



Save the Children.

CRISIS IN UKRAINE

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Photo: Sacha Myers/Save the Children

Anna*, 9, and Olena*, 31, have been displaced six times since the war in Ukraine broke out in 2022.

*Names changed to protect privacy.

As the war in Ukraine nears its fifth year, humanitarian needs continue to rise, with 2025 the deadliest year for civilians since 2022. According to the UN, more than 2,500 people were killed and over 12,000 injured, including many children.

In recent months, intensified missile and drone attacks have severely damaged Ukraine’s energy infrastructure, striking major cities including Kyiv and Kharkiv. During one of the coldest winters in decades, these attacks have left millions without reliable electricity, heating and water.

In January, repeated strikes on Kyiv during sub-zero temperatures cut power and heating to large parts of the city, leaving nearly half of its housing stock without heat and forcing emergency measures to protect hospitals and other critical services.

Save the Children is responding across Ukraine with winter assistance and rapid support for newly displaced families, working alongside local partners. As conflict continues and displacement accelerates, urgent support is needed to reach children and families facing worsening conditions.

10.8M

people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance

3.7M+

people are internally displaced

3M+

residents of Kyiv in need of warmth and protection in winter temperatures

Numbers as of February 2026

RESPONSE SNAPSHOT

We're prioritizing response activities in the most affected areas, including Kyiv, Kharkhiv, and Donetsk, as well as areas impacted by severe cold weather.

By working with local partners in Ukraine, we continue to meet the needs of families with the following life-saving humanitarian programs:

SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- We're repairing damaged homes and collective centers to ensure families have safe shelter.
- We're distributing winterization support to help families stay warm during extreme cold.
- We're providing hygiene kits and menstrual hygiene supplies for girls, along with materials that promote healthy family hygiene practices.

FOOD SECURITY AND CASH ASSISTANCE

- We're delivering multi-purpose cash assistance and agricultural grants, enabling families to cover rent, food, utilities, and farming inputs.
- We launched community-led recovery projects to strengthen local leadership, skills, and economic opportunities.

EDUCATION

- We established Digital Learning Centres to support remote education.
- We're rehabilitating damaged schools and nurseries to restore safe learning environments.
- We're supporting teachers and children with disabilities, strengthening inclusive education systems now and for the future.
- We're setting up temporary learning spaces and catch-up programs so children can safely learn and play.

CHILD PROTECTION

- We're setting up child-friendly spaces where children can learn, play and receive mental health and psychosocial support.
- We're providing mobile mental health and psychosocial services in transit and in host communities.
- We're providing individualized support for displaced children and their families.
- We're helping protect children from dangers such as mines and explosive remnants of war.
- We're training local partners and communities to strengthen long-term child protection systems.

OUR RESPONSE IN UKRAINE



PRESENCE IN THE REGION

We've been working in Ukraine since 2014.



RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Child protection, education, mental health and psychosocial support, food security and livelihoods, cash assistance, shelter and essential items.



RESPONSE REACH

In 2025, we reached 434,100 people, including over 307,900 children, across Ukraine with humanitarian aid.



2026 FUNDING TARGET

Our funding target for our response in Ukraine is currently set at \$25.8M.