



Thank you!

You are helping us save lives, reduce trauma, support continued learning and facilitate the integration of Ukrainians into neighbouring countries, within the first month of war in Ukraine.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

On February 24 2022, a conflict in Ukraine turned into a full-scale war.

Events unfolded suddenly and without warning and by 29 March, 6.5 million people in Ukraine, including 2.5 million children, were internally displaced; 112 children have been killed and 149 injured. In addition, **over 4 million refugees have fled Ukraine** (over 2.3 million have entered Poland; almost 609,000 to Romania; over 387,000 to Republic of Moldova; close to 365,000 to Hungary, and over 642,000 to other countries). **Women and children make up 90 per cent of the refugee population.**

UNICEF is working with the host governments, municipalities and the civil society in Belarus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovak Republic and beyond to ensure that refugees from Ukraine are protected in line with the European Union Temporary Protection Directive, and to help address their immediate needs for health and nutrition, education, early childhood development, social protection and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). With your generous support, UNICEF has been able to respond in the first month with the following **results...**

SUPPLIES

Your generous, immediate and flexible financial support enabled us to procure over 22,000 tons of emergency supplies worth over **\$87 million** within a month. Medicines and medical equipment, winter clothes for children, institutional and family hygiene kits, educational kits, early childhood development kits and recreational kits will support over 8 million people, including **2 million** children, in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova and Poland.

In Ukraine, UNICEF established an additional three supply hubs in Dnipro, Kyiv, and Odessa to complement the existing hubs in Lviv and Vinnitsa for greater, more efficient capacity to preposition supplies. So far, over emergency supplies worth over **\$8 million** has arrived in the country. Through our partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, regional governments are involved in the distribution of prepositioned supplies, through their channels and networks such as hospitals and centres for internally displaced people, across the country.

Despite impeded access caused by security constraints, UNICEF's established, respected partnerships with the Government of Ukraine, key hromadas (35 municipalities) and humanitarian partners (35 non-government and civil society organisations) were able to facilitate the delivery of life-saving **medical supplies to 596,000 people, distributed to 49 hospitals** in Lviv, Vyshgorod, Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Kyiv city and oblast, Chernihiv, Dnipro and Zhytomy—among the most difficult to reach and worst affected regions. In Luhansk, medical equipment such as sterilizers, scales, pulse-oximeters, electrocardiographs and spirometers were delivered to **20 medical facilities** that support **10,000 children**; and equipment for **in-patient rehabilitation of people with mobility disorders and disabilities** was delivered to **nine hospitals**.

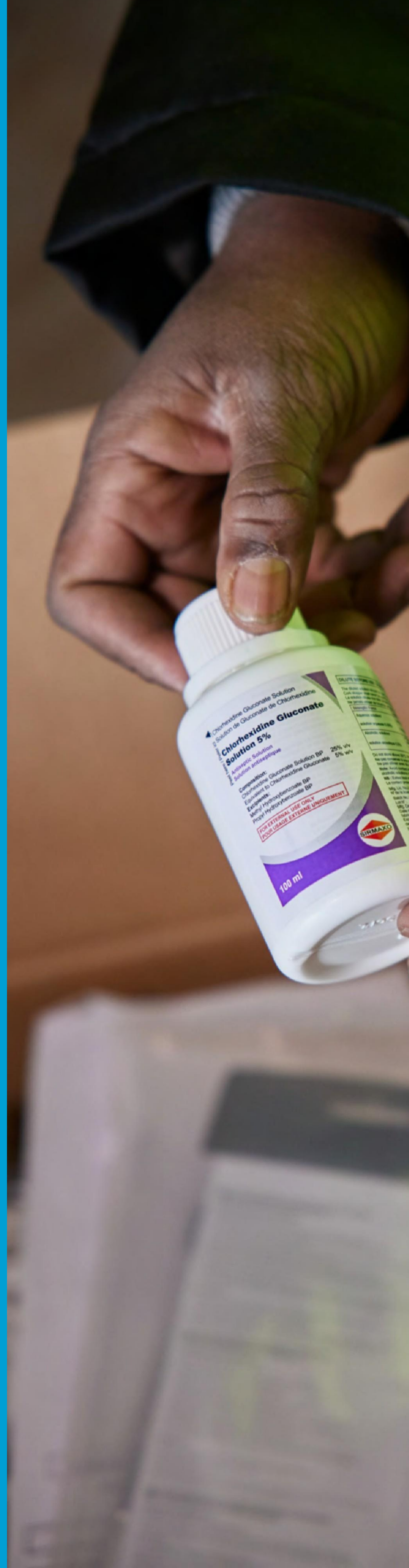
Over 68,000 people were reached with drinking water and hygiene supplies in Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Kyiv and Lviv to those living in community centers and temporary shelters.

