munitions into the conflict. 30% of the country is contaminated with UXOs. Mine risk awareness will need to be a focus of all humanitarian partners now and into the future.
- Fighting and hostilities in Ukraine have further escalated in the second quarter of the year, taking a heavy toll on civilians who live close to the front line. Strikes on energy infrastructure during the winter months decreased, and homes, schools, water systems, and hospitals continued to be damaged. The war continued to also have a heavy impact on people who cannot go back to their homes – [over 5 million](#) people are internally displaced, many of whom do not plan to, or cannot, return home.
- Funding, which had been remarkable in 2022, remained low in the first half of 2023, adding to the challenges. The Humanitarian Response Plan has received only 24 percent of the \$3.9 billion requested for the response this year.
- Since the start of the new Temporary Protection policy last May in Romania, most of the Ukrainian children have been registered in educational programs (learning hubs) recognised by the Ministry of Education, but comparatively fewer are enrolled in the formal school system. Under the new TP policy school registration is a pre-condition to accessing social services.
- The presence of INGO humanitarian organizations continues to decline in Romania along with reduced funding for humanitarian programmes.
- Moldova continued to host per capita the highest number of Ukrainians refugees.
- World Vision Ukraine Crisis Response (WV UCR) will include livelihoods programming to support the restoration of livelihoods damaged by the conflict, with microfinance lending being a key component of this strategy. Thus, WV UCR will provide \$5 million in seed funding to VisionFund International in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025 to set up a new Microfinance Institution in Ukraine. This institution will offer financial services in the country to support this livelihood recovery program.



People reached

1,368,426

Men 221,023
 Women 480,232

Children 667,171
Boys 327,377 Girls 339,794

People reached by country



Ukraine:
856,356



Romania:
286,088



Moldova:
208,566

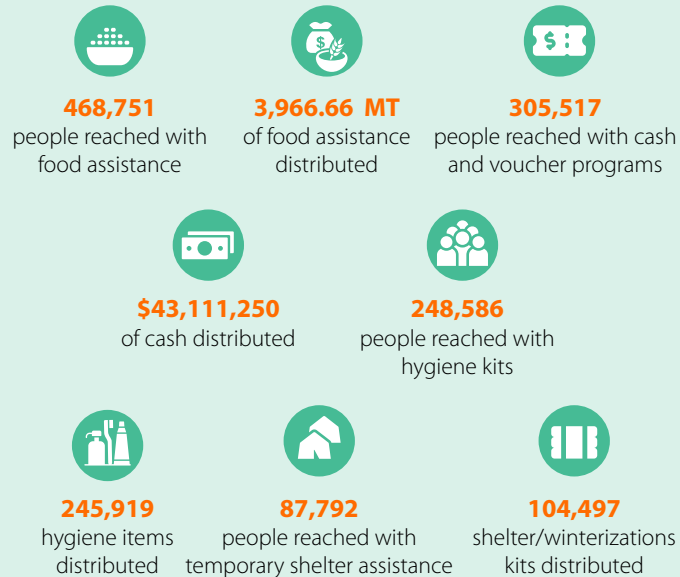


Georgia:
17,416

Strategic goal

Deliver inclusive, need driven humanitarian assistance to refugees, IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons) and the most vulnerable children and their families in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, and Georgia.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1: Deliver life-saving in-kind and cash assistance to meet basic needs.



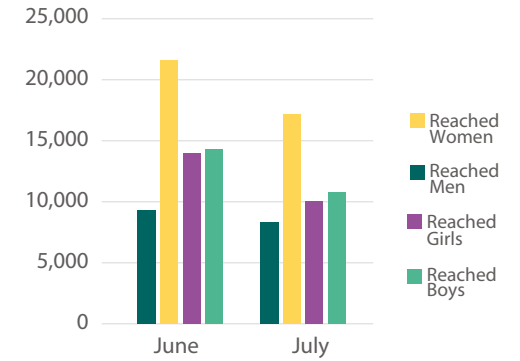
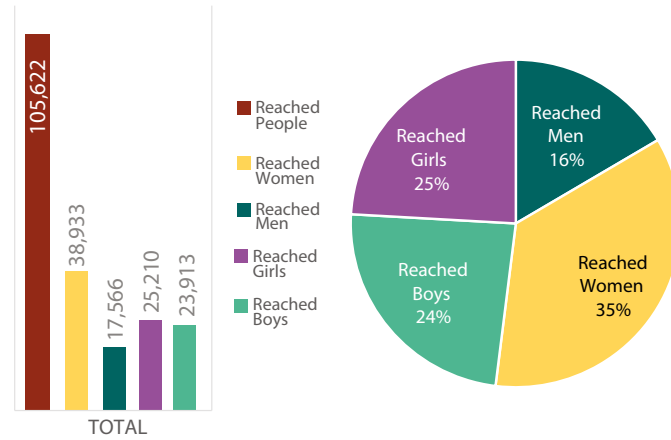
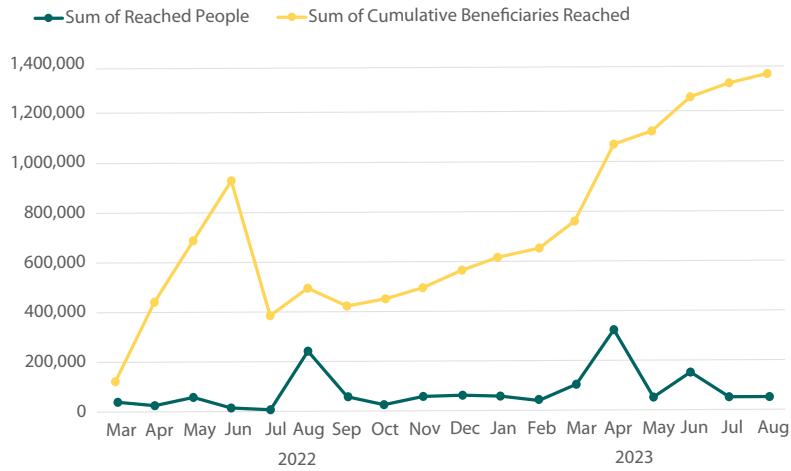
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2: Nurture a protective environment for Children and their families to promote good psychosocial well-being and learning.



