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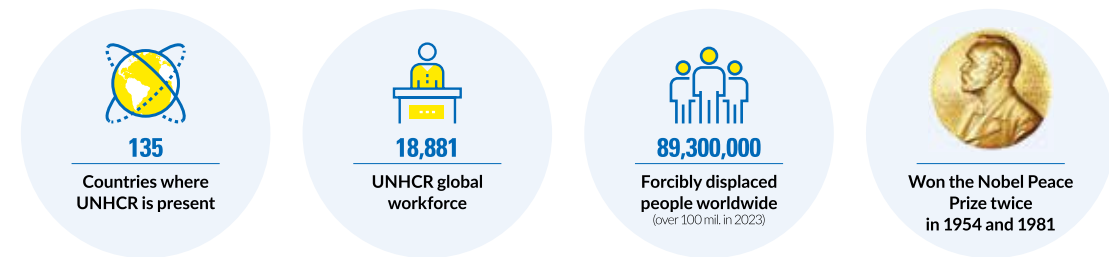


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**In 2023, Life Goes On  
amid Ongoing Wars, Conflicts, and Disasters**



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Anzhela holding her niece as they attend the distribution activity of the UNHCR partner organization in Sloviansk, Ukraine © Humanitarian Mission Proliska/UNHCR/Artur Ulianytskyi

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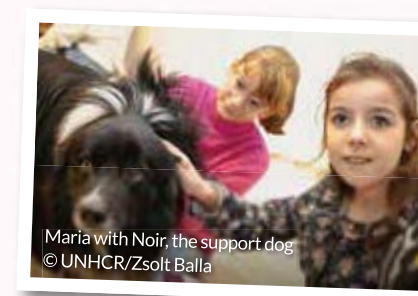
# Ukrainian Refugee Maria Relieves Stress with a Support Dog

Nine-year-old Maria was distraught when she had to abandon her beloved dog Sharik as her family fled the war in Ukraine earlier this year. Now, at a community center in the Hungarian capital Budapest, Maria and other Ukrainian refugee children are participating in a fun-filled therapy session with an emotional support dog called Noir. Maria has special needs and difficulty speaking, but the joy on her face needs no words as she strokes the gentle black Border Collie. Animal therapy is among the various relaxing activities on offer at the Budapest Helps! Info and Community Centre, a joint venture between the Budapest Municipality, UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), and International Organization for Migration (IOM). Around 200 people a week visit the Budapest Helps! Community Centre, with interest growing as more options are added, including a crèche, language classes, yoga, and a Ukrainian choir. "Being with the dog is so good for Maria," says her mother Liudmyla, who came to Hungary in August with her two daughters from the central Ukrainian region of Vinnytsia. "We never thought we would live to see this war. We're trying to hold on here. It's not easy."




As the war grinds on into its tenth month, psychotherapists are concerned about the mental health and well-being of the refugees, who are often separated from loved ones, sometimes bereaved, and all facing an uncertain future. In Hungary, more than 32,000 Ukrainians have applied for Temporary Protection status, which will allow them to stay longer term. The UNHCR is addressing refugees' mental health and trauma as well as increasing information on and referral to essential services such as healthcare and legal aid. Therapists from the Cordelia Foundation, a non-governmental organization and UNHCR partner that provides mental and social support to victims of trauma, are visiting shelters countrywide and have already helped more than 400 refugees experiencing various degrees of depression or anxiety.

**Thank you for making a difference in the lives of refugee children like Maria!**



Read more about Maria's story





# Ongoing Wars, Conflicts, and Disasters in 2023...

**24 February 2022**

 **1**-Year Mark of the War in Ukraine

**15 March 2011**

 **12**-Year Mark of the Civil War in Syria

**6 February 2023**

 **1**-Month Mark of the Türkiye and Syria Earthquake

**However, Life Goes on Beyond These Numbers**





# A Year of War in Ukraine

“Trying to return to the everyday lives they once lost”



Read more about Ukraine Situation (English)



Watch a video on '1 Year of War in Ukraine'

## A Year of War Left Behind

24 February 2023 marked one year since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

The situation in Ukraine is the fastest-growing refugee crisis since the Second World War, with one in three Ukrainians forced to flee home today.

