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A YEAR OF WAR

UKRAINE RESPONSE IMPACT REPORT



Yulia, 9, lives in a small village in Ukraine and has had trouble sleeping since the war. Save the Children is supporting Yulia's family with cash transfers so they can pay for food, medicine and school supplies.*

ON FEBRUARY 24, 2022, THE LIVES OF 7.5 MILLION CHILDREN CHANGED FOREVER.

The war in Ukraine triggered the largest and fastest refugee crisis in Europe since the Second World War. Fearing for their lives, millions fled to safer areas of Ukraine and to neighboring countries such as Poland, Romania, Lithuania and Moldova.

Almost one year on, the war continues to have a devastating impact on children. Children have spent on average more than 900 hours hiding in bunkers across the country, and this number is significantly higher in areas closer to active hostilities.

Our team has worked inside Ukraine since 2014 - serving children and families even before this war began. Today, our staff and partners remain dedicated to providing life-saving humanitarian assistance to families who need it most. **Thanks to generous supporters like you, we will continue to serve the children of Ukraine wherever they are and for however long they need us.**

THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT

From the day the war began, we have worked alongside partners to provide humanitarian aid and essential services to **over 1 million people** across Ukraine, Poland, Romania and Lithuania.

Our team, with nearly 10 years of experience working in Ukraine, leveraged the expertise of local partners to immediately begin providing support to families throughout the country. At the same time, we quickly set up services for children and families in desperate need of support who were arriving at border crossings to escape the conflict.

Those fleeing the conflict came to us with little to no belongings. Our teams worked day-after-day to provide food, water, winter clothes and hygiene items to those who needed it most. Providing safe spaces for women and children (especially those who were separated from their families) quickly became one of our top priorities and remains a focus of our response to this day.

1,095,323 PEOPLE REACHED

INCLUDING **614,118 CHILDREN** IN UKRAINE AND ACROSS THE REGION

Your support has allowed us to grow our response to include: supply distributions; cash assistance; health; nutrition; education; water, sanitation and hygiene; protection; shelter; and mental health and psychosocial support.

Based on our humanitarian experience, we know that people will need assistance for years to come. **A year on, our teams and partners continue to work in Ukraine and throughout the region, ensuring children and their families receive the support they desperately need.**

Irina, 10 (right), attended summer classes run by Save the Children where our specialists delivered educational and recreational activities.*



RESPONSE IN UKRAINE

Since the beginning of the conflict, our team of around 300 staff, together with 33 local partner organizations, supported families in Ukraine with humanitarian aid and essential services.

They have overcome incredible challenges to reach children and families with cash assistance, food, clean water, hygiene items and more. Despite the risk to their personal safety, our staff and partners are meeting long-term needs by implementing Child Friendly Spaces, helping children access safe, quality education and working with schools to deliver mental health and psychosocial support programs.

We've also integrated child protection in all our interventions to reduce the risk of harm for children and their families (i.e., sexual/gender-based violence and family separation). We're also supporting coordination between child protection actors and local authorities to help unaccompanied and separated children in Ukraine.

802,465 PEOPLE REACHED

INCLUDING 436,529 CHILDREN

	PEOPLE ▼	CHILDREN* ▼
PROTECTION	66,838	55,130
EDUCATION	27,747	27,515
HEALTH	45,200	24,518
NUTRITION	44,599	26,683
FOOD, SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS	189,308	77,227
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE	474,153	255,900
SHELTER & NON-FOOD ITEMS	34,291	15,801

**Reach numbers are reflective of programming from February - December 2022. Reach numbers include direct reach for each sector.*

Oksana and her daughter Khrystyna*, 8, sheltered in a basement for weeks with little food, electricity or heating. Save the Children is supporting their family with cash transfers so they can afford essential items.*



RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE UKRAINE

\$26M IN CASH DISTRIBUTED

reaching
96,000 people.

CASH ASSISTANCE

In Ukraine, we've delivered cash assistance to more than 28,700 families - with our cash programming totalling almost \$26 million. Through our feedback and accountability mechanisms, families told us that cash is what they needed most as it helps them buy essential items and supports local economies.