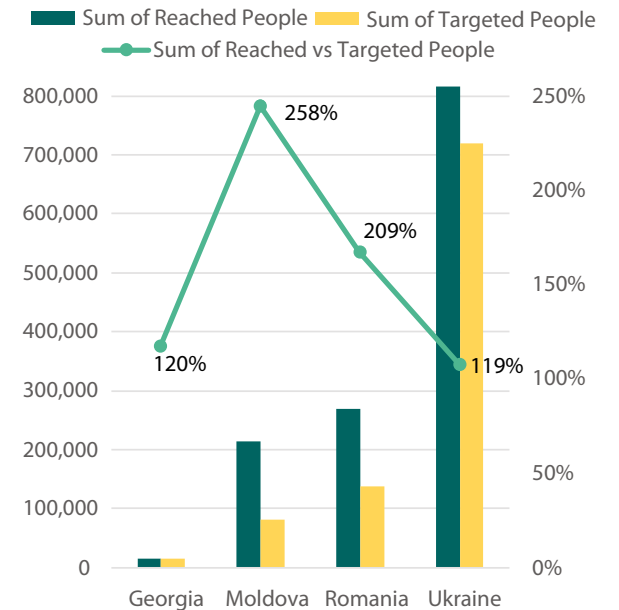
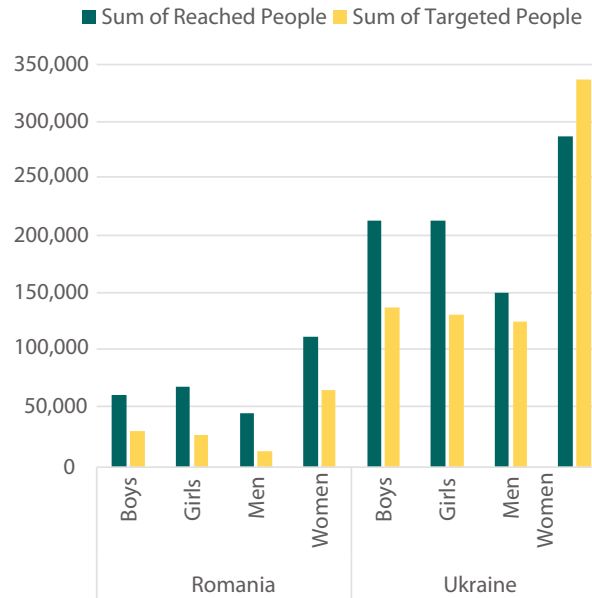
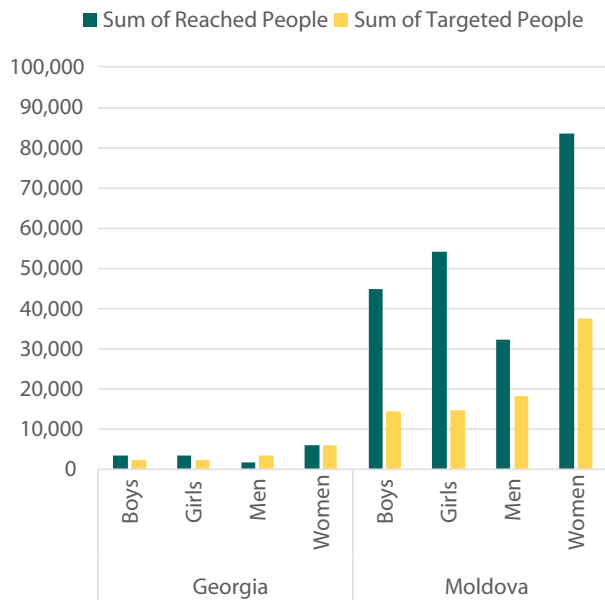
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3: Improve access to livelihood opportunities through skills development and provision of targeted support.

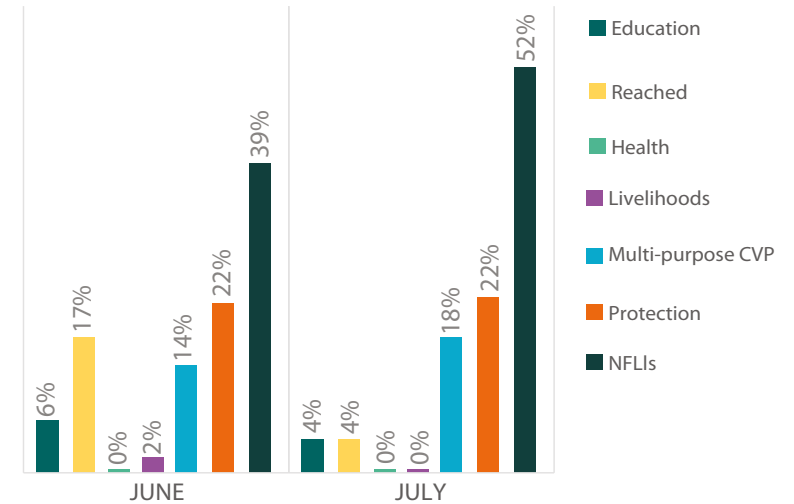
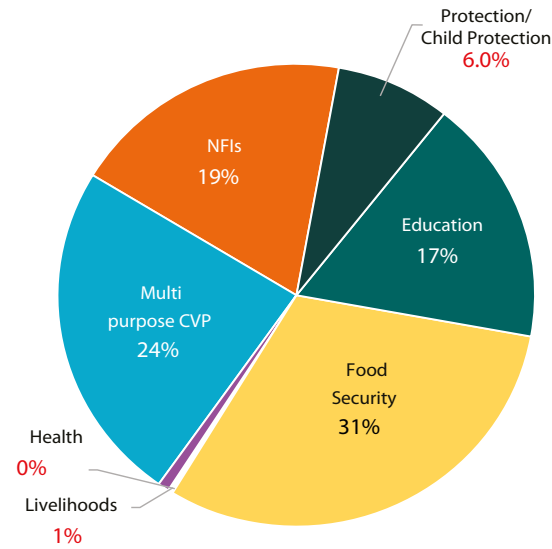
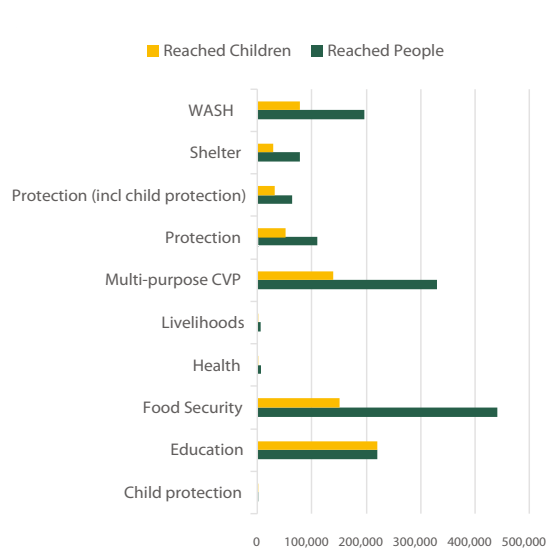