## A Year of War in Ukraine at a Glance



Read more about the survey result (English)

Internally displaced persons (IDPs)



over **5.3 mil.**

Individual refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe



over **8 mil.**

Refugees from Ukraine registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe



over **4.8 mil.**

Ratio of women and children among the refugees from Ukraine



**90 %**

Civilian casualties in the country  
(source: OHCHR, as of 27 February 2023)



over **21,000**

Estimated population to experience acute food insecurity in 2023 due to the impact of the war (source: IRC)

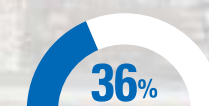


**349 mil.**

## Survey on Protection Risk Factors and Support Needs\*



respondents were employed or self-employed before leaving Ukraine.



respondents are currently employed or self-employed in the host country or work remotely.

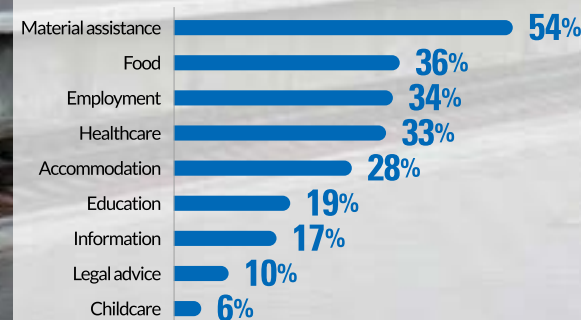


respondents applied for Temporary Protection (or similar schemes) in the host country.

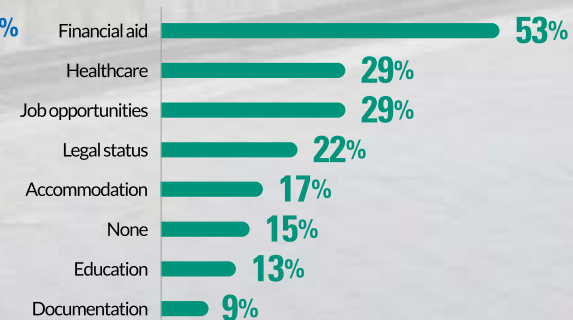


respondents have at least one urgent need such as material assistance, food, employment, etc.

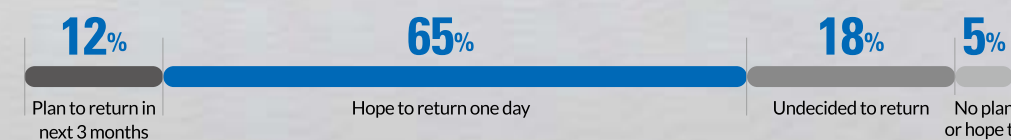
Top urgent needs (1st + 2nd + 3rd choices, multiple responses possible)



Information needs (multiple responses possible)



Intentions to return\*\*



\* Based on a survey of 20,009 Ukrainian refugees in neighboring countries conducted between October 2022 and February 2023

\*\* Based on a survey of 3,900 Ukrainian refugees in neighboring countries conducted between December 2022 and January 2023



## A Year of War, Living “Everyday Life” Again

When the air raid sirens sound, Ukrainians are forced to seek shelter, but as they wait for the “day” the war will end, they are coping by trying to live “everyday” life. Whether hiding in their basements, trying to keep their families minimally safe and repairing their bombed-out homes, or moving to other towns or across the border to neighboring countries in search of safety and adjusting to a new life, they are carrying on in their own way.

