

UKRAINE CRISIS Response

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World Vision

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



5.1 million internally displaced people
11.9% of total Ukrainian population

4.6 million returnees
10.7% of total Ukrainian population

To date,
9,701 civilians have been confirmed killed,
17,748 injured

Romania
85,122 refugees
1.5% of total Ukrainian refugee

Moldova
119,376 refugees
2.1% of total Ukrainian refugee

Georgia
27,000 refugees
0.5% of total Ukrainian refugee

Source: [UNHCR](#)

Situation overview

- Grant Health Tracking System for Ukraine projects was rolled out; significant progress was made in preparation for cash registration under ADH 10-funded project, with approximately 5800 beneficiaries registered.
- Completed projects in Ukraine include Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH)2, Netherlands Emergency Alliance's GIRO555 Phase 1, and USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) Phase 1, as part of the grant implementation as regular implementation of projects and preparation for relevant winterization activities.
- For the 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), humanitarian organizations in Romania received \$57.5 million, which represents 37% of the total budget benefitting sectors such as education, health, and protection.
- The European Union (EU) has recently announced the extension of the Temporary Protection (TP) policy in all EU countries till March 2025.



People reached

 **1,493,866**

 **Men 243,357**
 **Women 523,679**

 **Children 726,830**
Boys 355,551 **Girls 371,279**

People reached by country



Ukraine:
953,079



Romania:
293,338



Moldova:
228,597



Georgia:
18,852

Strategic goal

Deliver inclusive, need-driven humanitarian assistance to refugees, 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 food, shelter and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) needs.



512,804
people reached
with food assistance



4,654.12
metric ton (MT)
of food assistance
distributed



321,038
people received
cash vouchers for
their basic needs



\$45,964,242
of cash
distributed



299,664
people reached with
hygiene kits



273,537
hygiene items
distributed



91,545
people reached
with temporary
shelter assistance



105,219
shelter non-food
items (NFIs)
distributed

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



136
service hubs
established and
supported



76,788
boys and girls
supported with
child protection
programming



91,758
people attended
mental health
and psychosocial
support activities



1,393
child protection
kits distributed



4,975
people trained in
protection issues



250,656
children benefiting
from education
programming



11,196
education kits
distributed



6,769
people supported
with emergency
funds for the
protection needs



\$456,841
cash for
protection
distributed



4
temporary and
permanent
education facilities
improved



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3:

Improve access to livelihood opportunities through skills development and provision of targeted support:



7,671

people provided with livelihood support services



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4: Improve partners capacity to prepare and respond to the humanitarian context:



WV UCR Partner Organizations engaged

Ukraine
17 Partners

Moldova
9 Partners

Romania
5 Partners



Partner staff reached with humanitarian context awareness and training activities

Ukraine
37

Moldova
70



Share of WV UCR Field Budget Allocated to Partners

UCR
36%

Romania
18%

Moldova
22%

Ukraine
56%



Partner Organizations Rating World Vision's Work Quality and Timeliness as Excellent or Good

Moldova
90%

Ukraine
67%



World Vision started working in Ukraine in March 2022. We have 6 offices across Ukraine in Chernivtsi, Kyiv, Dnipro, Lviv, Mykolaiv and Kharkiv currently support aid efforts reaching conflict-affected people in 24 oblasts across Ukraine. In collaboration with 23 national and international partners, World Vision delivered 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.

The Ukraine Humanitarian Needs Overview has estimated that 3.4 million children in Ukraine need immediate child protection services including children displaced from their homes, lost loved ones, and exposed to violence and trauma.

According to the Ukraine Situation Report in April 2023, 75% of parents reported their children had symptoms of psychological trauma, while 16% declared impaired memory, shorter attention span, and decreased ability to learn. UNOCHA reported lack of specialized staff to identify and support vulnerable people, particularly in Kherson, where there are no state social protection workers. The report highlights a high need for psychosocial support services for children aged 6-17.

