

Ukraine

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The UN Refugee agency has been working in Ukraine since 1994 and established a country office the following year. A host country agreement was signed in September 1996.

Ukraine acceded to the 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees and the 1967 Protocol in 2002. A 2011 law regulates the treatment of refugees and other persons of concern in Ukraine

In 2013, Ukraine acceded to the two UN Conventions relating to the status of stateless persons (1954) and on the reduction of statelessness (1961).

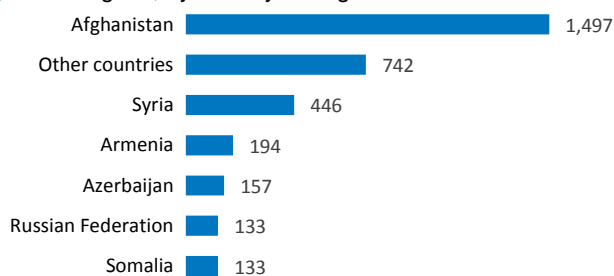
KEY POPULATION FIGURES

1,800,000 internally displaced persons (IDP)* and conflict-affected persons**

5,498 asylum seekers+

35,463 stateless persons**

3,253 refugees, by country of origin:***



* Residing more permanently in the government-controlled areas (GCA).

** Estimated number of conflict-affected persons living near the line of contact in GCAs and the non-government controlled areas (NGCA).

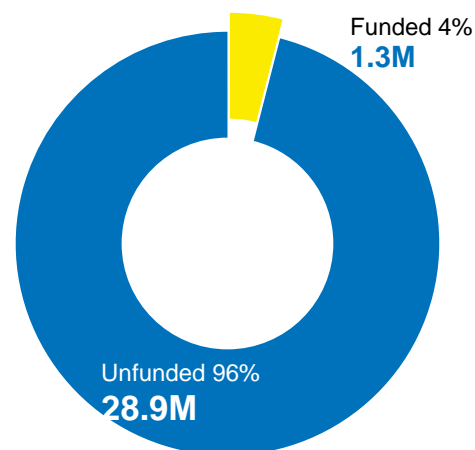
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2018 UKRAINE COUNTRY OPERATION FUNDING (as of 20 February)

USD 31.1 M



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

101 National Staff

20 International Staff

Presence:

