

Security Update

- The severity of access to nearly all oblasts in Ukraine escalated between December and January due to pervasive air strikes, harsh winter conditions, and disruptions in telecommunications.
- Large-scale attacks that began in mid-December, particularly on 29 December, resulted in civilian casualties, infrastructure damage, and temporary power outages in major cities far from the conflict zones.
- The primary hindrances to humanitarian efforts were the shelling in frontline areas.
- The extreme winter weather in December and January led to power blackouts across most oblasts in Ukraine. This not only affected humanitarian movements but also restricted access to certain regions, potentially leaving some individuals without crucial aid.
- In December 2023, one of the CFS centers run by WV implementing partner Girls in Kharkiv was affected by the attacks. The windows of the center were damaged disrupting the implementation of the activities until when the damages were repaired.
- A significant cyberattack on the Ukrainian mobile operator, Kyivstar, on 12 December, disrupted cell phone services for over 24 million people for several days, affecting WVI UCR operations.
- Kherson oblast continued to be the riskiest region for humanitarian responders, with most reported attacks on humanitarian workers and facilities taking place there.
- 6.0 million refugees recorded across Europe – 14% of total Ukrainian population before the conflict.
- Georgia – 26,660 refugees – 0.4% of total Ukrainian refugees recorded across the Europe.
- Romania – 78,743 refugees – 1.3% of total Ukrainian refugees recorded across the Europe.
- Moldova – 116,194 refugees – 1.9% of total Ukrainian refugees recorded across the Europe.

Refugee Situation as of Jan 2024



6.5 million refugees recorded globally
15% of the total Ukrainian population before the conflict



21.3million people affected 50% of the total Ukrainian population before the conflict

17.6 million people in need 41% of the total Ukrainian population before the conflict*



3.6 million Internally Displaced Persons - 10% of total current Ukrainian population**

9,701 civilians have been confirmed killed to date

* The population of Ukraine before the conflict is 43.5 million.

** The current population of Ukraine is 37,5 million.

Source: [UNHCR](#) Source: [Ukraine Data Explorer](#)

People reached:



1,642,214

Women **588,384**

Men **272,816**

Children reached:



781,014

Girls **400,799**

Boys **380,215**

People reached by country:



Ukraine:
1,021,688



Romania:
305,897



Moldova:
290,464



Georgia:
24,165

Highlights at a Glance:



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1: Deliver life-saving in-kind and cash assistance to meet basic food, shelter and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) needs.



542,945
people reached
with food assistance



5,121.95
metric ton (MT)
of food assistance
distributed



392,542
people received
cash vouchers for
their basic needs



\$55,211,097
of cash
distributed



322,924
people reached with
hygiene kits



282,287
hygiene items
distributed



100,378
people reached
with temporary
shelter assistance



108,436
of shelter kits
distributed

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



90,475
boys and girls
supported with
child protection
programming



152
service hubs
established and
supported



1,393
child
protection kits
distributed



9,995
of people
reached through
Cash Protection
outcomes



\$616,632
cash for
protection
distributed



113,606
of people
benefitting from
MHPSS activities



6,121
people
trained in
protection
issues



5
of children
benefitting from
rehabilitated
classrooms



4
temporary
and permanent
education facilities
improved



254,113
children benefitting
from education
programming



13,621
education kits
distributed



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



10,442
people provided with livelihood
support services

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



41
of partners
engaged

Ukraine 14
Moldova 10
Romania 17



722
of partner staff
trained

Ukraine 472
Moldova 245
Romania 5



34%
of budget implements
by partners

Ukraine 52%
Moldova 17%
Romania 22%

UCR Burn rate as of Jan 2024 (Inception to date)				
Location	Approved Budget/LOA	Planned Budget as of Jan 24	Spending as of Jan'24	Burn Rate (%)
Moldova	19,559,587	14,604,259	12,760,788	87%
Romania	23,692,996	19,434,307	18,683,912	96%
Ukraine	102,092,792	71,522,422	61,778,089	86%
Georgia	5,001,898	3,104,338	2,961,202	95%
Total by Country	150,347,273	108,665,326	96,183,991	89%
Pooled PNS	29,738,011	12,571,053	12,571,053	100%
Total	180,085,284	121,236,379	108,755,044	90%



