

## SUMMARY

Within a week of its beginning on February 24, 2022, we were responding to the crisis in Ukraine. Since then, we have reached over 1 million people, including more than 500,000 children, with food, shelter, and vital services. As the situation in the region has intensified, so has our response—we've reached more than 700,000 people in need in just the last six months.

### Supporting those still in Ukraine

We are now reaching people in all 24 oblasts through four Ukraine-based offices. We are delivering life-saving assistance to those living near the frontlines, while programs in safer areas support longer term needs. Disruption to children's education is a major concern; in response, we've equipped 1,364 teachers with laptops, helping an estimated 158,309 students continue attending class online.

### Protecting women and girls

Over half (60%) of those we've served are women and girls, who face increased risk of gender-based violence during conflict. Our programs educate women and girls about risks and how to stay safe. To date, we have reached 27,873 children with protection programming, including counseling and access to safe spaces.

### Supporting refugees

In Romania, Moldova, and Georgia, we're helping refugees adapt to their new lives with after-school programs for children, support navigating social services, and cash assistance. Providing cash empowers recipients to make their own choices, meet their exact needs, and support their local economy.

Please pray with us that God will bring peace to Ukraine and equip us to serve as many people as possible.



Ukrainian refugees Anna (left) and Ella, both 9 years old, smile for a photo at the art workshop at a Child-Friendly Space in Vulcanesti, Moldova, sponsored by World Vision and our partners.

[See how partnerships allow us to better serve refugees.](#)

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES SINCE RESPONSE BEGAN

**1,074,234** PEOPLE, including 515,985 children, have been reached with aid (685,949 in Ukraine, 213,857 in Romania, 160,471 in Moldova, and 13,957 in Georgia).



**414,863**

people have been reached with food assistance; we've distributed over 7.5 million pounds of food.



**206,362**

children have benefited from educational programming.



**53,976**

people have benefited from mental health and psychosocial activities.

## DOING MORE WITH OUR PARTNERS

Our work is multiplied through our more than 30 vetted partners across Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, and Georgia. Working in partnership allows us to complement other organizations, filling in gaps and sharing expertise. Our partnership with N50 and Geeks Without Borders, for example, allowed us to set up three Portable Connectivity Centers (PCCs) in Romania. The centers provide internet access, charging stations, and access to laptops—vital lifelines for those forced to leave home. In a PCC, children can participate in online classes, adults can search for job opportunities, and families can remain connected to relatives still in Ukraine. So far, the centers have served more than 1,600 Ukrainian children and adults, and two more PCCs will soon be operational.

We have also worked with our partners to:

- Activate the Adaptive Response Mechanism, a system to anticipate needs that may emerge in areas where World Vision is not yet operating. This helps us coordinate with our local partners to quickly get humanitarian assistance where it is most needed, especially in hard-to-reach areas.
- Start the first direct implementation of multipurpose cash assistance to serve the 40,000 most affected people in Chernivtsi, Dnipro, Kharkiv, and Mykolaiv.
- Act as co-chair of the Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Network, working with other agencies to address increased risk to women and children.

[Watch how we serve refugees through one of our partnerships in Romania.](#)



Left: Ukrainian refugees 4-year-old Kiril and 11-year-old Katya use computers at a PCC that World Vision opened with partners N50 and Geeks Without Borders. Right: Outside view of a PCC, which is set up like an internet cafe.

## CHALLENGES

Operating in a conflict zone is extremely challenging. Attacks on infrastructure mean that systems we rely on, such as transportation and communication, may not be available. This makes operating more difficult while humanitarian needs continue to increase. We are also constantly monitoring security, adapting or pausing programming as needed. Pray with us for the safety of our staff and wisdom in our response.



*“I wish the war is over soon and everything is alright. Then I could go back to my grandmother in Ukraine. I miss her a lot,” said Nastya, 7. Nastya and her family spent two weeks in a basement after the invasion started. They finally fled their home for a safer part of Ukraine. Now, Nastya and her sister are attending a center for the internally displaced, supported by World Vision and a partner organization. There, she receives psychological support. “We were looking for a place where she could distract herself from the war and develop creatively,” said Inna, Nastya’s mother. “After attending classes, Nastya became a part of society again ... I have never seen my child so happy as I see now.”*

## OKSANA AND ANYA FIND KINDNESS IN GEORGIA

“We went through a very long journey from Ukraine to Georgia, crossing 52 checkpoints from Crimea and spending 48 hours in the car with my 6-year-old daughter, Anya. I never felt so alone and scared,” said Oksana, who fled from her home in Ukraine to find safety.

“Our whole life was in one bag. We took our summer clothes thinking we will be back soon. ... Over time, I realized that we have to stay for a long time.”

When Oksana and Anya arrived in Tbilisi, Georgia’s capital, Oksana had \$30 in her wallet and no place to go. Georgian volunteers sent them to a hostel, and they later moved to a shelter where they stayed for over a month.

Later, Oksana was invited to a World Refugee Day event where she met other refugees and learned about World Vision’s multipurpose cash assistance program. They were registered in the program, and each received \$85 for two months. Having cash allowed them the dignity of making their own choices about how to meet their needs. When they visited the local World Vision office, the staff walked them through other social and health benefits available to refugees. Oksana and Anya began attending sessions on sexual and gender-based violence prevention, and they joined psychosocial activities to help them deal with trauma from their experience. Anya enrolled in art therapy sessions and found that she loved expressing her feelings through painting.

When the time came for Anya to start school, she was excited to get an education kit from World Vision. Now she would be prepared to join her Georgian and Ukrainian classmates in style.

“The kit has all the necessary materials that a child needs in school,” Oksana said. **“We are very thankful to World Vision for the information, care, and support, giving us hope for a better future.”**



*Anya, 6, shows off the education kit she received from World Vision for her first day of school in Georgia.*

## THANK YOU

*“Knowing you are not alone in this chaos, with the support of donors across the world, helps you find the strength to get through the most difficult times.” —Oleksandra, 21, Ukraine*

After the crisis started, Oleksandra made what she said was the hardest decision of her life: to stay in Ukraine to help others. Thank you for showing her she is not alone. Thank you for standing with all those affected by the crisis, holding space for them in your hearts and demonstrating God’s love through your generosity. We are deeply grateful.

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