### Ukraine: Tamara, Protecting Her Family



Tamara and her granddaughter © UNHCR/Victoria Andrievska

Tamara remembered the day when missiles and rockets rained down on their village. Some of the family fled to another village, **but she couldn't leave the home she'd spent all her life in. She was unable to leave the house she had grown up in and leave behind her brother with a disability and her 85-year-old mother who had difficulty walking.** They hid in their cellar during the hostilities, hearing the loud shelling and explosions every day. As the cold, dark, and damp set in around them, Tamara's mother's leg became badly infected, with the infection spreading to other parts of her body. She had no choice but to go to a local hospital amid the shelling. It was dangerous, but the only way to save her life. Fortunately, her mother received the urgent care she needed, and has since made a full recovery.

When the hostilities subsided, Tamara and her family could finally assess the damage to their home and street. Miraculously, the two homes belonging to their families remained standing, although significantly damaged. The family was enrolled in UNHCR's shelter program through local authorities. Soon after, both houses were repaired, receiving new windows, roofs, and doors to help retain the heat this winter. It was welcoming news for Tamara, who was struggling to repair the houses while taking care of her family.

**Despite unimaginable hardship and suffering, this family is slowly healing from the pain of loss and destruction. Tamara keeps herself busy by caring for her grandchildren and reading late in the evening. Against all odds, she appreciates the help from the UNHCR and finds some solace in their experience. “I feel that we're not left alone to deal with our tragedy. It gives me strength and hope in humanity,” she says, smiling wistfully.**



Read more about  
Tamara's story

Tamara's family living in Chernihiv, Ukraine © UNHCR/Victoria Andrievska

**“My family is my main source of energy and strength. For them, I can do anything, I can live through any difficulties, and I will find a solution.”**

– Lilla, an IDP in Ukraine –

**“The situation has changed compared to the beginning of the war. People try to get on with their lives, find a place to live, find a job.”**

– Natalia Syunii, a psychology professor and coordinator at UNHCR's partner NGO Nehemiia –

### Romania: Ekaterina, Building New Lives



Ekaterina living in Romania with her son  
© UK for UNHCR/Ioana Epure

“The day the war started, my husband and I couldn't believe it,” says Ekaterina. “It seemed to us like some kind of nightmare.” As nearby towns came under attack, Ekaterina realized she needed to flee. She fled to Romania with her son, leaving behind her home, her career as a wedding photographer, her husband, and pet dog.

Initially, Ekaterina had planned to travel onward, but the warm welcome she and her son received in Romania contributed to her decision to stay in the country. “For the first few months, I was lost,” says Ekaterina. “But [then] I heard about refugee

assistance programs, and it has really helped us a lot.” One of the main hubs in the capital Bucharest is RomExpo, a former warehouse that UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, repurposed as a welcoming community support center. Here, refugees such as Ekaterina can receive help such as information on protection, counseling, healthcare, cash assistance, and support finding employment.

**Ekaterina is currently working in a bookshop and shared workspace. While learning the Romanian language and making new friends, she is rebuilding her life and regaining the normalcy she lost during the war. “It is important to ignite a spark of hope and let people know there is always an opportunity to get their lives—and the lives of their children—back on the right track,” Ekaterina says. Dreaming of the day when she will return home, she is helping other Ukrainian refugees and the host community.**



Ekaterina picking up her life in a new environment © UK for UNHCR/Ioana Epure



Read more about  
Ekaterina's story



## UNHCR Helps Ukrainians with “Everyday Life”



### Ukraine

UNHCR has been working in Ukraine since 1994 and signed three MOUs with the central ministries and six oblast authorities in 2022 to lead the coordination of the Protection, Shelter/Non-food Items, the Camp Coordination and Camp Management humanitarian clusters. In 2022, we provided protection, shelter and housing, basic necessities, and livelihood support for **more than 4.32 million people**.

 **1,778,000**

people reached with essential items, including in hard-to-access areas by humanitarian convoys

 **164,000**

people received shelter support through interventions for collective centers and damaged homes

 **1,560,000**

people reached with winterization support (cash assistance, winterization items, shelter support through repairs & insulation of homes etc.)



