Olesia<sup>\*</sup>, 10, fled Odessa with her parents, brother, and sister because of the conflict in Ukraine. They are now living in temporary accommodation at a school in Chernivtsi.

\*names changed to protect privacy

# THE UKRAINE CONFLICT SIX MONTHS ON

## We are still needed in Ukraine

With active conflict in the east and large numbers of families displaced to central and western Ukraine, families need us now more than ever.

Six months since the start of the conflict, we're continuing to respond quickly to a situation that is constantly changing, both in Ukraine and in surrounding countries where children and families have sought refuge. With your support, we've been able to reach **over 460,000 people** with life-saving essentials, protection and assistance.

We will continue our work in Ukraine and neighbouring countries as long as it takes to help children and their families recover and rebuild their lives. Thank you for supporting the children and families impacted by this crisis.

# **OUR RESPONSE IN UKRAINE**

**281,882** people reached

## In Ukraine, we've provided support to 281,882 people, including 149,594 children.

Our trained teams are working alongside local partners and the Ukraine government to provide life-saving assistance such as food, water, and cash assistance.

We've also established eight Child Friendly Spaces, which provide a safe and supportive environment for children to socialize, play, and learn. Our child protection specialists are on hand to provide psychological support and help children begin to process their experiences.

Child Friendly Spaces also support parents and caregivers by connecting them with other services and support, giving them the time and space to start their own recovery journey, all the while knowing their children are safe.

	PEOPLE REACHED	CHILDREN REACHED
PROTECTION	17,186	10,493
LEARNING	8,916	7,152
HEALTH	41,552	24,197
NUTRITION	44,400	26,640
FOOD, SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS	97,750	44,690
WATER, Sanitation & Hygiene	59,460	28,027
SHELTER & NON-FOOD ITEMS	13,903	8,747

### WHAT WE'RE PROVIDING FAMILIES



Food, fuel, clean water, and cash assistance to meet people's most urgent need



Blankets, hygiene items, baby kits, trauma kits, and bunker kits with toys and games to encourage play and learning



Medical supplies and support to health teams and hospitals, including pre-positioned trauma kits.



Digital Learning Spaces to help children access education in partnership with Ukraine's Ministry of Education and Science

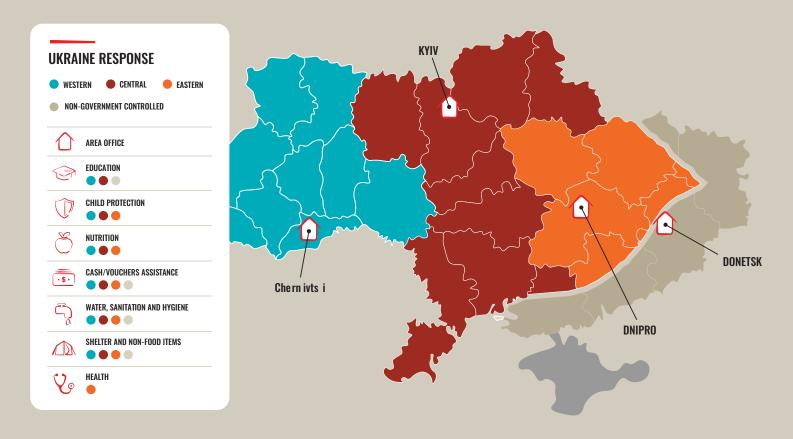


Mental health support to children and their families, including individual and group therapy



Child protection services to ensure children and families remain together and separated children are reunited safely with their caregivers

# **OUR RESPONSE IN UKRAINE**





## **KEEPING CHILDREN LEARNING IN UKRAINE**

In Ukraine, five million school-aged children are estimated to be in need of educational support.

In partnership with the Ministry of Science and Education (MoES), we've established Digital Learning Centers, which help children from Ukraine continue their education through self-directed online resources.

We also developed child-friendly content, and our digital children books have a focus on psychosocial support, written in Ukrainian by Ukrainian authors.

