

UKRAINE CRISIS RESPONSE

Progress Report: November 2022

OVERVIEW OF DISASTER

Europe is experiencing the largest refugee and humanitarian crisis on its soil since World War II. Families are being torn apart, and children are suffering the worst of all. In Ukraine itself, children and their families are facing extreme hardships. They are at constant risk of injury or death and living amongst ongoing armed conflict, whilst shielding from bombardments and artillery fire. They are surviving in basements, whilst struggling with shortages in food, water, healthcare, and power.



WORLD VISION'S RELIEF RESPONSE: IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

World Vision has been responding since the onset of the crisis. Our response began in Romania



where World Vision has been operating for over 30 years. We initially met basic needs on the border, providing sustenance and connecting refugees to essential services, such as transport, shelter, and healthcare. From early March, World Vision pivoted to building a more complex multi-country, multi-sector response to meet the varying needs of refugees, delivering life-saving assistance to meet basic needs, creating and supporting protective environments, and facilitating access to information and basic services.

People reached by country



Ukraine:
251,065



Romania:
121,685



Moldova:
32,083



Georgia:
4,446

OBJECTIVE 1: Deliver life-saving in-kind and cash assistance to meet basic, food, shelter, and water and sanitation (WASH) needs



239,054
people reached with
food assistance



1921.20 MT
of food assistance
distributed



47,756
people reached with
cash and voucher



\$ 5,559,139
value of cash
distributed



100,534
hygiene items distributed



67,590
People reached with hygiene kits



25,598
people reached with
temporary shelter assistance



(Above) Needs for basic items like food, hygiene products and medicine are still high among displaced people in Ukraine and also in areas which are directly affected by the war. World Vision partners with Mission Eurasia, a church-based Christian NGO, to distribute packages of non-perishable food (e.g. rice, pasta, canned beans, vegetable oil and salt).

(Left) Tatiana and her two children, Katja and Vanja received a monthly food package (containing food for a household of three for one month) and a household hygiene package.



OBJECTIVE 2: Support affected women and children, with child protection, mental health and psychosocial support services and prevent and protect against sexual exploitation and abuse



8,054

supported with child protection programming



379

child protection kits distributed



634

people trained in protection issues



25

Service Hubs/ Happy Bubbles integrated activities – MHPSS, Education and Child Protection



(Left) 66-year old grandmother, Riza, plays with her 1-year-old granddaughter, Olivia, at World Vision's child-friendly space in RomExpo in Bucharest, Romania. The family fled from the conflict in Ukraine fearing for their lives.

OBJECTIVE 3: Facilitate access to information, education, livelihoods, social protection and other basic services



14,130

children benefitting from education programming



1,817

education kits distributed



2,077

people provided with livelihood support services



363

people referred to medical care



(Left) Anya, 6 years old, received an educational kit on the first day she entered the school in Georgia. (Right) Summer Camps for children and youth in Ukraine, organised by World Vision's Partner "Youth Movement be free", a Christian youth organisation that also organised Summer camps before the war started. Children between 5 and 17 years are having a lot of fun in different activities but are also getting inspiration for their faith and for life skills that might be useful in a crisis situation. Displaced and local children interact naturally.

IMPACT STORY: Krystyna's interview

(This interview has been shortened for brevity)

We are the Shatrovskiy family, we have a son, 6 years old, Matvi and a daughter, Eleanor, four months old. My name is Krystyna, I am 32 years old. My husband is actually 34 years old.

First of all, when the war started, we thought of our children because unfortunately, we didn't know, we don't know that tomorrow there will be no rockets if we would still be alive, that is. It was also impossible at that time to give our children an education. As all institutions were closed, the education system, and kindergarten schools. We live by the day, you don't know what is ahead and let's give our children a future somehow. We should give them a better life so that they do not see this horror.



In RomExpo, when we came the first time, we had temporary shelter. We came and received food, hygiene items, clothes, shoes, children's clothing, diapers, baby wipes, vitamins, cookies, absolutely everything. I was like, how much money should I pay for this? I couldn't understand the first month we were there why they have been helping us for a long time. And none of us can think of giving something back. That happened the moment when we arrived, they gave us everything. I asked, do you need volunteers? I am ready to help, I know the language (Romanian). Maybe you need people? I was with my baby in a sling. They said, "Really, you know how? Who will be with your child?" I said "I'll be carrying her, I'm ready to help." They were helping me so, I want to help too. They said, "ok. come and try."

And after that, a kindergarten (child-friendly space) was opened. Again, that was great. Because since 3 o'clock we are in the school. And before 1 p.m. we have to do something and to study somewhere. To study, count. And in this kindergarten, he [Matvi] really likes to be. He doesn't want to leave. Yesterday he had eaten puree and cutlets. And he said, "I don't want to leave, I won't go home." He went home with a dissatisfied face. He doesn't want to go home; he really liked Irina, the World Vision volunteer.



It's been great, I understand that for me as a mom of two children, it is good not just to receive help but also to be a part of a great team that helps Ukrainians who need help the most. Because I am also Ukrainian. A person who fled with family, with a baby because of the war. It is great that there are such organizations that can give diapers, clothes, infant formula, and kindergarten. This help is really important. Because if we didn't receive them, I would have to stay at home, because with 2 children nobody can hire you. That's why it is so helpful and

really great. Thanks to such organizations that help mothers like me. Thank you very much from all mothers with children, fathers, grandmothers, everyone.

MOVING FORWARD

Thank you for your generosity and love for children and their families in their time of greatest need. On behalf of the children and families affected by the Ukraine crisis who may never have a chance to thank you personally, we would like to extend our appreciation for your gift of hope and help in this emergency.

As humanitarian needs are immense and the impact on children, including safeguarding risks, is enormous, World Vision will continue to respond to the needs in Ukraine to save lives and protect children.

To make a difference to children affected by other disasters, please support The Survival Fund. Visit <https://disaster.worldvision.org.sg> to learn more.