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KEY FIGURES

6,657,918

refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe

3,840,568

refugees from Ukraine registered for Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe

11,150,639

border crossings from Ukraine

4,767,914

border crossings to Ukraine

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BACKGROUND

Since the onset of the Russian invasion, nearly one-third of Ukrainians have been forced from their homes. This is one of the largest forced displacement crises in the world today. Within Ukraine, over 6.6 million people remain displaced by the war. As of today, UNHCR estimates there are over 6.6 million refugees present across Europe. Over 3.8 million refugees from Ukraine have registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes. More than 11 million movements out of Ukraine have been recorded since 24 February, with over 4.7 million movements back into the country.

UKRAINE SITUATION UPDATE

- As of 15 August, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 13,212 civilian casualties in the country: 5,514 killed – including 356 children – and 7,698 injured. OHCHR notes that the actual figures are likely considerably higher. OHCHR reports that most of the civilian casualties recorded were caused by the use of explosive weapons with a wide impact area, including shelling from heavy artillery and multiple launch rocket systems, and missile and air strikes.
- The situation on the ground in Ukraine continues to deteriorate as hostilities cause additional destruction of vital infrastructure and hamper civilian evacuations in the south and east. The unfolding situation in and around the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Plant in southern
- Ukraine raises significant concerns of catastrophic consequences. In Donestka oblast where some of the fiercest fighting is ongoing, evacuation efforts continue. UNHCR is working closely with the local authorities to support the evacuees with protection services and relief items upon their arrival to the locations where they have been evacuted to.
- UNHCR has recently established an operational presence in Odessa to respond to the growing humanitarian needs in the south. Throughout the country, more than 1.68 million people have been reached with protection services, assistance through cash or essential items, and shelter support by UNHCR and its NGO partners.

KEY FIGURES IN UKRAINE (AS OF 17 AUGUST)



1.6M

people reached with assistance to date



703,032

people reached with essential food and nonfood items, winter clothes and shelter materials



487,615

people have received cash assistance to support their basic needs



489.654

people received protection assistance, advice and referrals at border crossing points, transit and reception centres and through hotlines



138.858

people received assistance through humanitarian convoys delivered to hard-hit areas



89.904

sleeping spaces created / improved in

294

reception centres and collective centres

UNHCR RESPONSE TARGETS*



4.3 million

The number of people UNHCR aims to reach



1.2 million

people will receive protection assistance and information



1.5 million

people will be supported with essential food and non-food items



1.08

million

people will receive multipurpose cash assistances



140,000

people to receive shelter support, including through refurbishment of

40

reception and collective centres*

^{*}The targets are subject to the receipt of the funding requirements detailed on the last page

UNHCR RESPONSE IN UKRAINE



- 489,654 people received protection assistance, advice and referrals at border crossing points, transit and reception centres and through hotlines.
- This includes protection counselling and services, including psychosocial support and legal aid. 215,972 people received protection information, support or counselling; 145,907 people received information and counselling through hotlines; 60,358 people received legal counselling or assistance; 49,875 people received psychosocial support or psychological first aid; 10,240 received social support. This is in addition to 5,301 protection monitoring missions which have been conducted.
- UNHCR recently signed a partnership agreement with 'Insight', a women-led organization advocating for human rights and gender equality.
 The partnership will strengthen the capacity of local actors to conduct prevention activities for gender-based violence (GBV) and will serve as an entry point to work with local communities. UNHCR now works with 14 NGO partners, including 11 local NGOs, to deliver assistance and support to local actors.



- On 12 August, additional construction materials including 700 pieces of roof sheets, doors and repair materials were delivered to a damaged dormitory in Dnipro in response to the missile strikes at the Pivdenmash plant on 15 July. 86 affected households in Odeska oblast were supported with emergency shelter kits.
- UNHCR is supporting the immediate shelter needs of families who have chosen to return to heavily damaged houses in affected areas. 95 pre-fabs are ready for assembly to support the shleter needs for families with damaged homes in Kyivska and Chernihivska oblasts.
- To respond to the request of communities hosting evacuees from Donteska oblast, UNHCR partners distributed more than 980 NFIs including towels, mattresses, jerry cans and dishes. Kirovohrad Region received 764 evacuees from Donetska oblast during the period of 8 to 15 August.



