

SUMMARY

Since the crisis in Ukraine started on February 24, 2022, more than one-third of the pre-war population has been either internally displaced or forced to flee as refugees. Nearly 18 million people are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. Because of your support, World Vision is there. We are meeting immediate needs such as food, shelter, and hygiene. And we have a strategic plan to continue supporting Ukrainians on the road ahead.

Our response began by meeting people with essential services at the border of Romania, where we have worked for 30 years. In early March, we launched a multicountry, multisector response, serving refugees in Georgia and establishing new offices in Moldova and Ukraine. We are now in 23 Ukrainian municipalities, and 70%

of programming is planned for eastern Ukraine, where the need is greatest.

Our 18-month (October 2022 to January 2024) Ukraine Crisis Response has three strategic objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Deliver life-saving in-kind and cash assistance to meet basic food, shelter, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) needs
- **Objective 2:** Support affected women and children with child protection, provide mental health and psychosocial support services, and prevent and protect against sexual exploitation and abuse
- **Objective 3:** Provide access to education, livelihoods, social protection, and other basic services

[Watch Ukraine Response Director Chris Palusky explain our strategy.](#)



We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

—Psalm 33:20-22 (NIV)

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES SINCE RESPONSE BEGAN

553,999 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 202,078 CHILDREN, have been reached with aid (370,898 in Ukraine, 139,781 in Romania, 34,567 in Moldova, and 8,753 in Georgia)

OBJECTIVE 1:

- 333,785 people reached with food assistance
- 80,686 people received hygiene kits
- 68,808 people reached with cash and vouchers
- 35,539 people reached with temporary shelter

OBJECTIVE 2:

- 15,209 people benefited from mental health and psychosocial support services
- 10,852 children supported with child protection programming
- 1,006 people trained on child protection issues

OBJECTIVE 3:

- 16,458 children benefited from education programming
- 4,005 people reached with hospital supplies
- 2,143 people reached with livelihood support services

PARTNERSHIPS

By working in partnership with established nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), coalitions, and faith communities, we can complement each other's strengths and reach more people, more quickly. We are working together with 24 national NGOs in Ukraine, Romania, and Moldova, 13 government institutions, and 10 international NGOs. Partnerships also allow our response to be grassroots driven, empowering communities to more effectively help each other. A few examples of what we have accomplished through partners in Ukraine:

- 9,000 children were reached by World Vision's partnerships with Stitching War Child under the project "Children of the war can't wait to learn."
- 3,760 children are participating in activities such as art, singing, and peer learning through the Education in Emergencies project.
- 2,312 people were supported through multidisciplinary mobile teams working in six Ukrainian oblasts through USAID-funded initiatives.

Working with donors and partners, we aim to reach 952,000 people in the next 18 months, 64% of whom will be women and children.

CHALLENGES

Attacks on Ukrainian infrastructure have left millions without electricity and disrupted water supply and heating systems. Hostilities in the east and south of Ukraine threaten the lives and safety of civilians and aid workers. Russia's primary objective has changed numerous times, making forecasting difficult.

Ensuring the safety of our staff (as much as is possible in the context) is a top priority, and this can make progress slow. This, combined with inflation, supply shortages, and uncertainty, has caused significant lag between receiving funding and putting those dollars to work. Now that we are established in Ukraine, we will invest more funding in strategic objectives 2 and 3. Pray with us for the safety of our staff and God's provision as we seek to reach people where needs are greatest.



"I'd like to express my gratitude to people who don't live in our country, but who are still paying attention to the horrors and losses and are willing to help," says Anatoliy. When the conflict started, Anatoliy sent his family to safety in Germany, but he stayed behind in Lviv to help. "I'm very pleased to know that there are people that took our sadness really close to heart and that they were willing to help us. It inspires me personally; it gives me wings."



Girls in one of 34 World Vision-supported summer camps pose for the camera.

CASH ASSISTANCE GIVES FAMILIES A BOOST FINANCIALLY AND EMOTIONALLY

When the missiles started flying over their village, Daryna’s parents packed up the family and headed to Lviv. Daryna, 20, and her family are from Kherson, near the border with Crimea. Prior to the invasion, they had been helping displaced families from the Donbas, where fighting has ebbed and flowed since 2014.

They spent the first few days in Lviv in shock that they had become one of the displaced in need of help. But after four days, Daryna said, they gathered themselves up and went out to do what they had been doing for years—supporting others. Daryna found a church and began volunteering, sorting donated clothes in a warehouse and helping other displaced families find the essentials they needed to make it through the first few months of the war.

In May, Daryna was one of the first recipients of a cash program World Vision organized with the Baptist World Alliance to support displaced families around Lviv. Cash is a growing part of what is considered best practice in a humanitarian response, offering families dignity and agency to determine their most pressing needs and the best use of the money.

“Obviously, finance-wise, [the cash] helped because we didn’t prepare for the war. We packed really quickly, and we didn’t have a lot of stuff when we came here, so this money helped for sure. **But first and foremost, it’s the emotional help I’m grateful for.** Even before I received the cash, when I heard about it, I felt emotional support, and it was nice to know that someone was thinking about you,” Daryna said.



“The church was helping me emotionally live through this,” Daryna said. “If it weren’t for them, it would have been much worse.” Above, Daryna relaxes outside her church where she has been volunteering.

THANK YOU

We join with Anatoliy (previous page), Daryna, and hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians in expressing our heartfelt gratitude. You have entrusted us with the precious gift of your support, and it is our joy to use it to bring hope, healing, and vital resources to those facing unimaginable challenges. Thank you, and may God bless you.

“No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”
—1 John 4:12 (NIV)



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IMPACT MAP

Type and location of World Vision support across the four countries in the Ukraine Crisis Response.