Thirty-six water boilers were installed in kindergartens, and institutional hygiene kits and rehabilitation of WASH services has benefited **10,000** people in five social institutions in Novoazovsk and Yasynuvata.






As part of UNICEF's commitment to support water companies in war torn areas, UNICEF is supporting the procurement of 14.25 tons of liquefied chlorine for water purification for the weekly operation of the Kharkiv Vodokanal water system. This will ensure access to safe water for approximately **900,000 people**, covering the system's weekly need for chlorine and further procurement will be conducted, based on needs.

In Moldova, UNICEF provided baby kits, blankets, hygiene and dignity supplies to 15 refugee accommodation centres in Palanca, Calaraseuca and Chisinau benefitting over **20,000 people, including over 14,000 children**.

As needs continue to escalate, UNICEF is geared to continue the procurement and delivery of medical, nutritional, educational, hygiene and recreational kits in Ukraine and surrounding countries, and your continued support is appreciated.








SUPPLIES DELIVERED FOR PREPOSITIONING AND DISTRIBUTION

Response Area	Quantity of Supply (Number)	Volume of Supply (Tons)	Value of Supply (US\$)
 Child Protection Including adolescent kits, early childhood development kits, masks, recreation kits	3,200	232	\$889,695
 Education Including adolescent kits, early childhood development kits, recreation kits, masks, school supplies	68,5666	143	\$397,774
 Health and Nutrition Including first aid kits, medical and surgical equipment, medical supplies, emergency food rations	3,730,405	1202	\$6,392,687
 WASH Including dignity kits, hygiene kits, water purification tablets	49,521	676	\$526,280
 Operations Including UNICEF branded t-shirts, flak jackets, armbands, banners	498,162	6	\$109,850
Total	4,349,876	2,259	\$8,316,287