Multipurpose Cash Assistance

- Since the beginning of cash enrolment in Ukraine on 17 March, cash assistance has been disbursed to 487,615 people.
- Cash assistance is one of the most efficient and effective ways to support people who have been forced to flee from their homes. It serves as a transitional safety net before people find a job or are included in national social protection schemes.
- An interactive Cash Working Group dashboard showing overall progress can be accessed <u>here</u>.
 A cumulative 2.62 million people have received cash assistance through 30 Cash Working Group partners.



Core Relief Items

- To date, 703,032 people have benefitted from core relief items and food assistance across eastern, central and western Ukraine. This includes 159,472 people who received food assistance and 27,206 who were in receipt of shelter kits.
- 138,858 people have received assistance through 294 humanitarian convoys delivered to hard-hit areas. Access to people in these areas remains extremely challenging with continuing security risks, both for affected civilians as well as humanitarian actors.
- So far, UNHCR has supported 294 reception and collective centres run by the Government to increase their capacity to host IDPs. A total of 89,904 additional sleeping spaces at these centres have so far been created.

KEY FIGURES - REFUGEE HOSTING COUNTRIES

382,077

people received cash assistance in Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia as of 16 August **37**

Blue Dots established with UNICEF in Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia



KEY FIGURES - HUNGARY

28,289

refugees registered for temporary protection

23,240

people provided with protection support by UNHCR and partners

3

Blue Dots

77,944

visits to the UNHCR Hungary Help Page



- UNHCR and partners Cordelia, the Hungarian Helsinki Committee (HHC), Menedék, Migration Aid and Next Step have provided information, counselling, psychosocial support and protection referrals to 23,240 refugees at border crossing points, help/info points and temporary shelters across the country.
- UNHCR has a daily presence at the Záhony train station in order to ensure adequate information provision for newly arriving refugees, while waiting for registration by the police. A shipping container at the station, which was provided by the local mayor, being used as a temporary office space and for individual counselling sessions with refugees.
- Two standard Blue Dots are in operation in Zahony and Tiszabecs. To date, 3,939 individuals have been assisted at them. A third mobile Blue Dot began operating in partnership with Menedék-The Hungarian Association for Migrants in early August. Among the main requests from Ukrainian refugees at

the mobile hub are how to find a job, applying for a residence permit/temporary protection status, access to healthcare, access to the Hungarian education system and family reunification.



Core Relief Items

- UNHCR has distributed 6,361 hygiene kits as of 15
 August. During the reporting period, UNHCR, Lexis
 and the Foundation of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic
 Church distributed hygiene kits throughout the
 Budapest Municipality.
- Pre-positioned regional stock in warehouses in Hungary currently includes:
 - 309,400 bedding sets
 - 11,520 blankets
 - 283,288 hygiene kits
 - **82,880** mattresses
 - 154,800 quilts
 - 2,000 tarpaulins
 - **2,000** sleeping bags

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

KEY FIGURES - REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

89,649

refugees from Ukraine estimated to have remained in the country

72,235

people have received cash assistance

1.900

refugees departed by air to other European countries as part of the Solidarity Platform

8

Blue Dots

52,384

refugees received protection information or counselling through UNHCR and partners

28,866

people received protection support via the UNHCR-managed 'Green Line' helpline

281,789

visits to the UNHCR help page

Protection

- With the opening of an additional Blue Dot in Chisnau on 15 August, there are currently eight Blue Dots operational in Moldova. The new hub is run in partnership at a community centre with the Law Centre of Advocates and 'Moldova for Peace', an initiative which unites the efforts of several NGOs including Laolalta, an implementing partner of UNHCR.
- 25,183 people received support provided by UNHCR, UNICEF and partners at Blue Dots, with 12,357 children identified to be in need of specialized services and referred to health, social welfare and legal assistance services.
- UNHCR manages the Green Line, a free helpline (0800 800 11) to address refugees' and host communities' questions, needs and concerns. Since mid-April,
 28,866 calls have been received. UNHCR has