Read more about UNHCR's operation in Ukraine

### UNHCR Presence in Ukraine – 11 Offices in Total (as of February 2023)

-  **1 Country Office (Kyiv)**
-  **2 Sub-Offices**
-  **4 Field Offices**
-  **4 Field Units**

 **1,512,400**

people received protection assistance (psychosocial support, legal aid etc.) in Ukraine and neighboring countries

 **1,463,300**

people supported with cash assistance (basic needs, protection, multi-purpose etc.)

### Neighboring Countries

Early in the crisis, UNHCR focused on responding to refugees' basic needs such as ensuring access to territory and providing temporary shelter and food, but has gradually shifted to a longer-term response, supporting host country governments with the inclusion of refugees into their national systems. It is also leading the coordination of around 250 partner organizations in neighboring countries.

 **500,000**

people supported with information on accessing their rights, such as education, health care, accommodation, livelihoods, and assistance for specific needs.



Read more about Digital Blue Dot (English)

 **185,600**

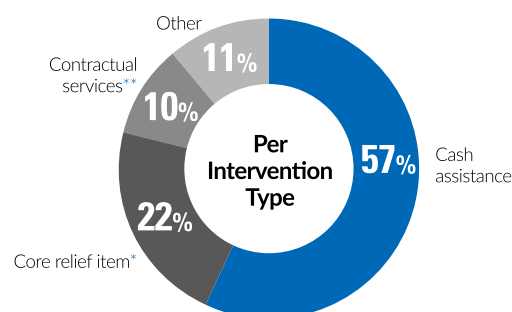
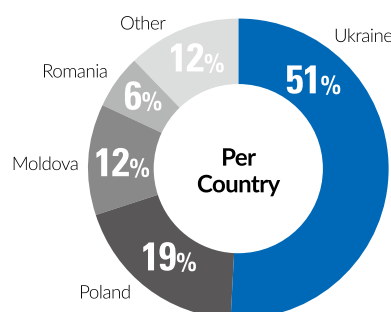
beneficiaries reached through Blue Dot\* hubs in neighboring countries

\* One-stop free of charge support hubs to provide protection and information for refugees from Ukraine. The hubs easily recognizable by their label – a large blue dot – are located along major transit routes, in accommodation centers and in other strategic locations.



### How Your Support Helped in 2022

Nearly USD 600 million was raised from the private sector alone, including from individual donors, corporations, and foundations, for emergency responses in Ukraine in 2022. Your generous donations were used to support the following activities in Ukraine and neighboring countries.



\* Items other than food used in humanitarian response including blankets, hygiene kits, and winter clothes  
 \*\* For construction, transportation, and warehouse rental

“We were grateful for the cash and we could buy essential things for the kids and for ourselves. We do not feel we are standing alone in this situation anymore.”

– Kateryna, a Ukraine refugee –

In 2023, UNHCR continues to be on the ground in Ukraine and neighboring countries to stay and deliver the protection and assistance they need.

“The work still goes on. We’re still providing the assistance and the operation continues. We will continue to do what we have to do.”

– Anne-Marie, UNHCR External Relations Officer in Ukraine –



Watch a video on UNHCR staff in bunker





# 12 Years into the War in Syria

“People Made Stronger by Hard Times”




Read more about  
Syria Situation  
(English)

## 12 Years of Civil War

15 March 2023 marks the 12th anniversary of the Syrian civil war. Around half of its population is living in Syria and neighboring countries as internally displaced persons (IDPs) or refugees, with no end in sight to their protracted displacement.

Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

 about **6.9 mil.**

Registered refugees in neighboring countries (as of 28 February 2023)

 over **5.4 mil.**

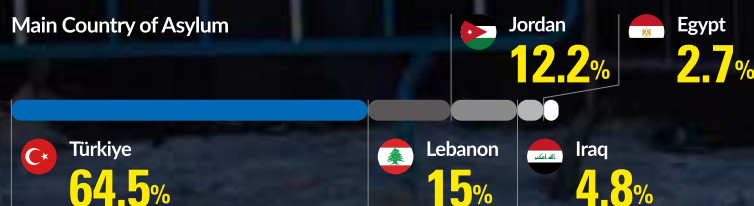
Under the age of 18

 **48 %**

In-camp refugees (about 5% of registered, one in every 20)