The looming winter poses significant food security challenges, particularly in areas affected by war. The conflict has disrupted markets, limiting people's access to food when it becomes available. For many, backyard farms are the primary source of sustenance, providing essential nutrients and protein. However, farmers face a challenge during winter as they struggle to purchase sufficient feed, veterinary drugs, and other inputs to care for their livestock.

World Vision and partners implement programs on education, protection and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), cash voucher programmes and NFIs – shelter assistance, child-friendly spaces, and school-based services for children through summer camps. Trainings were provided with technical support for teachers that include stress management, psychosocial support (PSS), social and emotional learning (SEL), and bullying prevention. The education team is part of various working groups in child protection, education, MHPSS, and NFI clusters in Ukraine and Moldova, taking a co-lead role in these groups.

The Diagnostic and Proficiency Assessment (DAPA) tools was contextualized for use in Ukraine and collaborated with partner Teach for Ukraine to identify literacy and numeracy skills gaps.

The Cash Management Standard Operating Procedure (CMSOP) in consultation with World Vision's Global Education and Cash Assistance, has been finalized and is ready to be utilized.



- Food
- Shelter
- Protection
- Livelihoods
- WASH
- Health
- Education
- Cash aid



UKRAINE

KAKHOVKA DAM RESPONSE

The response concluded at the end of August, and the following outcomes were achieved:

- World Vision continues to provide support to the people affected by the Kakhovka Dam Response. Through our partner Arms of Mercy, shelter kits were provided to returnees, including mattresses, bed linen and blankets, as part of the Adoptive Humanitarian Fund.
- Delivered food supplies, 12,264 liters of water, and hygiene kits, to Dnipropetrovsk Oblast and the Zaporizhzhia Oblast Hromada with the support of ADH 11 funding, in collaboration with our local partners Pomogaem and Will Help Together.
- Training sessions were conducted to partners on procurement of food and NFIs to enhance the effectiveness of the distributions.
- Distributed informative leaflets on mine awareness, water safety, and leaflets provided by UNICEF, as well as providing MHPSS support to families with children.



Impact so far



Food kits distributed:

21,6 MT



Hygiene kits distributed:

8,620



Shelter kits distributed:

1,250



People supported with Non-Food Items (NFIs):

4,286

People reached



22,976



Men 4,644

Women 9,112



Girls 4,532

Boys 4,688



People with

Disability 337

ROMANIA

World Vision has been active in the country for more than 30 years and currently supports refugees from Ukraine host communities and institutions, with 5 partners in 18 districts and at least 6 government institutions. It has delivered direct assistance from the first days of the war focused on supporting refugee families and children displaced without their families through programs that respond to their immediate needs, facilitate their integration into host communities, and access to fundamental rights as basic needs – food & non-food, cash assistance, education, psychosocial support, participation, and livelihoods.

The child protection program, focused on non-formal recreational activities for Ukrainian and Romanian host children, will continue with the support of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) funding extension for another year.