17 CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES ESTABLISHED

where children can
socialize and play.

CHILD PROTECTION

Together with our partners, we established 17 Child Friendly Spaces in Ukraine where children can socialize, play and be children again. Specialists are on hand to provide psychological support and help children process the trauma they experienced.

32 DIGITAL LEARNING CENTERS CREATED

for children to continue
their education.

EDUCATION

We've set up 32 Digital Learning Centers and plan to open 100 more across Ukraine in 2023 so children can continue their education. To ensure schools can re-open, we're repairing damaged schools and kindergartens, making sure school bunkers are safe for children and providing training and equipment to teachers. To help children learn, we've distributed 2,400 education kits, which include pens, colouring pencils, notepads and other educational materials.

45,200 PEOPLE ACCESSED HEALTHCARE

including 24,518
children.

HEALTH

We've helped 45,200 people, including more than 24,500 children, access essential healthcare. We've also provided medical equipment, supplies and technical expertise to hospitals and mobile health teams, including donating much-needed mobility aids (like children's wheelchairs, crutches and physical therapy equipment) to partners.

40,000 HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTED

to ensure people have
basic hygiene supplies.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

In partnership with other humanitarian organizations, the UN and local authorities, we've provided equipment to repair damaged water supply systems. We've also distributed 40,000 hygiene kits with our partners, ensuring families can access clean drinking water. In addition, we've delivered over 12,600 bottles of water in Kherson.

34,291 PEOPLE REACHED

with essential items.

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

We worked closely with partners to distribute essential items, including beds and mattresses, to children and families. We've also helped rehabilitate damaged schools and hospitals, and provided hard-fuel boilers to critical infrastructure to keep the heating on for vulnerable families during the winter.

REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Since the beginning of the conflict, we've supported children and families who were forced to flee their homes across Poland, Romania and Lithuania.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DISPLACED

Our teams began assisting children and families fleeing Ukraine at border crossing points and reception centers as soon as possible. We provided families information on healthcare, childcare, education, legal support and housing as well as provided cash assistance and food to meet families' most urgent needs.

SUMMER LEARNING

To continue their education during the summer months, we supported children throughout Poland, Romania and Lithuania by establishing Digital Learning Centers.

292,858

PEOPLE REACHED

INCLUDING **177,589 CHILDREN**

We also ran summer camps with activities designed to support children's needs and set up Child Friendly Spaces to provide a safe and supportive environment for children to process their experiences. Our teams focused on strengthening child protection programs by providing specialist services, such as case management, to ensure children and families remained safe and stayed together.

SURVIVING THE HARSH WINTER

As the months grew colder, we distributed warm clothes, blankets, heaters, wood, fuel, hygiene kits and baby kits to vulnerable families. Our cash assistance programs also helped families repair damaged homes or afford alternative housing.

POLAND



ROMANIA



LITHUANIA



At summer camps across Poland, Romania and Lithuania, more than 1,800 children made friends, played sports, participated in arts and crafts and received mental health and psychosocial support from trained therapists.

RESPONSE PARTNERS

We worked closely with 33 partners in Ukraine and nine additional partners in the region. Because of their experience, networks and leadership, local and national partners were essential in delivering humanitarian aid to hard-to-reach communities.

Through long-term equitable partnerships with local and national organizations, we can ensure humanitarian response efforts in Ukraine are effective, sustainable and rooted in the engagement of local communities.

Here are three examples of how we are working with partners in Ukraine and the region:

**IN UKRAINE, 40%
OF OUR FUNDING
DIRECTLY SUPPORTED
33 PARTNERS.**



SMILE UA UKRAINE

Smile UA runs Child Friendly Spaces for displaced children in Ukraine, where trained psychologists design activities to promote the mental health and emotional well-being of children. Save the Children supports Smile UA's mission by providing technical expertise, equipment, materials and salaries for staff.