 **276,231**

Main Country of Asylum



- March 2011**  
Syria's civil war began
- May 2011**  
While Syrian families began to flee their homes, the first refugee camps opened in Türkiye
- July 2012**  
Za'atari refugee camp opened in Jordan (120,000 people in 1 year)
- March 2013**  
The number of Syrian refugees reached 1 million
- August 2013**  
The number of Syrian refugee children reached 1 million
- July 2015**  
The number of Syrian refugees reached 4 million
- September 2015**  
Body of Aylan Kurdi found on a beach in Türkiye
- March 2017**  
The number of Syrian refugees hit 5 million
- 2020**  
Global COVID-19 pandemic impact
- As of 2023**

## UNHCR Has Been There for Syrians

UNHCR has been operating in Syria since 1991, protecting and assisting displaced people in six key areas:



Read more about UNHCR's  
operation in Syria



### 1 Protection

Through community centers, satellite centers, and mobile outreach teams, we provide a range of protection services including child protection, psychosocial support, prevention, and response to gender-based violence, and legal support such as registration and documentation.



### 2 Cash-based Interventions

We provide the most vulnerable refugees with cash assistance. Vulnerability is assessed every two months to select beneficiaries based on a review of age- and gender-specific needs and personal protection risks.



### 3 Core Relief Items

We provide relief supplies such as blankets, sleeping mats, mattresses, jerry cans, plastic sheets, kitchen sets, and solar lamps, as well as seasonal supplies (rechargeable fans, winter clothes, etc.) as needed.



### 4 Shelters Interventions

UNHCR provides tents and emergency shelter kits to refugee camps in northeastern Syria, home to Iraqis and internally displaced people, and maintains camp infrastructure. For urban refugees, we provide doors and windows, electrical equipment, and water and sanitation so they can repair their homes on their own. We also help restore sidewalks and communal facilities and install solar streetlights at the community level.



### 5 Self-Reliance and Livelihoods

We help vulnerable populations become more self-reliant and less dependent on outside assistance by providing agricultural assistance through seeds and livestock, rehabilitating drainage systems, supporting vocational training schools, and supporting small businesses through training and grants.



### 6 Health

Health points are set up in community centers in hard-to-reach areas to provide primary care and health counseling. In more remote areas, volunteers or mobile outreach teams provide these services.

We are co-leading the regional refugee plan to ensure effective coordination with multiple organizations, not only in Syria, but also in neighboring countries.





## People Made Stronger by Hard Times

Despite the uncertainties they face with the protracted civil war, they are living another day, doing their best for a better future for themselves and their families.

### Syria: From Internally Displaced Person to Businesswoman, Amina's Story of Resilience, Hope, and Gratefulness



After having fled her home with her family eight years ago, Amina recently returned to her home in Homs Governorate. **A mother of six and the sole breadwinner of her family, Amina, a bright, optimistic, and energetic woman, started her own business. With help from UNHCR, she is now running a thriving store.** Her only wish is to continue to be able to support all her children, both girls and boys, through school.

Before fleeing the escalating violence in her city, Amina was taking care of her children while her husband worked as a driver. But, after the family was internally displaced when the violence escalated in the civil war, Amina's husband passed away. When she deemed it safe enough, Amina

decided to return to her home in Ar-Rastan with her six children, even though her house was half destroyed. With no job and no income, Amina and her small children lived in abject poverty for a few years. Having no other choice, Amina started working on a farm so that the family could survive, but the meager income was not enough to cover school costs.