>> Advocacy and External Engagement

- According to ASM, in 2023 UCR had a reach of 3 mln children through its advocacy efforts including for visa access and exemption from conscription to military service humanitarian works, humanitarian access to the battle zones and protection of humanitarian workers in these areas, protection of children and their education. In host countries UCR campaigned for temporary protection measures for legal and social protection for Ukrainian children and families; access to education and MHPSS. WV Georgia has been at the forefront of advocacy for protection and education of Ukrainian children and families.
- In Ukraine, WV is a key partner in the Cash Working Group, where it is the capacity building focal point. Supported training of 55 people from 38 agencies implementing cash programming in Ukraine.
- WV is a key member in the collaborative cash delivery network (CCD). WV shared technical resources such as SOP for MPCA and Cash for Protection interventions to the CCD member organizations.
- WV is engaged in the discourse on the linkage between social protection and humanitarian cash instruments.
- In Moldova, participated in a meeting with ECHO under the INGO Forum to discuss 2024 strategy and collaborations.
- Among 8 UN agencies, 4 INGOs, and 9 local NGOs, UCR Moldova presented its operations at an event organized by UNHCR and the Moldovan government aimed at improved coordination.
- Hosted a visit from representatives of WV UK and the Disasters Emergency Committee. A joint proposal with Plan International will be submitted to the DEC, ensuring our continued partnership in delivering impactful projects.
- The Comprehensive Needs Assessment of Ukrainians in Georgia – Education, Livelihoods and General Intentions was conducted in close cooperation with UNHCR. The Report will be published in mid-February.
- WVI continues working with Education Cluster WG. Developed Education Cluster National Strategy 2024, as well as contributed into the 2024 Refugee Response plan development.
- WVI joined the task force to review the final Protection HNRP 2024.

Programmatic

- 4 **Child Friendly Spaces** were established in Sumy region, Ukraine. Partners are engaged in capacity building sessions to facilitate sessions in CFS, implement case management, understand, and adhere to PSEA/Safeguarding. First Medical Aid training and Conventional Weapons/Improvised Explosive Devices /Mine Risk training conducted by partners (Arms of Mercy) to children and parents attending the CFS.
- In December a **robotics course** for children started in the Slovo Vera center, Moldova. A group of children aged 10-13 y.o. is being trained in programming and basic knowledge of robotics.
- **Mobile Multidisciplinary Teams** started working together with case managers trained on case management in hard-to-reach areas in Dnipro oblast. Around 100 cases are registered and currently managed. In the reporting period all 12 MMT are fully operational in 7 oblasts (Dnipro oblast and Dnipro city, Kharkivska oblast and Kharkiv city, Kyiv, Vinnitsa, Lviv, Donetska oblast, Uzhorod).
- In Moldova **17 trainings on "The Complex Approach to PFA"** conducted for **380** teachers, social workers, psychologists, animators, speech therapists from 7 regions facilitated by 2 psychotherapists, partner's staff.
- In partnership with Teach for Ukraine WVI conducted **literacy and numeracy skills gap assessment** among 410 children aged 6 to 9 years directly impacted by war. According to the report 60% of children have literacy and numeracy skills gaps.
- In Ukraine, **Food, Non-Food Items (NFI), and Multi-Cash Voucher Programs (MCVP)** were provided to **51,724** individuals in need, including 13,675 children, across the response area to fulfill their basic needs. Efforts have been made to enhance the capacity of local partners and government agencies to effectively respond to the humanitarian crisis and safeguard the rights of refugees, returnees, IDPs, and host communities.
- **1 025 Ukrainian refugee children** 0-18 y.o. in Georgia provided with the **winterization** voucher in amount of USD 115.
- Jointly with Association of Young Economist in Georgia UCR starts a **livelihood project** to educate the **Ukrainian refugees** on entrepreneurship complemented with a small grants scheme for start-up businesses or expanding current ones. Special consideration will be given to the business ideas focused on Ukrainian traditional, cultural, and artistic elements such as art and crafts, traditional clothing, traditional foods and cooking, and folklore and cultural activities.
- Jointly with UNHCR WV Georgia continuously **builds the capacity of local NGOs** aimed at improved information provision on state and non-state services for Ukrainian refugees in Georgia to enhance their access to those services. The intervention also supports strengthening institutional capacity of organizations as service providers.

