



Evacuees board a train at a railway station before leaving eastern Ukraine.

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## HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY IN UKRAINE

This crisis will challenge us. The capacity of neighbouring countries receiving refugees is already coming under strain. A protracted conflict characterized by the brutal disrespect of international humanitarian law which we have observed in the past month can kill, terrorize and displace millions more. The only way to resolve this crisis is for the war to end

Filippo Grandi

UN High Commissioner for Refugees



A woman hugs her son  
after crossing the  
Hungarian-Ukrainian border.

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# UNHCR PRESENCE IN UKRAINE

**UNHCR has been working in Ukraine since 1994.**

We have offices in six locations across the country, as well as warehouses in three areas to store humanitarian supplies.

As the security situation has deteriorated, UNHCR is taking steps to ensure the safety and security of its staff to be able to stay and deliver, and deploying additional staff to reinforce the existing team in Ukraine.



# HUMANITARIAN CONTEXT

## DISPLACED IN THE CURRENT EMERGENCY (AS OF 26.03.2022)



**3,700,000+**

Refugees fleeing Ukraine



**6,500,000**

new Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) inside Ukraine

## PRIOR TO RECENT EVENTS



**850,000**

IDPs already hosted in Ukraine



**36,000**

Stateless people / at risk of statelessness



**5,000**

Asylum-seekers and refugees of other nationalities hosted in Ukraine



People fleeing Ukraine enter Poland at the Medyka border crossing.

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## UNHCR IN ACTION | UKRAINE

Inside Ukraine **UNHCR is on the ground, staying and delivering**, amid the deteriorating situation and increasing displacement for as long as we have access to populations in need.

### INTERVENTION FOCUS

- Protection
- Shelter
- Basic needs
- Provision of core relief items
- Cash assistance  
(in coordination with WFP)

UNHCR Staff meets refugees from Ukraine crossing into Poland at Medyka border crossing.

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# UNHCR IN ACTION

In Ukraine, UNHCR coordinates the Protection and Shelter Clusters as part of the inter-agency Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), together with UN sister agencies and partner NGOs

In the region, UNHCR has scaled up its response in support to host countries to be able to respond to refugee movements.

UNHCR has a presence in neighbouring countries including **Hungary (Multi-Country Office)**, **Poland**, and **Romania**. **Slovakia** and **Moldova** are covered by the Hungary Multi-Country Office.



A tent city has been erected at the Moldovan border crossing at Palanca to receive the expected influx of refugees from Ukraine.

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## COORDINATION

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As per its mandate, UNHCR has developed a Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP), involving partners UNDP, WHO, Save the Children, HelpAge International, INTERSOS, Project Hope, UNFPA, NRC, UNICEF, WFP, and IOM. UNHCR's coordination role includes providing **technical support** to authorities, and several surge missions and deployments have taken place to Moldova, Poland, and Romania.



## BASIC ASSISTENCE

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**Core relief items** have been prepositioned in relevant countries and are now being distributed and airlifted to meet the needs of new arrivals. This includes thermal blankets and other much needed items, as fleeing families have left all their belongings behind. UNHCR will also provide unrestricted **cash assistance** especially for the most vulnerable individuals so they can cover their basic needs.



## PROTECTION

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UNHCR will expand its **protection monitoring** activities and strengthen **reception capacities** to facilitate the registration of new arrivals, and identify quickly the most vulnerable individuals and persons with specific needs. We will also support the establishment of **registration systems** for displaced people in coordination with the national authorities. Furthermore, **capacity-building** activities will be expanded.



## SHELTER

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UNHCR will provide **emergency shelter** solutions where required, and work with the authorities to establish temporary reception and transit facilities, especially in light of the harsh winter.

# FUNDING THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

UNHCR urgently requires **US\$270 million** to be able to deliver the emergency response inside Ukraine for an initial three-month period.

A further **US\$240 million** may be required for UNHCR's regional refugee response for six months.

Financial requirements are being adjusted as the situation evolves – but immediate, flexible support is essential.

UNHCR is stockpiling aid items in the city of Kryvyi Rih in central Ukraine. As people seek shelter, UNHCR is in constant touch with communities of internally displaced people across Ukraine to identify needs and prepare responses.

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UNHCR prepares to send an emergency shipment from its global stockpile in Dubai in response to the crisis in Ukraine.

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# WHAT YOUR SUPPORT CAN DO INSIDE UKRAINE

**USD 100,000** is enough to support **1,000 children** in Ukraine through psychosocial support activities (including access to outreach activities, day care centers, and child-friendly spaces).

**USD 250,000** could provide cash for protection assistance to around **358 families** in Ukraine.

**USD 750,000** could support **62 families** with heavy repairs to severely damaged houses (including roof repair) in Ukraine.



Refugees from Ukraine wait in line to enter the Republic of Moldova, wearing thermal blankets from UNHCR.

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## WHAT YOUR SUPPORT CAN DO IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

**USD 80,000** could provide a hygiene kit — containing a toothbrush, toothpaste a towel and soap — to 10,000 refugees fleeing Ukraine.

**USD 260,000** could provide a warm sleeping bag to 10,000 refugees fleeing Ukraine (including the cost of transport to get the sleeping bag to them).

# HOW YOUR COMPANY CAN SUPPORT

- 1** **Donate and fundraise** to support those in need. UNHCR can set up a tracking link to an internal/external donation page for you to use. We are able to consider large quantities of certain items, such as winter clothing, blankets, warehouses, generators etc.
- 2** **Amplify UNHCR's messages** on your social media channels.
- 3** **Explore how you can employ** or include refugees in your supply chain.