Given the family's vulnerability, UNHCR supported Amina with a small grant and training so that she could open a store selling household items. The shelves in the shop are full of neatly stacked, colorful everyday items such as plates, glasses, jugs, and baskets, and a simple but uplifting drawing covers a gaping hole in the wall. The small shop is thriving with clients from the neighborhood walking in and out all day. **"This project changed my life. I am happy to see my children attending school and my business flourishing! What more could I ask for? I am living now with no fear of tomorrow."**



Read more about Amina's story

Amina talking with UNHCR staff members who visited her store © UNHCR/Saad Sawas

**"The situation in Lebanon is getting worse, and I am worried because of the living conditions. But my daughter's enthusiasm and hope are a source of strength for the whole family."**

– Safiyah, a Syrian refugee in Lebanon –

Join UNHCR in supporting Syrians who have endured 12 years of civil war so they can live another day and dream of tomorrow.

### Jordan: The Woman with Golden Hands, Syrian Refugee Zuzan's Story



Zuzan and her family fled Syria to Jordan in 2012. The first weeks after her family left Za'atari refugee camp were the hardest. They had only a couple of mattresses, some blankets, their clothes, and a small amount of savings. Zuzan and her husband found a cheap empty flat, painted the walls, fixed things that were broken, and started a new life from scratch. She would buy sweaters in the colors the children wanted from the second-hand market and re-spin the yarn to make new clothes for them. The teachers at her children's school loved those sweaters, and asked her to make some for their kids. That's how she received her first orders and started making her first income. She learned shoemaking from her husband, a master shoemaker who was jobless at the time, and they made shoes together. Soon, they proved themselves at the local market. The additional income allowed them to buy old, cheap furniture. She refurbished the furniture

by hand with a needle and thread. That way, she got two sets of furniture for a tenth of what new sets would cost. Sewing, knitting, shoemaking, and furniture repair. That's how Zuzan expanded their livelihood.

The last few years have been a time to prove her mother's words, who taught her to sew and knit. Her mother's words, "mastering a craft is like holding a fortune in your hands," became a reality when with the help of UNHCR and partner organizations, Zuzan got a job.

Zuzan is currently in charge of embroidery in the cushion manufacturing process. The embroidered covers she makes are sold at IKEA. Although the salary is not that high, having a stable income provides her with something essential in the life of a refugee, namely a sense of confidence and stability. **"When I think that there are people somewhere in another part of the world who enjoy using the pillow I helped to make, I feel my skills are important and meaningful. Now, I'm more independent, and I make an important contribution to meeting our family's financial needs. Now, I exist."**



Read more about Zuzan's story

Zuzan working on something on the sewing machine © UNHCR/Hazm Almazouni





# Türkiye and Syria Earthquake Emergency Response

“We Still Stay and Deliver”



Buildings destroyed in the neighbourhood of Hama, Syria © UNHCR

## The Day Everything Crashed Down

On 6 February 2023, powerful earthquakes struck south-eastern Türkiye with serious damages. Northwestern Syria, which shares the border with Türkiye, was also hit hard. By 2 March, the death toll in both countries exceeded 50,000, and 15 million people were directly or indirectly affected near the epicenter.

For the eighth year in a row, Türkiye has hosted the largest number of refugees worldwide. About 4 million refugees and asylum seekers are protected in Türkiye, of which 3.7 million are Syrians.

Syria, which has been in conflict for 12 years now, was severely impacted by the earthquakes. Even before the earthquake, 15.3 million people were estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance in Syria. The earthquake affected an estimated 8.8 million people in the country.

“I felt like I was dying. I saw something shaking. I heard my wife say “earthquake, earthquake.”

– Mazen, an IDP in Syria –

“It was raining, but we had to sleep on the street. We were on the street until the morning. In the morning, I tried to return to my house, but I could not. I was so afraid. I opened the entrance door and threw the blankets inside. We have been staying at a relative’s house for two nights.”

– Aziza, an IDP in Syria –



Earthquake survivors sheltering at a mosque in Aleppo, Syria © UNHCR/Hameed Maarouf



Earthquake survivors talking with a UNHCR staff member © UNHCR/Saad Sawas

## “Stay and Deliver”

UNHCR, which has a long-standing presence in Türkiye and Syria, worked with the governments, partner organizations, and communities in both countries in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake to assess local needs and provide relief items and shelters, while also working on longer-term needs assessments and solutions.