Institutional

- **Kaizen and RASCI** training and workshop took place with participation of SLT, SMT and mid-level managers. The aim was to discuss, agree and finalize the major business processes, especially the ones that require interdepartmental engagement or input. The document is pending final approval.
- The UCR Moldova **Healthy Office Environment Committee** convened, outlining important action points for 2024 to ensure a conducive and sustainable work environment.
- **Talent calibration** was completed and submitted for UCR-nominated talents.
- Partners' capacity assessment conducted and **Partnership Strategy**, including the capacity development plan drafted.
- Priority- Partners' support and capacity building is focused on compliance and mitigating potential risks for the ongoing projects. (**Localization**)
- Partner capacity building session done with "Save Ukraine" HR representative related **ECHO and WVI regulations and requirements within the scope of P&C**.
- **Audit and spot checks** are concluded. (Internal Audit on BPS, KPMG on BHA and WVG spot checks).
- **LMMS support** - working with global LMMS support team to finalise improvements needed within March 2024.
- Around **30% of UCR staff** completed **MIP on-line course**.



Funding

US\$231.4M

Secured funding

US\$96.1M

Active funding

US\$108.7 M

Actual spending

Life in the eyes of a Ukrainian child: "My only wish is for my father to return from war"

Teach for Ukraine, World Vision's local partner, conducted Diagnostic and Proficiency Assessments (DAPAs) that evaluated Ukrainian children's literacy and numeracy skills individually to avoid and uncover learning gaps. The ongoing war has compromised access to quality education for around 71% of Ukrainian children aged 3-17. Moreover, nearly two-thirds of the country's children are internally displaced, as are 43,000 Ukrainian teachers.

The assessment covered children aged 6-9 in four regions, including Dnipro,



Eva often studies independently as classes are frequently disrupted by air alarms and a lack of internet connection.

Zaporizhzhia, Lviv, and Kharkiv. The findings indicate that the top test scores were observed in Lviv and Dnipro, whereas the lowest scores were documented in the Zaporizhzhia region.

Disrupted education: On a frigid December Monday morning in Lviv Oblast, western Ukraine, little Eva, 9, is awakened by the shrill alarm clock ringing at 6:30 a.m. She carries through her typical morning routine, even though the previous nearly two years have not been about routine at all, but rather about the unexpected, turmoil, and fear, a lot of fear for the coming day. She rushes into the kitchen, after donning a few layers of warm clothing that had been meticulously laid on the dark brown chair since last evening. She puffs up the sandwich her mother prepared and pulls out her backpack, stuffed with textbooks, notes, and a colorful pen case.

On the way to school, Eva is accompanied by her 16-year-old brother, who attends the same lyceum. The cold seeps deeper into the bones with each step, as snow lies beneath the heavy boots.

Eva finds her seat in the dimly lit classroom, where worn-out tables and chairs are set up in four rows. As the teacher walks into the class, the children's hushed whispers reverberate against the peeling white walls.

The Ukrainian language lesson had just been going for about 25 minutes when a sharp air-alarm pierces the air. Desks are abandoned in a hurried but organized procession.

Children are led along tight hallways by the low flicker of emergency lights to the shelter's cold, concrete embrace.

"In the last year, I don't remember a week without at least one class being disrupted," explains Eva. Like most of the Ukrainian children in the country, she has been exposed to hybrid learning since the war began in February 2022.

Due to the significant risk of bombings and explosions in the area, many of the classes were held online.

However, there were certain drawbacks to online education. Teachers and children face several daily power outages, having limited access to online schooling. As time slows down, Eva and her colleagues spend more than two hours between the dark grey walls of the basement. The teacher strives to hold their attention and gets them through the lessons from the previous days. Other groups of children sit within the same square perimeter. It is difficult to focus.

That is the reality Ukrainian children face every week, but they keep going with their education. They keep hoping. They keep dreaming about a Ukraine free of air

raid sirens and bombs. *"I want to be an astrologist, but my greatest wish is for my father to return from war,"* concludes nine-year-old Eva.



As the father is serving on the frontlines, Iryna, Eva's mother, is responsible for the household as well as her children's education and wellbeing.

To date, World Vision has reached more than 481,000 Ukrainian children inside the country, supporting them with education, mental health, protection, food security, and basic needs services.

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