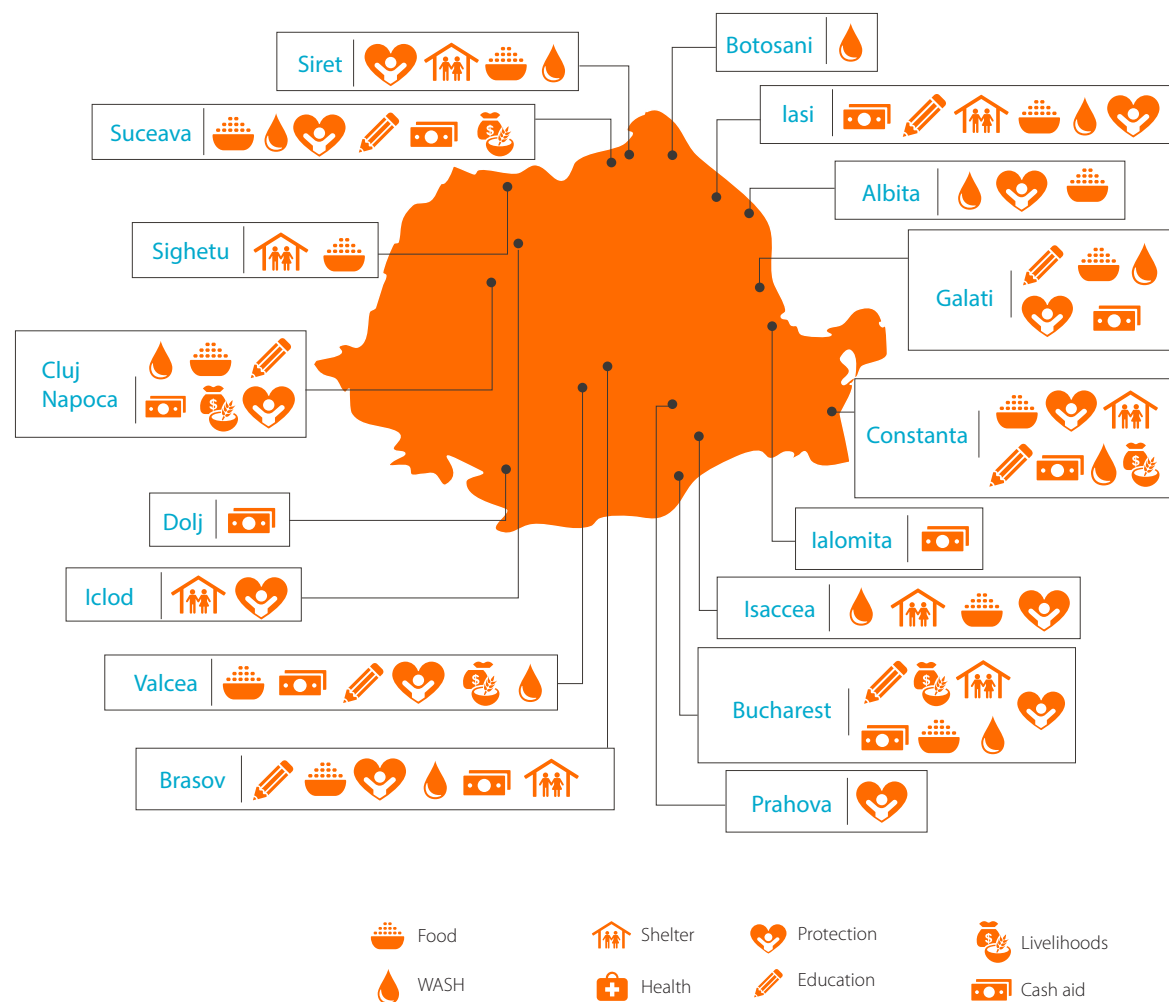
Distribution of cash vouchers supported 3,696 people with cash and 450 individuals with vouchers.

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the functioning of Happy Bubbles were developed according to the Romanian law, encompassing standard implementation guidelines under the new DEC-funded project.

Through the Multi-Purpose Cash Program, a one-time payment of 559 RON, which is around 119 USD, was provided to households with children to assist in meeting basic health, legal, water, and other essential needs.

The elderly population aged 60 and above received 480 RON, which equivalents to 103 USD, in two installments to support their monthly basic needs. This program empowers Ukrainian refugees by granting them choices in utilizing their cash for a secure living situation in Romania.

The last three projects (DEC 2A, GIRO555 B, PNS Korea) within the shared structure portfolio were successfully concluded, achieving an average burn rate of 98%. The new project led by Foundation World Vision Romania, DEC 2B, with a budget of 3.6 million will focus on education, basic needs, child protection and MHPSS activities.