1,368,426 people were reached from March 2022 to July 2023. During the reporting period (June-July 2023) the response has reached 105,622 people which is about 7.7% in overall totals reached to date.



35% of reached people are women, 49% are children (25% - girls, 24% - boys) and 16% - men





All the UCR countries have surpassed the initial response strategy target (currently at 144%) and we are in the process of initiating the development of the next strategy. Ukraine has the highest share of Reached People (63%), followed by Romania (21%), Moldova (15%), and Georgia (1%).

Food Security accounted 31% of People Reached, Multi-purpose Cash & Voucher Programming – 24%, Water Sanitation and Hygiene & Shelter Non-Food Items – 19%, Education – 17%, Protection – 8%.



UKRAINE

World Vision started working in Ukraine in March 2022. Offices in Kyiv, Lviv, Dnipro and Chernivtsi currently support aid efforts reaching conflict-affected people in 24 oblasts across Ukraine. Thanks to collaboration with 23 national and international partners, World Vision has been able to deliver life saving assistance to people living near the frontlines while programmes in safer areas support longer term needs of displaced children and families as well as local humanitarian actors.

EDUCATION:

- World Vision has been leading the national Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) working group meetings and presented the ECCD Guideline Gap Analysis
- Partner with Teach for Ukraine to complete plan on Literacy and Numeracy Skill Gaps Assessment (DAPA assessment)
- Together with the West Education Sub-cluster, we were able to support complete the Situation Assessment of Distance Education in the West (distance education of internally displaced school-aged children)

MHPSS:

- 5 million people had received health services and 3 million people had access to clean water and hygiene products amidst increased shortages.
- Humanitarian partners have also provided food to over 3.7 million people and reached 3.3 million people with emergency shelter or critical household items.
- Around 1 million children who fled their homes and whose schools are not fully functional have received support to continue their education and around 1 million people received protection services, including counselling, legal services, mine-awareness campaigns, and services to prevent gender-based violence and support survivors.

PROTECTION/CHILD PROTECTION:

- To address the child protection and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) needs, 5 projects were designed aligning with UN OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) HRP 2023 that emphasizes on Provision of lifesaving Child Protection (CP) services for boys and girls most at-risk of exploitation, abuse, neglect, or discrimination, and child survivors of violence being implemented in 16 oblasts.
- Two new projects "Protect a Child", and 25 child friendly spaces established with child friendly materials and 15 on planning stage.
- The individual and group psychosocial sessions continued in June and July, reaching over 2000 children directly. "I have been able to share my feelings of doubt and fear to my counsellor, she listens to me and gives me advice to handle my fear. I am thankful for her" says a 14-year-old girl who attends the CFS (Child Friendly Spaces) and regularly receives counselling.
- 890 people were supported through Cash for Protection program to support the children and families who are dealing with issues of protection, GBV (Gender Based Violence), MHPSS. The detailed registration process was carried out to enroll the beneficiaries and cash was delivered to their account through the PrivatBank.
- Under (Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) project 37 partners working in churches and faith-based organizations were trained for four days in Psychological First Aid and MHPSS. Eight Multi-Disciplinary Mobile Teams (MMT) operating in 6 oblasts of Ukraine provided services in July: to 8,971 clients amongst IDPs and people affected by the war; 2, 923 of them are children. Total number of services in the reporting period: 19, 611 services; 3, 207 of them are for children.



FOOD SECURITY, WASH AND SHELTER/NON-FOOD ITEMS:

- Reduced funding is hampering operations in sectors, adding to the challenges imposed by insecurity. 28.5% \$1.13 billion funded which resulted in 25% reduction reach across all the clusters due to a combination of funding constraints as well as operational challenges. The people reached in Food Security & Livelihoods, Shelter/Non-Food Items and WASH were 69% (3.7 million), 44% (1.5 million) and 39% 3 million) respectively.
- [Ukraine: Humanitarian Response and Funding Snapshot \(January - June 2023\) \[EN/UK\] - Ukraine | ReliefWeb](#)
- Ukraine Humanitarian Fund 2023-2024, with a budget \$55 million will be launched by 11th August, with three priority clusters identified i.e., Food Security & Livelihoods, WASH and Shelter/Non-Food Items.

Food	Shelter
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UKRAINE

- World Vision is among 10 INGO partners that will bilaterally engage with the Food Security & Livelihoods Cluster on the Multisectoral Needs Assessment leading up to the drafting of Ukraine Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) 2024
- World Vision as chair to Ukraine Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster Strategic Advisory Group developed its six-month (July - December 2023) work plan in line with the Humanitarian Response Plan objectives for the Cluster.
- World Vision was also selected as a task force member under the Livelihoods Working Group and Cash Working Group to develop cash for work guidelines represented by its Food Security and Non-Food Items Advisor and Cash Advisor.
- World Vision participated in a two-day Livelihoods Fundamental training organized by the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster and facilitated by International Organization for Migration

CASH AND VOUCHER PROGRAMMING:

- 106,987 people reached with at least \$20,176,749 and during the reporting period, a total of \$1,048,680 was distributed to 5,175 people through the different projects.
- Two additional Multipurpose cash assistance projects also started, ADH 10 project which aims to reach 40,000 beneficiaries and GIRO555 project that will reach 5,400 beneficiaries in Chernivtsi, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, and Kherson with the aim to distribute a total cash value of \$8308,200.
- In collaboration with Ukraine Cash Working Group, World Vision cash advisor initiated and conducted a three-day cash capacity building training to 24 cash implementing agencies in Ukraine.