- supported the training of over 90 per cent of Green Line call centre staff on handling PSEA disclosures and how to report on them.
- Additional accommodation centres were recently opened to cater for children from vulnerable families and unaccompanied children who were identified to be in need of places to stay. There are now 74 centres with an overall capacity for 5,508 people.
- On 12 August, a mobile team comprising UNHCR, the Law Centre of Advocates, INTERSOS and ACTED visited Purcari in order to reach out to refugees and provide them with mobile community services and information. The visit was coordinated with the concerned local authorities. The mobile team will continue target new areas in Caplani, Crocmaz, and Olanesti in the following week.
- Some 2,000 people have been trained on protection issues across the Republic of Moldova. This includes 1,465 frontline partners, government and NGO staff who have been trained on GBV safe disclosure and referral mechanisms in order to support the rollout of guidelines on referral pathways. Several referral pathways covering the entire country have been updated, while the GBV pocket guide has been translated into Romanian and distributed among partners.
- 12 Member States of the European Union Austria, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland have made pledges to transfer 17,870 refugees from Moldova as part of the EU Solidarity Platform. So far, over 1,900 persons have transferred to European countries from Moldova. Among the transfers coordinated in the context of the Solidarity Platform, 1,828 vulnerable refugees have transferred to Austria, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland by flight. In addition, Lithuania transferred over 200 persons from Moldova by bus, on a bilateral basis.
- UNHCR and the Moldovan Centre for combatting human trafficking (CCTP) organized a training session on anti-trafficking on 10 August at Palanca bus station. 25 participants attended, including staff and volunteers from UNFPA, ACTED, INTERSOS and the Law Centre of Advocates.
- UNHCR's partner INTERSOS continues to identify people most in need of protection assistance, including those in need of psychological first aid and specialized psychosocial support (PSS). The services are provided at the main border crossing points -Palanca, Tudora, as well as in the Palanca Bus Hub.

To date, **2,387 refugees** have been provided with PSS/PFA assistance, with those presenting severe psychological symptoms being referred to specialized mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).



Multipurpose Cash Assistance

 72,235 refugees have received cash assistance. UNHCR is currently facilitating awareness raising sessions on PSEA for 50 Community Liaison Officers working at cash enrolment sites across the country in coordination with registration and cash teams.



Core Relief Items

 Pre-positioned regional stock in warehouses in Moldova currently includes:

- 132,287 blankets
- **121,065** hygiene kits
- **20,088** solar lamps
- 32,780 jerry cans
- **14,989** mattresses
- 24,823 kitchen sets
- 292 wheelchairs
- 7,110 quilts
- 56,455 sleeping bags
- **7,055** tents
- 3,144 winterization kits
- 3,050 tarpaulins
- UNHCR has also provided significant material assistance to the Government of Moldova to increase their capacity. Items, including vehicles, laptops and generators were donated to the Bureau for Migration and Asylum (BMA) and to the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (GIES) among others.

POLAND

KEY FIGURES - POLAND

1.274.130

refugees registered for temporary protection

264,828

refugees received for cash assistance

8

Blue Dots

2,478,252

visits to the UNHCR Poland help page



Protection

2,490,695 visits have been made to the UNHCR Poland help page as of 15 August. UNHCR continues to develop its approaches to communicating with communities, with a new counselling helpline established. 2,345 calls have been received since the line opened in late July. The counselling lines have country-wide coverage and are operating in four languages with the phone numbers available via the HELP website. Among the main issues queried by refugees relate to school enrolment challenges, cash assistance, employment and housing issues.

- There are eight Blue Dots operating in Poland, including two in Warsaw and two in Krakow. 31,148 people have been counselled through the Blue Dots as of 15 August, with protection teams making 18,169 interventions. The largest number of queries and referrals were related to health and medical services, transport, financial support, protection and social services, child protection services and MHPSS.
- UNHCR conducts regular border monitoring at border crossing points and regions bordering Ukraine. Regular cross-border exchanges also take place between UNHCR in Ukraine and Inter-agency teams in Rzeszów. On 10 August, UNHCR conducted two border monitoring missions to Zosin and Dołhobyczów on the border with Ukraine. At both locations, NGOs are no longer present. However, local government staff remain to provide information to new arrivals from Ukraine.
- Polish schools are prepared to accept between 200,000-300,000 more Ukrainian refugee children when the new academic year starts in September, according to the Minister for Education, Przemysław Czarnek. In partnership with the City of Warsaw, UNHCR organized an information session for Ukrainians in relation to the enrolment of children in Warsaw's schools. This is the start of regular information sessions in partnership with the municipality.
- As of 16 August, 876 people have been trained in core areas of protection, including PSEA, GBV and child protection. Those trained include UNHCR staff, partner staff, army border personnel, and local authorities.