MOLDOVA

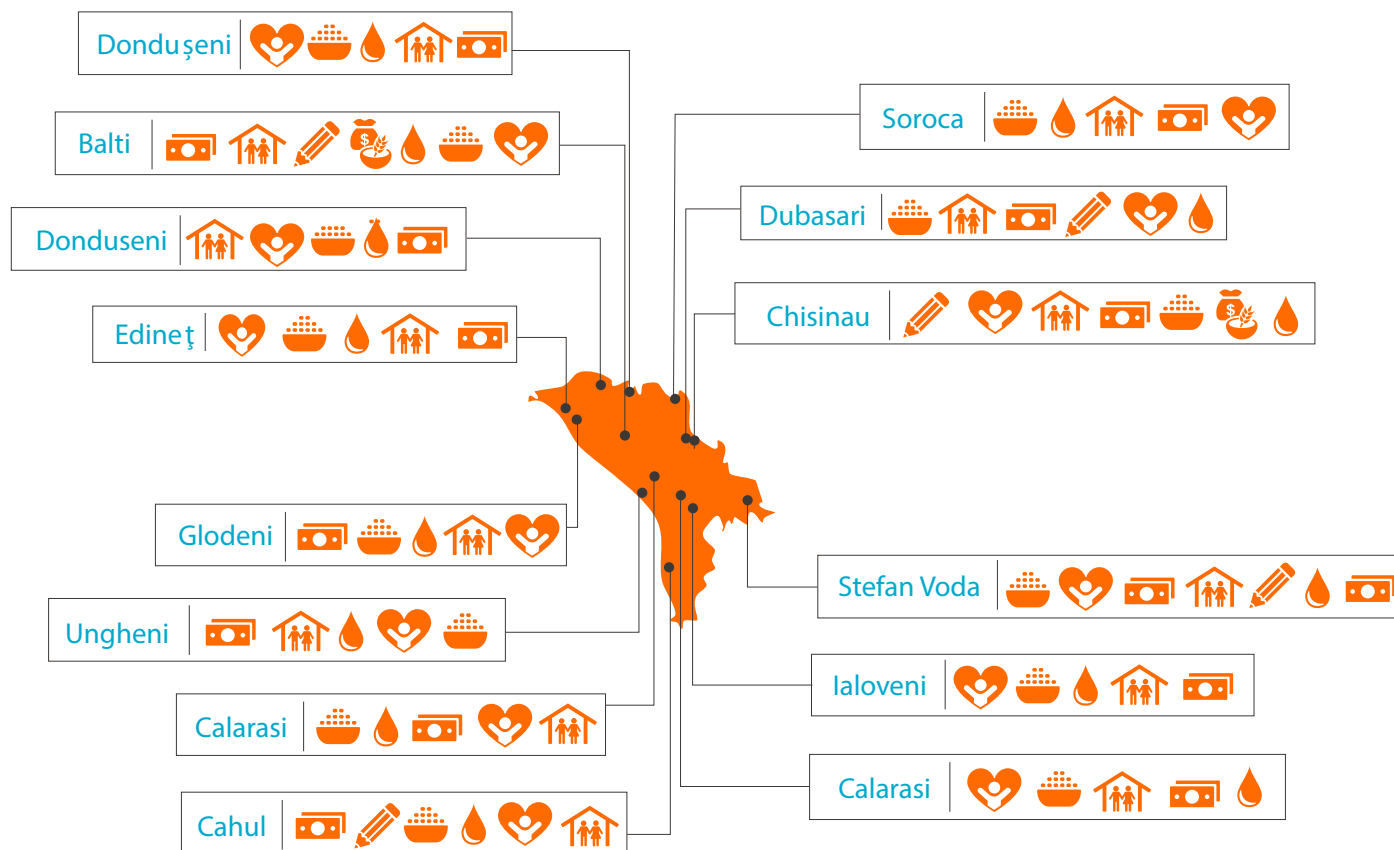
World Vision started working in Moldova in March 2022 and was registered in May 2022. An office in Chisinau currently supports the Ukraine Crisis Response with 9 partners and programs in 33 rayons and 1 Autonomous Territorial Unit.