KAKHOVKA DAM RESPONSE:

- The attack on Kakhovka dam on the 6th of June 2023 resulted in new humanitarian needs, in addition to the existing needs caused by the conflict's escalation. Although the worst of the flooding is over, the humanitarian needs persist, including access to water, electricity and gas, and destroyed housing and infrastructure. At least 4,400 houses were fully destroyed in Khersonska and Mykolaivska oblasts alone, with many more damaged on in both Ukraine and Russian-controlled areas. Over half a million hectares of land listed as nationally or internationally important have been affected. The water supply for nearly 1 million people in Dnipropetrovsk, Khersonska, and Zaporizka oblasts is estimated to be severely or catastrophically impacted by the depletion of the Kakhovka Reservoir. World Vision has been able to respond to the needs through the following humanitarian interventions:
 - o As part of the UN Inter Agency convoys, we met the immediate needs of the affected people by distributing part of the prepositioned items procured through the UCR PNS (Private Non-Sponsorship).
 - o Reactivation of the existing small grants mechanisms enabled us to receive proposals from at least four partners which in turn helped us to program to

procure and distribute food, hygiene and NFI kit for IDPs as well as the water filters for collective shelters, and antibacterial tabs, as the high priority need were the clean water as approved by the Technical Advisor based on the context.

- o Repurposing of the current active Grants (BHA & ADH 11) to help us reach more beneficiaries with Food and Hygiene kits, which includes bottled water. Through a waiver from the region, we were able to procure and deliver all requested commodities to the warehouse in a noticeably brief period.
- o The response has set up a unified feedback mechanism – online feedback form through QR code link to track the quality of Aid we deliver to the people.
- o We were also able to include messaging leaflets- UNICEF (United Nations Childrens Fund) developed materials, on Mine Risk Awareness and Water Borne Disease Control, on the distribution kits as an awareness effort to the affected population as well as building the capacity of our implementing partners.



Impact so far

18.72 MT of food kits distributed **5136 hygiene kits** distributed **1000 shelter kits** distributed 4036 people supported with Non-Food Items (NFIs)

People reached



18,988



Men 3,623

Women 7,614



Children 7,751

Boys 3,937 Girls 3,814



People with Disability 7,751



ROMANIA

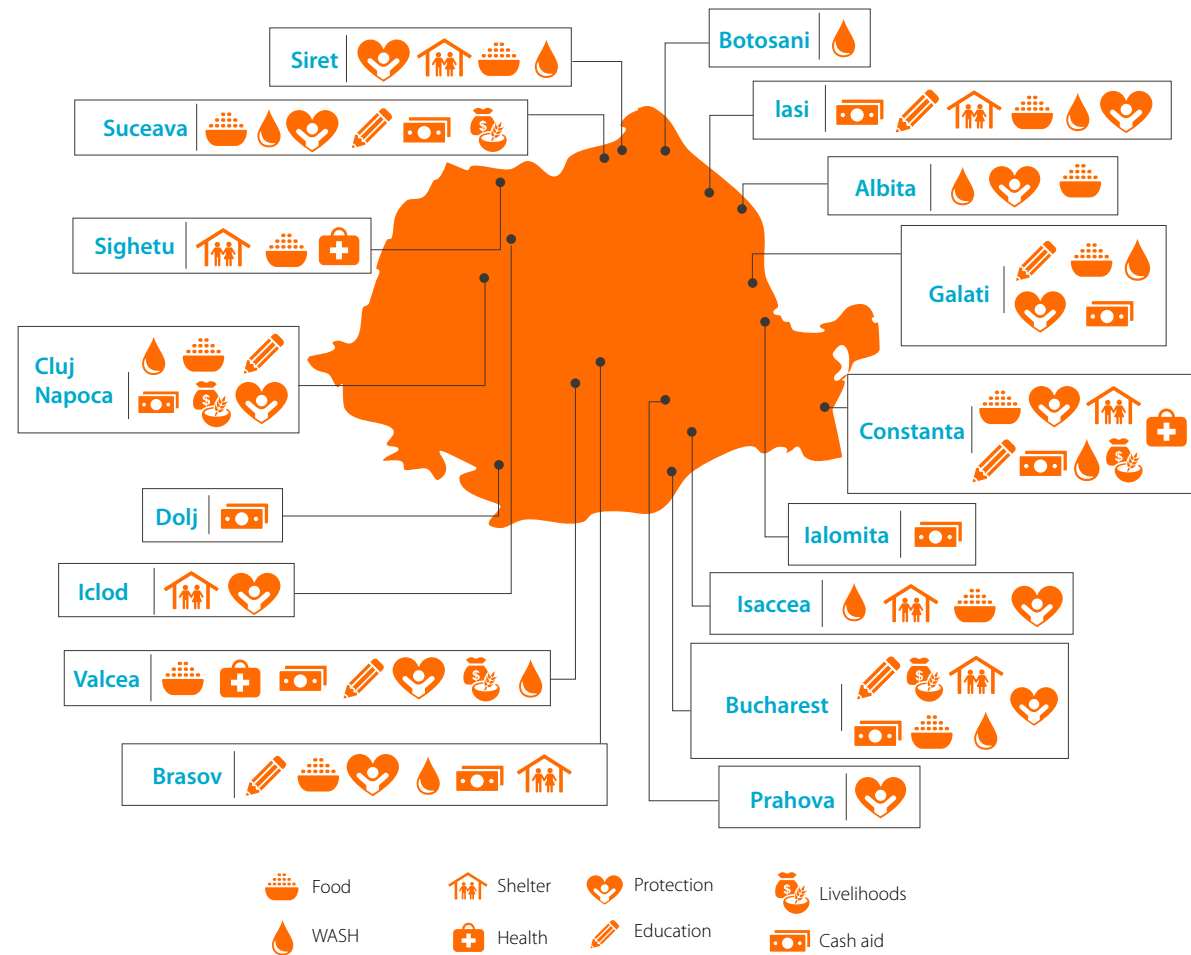
WV Romania has been active in the country for more than 30 years and currently supports refugees from Ukraine as well as host communities and institutions, with 14 partners in 17 districts. World Vision has been able to deliver direct assistance from the first days of war and is focused on supporting refugee families and children displaced without their families through programmes that respond to their immediate needs, facilitate their integration in host communities, and access to basic rights as basic needs – food & non-food, cash assistance, education, psychosocial support, participation, and livelihoods.