- The NGOs European Lawyers in Lesvos (ELIL) and Safe Passage are coordinating a pro bono legal aid project with twelve different organizations and law firms for the provision of pro-bono legal aid in two Blue Dot locations. ELIL started operating in August and Safe Passage will join them in early September.
- As of 15 August, nearly 12,278 interviews have been carried out with refugees to better understand the demographics of people forced to flee, including their future plans, immediate needs, and issues faced during their displacement. The interviews, which were carried out with refugees across Poland, will also contribute to the broader regional analysis of population movements and the protection situation in the region.



Multipurpose Cash Assistance

 As of 15 August, 264,828 individuals have received cash assistance. A total of seven cash enrolment centres are operating either directly by UNHCR or by partners. Three centres in Gdynia, Poznań, Krakow have been closed during the week, as they have now completed their enrolment targets.



Core Relief Items

- **128,176** bedding sets
- **158,880** blankets
- 164,503 hygiene kits
- 84,059 mattresses
- 3,070 quilts
- 336 trucks have travelled from the logistics hub in Rzeszów, Poland, to Ukraine as of 11 August to dispatch hundreds of thousands of core relief items for distribution to IDPs in need.



KEY FIGURES - ROMANIA

55,668

refugees registered for temporary protection

14,807

refugees received cash assistance as of 15 August

30.043

refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone

7

Blue Dots

12,107

people supported to travel to Romania from Moldova

64,666

visits to the UNHCR Romania Help page



Protection

- UNHCR continues to provide protection information and counselling in person as well as through hotlines. As of 11 August, over 30,000 people have received protection support, advice, referrals and information in person or remotely through helplines. This includes 18,051 people who were supported in person and over 11,992 people who received support through helplines.
- The UNHCR Help website has received 64,666 visits as of 15 August. A telegram channel is now being piloted, with a more substantial rollout envisaged in future.
- As of 15 August, space to accommodate 48,144 people has been made available by local authorities and civil society. Of these, 7,862 are occupied. UNHCR continues to conduct regular reception monitoring visits and assessments of reception sites and residential care facilities. Needs vary across centres. For example, in response to the needs identified by UNHCR, 317 Ukrainian refugees living in three reception centres in Tulcea and three others in Galati have been provided with Hygiene Kits in the last week. UNHCR also continues to organize regular visits to Government transit sites, accommodation centres run by different municipalities and residential care facilities for children.

- UNHCR and its partner the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR) continue to be present and working at 11 border crossing points to provide information and counselling to new arrivals. UNHCR and its partners are distributing leaflets on the dopomoha.ro platform, where information on the entry requirements at the Romanian border is available, as well as the procedure for seeking asylum in Romania and the rights and obligations of asylum-seekers. Information requested largely focuses on legal status, notably temporary protection, cash assistance, transportation to other EU countries, long-term accommodation and food, employment, education and access to medical services.
- From 9 to 12 August, UNHCR conducted three training sessions on integrated protection issues (international protection, GBV and PSEA) for government officials in Baia Mare and Satu Mare, near the border with Ukraine.
 53 government staff attended, including border police, gendarmerie, regular police and municipality officials. UNHCR partner staff also attended.
- Some 150 FRONTEX border guards deployed in Romania attended briefing sessions co-facilitated by UNHCR between January and August 2022. FRONTEX border guards were familiarized with the asylum procedure in Romania, trends, and challenges, and enhanced their knowledge in the area of international standards on access to the territory and dealing with vulnerability at the border.

 UNHCR and IOM continue to jointly facilitate fast-track transfers from Palanca border crossing point with Ukraine in Moldova, to Huşi, Romania. As of 14 August, 12,107 people had been transported to Romania through this mechanism.



Multipurpose Cash Assistance

• 14,807 people have received cash assistance as of 15 August. The cash assistance enrolment centre in RomExpo, Bucharest is fully operational, with additional legal and health referral services available from sister UN Agencies and NGOs on site. In addition to the enrolment centre in Bucharest, there are four others in Brasov, Galati, lasi and Suceava. UNHCR plans to open either an additional enrolment site or deploy a mobile enrolment team in Constanta.