The MHPSS training for mental health service providers and professionals from the sector working group was rolled out in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) with 10 practitioners completing two stages of training.

Actively participated in the activities of the MHPSS Technical Working Group (TWG), involved in the service mapping exercise, review of the 2023 RRP objectives and activities for child protection and MHPSS-UNHCR driven initiative.

As part of the winterization program for Ukrainian refugees in Moldova, World Vision is identifying households that require support, and initiating distribution of unconditional cash assistance. In addition, World Vision remains committed to empowering refugees and host communities through conditional and unconditional cash assistance.

A campaign for children's well-being has been intensified with World Vision working with schools and educators in Moldova's districts like Anenii Noi and Stefan Voda. Working with Ukrainian and Moldovan children of different ages through the summer schools, the educators were trained on educational practices for interventions against bullying and other protection-related issues.



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GEORGIA

World Vision is one of Georgia’s leading non-governmental children’s rights organizations. 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. It continues to support Ukrainian refugees based on their needs through urgent relief, assistance, education, protection, and cash programming implemented in Tbilisi and three regions of Georgia (Adjara, Imereti, Kartli).

3,034 people received multipurpose cash support with cash for protection provided based on the individuals’ necessities.

Two Happy Spaces in Tbilisi and in Batumi are being managed, offering psycho-social support and non-formal education activities for Ukrainian children, as well as Georgian and English language courses for adults.

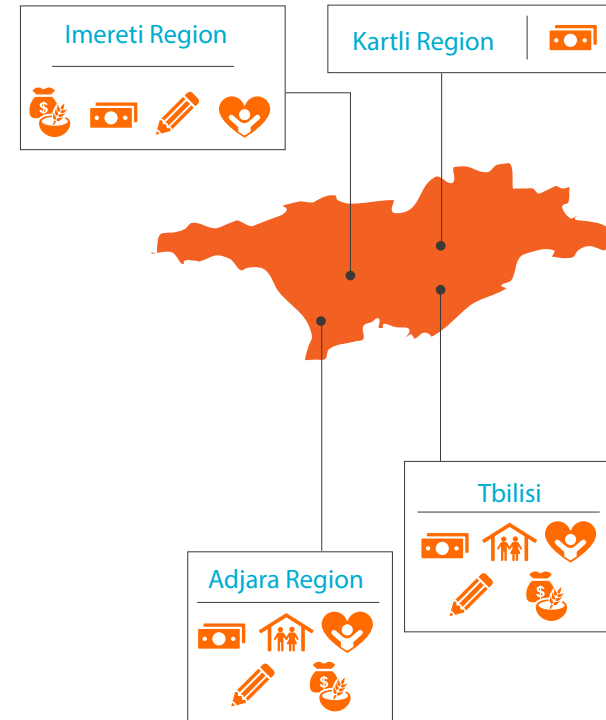
Participated in Ukraine’s Independence Day celebration on August 24th, a thematic week of festivities took place at Happy Spaces and Lisi Lake with activities, including artistic endeavors, learning Ukrainian songs, and crafting diverse artworks.

Special classes provided children with a deeper understanding of the symbolism behind the Ukrainian flag.

Distributed 955 educational kits to Ukrainian children and local community children living in Tbilisi and three other regions of Georgia.

Organized an informational meeting with Ukrainian community members in Batumi on the prevention and response mechanisms for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV). A session on education was held with officials from the Ministry of Education and the National Center for Education Quality Enhancement and provided an overview of the educational opportunities available for Ukrainians.

Provided trainings for refugees in Batumi on “Positive Parenting” aimed to raise awareness and empower parents/caregivers with knowledge and skills that significantly contribute to ensuring children’s development and well-being.