Our education programming helps kids like 9-year-old Stepan\* (left) who fled his home in the Lugansk Oblast a month ago with his family. They are living temporarily in a school in Chernivtsi. Stepan\* has been keeping up with his schoolwork via distance learning on a mobile phone, and he was excited to receive a backpack full of school supplies and art and craft supplies from Save the Children.

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# **RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS**



**1.** We're supporting a shelter for internally displaced families in Chernivtsi, Ukraine and have set up a child friendly space. In this space, children can do activities and play with one another.

2. We're delivering essential supplies to conflict affected areas in the east of Ukraine. In this warehouse in Dnipro, pasta, beans, salt and other supplies are stored temporarily while a delivery convoy is prepared.

**3.** Through Save the Children's feedback and accountability mechanisms, families in Ukraine are telling us that what they need right now is cash. It helps them buy essential items like food and medicine while also supporting local economies.

**4.** Save the Children staff offer families psychological support and provide children in Ukraine a safe space to rest and play.

### Protection

- We've supported over 10,500 children with protection services and, together with our partners, we are running eight Child Friendly Spaces (11+ are to be launched soon) where children can play and learn.
- We're providing Child Friendly Space Kits, which contain everything you need to establish a safe and supportive space for children, as well as Bunker Kits with toys and games that encourage learning and play.
- We're conducting trainings in Child Protection in Emergency (CPiE) and Child Protection Minimum Standards (CPMS) for local partner organizations to ensure children are supported in the safest way.

#### **Cash and Voucher Assistance**

We've supported over 62,206
 people with cash assistance,
 totalling over \$18M, to help
 them buy the food, clothes, and
 medicine. Cash assistance gives
 people choice, helps support local
 economies, and is the fastest way
 to get support to families.

### Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

- Save the Children psychologists and mental health experts are providing psychosocial support to vulnerable children and their families.
- Child protection specialists are on hand to provide psychological support and help children begin to process their experiences.

#### **Health and Nutrition**

- We've supported over 41,500
   families with access to medical care by providing essential medical supplies and support to hospitals, with a focus on maternal and newborn health, as well as supplying Trauma Kits to treat injuries.
- We're distributing over 2,500 food kits across Eastern Ukraine over the next few weeks to feed children and their families.

#### Water and Sanitation

- We're working with other humanitarian agencies, the UN, and local authorities to repair water supply systems.
- We continue to provide bottled water and coolers to ensure people have access to clean drinking water.

# **OUR REGIONAL RESPONSE**

Our teams are assisting children and families fleeing Ukraine at border crossing points and reception centers in Romania, Poland. and Lithuania.

Save the Children has reached 179,000 people with life-saving support, including:

# 179,000

people reached with life-saving support



Providing food, fuel, and cash assistance to meet people's most urgent needs



Blankets, diapers, hygiene items, and baby kits



**Providing mental** health support to children and their families



Providing child protection services to ensure children and families remain together



Providing mothers and pregnant women with essential infant items and supporting breastfeeding practices



Setting up Child Friendly Spaces where children can play and process their experiences



Establishing safe passages to get food and other essential supplies to the most affected areas in Ukraine





**Providing information** about housing, healthcare, childcare, education, and legal support



## **OUR SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS**

Save the Children is supporting a summer camp in Poland for children who have fled Ukraine, including Daria\*, 12, who is shown painting. This camp has specially curated activities that help children with their mental health and psychosocial support.