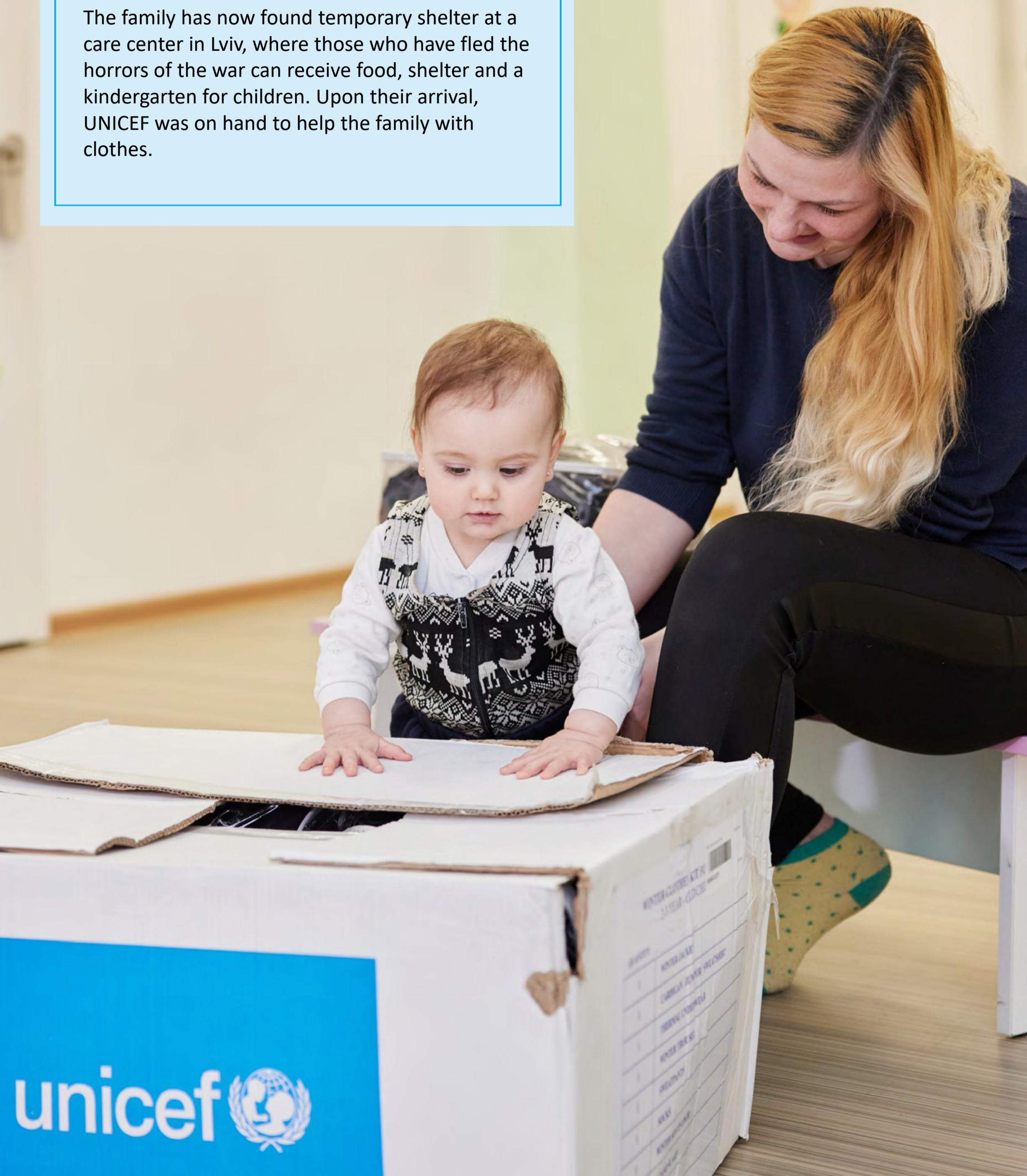


SUPPLIES ORDERS PLACED (incl. Freight Costs)

Response Area	Quantity of Supply (Number)	Volume of Supply (Tons)	Value of Supply (US\$)
 Child Protection Including adolescent kits, early childhood development kits, masks, and recreation kits	221,716	17,153	\$1,723,224
 Education Including kits for adolescents, early childhood development and recreation; School in a Bag and School in a Box kits; masks; school supplies	84,050	863	\$1,220,900
 Health and Nutrition Including first aid kits, medical and surgical equipment, medical supplies, emergency food ration, high energy biscuits	402,322	10,024	\$43,909,585
 WASH Including dignity kits, hygiene kits, water purification tablets, water tanks	2,2925,217	9,809	\$34,807,986
 Operations Including Blue Dot infrastructure materials, generators, UNICEF branded t-shirts, flak jackets, armbands, banners	39,047	986	\$5,996,904
Total	3,042,352	37,331	\$87,658,599

It all began with shelling, which forced them to spend their nights sheltering in the basement of their home and a subway station. Eventually, air strikes forced the family to flee for their lives. Yuliia had just enough time to grab their travel documents and some baby food.

The family has now found temporary shelter at a care center in Lviv, where those who have fled the horrors of the war can receive food, shelter and a kindergarten for children. Upon their arrival, UNICEF was on hand to help the family with clothes.



EDUCATION

UNICEF's education response in **Ukraine** and **surrounding countries** is **focused on ensuring continued learning through various modalities**, facilitated through each government's national system.

UNICEF is playing a pivotal role in **supporting the integration of Ukrainian refugees into national education systems** through coordinating the transition of refugee children into schools and the provision of preparatory and language classes; **providing education and learning supplies** such as laptops and stationery and, specifically, providing assistance devices for children with disabilities, in partnership with Akelius Foundation and Tobii Dynavox. UNICEF is also working with host countries and partners to identify and engage refugees who are teachers from Ukraine to support refugee education. UNICEF has also been providing support in Blue Dots Centres, with information about the right to education and digital learning platforms and with the provision of recreational materials.

Since 21 March in Ukraine, primary and secondary education has resumed in 13 regions out of 24 - **three million students have been able to resume** their studies through distance or blended learning, including internally displaced children who are joining the learning process online or in schools where they temporary reside.

The main vehicles for continued learning are **All-Ukrainian Online School** (grades 1 to 11) **and Learning without Borders** (an education broadcasting and online TV, designed for Ukraine curricula). The number of students accessing the All-Ukrainian Online School platform, originally initiated with UNICEF support as part of the Covid-19 response, is rising fast, allowing hundreds of thousands of children across Ukraine, as well as refugee children outside Ukraine, including Poland, Germany, the Czech Republic and the USA, to continue to access education. The **Learning Passport**, developed by UNICEF in collaboration with Microsoft, provides supplementary learning and psychosocial support content. More than 60 resources, including videos, courses, educational cartoons, and audio files, are already available on the Ukrainian Learning Passport, covering topics related to Ukrainian and foreign languages, psychosocial support, STEM, 21st century skills, climate change, parenting, and inclusive pedagogy.