MHPSS:

- A total of 32 psychological meetings and corrective sessions were held which were aimed at helping children to express their emotions, learn how to work in a team, individual work with the subsequent presentation of the solution of the results for the group.
- Individual psychological consultations, Group sessions and Yoga were also held to Ukraine refugee mothers creating a space for emotional intelligence growth, bonding as well as aimed to foster the understanding children's reactions to stress, empowering parents to provide appropriate support.

FOOD/NFI & CASH AND VOUCHER:

- World Vision UCR through the (DEC 2, PNS Singapore and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) funded projects in Brasov and Constanta through social stores and in Bucharest, Iasi, Suceava and Cluj Happy Bubbles was able to reach over 6,000 beneficiaries with 12,721 hygiene kits and 98.46MT worth of food kits which has since been diversified and well appreciated by the beneficiaries.
- The DFAT Cash Assistance for Education – given to 178 Ukrainian beneficiaries, as one-off payment in the amount of 240 RON (42,720 RON in total – 9,286.93 USD), via FSP (Financial Service Provider), to help to cover the expenses for learning materials for children.
- The DEC 2 Cash Assistance for Winterization and Education – given to 88 Ukrainian beneficiaries, as one-off payment in the amount of 550 RON (48,400 RON in total – 10,521.73 USD), via FSP, to help to cover the expenses for warm clothing for children and the Internet Connectivity.
- The GIRO555 Child Protection Cash Assistance was given to 1 beneficiary (the last from the previous group of beneficiaries under the Child Protection GIRO555) in the amount of 598.8 RON (130.17 USD), via FSP, to help to cover the basic needs of children at the age of 0-17 years old.
- The GIRO555 Elderly Protection Cash Assistance was given to 17 beneficiaries in the amount of 480 RON (8,160 RON in total – 1,773.91 USD); this cash assistance is given as 2-times payment, 480 RON each, via FSP, to the Ukrainian refugees at the age of 60+, to help to cover the basic needs.
- The GIRO555 Multipurpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) was given to 547 beneficiaries in the amount of 568 RON (310,696 RON – 67,543.60 USD); this cash assistance is given as 3-times payment, 568 RON each, via FSP, to help to cover the basic needs of the Ukrainian refugees.
- DFAT Cash Assistance for Education – provided to 250 Romanian children in June, as one-off payment in the amount of 240 RON, as a bank transfer to the accounts of the beneficiaries (60,000 RON in total – 13,043.46 USD); the Donation Contracts were signed by beneficiaries with the electronic signature via BOX system – which was the solution in the situation when the beneficiaries who live in the rural area do not have opportunity to reach the outlets of FSP and to print/sign/scan the hard copies of the Contracts.



EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION:

- To help improve the sense of security, well-being, and engagement of beneficiaries various structured activities have been provided within WV (World Vision) Happy Bubbles. July's activities included but were not limited to;
 - o **Life skills development:** sewing, modeling, reading and poetry, chess, and arts workshops, cooking and nutrition classes, and gardening activities,
 - o **Recreational activities:** visits to museums, football matches and circus shows, outdoor sports,
 - o **Child protection activities** included traffic sign and how to travel in safety.
- 40 children in Brancusi Happy Bubble benefited from eye checks to establish if they need glasses. Those with sight loss will receive free eyeglasses. As well as language lessons, Romanian and English on a weekly basis to ensure integration of Ukrainian children and their caregivers in the local community.



ROMANIA

- To raise awareness on the topic of disability and to enable facilitators working in Happy Bubbles to handle disruptive behaviors an online training has been provided.
- Children, older than 9 years, from 3 Happy Bubbles in Bucharest learned and trained to play basketball and table tennis while smaller children prepared to support them in the competition which took place at the end of the month. This activity aimed at developing psychomotor skills, team play, fair play and supportive attitudes.
- To promote education, healthy routines and harmonious development of children within 4 Happy Bubbles (Bucharest, Constanta, Cluj and Iasi) and 4 Educational Centres (in Iasi, Bucharest, Brasov and Galati) run by our partners FONSS, Carusel, JRS (Jesuit Refugee Service) and Cattia Centre, children of all ages participated to daily/weekly activities and were provided hot meals and snacks during the daily program.
- Digital lessons and ITC workshops were provided for children to develop 21st century competencies which imply the use of modern technology and are related to lifelong learning and open education in a digital era.
- More than 1000 certificates of attendance in educational activities within the Happy Bubbles Educational Centers were issued during June and July to support Ukrainian families to access the rightful government financial aid.
- 150 children with special medical conditions received cash assistance in Bucharest, Brasov, Constanta, Suceava, Iasi under Global Affairs Canada (GAC) project