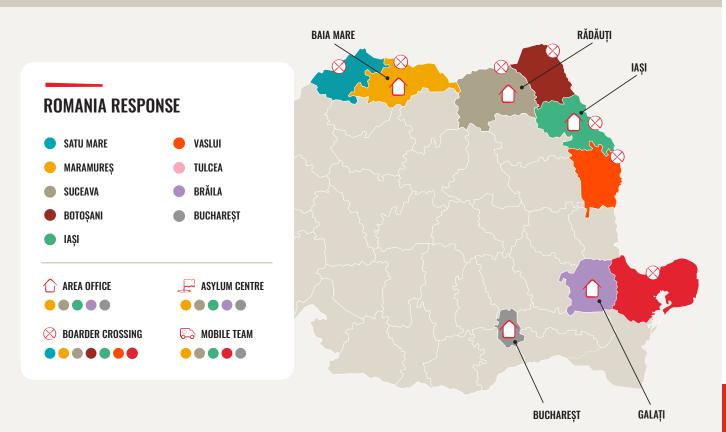
Over the summer, we've supported children with summer camps to provide social cohesion activities - bringing together Polish and Ukrainian children. Children can participate in sports, city excursions, and activities, such as art, dance, and play. Polish language classes are also offered throughout summer camp programs to support children with learning as they prepare to enroll in Polish schools in September.

\*name changed to protect privacy

## ROMANIA **157,128** people reached

## In Romania, we've reached 157,128 people, including 88,800 children.

Our teams are at every border crossing with Ukraine and Moldova, providing food, clean water, hygiene items, pre-paid SIM cards, information, and translation services. They are also providing social, recreational, and educational services through Child Friendly Spaces and Mother and Baby Areas.





## SUPPORTING MOTHERS IN ROMANIA

Iryna\*, who is seven months pregnant, had just 24 hours to decide whether or not to leave Ukraine with her ten-year-old daughter Nikolina\*. As violence engulfed the country, she crossed the border into Romania.

Save the Children in Romania has helped Iryna<sup>\*</sup> by providing cash voucher assistance to meet basic needs like food, clothing, medicines and provided mental health support for Iryna<sup>\*</sup> and Nikolina<sup>\*</sup>.

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## In Poland, we've reached 5,888 people, including 5,195 children.

Our teams are providing cash assistance to families and partnering with libraries to set up Digital Learning Centers. During the summer months, we are partnering with local organizations to provide children with camps that offer social emotional support as well as recreational activities.





## **KEEPING CHILDREN LEARNING IN POLAND**

POLAND

5,888

people reached

Save the Children, in collaboration with a local partner, has established a Ukrainian School for children in Warsaw to help children complete their school year and provide them the opportunity to meet with other children and integrate with the Polish community.

We've also been supporting Ukrainian teachers and other education staff with capacity strengthening activities and wellness sessions.

## In Lithuania, we've reached 16,735 children through targeted emergency support and Child Friendly Spaces.

We're providing children and their families with recreational and educational activities through our Child Friendly Spaces as well as essential items, including hygiene items, toys, clothes, and medical referrals.





LITHUANIA

16,735

people reached



## PROVIDING CHILDREN SAFE SPACES TO PLAY AND HEAL

Eda<sup>\*</sup>, 2, lived near Kyiv with her parents. When the bombing started, Eda's mother Maria<sup>\*</sup>, 28, immediately left home and took her daughter and her thirteen-yearold sister Anastasia<sup>\*</sup> to Lithuania.

We helped Maria register to receive extra support and essential items. She received clothes because they didn't bring many items with them, and Save the Children delivers food to the family home every week.

# OUR RESPONSE IN THE REST OF EUROPE

In addition to our responses in Poland, Romania, and Lithuania, our programs in the Balkans, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK have been supporting refugee children and their families through activities such as Child Friendly Spaces, psychosocial support, and assistance to help children and their families resettle and access the services they need.

### This has been a response like no other.

We have been able to amplify our impact by working with several strategic partners, such as other NGOs, local authorities, and national governments.



### Our response includes:

- Offering emergency shelter and working with local businesses to provide temporary housing.
- Setting up Child Friendly Spaces in key places, like migration offices, so children can relax and play while waiting to be assisted.
- Connecting refugee families to relevant services and local communities.
- Providing practical information, legal advice and mental health support to children and their families.
- Influencing the European Union and its member states to create safe and legal routes across Europe for people fleeing the conflict.



Nina<sup>\*</sup>, 17, at the Romanian border after fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.

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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your generosity means we can help children make it through the darkest moments of their lives.

Thanks to your support, we are providing life-saving assistance to children and families who have been affected by this crisis, wherever they are.



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