UNBREAKABLE UKRAINE POLAND

Unbreakable Ukraine set up three schools where children were taught Ukrainian curriculum by teachers from Ukraine (alongside Polish language and culture) to help them feel at home in their host communities. Save the Children supports Unbreakable Ukraine's mission by providing equipment like tablets, training and emotional support to teachers as well as meals for students.



SLAVIC HEART UKRAINE

Slavic Heart and Save the Children have worked closely in Eastern Ukraine since the conflict began in 2014. Slavic Heart was able to respond immediately to families in Eastern Ukraine once the conflict started in 2022. Together, we support children and families in hard-to-reach areas with a range of programs, including providing cash assistance, running mental health programs and distributing hygiene kits and bunker kits.

FUNDING FOR OUR RESPONSE

Despite the growing challenges during this crisis, your generosity has allowed us to respond to increasing needs in Ukraine and the region. Your contributions have made a real difference and will continue to do so for years to come.

OUR COMMITMENT TO DONORS

Donors throughout the world responded in an unprecedented and enormously generous way to aid millions of children and their families impacted by the war in Ukraine. Because of partners like you, contributions and pledges to Save the Children's response have amounted to **\$257 million**.

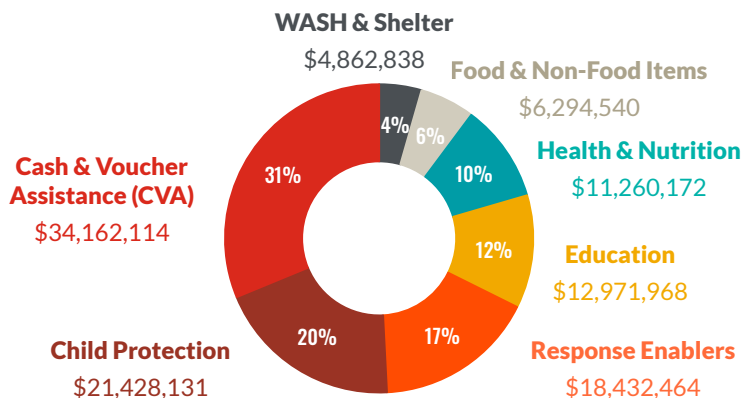
Your partnership enabled us to respond immediately, spending **\$109 million** within the first ten months to provide life-saving relief to families who needed us most. Equally important, with the assurance of adequate resources, we were able to lay the foundation for long-term programming, ensuring we remain in Ukraine and the region for as long as we're needed.

Our budget for 2023 is currently set at **\$117 million**, with the remainder budgeted for long-term programming in Ukraine and throughout our regional response.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (USD)

TOTAL FUNDING RECEIVED (UKRAINE AND REGIONAL RESPONSE)	\$257,663,495
2022 BUDGETED (FEBRUARY - DECEMBER 2022)	\$122,274,232
2022 SPENT (FEBRUARY - DECEMBER 2022)	\$109,412,230
2023 BUDGETED (JANUARY - DECEMBER 2023)	\$117,000,000

2022 SPENDING BY SECTOR



*All figures reflect in-country funds.

2023 PRIORITIES

In **Ukraine**, our humanitarian response plan will build upon current programming, and target the most vulnerable, including women, children, people with disabilities, the elderly and displaced families. We will also strengthen partnerships with local actors, including youth-led and women-led organizations, to ensure our work meets the needs of children and affected communities.

In **Poland**, our teams will prioritize access to education through in-person and Digital Learning Centers, provide psychosocial support to families and increase livelihood opportunities for displaced families.

In **Romania**, our teams will prioritize youth livelihoods programming, strengthen child safeguarding measures and build upon our existing mental health and psychosocial support programs.

In **Lithuania**, our teams will continue to scale up our operations to complement the efforts of the Lithuanian Government, including supporting children and pregnant women, providing mental health and psychosocial support programs and distributing cash assistance to vulnerable families.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Iana, 17, stands for a portrait on the balcony of her home in Suceava county, northern Romania.*

Your generosity means we can help children make it through the toughest time in their lives. Thanks to your support, we've been able to respond quickly and we will continue our work as long as it takes.

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