MOLDOVA

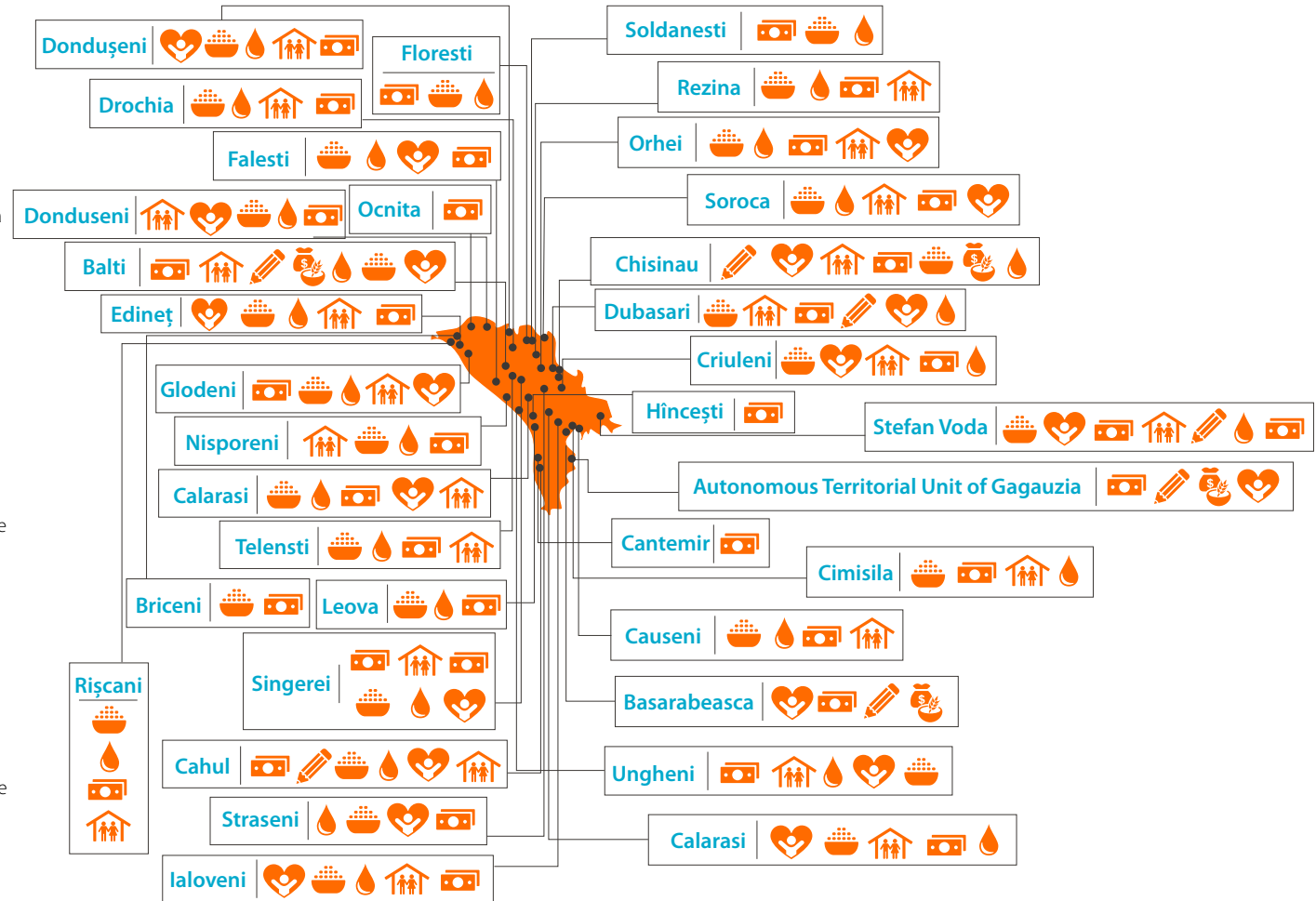
World Vision started working in Moldova in March 2022 and was registered in May 2022. Currently an office in Chisinau supports Ukraine Crisis Response with 9 partners and programmes in 33 rayons and 1 Autonomous Territorial Unit.

EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION:

- To ensure that activities in (20) CFS working are unified and comprehensive, a training on "Activity Catalogue" was conducted for the Child Friendly Spaces coordinators.
- A wider range of services is foreseen to consider in CFSs (Child Friendly Spaces) to include more groups of participants from the host and displaced community such as women, youth, elderly, and persons with disabilities to help build social cohesion and broaden the possibilities of integration.
- To address the need for including adolescents in programming "Impact+" project model is included in current and future projects with special focus on life skills.
- To join the call of the Moldovan government on the "Back to School" campaign, the sector activities were revised. This will help ensure that the office will continue
 - To support Ukrainian children to continue education online or offline
 - To support the Government in its campaign. More efforts will be made to help Moldova's Ministry of Education and Research to build its abilities to increase the number of Ukrainian schoolchildren attending Moldovan educational institutions from existing 4%.
- While closely monitoring the effects of new Temporary Protection modalities in the country, and their consequences on UASC (unaccompanied and separated children) and children's education, the referral pathways for individual cases are followed, in addition to engagement in Protection and Education clusters and CP sub-working group.
- Following the downsizing policy for RACs (Refugee Accommodation Centres) by the Government, the process will be closely followed up with the aim to cover the needs of the most vulnerable, in coordination with Protection cluster.

FOOD SECURITY & NFI:

- To meet the immediate needs and improve the food security situation of the most vulnerable refugees, and the Moldova host communities, World Vision through its implementing partner Foodbank continues to distribute food in kind and hygiene kits to the elderly under the DEC2 project.
- Through our direct implementation project – PNS Korea2, World Vision is distributing NFIs and hygiene kits to at least 20 Refugee Accommodation Centers across Moldova.



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MOLDOVA

CASH/VOUCHER PROGRAMMING (CVP):

- World Vision is implementing the Cash for Work programs as part of the DEC2 and PNS Korea2 projects. The cash assistance programs aim to support vulnerable individuals and communities by providing them with financial resources to meet their immediate needs, including winterization support and livelihoods opportunities for them to generate income through work.
- We can assess the overall impact of our work by continuously monitoring the beneficiaries' improved access to food, increased resilience, enhanced living conditions, and strengthened community well-being.

WFP PROJECT:

- Through the Cash Programming project with WFP which aims to provide live-saving cash assistance to the vulnerable Moldova communities that are hosting Ukrainian refugees and enhance social cohesion, World Vision in coordination with WFP, launched Round 8 Cash payment for both Activity One and the pending cash out from Activity Two as well as addressing the beneficiaries' complaints as flagged via the SugarCRM platform.
- During the reporting period, we were also able to conduct a door-to-door beneficiaries verification across Moldova and shared the report with the donor for follow up and action. This resulted in the affected people records either being updated or registered in the UA-Help system to ensure eligibility in the next round Nine of Cash payment.