Core Relief Items

- Pre-positioned regional stock in warehouses in Romania currently includes:
 - **50,748** quilts
 - 79,887 blankets
 - 55,005 mattresses
 - 116,001 bedding sets
 - 2,700 solar lamps
 - 95,949 hygiene kits
 - **2,677** tarpaulins



KEY FIGURES - SLOVAKIA

86,834

refugees registered for temporary protection

30.207

refugees received cash assistance

3

Blue Dots

150,451

visits to the to the UNHCR Slovakia Help page



Protection

- The UNHCR Slovakia Help page has received 150,451 visits since the beginning of the Ukraine emergency. Information for people coming from Ukraine, including on the implementation of the temporary protection directive, has been published on the UNHCR Slovakia Help website, in Slovak, Ukrainian, Russian and English.
- UNHCR and UNICEF continue to operate a helpline for refugees, which is staffed by operators who have received guidance on dealing with sensitive issues such as sexual exploitation and abuse. While it currently aims to respond predominantly to questions regarding cash assistance, it also identifies protection cases that require further action. 4,299 calls have been received as of 12 August.
- On 11 August, UNHCR Slovakia launched its Telegram channel at https://t.me/s/unhcr_slovakia. According to initial findings of the Protection Profiling and Monitoring exercise, Telegram is the preferred means of communication for Ukrainian refugees.

- UNHCR presented the initial findings of a rapid needs assessment at five sites owned by the Ministry of Justice on 11 August. It found that refugees have difficulties navigating the housing market, with people frequently staying in public accommodation because of the difficulties renting privately. People living in public housing can also support each other with childcare in order to be able to work. Although a skilled and productive population, with 60 to 80 per cent university and technical school graduates, refugees in Slovakia are highly reliant on humanitarian assistance, including interagency multi-purpose cash assistance.
- On 10 August, UNHCR joined a technical meeting on integration centres organized by Filip Vagac, the Plenipotentiary for Civil Society. The Plenipotentiary has been designated by the Prime Minister as a main focal point for leading discussions about the establishment of integration centres in Slovakia. Mr. Vagac stressed that the state should set out minimum standards for integration centres. He also stressed that such centres can serve as a starting point for a broader discussion about integration of foreigners in Slovakia. According to the instructions from the Government, the integration centres are expected to be designed primarily for Ukrainian temporary protection holders. UNHCR and other organisations stressed that they should open to all nationals, and be established with a strong involvement of regional authorities.
- As part of an inter-agency site and needs assessment exercise conducted by UNHCR, IOM and REACH, six sites have been assessed and interviews conducted with site managers and refugees, bringing the total number of sites assessed to 66 out of overall 82. The estimated accommodation capacity in the 82 accommodation centres is 6,182 individuals while the current occupancy is 1,850 individuals.
- UNHCR is supporting the Government in its contingency planning exercise, including by facilitating a workshop on 8 August which aimed to ensure a wellcoordinated and structured response in the event of a new refugee emergency. The Ministry of Interior is leading this exercise with the involvement of all the line-Ministries.

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Multipurpose Cash Assistance

 Enrolment is ongoing at five registration centres across the country. As of 16 August, 30,207 people have received cash assistance. In addition to enrolment centres in Bratislava, Nitra, Zilina, Košice and Michalovce, home visits were carried out in Presov, Levoca, Trebisov, and Secovce by a mobile registration team in the East over the last week.

COORDINATION

Ukraine

 UNHCR leads the Protection and Shelter Clusters as well as the Coordination Camp Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster which was activated as of 1 March in Ukraine. In addition, as co-lead of the Logistics Working Group in Ukraine, UNHCR is facilitating the movement of humanitarian coordination convoys in with OCHA. The UNHCR-led Protection Cluster has established a national coordination office in Lviv and plans to establish sub-national coordinators in Dnipro, Lviv, Uzhhorod and Vinnytsia. Both the Child Protection and GBV Sub-Clusters are similarly expanding their presence.

Regional Refugee Response

UNHCR has facilitated the establishment of coordination structures in line with the Refugee Coordination Model, in order to support the overall coordination of relevant governments. A Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) was developed in early March. A revised version of the RRP extending through December 2022 has since been published, bringing together the joint efforts of 142 partners. Inter-agency Refugee Coordination Forums (RCFs), led by UNHCR, and specific sectoral groups, have been established at country level in Belarus, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia to support the efforts of the concerned governments. The structures are intended to be agile and will be adjusted as the situation evolves.