UNHCR distributing relief items together with partner organizations in Aleppo, Syria © UNHCR/Hameed Maarouf

### UNHCR in Türkiye

- Cooperation with the government of Türkiye on refugee issues since the 1960s. The country operation is one of the largest UNHCR operations globally.
- One country office, one sub-office (covering Gaziantep, Hatay, and Sanliurfa, the provinces affected by the earthquakes), and five field units

### UNHCR in Syria

- Operating since 1991
- One country office, three sub-offices, three field offices, and two field units



Read more about UNHCR's emergency response to the earthquake

## UNHCR in Action (as of 2 March)



Syria



29,396

CRI kits distributed in the whole of Syria, reaching 141,280 people



135,526

people reached with protection services in the whole of Syria



537,900

adult diapers released for elderly persons and persons with disabilities in Syria



68,300 / 31,450

winter jackets and winter clothing kits released in Syria



3,382

tents distributed reaching 16,910 people (participated in 10 convoys through border-crossings)



Türkiye

Core relief items delivered upon the request from the Government of Türkiye

### high-thermal blankets



102,000

### sleeping bags



45,000

### hygiene kits



40,800

### foldable beds



28,700

### tents



28,600

### kitchen sets



19,500

### mattresses



15,300

### plastic tarpaulin



10,000

Even at this moment, UNHCR is working in the earthquake-affected areas to respond to local needs on the ground. Join us for continued support for those whose lives were shattered in a day.



# UNHCR Staff at the Türkiye-Syria Earthquake Sites

In the early hours of 6 February 2023, powerful earthquakes struck south-eastern Türkiye, shattering countless lives in an instant. UNHCR, which has had a presence in Türkiye and Syria for many years, has been on the ground since the earthquake, working with government authorities and partner organizations to deliver relief and reconstruction efforts.

## Ghalia Moussalli on the Ground in Aleppo, Syria



“Our team is now on the way to a distribution point, where non-food items will be distributed to affected families. We are now in a collective shelter where distribution is taking place. Families have been staying here for the past two days, but no blankets, no mattresses, no clothes. **UNHCR, with their partners, will continue to distribute some core relief items to make people's life easier as much as possible in the current circumstances.**”



Watch a video

“We at UNHCR stand in solidarity with the people of Türkiye and Syria affected by today's devastating earthquake and are ready to help provide urgent relief to the survivors through our field teams wherever possible.”

– Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees –



## Pablo Zapata from the Relief Airlift Site in Romania



“For a second night, we are at the Bucharest airport. We have dispatched over 2,500 family tents, plus 660 winterization kits. In the coming days, a similar amount of tents will be departing by road, as well as 10,000 hygiene kits and 20,600 foldable beds. **We stand together with the people of Türkiye in this moment of need as they have stood with millions of refugees in the territory. They have opened their houses and their hearts.** With these items, we hope that the lives of those affected by the terrible earthquake are improved in some degree until their houses and their lives are rebuilt.”



Watch a video

## Mark Manly in a Collective Shelter in Aleppo, Syria



“I'm in a collective shelter in Aleppo, Syria. We're witnessing the dramatic impacts of the earthquakes of 6 February. It's a crisis within a crisis **because in addition to the many people who tragically lost their lives, the survivors have lived through 12 years of crisis and conflict. Many of them had already been displaced. And now as a result of damage of their buildings, they can't return home.** UNHCR and partners have been working from the outset to deliver much-needed assistance including thermal blankets, sleeping mats and cooking kits. It's very cold here at night and so this assistance is key. We were able to begin operating immediately in the aftermath of the earthquakes due to the generous support of donors who have provided us with flexible funding which we could use and deploy as needed. Much more support is needed though so your continuing support is appreciated.”



Watch a video



# Your Donation Makes a Difference

See photos of the changes you've made.

