Ukraine
October 2017

28,580 IDPs and persons at risk of displacement received legal assistance from UNHCR partners in 2017.

51,000 IDPs and persons at risk of displacement provided with non-food items (NFI) by UNHCR and partners in 2017.

2,430 households in eastern Ukraine received UNHCR shelter assistance in 2017.

KEY POPULATION FIGURES
1,800,000 internally displaced persons (IDP)* and Conflict Affected Persons**
5,464 asylum seekers+
35,463 stateless persons**
3,253 refugees, by country of origin:***

* Residing more permanently in government-controlled areas (GCA).
** Estimated number of conflict-affected people living along the line of contact in GCAs and non-government controlled areas (NGCA).
+ Source: UNHCR (10 November 2017)
++ Source : UNHCR, the State Migration Service of Ukraine (30 June 2017)
+++ Source : State Migration Service/UNHCR (30 June 2017)

FUNDING (AS OF 7 NOVEMBER)
USD 37.7 M requested for Ukraine

UNHCR PRESENCE
Staff:
104 National Staff
23 International Staff

Presence:
1 Country Office in Kyiv
1 Sub Office in Dnipro
3 Field Offices in Mariupol, Siewierodonetsk, and Sloviansk
1 Global Hub/Service Centre in Donetsk
1 Logistics Hub in Luhansk
1 Field Unit in Kharkiv
Working with Partners

The humanitarian response for 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 15 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 Cluster consists of 40 partners.

Main Activities

Protection

Refugees, asylum seekers, and stateless persons

- UNHCR monitors and intervenes directly to ensure adequate protection of refugees and asylum seekers and gives material, social, and medical assistance to the most vulnerable. UNHCR also provides financial assistance to those in most need.

- UNHCR assists refugees in Ukraine to find durable solutions through voluntary repatriation, local integration, and resettlement.

- 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 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 persons at risk of displacement by providing individual case management, such as legal assistance, protection counselling, and cash-based individual protection assistance.

- 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.

Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR and its partners deliver shelter and NFI assistance to IDPs and persons at risk of displacement. 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.
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