Supporting early childhood development interventions, the **online kindergarten**, has registered **close to 3 million views** as of 21 March. The Bebbi app was launched to support parents and caregivers' response to children's health and nutritional needs. It provides information and guidance in Ukrainian on how children can be comforted and protected from traumatic experiences with suggested activities; conducts learning activities; and helps ensure a child's safety and protection.

The mobile education teams will work to reach children with education services and psychosocial care, mental health support and protection services in Western Ukraine. **Fifty teachers** have been trained to reach out to **100** locations. In the North East, in Kharkiv, UNICEF has collaborated with a local non-government organisation to set up child friendly spaces in **metro stations** and where children can access play to develop skills, learning and mental health support, benefitting **450** children so far.

In the surrounding countries hosting refugees, over **200,000 children** have been enrolled in education facilities and registration is continuing. In Poland, UNICEF has reached an agreement with the **Municipality of Warsaw** on areas of support for refugee education and is planning a similar engagement with the **municipal government of Krakow** to reach over **100,000 refugee children and adolescents**, covering pre-primary, primary, and secondary education levels with provision of supplies, training for teachers to address the varied needs of refugee children, and to ensure quality of learning is not reduced for host community children.

With escalating needs, in the medium- to long-term, once it is safe to do so, UNICEF will support the rehabilitation of damaged schools and the replacement of equipment such as laptops, printers and furniture: \$250,000 supports the repair and rehabilitation of five schools/education facilities damaged by conflict, and the creation of additional learning spaces (inclusive of WASH), helping an average of 200 students per school.





4 Scaling up cash transfers

HUMANITARIAN CASH TRANSFERS

As of 25 March in Ukraine, over **10.5 million people** have been displaced from their homes—6.5 million internally displaced and 4 million across the border. This means that a staggering number of households have lost access to employment and the means to support themselves. They have lost possessions and core assets, even their homes. As a result, they face significant economic hardship both now and in the future.

In the humanitarian sector, there is a global consensus on the importance of cash transfers. Evidence shows that cash transfers are often more cost efficient and effective than distributing supplies. This is because every family has different needs. Some need medicines. Some require food. And some need clothing for their children, transport and temporary housing or shelter. With cash, families can make the decisions that are right for them.

In Ukraine, UNICEF is setting in place a **multi-purpose cash transfer system** to support 265,000 vulnerable households with children (approximately one million people) with at least 50,000 households receiving support within the next two months. **On 30 March**, UNICEF Ukraine **launched** the humanitarian cash transfer **HCT** program, which will ensure additional support for Ukrainian families affected by the war. **In the first phase**, through a self-registration process register.unicef.org more than 50,000 people will receive a one-off humanitarian cash assistance of **\$900** - \$74 per person per month, as per government and Cash Working Group standard agreement, for three months, paid directly to the beneficiary's bank account, or through the post office or UNICEF prepaid cards for those without bank accounts.

UNICEF is leveraging Ukraine's Ministry of Social Protection (MoSP) and Ministry of Digital Transformation's application (DIIA) infrastructure to support the implementation of household data for beneficiary confirmation as well as the MoSP call centre and existing child hotline for grievance and communication channels. Call centre operators will be trained on the programme's FAQs, and later trained on the use of HOPE module for grievances and feedback management.

The objective of the cash transfer programme is that families **meet their essential needs** in the immediate phase of the response, while they are connecting with life-saving services of our child protection, education, health and WASH programmes delivered by UNICEF and partners. The first phase prioritizes households with three or more children, and households of two or more children where a child has a disability. In surrounding countries, UNICEF is working with the Ministries of Social Protection to assess the situations, support system strengthening and, where applicable, respond to the monetary needs of Ukrainian refugees. In Moldova, for example, in close partnership with UNHCR, UNICEF has put in place plans to support **50,000 vulnerable households** with a one-time emergency cash transfer of \$120 per person (with renewal on an exceptional basis). This support will reach a wide variety of refugee households, including those with children and pregnant and nursing women. Locations in UNICEF-UNHCR Blue Dots and in child-friendly spaces, among others, have been identified to register beneficiaries and issue payment cards.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER SUPPORT THROUGH THE WORLD ORGANISATION OF SCOUT MOVEMENT

On 29 March, to encourage young volunteers in the humanitarian responses, UNICEF launched a regional partnership with the Europe Bureau of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). The partnership will mobilise **8,000** WOSM volunteers to support the humanitarian response in **nine countries**: Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Latvia, Moldova and Lithuania, to help an affected population of **over 2 million people**, including **500,000** young people 10 to 25 years old—particularly those from vulnerable backgrounds, seeking asylum or dislocated due to war—and their families.

