

Country Fact Sheet

February 2021

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

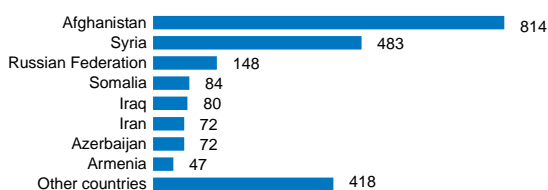
734,000 Internally displaced persons (IDPs)
(2021 Humanitarian Needs Overview)

1.62M Conflict-affected persons
(Protection Cluster, UNHCR – December 2020)

35,704 Stateless persons
(SMS of Ukraine, UNHCR – 30 June 2020)

2,731 Asylum-seekers *(UNHCR – 31 January 2021)*

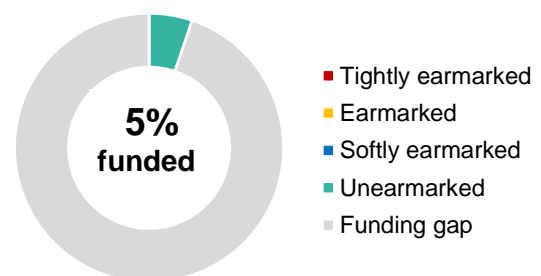
2,218 Refugees, including persons with complementary protection, by country of origin:
(SMS of Ukraine, UNHCR - 30 June 2020)



FUNDING (AS OF 2 FEBRUARY 2021)

USD 28.9 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2021



UNHCR NGO PARTNERS



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

104 National Staff

20 International Staff

Presence:

1 Country Office in Kyiv

1 Sub-Office in Sloviansk

2 Field Units in Mariupol and Sievierodonetsk

2 Field Offices in Donetsk and Luhansk



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

- The humanitarian response to the **internal displacement** situation in Ukraine is a coordinated effort by the Government, international organizations, national and international NGOs. UNHCR leads the **Protection Cluster** and the **Shelter and Non-Food Item Cluster**.
- **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 provide **individual case management**, through legal assistance, protection counselling, and cash-based and in-kind individual protection assistance.

- UNHCR **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 peaceful coexistence projects** involving IDP and host communities facilitate durable solutions, and mitigate the impact of displacement, 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 in areas where markets function poorly. UNHCR provides shelter assistance to repair conflict-damaged homes in areas near the line of contact.

Working and strengthening NGO Partners

- UNHCR works closely with **eight NGO partners** and other operational partners to provide protection and assistance to persons of concern.

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) and is synchronized with the cycle of the **UN-Government of Ukraine Partnership Framework (UNPF)**. In 2020, UNHCR carried out the **mid-term review of the Strategy** to assess progress against its milestones, consider the impact of contextual changes (including COVID-19) and introduce corrections where needed.