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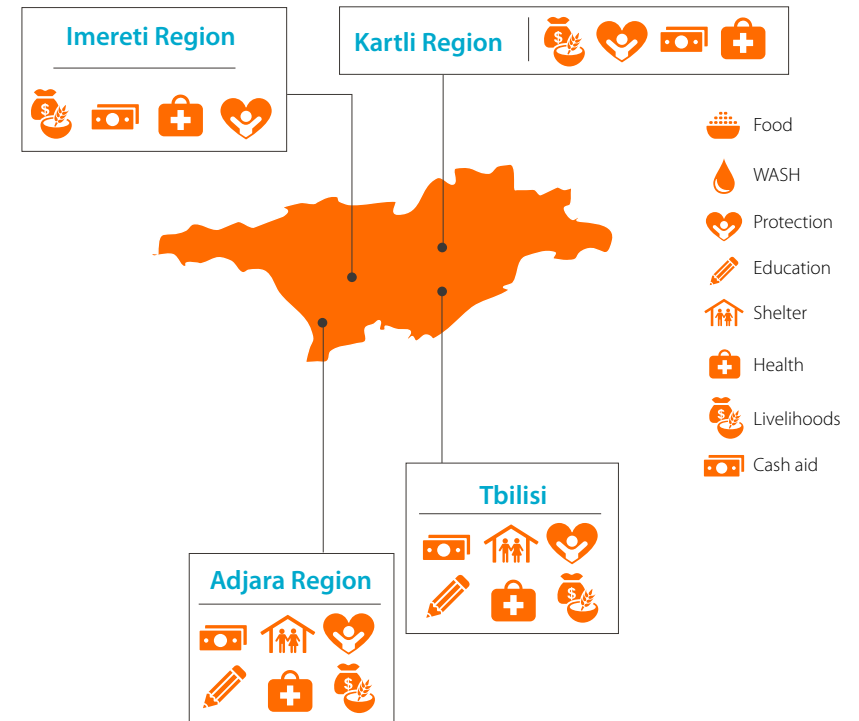
World Vision is one of the leading non-governmental children's rights organisations in Georgia. Throughout its over 20 years of work in the country, World Vision has worked to strengthen the child welfare system and create a healthy and active society for children that is inclusive, tolerant, and provides equal opportunities for all. World Vision Georgia has been providing support and assistance to the people of Ukraine from the very first days of the crisis and continues to support Ukrainian refugees based on their needs through urgent relief, assistance, education, protection and cash programming implemented in the capital city and three other regions of Georgia.

EDUCATION AND CP:

- On June 1st, World Vision Georgia opened another Educational and Development Centre Happy Space for Ukrainian Children in Batumi, a seaside city of Georgia. Through diverse classes and activities, the Centre equips Ukrainian children with valuable skills and supports the adaptation and integration process of their families into the local community. (The [news](#) on a prominent online media platform)
- The UCR provides support to the most vulnerable groups of society, such as street-connected children, and beneficiaries of daycare centers and kindergartens. Assistance provides the means to meet the primary (basic) needs of children, as well as to promote their rehabilitation and socialization. On July 12th, 2023, the beneficiaries of the shelters, together with the needed personnel, up to 45 people, took a week-long trip to seaside summer camp in Ureki.
- In June the project started implementing the "Positive Parenting" module. This World Vision module was adapted to the needs of refugees based on "Go Baby Go" guidelines. The parenting club includes refugee mothers from Ukraine who reside in Batumi or Martkopi RC (Reception Centers) with small children. The module aims to improve the skills of the parents and empower them with more knowledge about managing various life experiences with constructive attitudes. At the same time, this initiative supports the integration of the refugees in the local community, as the participants have the opportunity to freely express their opinions and talk about their feelings and experiences.

MHPSS:

- World Vision Georgia provides continued support to Ukrainian refugees through catering diverse services. To empower and satisfy the psychosocial needs of Ukrainian children and women various non-formal classes are delivered at Happy Space both for kids and their parents. Among them is the Women's Club, a supportive and comfortable environment, where Ukrainian women can gather, get useful information and connect with each other. These sessions cover a wide range of topics: Psychosocial support, Understanding the social and cultural environment in Georgia, Entrepreneurship and building a personal brand. (The information about the sessions is shared on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).)
- The project supported a Social Event – Women's World in Batumi for Ukrainian PoC women living in the Adjara region initiated by the refugee-run NGO (Non-Governmental Organizations) "Insight Ukraine". The main goal of the event was to help displaced women restore their psychosocial resources and mental well-being. During the event various types of behavioral therapies were implemented, such as travel therapy, art therapy and sport activities.
- On July 26, 2023, Ukrainian children showcased a heartwarming performance at public school 41 in Tbilisi, which has Ukrainian sector accommodating around 800 Ukrainian children. The performance was held by the members of the Happy Space class "Flash Back Theatre" under psychosocial and adaptation module.
- In July the UCR team conducted a series of meetings with the Happy Space providers to ensure common understanding and uphold regarding MHPSS principles. During these meetings the Toolkit for Child Friendly Spaces in Humanitarian Settings, developed by World Vision International and the IFRC (International Federation of Red Cross) Reference Centre for Psychosocial Support, was introduced. The book describes in detail the operational guidance and activity catalogue for children, youth and stakeholders. In addition, it gives directions on essential training for implementers and providers.



FOOD, NFI ,CVP, AND LIVELIHOODS:

- UCR continued distribution of Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance and Cash for Protection . In June and July, 1157 new beneficiaries received at least \$ 476,705 cash.
- A group coaching session on employment and labor market opportunities was held for Ukrainian refugees in Batumi Multi-Service Centre. The purpose of the meeting was to provide PoCs (point of contact) more information about the labor market in Georgia, employment opportunities and other related topics.
- World Vision Georgia is organizing communication and leadership trainings for the employees of Government Agencies, that will enable the staff to provide relevant services to both citizens and persons holding different status (including Ukrainian refugees) more effectively.