UNHCR leads the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) at country-level in **Hungary** to ensure a harmonized response within existing government structures and among inter-agency partners, NGOs, volunteers and other stakeholders, with associated working groups (Protection, including Child Protection and Education, and Basic Needs – including Shelter, Food, and Non-Food Items) and two cross-cutting task forces (the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support) to effectively coordinate interagency partners' response.

In **Moldova**, an Inter-Agency Coordination Group has been established with more than 70 participating members. UNHCR leads the RCF and co-chairs the Cash, Education, Information Management (IM), Protection, Accommodation & Transportation, and Logistics &

Blue Dots

UNHCR and UNICEF are jointly establishing 'Blue Dots' in multiple countries receiving refugees fleeing Ukraine. To date, a total of 37 are already operational including in:

Bulgaria 6 Moldova 8 Slovakia 3 Hungary 3 Poland 8 Italy 2 Romania 7

UNHCR has reinforced staffing for the Blue Dot roll-out with one coordinator to ensure consistency in approach, provide support, and enhance assessment and quality assurance.

UNHCR is rolling out an accessibility checklist to make sure Blue Dot locations are accessible to everyone, including persons with disabilities. UNHCR is developing a joint Monitoring Framework and Feedback and Complaints Mechanism for all Blue Dots, together with UNICEF and other partners.

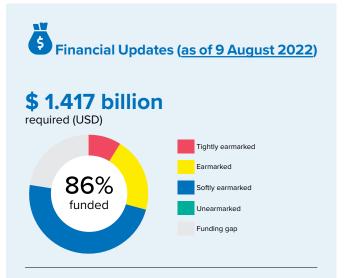
Supply Working Groups; GBV and Child Protection Sub-Working Groups; the Gender Task Force; and the PSEA Network. The Government of Moldova has established a Single Emergency Management Centre under the Prime Minister's Office, where UNHCR represents the Inter-Agency Coordination Group, ensuring coordination between the two.

In **Poland**, UNHCR leads the overarching refugee coordination structure in Poland, in support of the Government-led response. The thematic sector working groups include Protection (with sub-sector working groups on Child Protection, Gender-based Violence, Counter-trafficking, Third-Country Nationals, and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support); Health; Education; Shelter; Basic Needs, including Food Security, Water and Sanitation and Core Relief Items; and Logistics. In addition, there are transversal working groups on Cash, Information Management, Accountability to Affected Populations and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

In **Romania**, UNHCR has set up the Refugee Coordination Model structure made up of eight sector Working Groups, one Anti-Trafficking Task Force and a PSEA network, which are co-led by UNHCR and other UN agencies, government counterparts and NGOs. UNHCR leads the Protection Working Group and PSEA network, and coleads the Child Protection Sub-Working Group, Information Management Working Group, Cash Working Group and

Basic Needs Working Group. Leads and co-leads attend the governmental sectoral Working Group meetings. As such, governmental and humanitarian coordination structures are operating to mutually reinforce each other, under governmental leadership. A total of 23 international and national partners are part of the Refugee Response Plan for Romania.

In Slovakia, a response-wide Refugee Consultation Forum (RCF) is in place that meets alternatively in Bratislava and in eastern Slovakia and is co-chaired by the Government and UNHCR. Within the RCF, seven working groups and sub-working groups are operating (Anti-Trafficking, Cash, Child Protection, Health, Information Management, MHPSS, Protection and Inclusion) as well as a UNHCR-led PSEA Task Force while Accountability to Affected Persons (AAP) is mainstreamed across all groups and made an RCF standing agenda item. UNHCR also convenes a regular humanitarian and development Donor Group. In early June, the Prime Minister announced the reactivation of a Steering Committee dedicated to integration. This body, created in 2014, to 'find solutions for foreigners and looking at ways to integrate them', is now being reactivated and tasked with the inclusion and integration of Ukrainian refugees. RCF partners are furthermore supporting the ongoing engagement of the Slovak Republic with the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) as a means of systematizing and sharing good practices with other countries facing similar challenges, and in view of cultivating pledges related to its national response for the Global Refugee Forum in 2023.



Revised:

<u>Ukraine Situation: Regional Refugee Response</u> Plan

Revised:

UN Flash Appeal (Ukraine)

Revised:

<u>UNHCR Ukraine Situation Revised Supplementary</u>
<u>Appeal</u>

Refugees from Ukraine across Europe (as of 17 August 2022)



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