1 Country Office in Kyiv

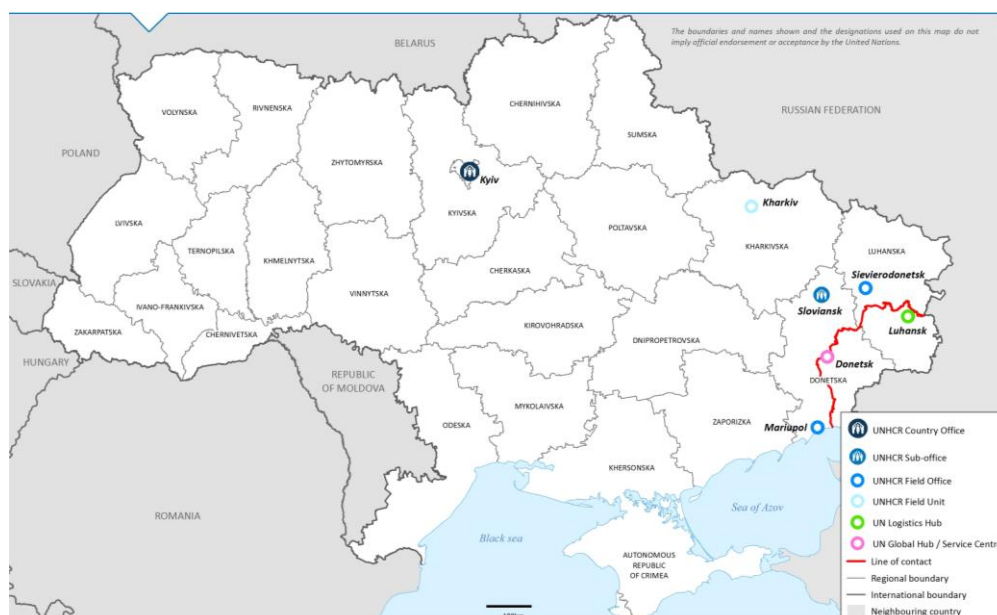
1 Sub Office in Sloviansk

2 Field Offices in Mariupol, and Sievierodonetsk

1 Global Hub/Service Centre in Donetsk

1 Logistics Hub in Luhansk

1 Field Unit in Kharkiv



Working with Partners

- The humanitarian response to the **internal displacement** situation in Ukraine is a coordinated effort by the Government, international organizations, national and international NGOs. For the protection of **refugees and asylum seekers**, UNHCR cooperates with the Government and national NGOs. UNHCR works closely with **14 partners** and other operational partners to provide protection and assistance to persons of concern.
- The **Protection Cluster**, led by UNHCR, coordinates protection delivery and monitors the protection situation in both government and non-government controlled areas. The Cluster, coordinating activities in both Kyiv and in the field, ensures appropriate advocacy and response to needs, prioritizing the most vulnerable and informing the response of other humanitarian actors. The Protection Cluster consists of 75 partners.
- The **Shelter and Non-Food Item Cluster**, led by UNHCR and co-chaired by the NGO **People in Need (PiN)**, monitors and reports on shelter, and non-food item needs of IDPs in government and non-government controlled areas. The Cluster coordinates the delivery of shelter and NFI material assistance to IDPs informed by protection needs. The Shelter and NFI Cluster consists of 40 partners.

Main Activities

Protection

Refugees, asylum seekers, and stateless persons

- Through its traditional core mandate, UNHCR **monitors** the situation of persons of concern **and intervenes** directly to ensure adequate protection of refugees and asylum seekers.
- UNHCR gives **material, social, and medical assistance** to the most vulnerable and provides financial assistance to asylum seekers and refugees in most need.

- UNHCR assists refugees in Ukraine to find **durable solutions** facilitating their voluntary repatriation, local integration, and resettlement to a third country.
- UNHCR works with the Government of Ukraine to **strengthen the national asylum system**, including through a regional project in Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus known as the **“Quality Initiative”**, which focusses on capacity development of asylum authorities (State Migration Service of Ukraine), judges, lawyers, and State Border Guard Service.
- UNHCR provides **legal aid** to persons at risk of statelessness, with particular outreach to ethnic minorities.

Internally displaced persons

- **Protection monitoring** through UNHCR’s and Protection Cluster partner’s field presence in both government and non-government controlled areas identifies human rights violations, and protection risks encountered by IDPs and the conflict-affected population at large. UNHCR shapes its response through continuous protection monitoring at both the community and individual level.
- UNHCR and its partners respond to the protection needs of IDPs and conflict-affected persons by providing **individual case management**, through legal assistance, protection counselling, and cash-based individual protection assistance.
- UNHCR also **monitors legislation developments** affecting IDPs and undertakes advocacy interventions and awareness raising initiatives influence decision makers, stakeholders, and other relevant audiences to achieve positive change in policy and practice to address the protection needs and rights of IDPs.
- **Community-based and quick impact projects** involving IDP and host communities facilitate durable solutions, and mitigate the impact of displacement on host communities, promoting social cohesion and peaceful co-existence.
- **Capacity building initiatives**, such as training and workshops, strengthen the ability of the

Government, local administration, civil society, and host communities to create enabling environments for the support and integration of IDPs.

- UNHCR and its partners deliver **shelter and NFI** assistance to IDPs and conflict-affected persons. NFIs are important in addressing new emergency needs related to the ongoing conflict, as well as responding to seasonal needs in areas where markets function poorly. UNHCR provides shelter assistance to repair conflict-damaged homes in areas near the line of contact.

Strategic Directions

- Through extensive consultations with partners in 2017, UNHCR prepared a Multi-Year, Multi-Partner Protection and Solutions Strategy for Ukraine. The strategy sets out UNHCR's plan for engagement in Ukraine for a period of five years (2018-2022). The period is synchronized with the cycle of the UN-Government of Ukraine Partnership Framework (UNPF) in recognition of the value of pursuing a joined-up approach among humanitarian and development actors in the context of persistent conflict affecting eastern Ukraine, as well as the goal of achieving protection and durable solutions for IDPs, refugees and stateless persons throughout the country.

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