UKRAINE

- Participation in general coordination meetings in Kyiv, Chernivtsi and Kharkiv that highlighted the following respectively;
 - Country response progress as well as gaps for agencies to plug into
 - Liaison on implementation of activities in the Western part of Ukraine
 - Mine safety in de-occupied areas, strengthening social psychological support of locals, response sectoral needs and the need for agencies to prioritize cash assistance.
- We were able to meet with the FCDO (Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office) Humanitarian Advisor on Protection to brief on PSEA (Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) network issues as well as co-chair the PSEA network that brings together UN Agencies, International NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations), National NGOs, Donors, Clusters etc. to discuss issues of safeguarding.
- Meeting with the Head of National Office of Social Service to identify areas of synergy in implementing Child Protection programmes and possibilities of signing a tripartite MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) including WWI (World Vision International) and the Ministry of Social Policy.
- Held meetings with the department of Ministry of Social Policy in Chernivtsi as a main collaborator for WV projects, in a bid to strengthen areas of cooperation for Protection projects and well as with the representatives of Private Bank to discuss MPCA Cash Disbursement.
- Successful completion of WV Germany Support office visit that culminated in a lesson learnt event with the following partners in attendance: Health Right, NGO Girls, Caritas Ukraine, Youth Movement Be Free, Arms of Mercy and Hungarian Inter Church Aid.



GEORGIA

- On July 13-14, Chris Palusky, the Response Director of the Ukraine Crisis Response has paid a visit to Georgia. During his visit, he had an opportunity to meet with the local staff and partners, UNHCR and government counterparts, as well as interact with Ukrainian refugees. He got first-hand information about the services Ukrainian citizens have been benefiting from the UCR project. The meetings with Ukraine Civil Society Organizations (CSO/NGOs and the head of Ukrainian sector of the Georgian school provided valuable insights, showed the impact and current needs of the refugees residing in country. (Articles published on top media agencies to cover the UCR Director's visit- IPN.ge, Ambebi.ge. Video interview with Chris Palusky shared on World Vision webpage and social media channels: Facebook, YouTube and Instagram.
- On July 13, 2023, Oleksandr Shulha, the Charge d'Affaires of Ukrainian Embassy to Georgia and Tetiana Kolotylova, the First Secretary, visited Batumi Happy Space and learned about the activities and services available for Ukrainian refugees at the Centre. (The information and photos were published on Facebook by Ukrainian Embassy in Georgia.
- On the 31st of July, first information-sharing and coordination meeting with the Ukrainian Civil Society Organizations (CSOs/NGOs operating in West Georgia took place. The discussion revealed shortages and needs of presented groups, the majority of which are voluntary or activists-based, yet on their way to being formed as an organization. Nevertheless, as an outcome of the meeting two participant organizations – Meidan Batumi and ILCA Poti - found a way of further partnership. UCR will continue working with these organizations/groups on a capacity building issue as well find ways to strengthen their role in a community as a well-established organization.
- The project staff continues to attend the regular UNHCR-initiated inter-agency coordination meetings on the Ukraine situation in Georgia to better plan implementation of delivering relevant services as

well attended the third meeting of the Multi-Sectorial Coordination Group on GBV Prevention and Response held on July 12, 2023, by UNFPA Georgia Country Office and UNHCR Representation in Georgia.

- The support to Refugee Lead Organizations (RLOs effectively continues, the Better Future drafted the concept for the English-Speaking club with the project Ukrainian CGF (Community Group Facilitators) volunteering as a facilitator. It has been launched recently with an opening event and will last for two months. Most participants are Ukrainian.
- World Vision took part in the newly established Integration Platform meeting in Batumi City Hall. The meeting was facilitated by the organization "Integration Center" and aimed to promote establishment of inter-agency coordination space for supporting integration of foreigners in Georgia.



MOLDOVA

- WV UCR Moldova actively participated in several significant events, including World Refugees Day, US (UNITED STATES) Independence Day, and Fête Nationale Française.
- A high-level meeting focused on child protection was held with UNICEF and UNHCR, ensuring valuable insights and actions.
- On June 26th, a productive lessons-learned session concerning the DFAT project was conducted, fostering growth and improvement.
- Collaborative efforts resulted in progress on the Korea winterization and DEC 2b design projects, furthering our impactful initiatives.
- At least eight partner organizations received valuable training on Child Friendly Spaces with a focus on strengthening their capacity to address crucial child protection issues.
- WV UCR Moldova new staff underwent comprehensive Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse PSEA training, emphasizing our commitment to maintaining safe environments.
- A successful Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) visit to our activities showcased WV UCR Moldova's dedication, and we hosted a meeting for DEC implementing partners from various INGOs (International Non-Governmental Organizations).
- WFP conducted a thorough due diligence and spot check, leading to excellent results, and we obtained an extension of WFP cash assistance for Sep-Dec 2023.
- A productive meeting with the head of ICRC fostered collaboration and synergy towards our shared goals.
- WV UCR Moldova signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Chisinau municipality, establishing a solid partnership to promote positive change in the community.
- WV UCR Moldova took an active role in the winterization task force, collaborating closely with ACTED (Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development), People in Need, IFRC, and Intersos to conduct a comprehensive winterization assessment.



ROMANIA

- Romania's technical team participated in the Inter-Agency Working groups meetings of Education, Protection, Basic Needs, and Cash, fostering a strategy for an integration perspective from the sectors and from the refugee and host communities due to the new government assistance conditionalities UCR Multi-Country Advocacy lead and UCR Deputy Operations Manager for Romania met with UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) Operations Lead and UNICEF Education lead to discuss the overall response in the country, Advocacy strategies and Back to School campaign Romania's
- WV has actively participated to UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) Livelihood& Economic Inclusion, Cash and Protection Working Groups that have developed a scorecard for assessing vulnerability of refugees

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Advocacy and External Engagement

- In June, UCR submitted a statement on grave violations against children's rights to the UN (United Nations) Security Council in advance of the tabling of the UN Secretary General's annual report on Children and Armed Conflict. Additionally, a second statement was tabled during the deliberation calling for a cessation to greater accountability for grave violations of children's rights.
- Led the UCR Romania operations and support team to develop an advocacy and external engagement plan for influencing external stakeholders.
- Provided an internal brief for key SOs (Support Office) on the draft law #7646 under consideration by the Ukrainian Parliament to decriminalize humanitarian activities in disputed areas of the conflict zone.
- Led the first stage of developing an advocacy plan for UCR Moldova with UCR Team and partners.
- With the support of UCR Moldova team held a high-level consultation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs on the new Temporary Protection policy and clarify the government's expectations of humanitarian organizations in the application of this policy of Ukrainians in the country.

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