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- Delivered life-saving assistance across all operations areas through projects such as ADH 10, 11 and 12. Winterization needs are also being addressed.
- Through Australian DFAT funding, individuals were reached for MHPSS interventions through its local partners.
- In alignment with localization objectives, continuing work on partners' capacity building to further strengthen the partner's ability to implement bigger scale projects.



GEORGIA

- Completed two-day trainings and technical assistance for 739 people under the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Social Service Agency to support the Ministry's initiative "to develop and implement services and systems for building up a human capital in Georgia".
- An information session conducted with healthcare providers and Batumi municipality representatives focused on available services and access to them for Ukrainian refugees.
- Collaborated with UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNW organized events for Ukrainian volunteers and NGO/CSOs to facilitate effective functioning of organizations. Sessions concentrated on Asylum and Refugee Protection, Pathways to Financial Aid, Healthcare Access, GBV, Child Protection and the principles of volunteerism.
- Organized a job fair sponsored by Carrefour to increase the employment rate of persons of concern (PoCs), presenting around 80 vacant positions.



MOLDOVA

- Launched three new projects on cash assistance, winterization, food, NFIs, hygiene kits, protection, MHPSS, and education.
- The internal Sector Mapping included an updated engagement strategy with donors, local partners, and authorities, including ministries.
- Lessons Learned session related to DEC 2a project conducted for learning exchange on challenges, best practices, and lessons learned, promoting continuous improvement.
- Participated in a high-level meeting, with UNHCR, UNDP, and UNICEF and Chisinau municipality to discuss educational sector needs and temporary protection status.
- Dialogues conducted with UN agencies, government bodies, and INGOs centered around winterization; submission of World Vision's winterization plan; also participated in joint winterization assessment with other INGOs.



ROMANIA

- The quarterly funds' attraction monitoring update, World Vision's partnership has been ratified within the Inter-Agency and Resilience Plan (RRP) for 2024, with the registration of funds appeals.
- Two new Strategic Grant Agreements (SGAs) have been signed for the upcoming portfolio phase, along with the renewal of applicable MoUs.
- A new response program in Romania has been activated under the World Vision Foundation mandate.



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[Impact of War on Ukraine's Children: A Child Protection Report](#)



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>> Advocacy and External Engagement

- As part of its global back-to-school campaign, WVI developed an advocacy briefing document and shared it via social media and its website. The WV led the process of preparing the CFS guidance for the cluster, which is now finalized and endorsed by the cluster.
- Published and widely circulated a UCR wide policy brief on the status of education for Ukrainian children displaced by the war. The Education Policy Brief highlighted the stark situation that the majority of children displaced by the conflict for a fourth year, will not be in the formal school system. UCR and other humanitarian education programs play a crucial role in filling this gap, as well as providing MHPSS.
- World Vision's recommendations were included in the ECHO SOM (Senior Officials Meeting) deliberations that took place in Oslo on September 26th. These included protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure, equitable access to services; reaching war-affected civilians, closing the humanitarian development gap with locally led inclusive recovery.



Funding

US\$205.3 M
Secured funding

US\$66.4 M
Pipeline funding

US\$101.8 M
Actual spending

Donors & partners



Partners

Ukraine:

Youth Movement Be Free
Arms of Mercy
Divchata (Girls)
ACTED
Dorcas Aid
Baptist World Alliance
Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health
Caritas Kharkiv
Avalyst
Children New Generation
Hungarian Interchurch Aid
Pomagaem

Responsible Citizens

Ukrainian Foundation For Public Health

United Nations Inter Agency Convoy

Will Help Together (Lviv)

Caritas Donetsk

Teach for Ukraine

Romania:

Bucovina Institute Association

Centrul Crestin Association

Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for Social Services (FONSS)

Jesuit Refugee Service -JRS

Brancusi Parish

Moldova:

HelpAge

AVE Copiii

Communitas

Food Bank

Step by Step

Fondazione We World - G.V.C Onlus

Child Rights Information Center Moldova

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