Based on each country's particular needs, volunteers will support the provision of practical needs, youth engagement, communication, and help build competency through the following activities:



PHASE 1

Offer information across sectors to women and children when they arrive at the points of entry, relocate or settle, linking them to Blue Dots and other services and availing them of support such as supply distribution.

Promote U-report Europe and Chatbot: volunteer engagement in promotion of U-Report Europe to strengthen the use of the platform to provide life-protecting and life-saving information to refugees—including legal, mental health and psychosocial support; education referrals; needs assessments and feedback—connecting young Ukrainian refugees to each other and to host populations for a stronger social inclusion.

PHASE 2 AND 3

Scouts will be **peer-support for adolescent refugees**, including those who are especially vulnerable to mental health issues and coping with stress, as they face integration in new communities such as schools, neighbourhoods and adolescent groups. With assistance of the Adolescent Kit for Expression and Innovation, a package of guidance, tools, activities and supplies that volunteers will help promote the psychosocial wellbeing of adolescents (10 to 18 years old) who are affected by humanitarian crises.

UNICEF provides psychological first aid/mental health training for volunteers to deal with mental health strain of three weeks of non-stop support to refugees. In addition, there is Inter-Agency Standing Committee training on psychosocial support, psychological first aid and humanitarian volunteering for young humanitarians for two to three volunteers from each country.

UNICEF also provides guidance for scouts on the production and use of social media content. Scouts build their social media skills to engage with values such as solidarity, inclusion and non-violence. UNICEF will support training on how to use adolescent kits and conduct frequent check ins with colleagues using the Kit on the ground.



Blue Dots provide critical support for children and families

CHILD PROTECTION

UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Social Policy in the Ukraine with technical capacity and other assistance to develop partnerships and agreements with countries hosting refugees on the issue of identification and registration of **unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) and those who were moved from residential care institutions and other alternative care settings**. Through this important bi-lateral governmental process the Ukraine Government can secure greater clarity about where children are located across hosting countries, which have diverse legal and child protection systems. UNICEF is a partner of choice for the Ukraine Government to support the further implementation of these agreements. Accordingly, UNICEF will be scaling its support to this important stream of work in the coming weeks and months.

In addition, as part of the national Inter-ministerial Coordination Task Force on Child Protection, UNICEF has contributed to the development of a simplified **procedure for the short-term fostering of children who are unaccompanied or separated from their families in the Ukraine**. The procedure will be used by institutions, orphanages and other alternative care arrangements. Since 24 February, over **13,000** applications have been received for foster care of unaccompanied and separated children from Ukrainian families through a chatbot co-facilitated by UNICEF and the State Social Services. All applications have been processed, and the selected families are being trained by the social service workforce.

Since 24 February, **2,087 girls, boys and women** have received support dealing with gender-based violence and violence against children, through case management referral and counselling services. Over **4,000 people**, sheltering in bunkers since 24 February in Luhansk and Donetsk, have received psychosocial support through online, face-to-face consultations and telephone from service providers.

UNICEF is leveraging its presence to facilitate the implementation of the UASC bilateral agreements in European Union host countries such as Moldova, Romania, Belarus, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Czech Republic and beyond.

In surrounding countries, UNICEF, in collaboration with UNHCR and our NGOs and civil society organisation partners, is establishing 'Blue Dots' that provide critical support and protection services for children and families, including technical support for **registration, screening, case management and referrals to help family tracing for unaccompanied children, psychosocial support** and to prevent and protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse. So far, UNICEF is working in seven operational Blue Dots in Romania, Moldova and Poland, providing integrated services that have reached 25,241 people to date. We are quickly setting up 26 additional Blue Dots in Hungary (four), Moldova (four), Poland (10), Romania (three) and Slovak Republic (five), which, when operational, will reach at least 13,000 people, including 5,200 children per day.

Thank you!