(Updates based on UNHCR operations, January ~ March 2023)

5 20



Watch a video on how your donation uses

## 1 Mali

Violence and threats from armed groups in northern Mali have forced more than 3,700 Burkinabé refugees and local Malians to flee to other parts of the country. UNHCR is working with partners and local governments to identify and respond to the needs of these displaced households, providing emergency shelter, education, food, water supplies, livelihood assistance, and economic empowerment programs. For many Burkinabé refugees who have since 2018 fled conflict in their home country, this is the second or third time they have fled to Mali.



A displaced woman cooking at a homeless kitchen in the area they fled to  
© UNHCR/Attaher Ag Mohamed Ali

## 2 Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Rwanda

In response to armed violence in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, we supported the relocation of 1,154 families including vulnerable populations to newly constructed emergency shelters at the Buchagara IDP site. We also added 1,000 new tarpaulin-walled homes at the Rhoe IDP site. Furthermore, we have provided food, shelter, and protection services to refugees arriving in neighboring Rwanda.



UNHCR staff member talking with refugees who fled to Rwanda  
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UNHCR staff member providing meals to refugees who fled to Rwanda  
© UNHCR/Lilly Carlisle



Congolese refugees use handwashing stations in the transit site provided by UNHCR and partners  
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## 3 Burundi

UNHCR helped Burundian refugees return home voluntarily, and provided transportation, food, livelihood support, and household items. Since 2017, we've helped more than 200,000 people.



UNHCR assisting Burundi returnees to rebuild their lives  
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An Eritrean refugee receiving counseling at a protection desk in Tigray, Ethiopia. © UNHCR/Samuel Otieno



UNHCR staff member distributing relief items to Somali refugees  
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UNHCR truck to carry relief items © UNHCR/Kaan Ertaman

## 4 Somalia, Ethiopia

Armed conflict in Somalia's Sool region forced more than 60,000 people to flee to Ethiopia in recent weeks. We worked with the Ethiopian government, local authorities, and partner organizations to set up temporary reception centers and relief items including blankets, jerry cans, buckets, kitchen sets, plastic sheets, and mosquito nets, which have already been distributed to more than 1,000 vulnerable families. In Somalia, we're also working with our partners to deliver relief supplies to more than 3,000 families and provide livelihood support to 42,000 people over the next 3 months. Since the peace deal in November last year, UNHCR and other partners have been able to step up the delivery of much-needed aid including medicines, shelter materials, clothes, household items, and blankets while working on reconstruction, recovery, and solutions.

## 5 Bangladesh

After a fire in a Rohingya refugee camp in early March destroyed 2,000 homes, left 12,000 people homeless, and damaged 90 health facilities and learning centers, we are making disaster response efforts in collaboration with the Bangladeshi government authorities, partner organizations, and Rohingya refugee volunteers. In particular, more than 90 Rohingya community health workers and volunteers trained and supported by UNHCR are providing first aid, referrals to health facilities, psychosocial support, evacuation and firefighting operations, and family reunification.



Rohingya refugee camp on fire  
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Rohingya volunteers responding to put out the fire  
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# UNHCR News

## Global



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### UNHCR's Grandi Visited War-torn Ukraine

*"While buildings have been destroyed, the spirit of the Ukrainian people is unbroken... It's up to all of us to support them as they embark on recovery."*

UNHCR High Commissioner Filippo Grandi, who visited Ukraine in January and met with President Zelensky, government officials, and residents of war-affected areas, called for the international community's continued attention and support for Ukraine. Including support for public shelters by the Ukrainian government, UNHCR has supported more than 4.3 million Ukrainians through livelihood assistance, in-kind support, housing repairs, legal support, and psychological counseling.



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*"I have never experienced this kind of drought. It forced me to flee my country in search of food."*  
- a 82-year-old Somali refugee -

### Ethiopia Level 2 Emergency Declared, East Africa Struck by Conflict and Drought

The worsening conflict in Laascaanood, Sool region of Somalia, has led to a surge in the influx of refugees. UNHCR has now upgraded Ethiopia to a Level 2 emergency. As the Horn of Africa enters its sixth consecutive rainy season with no rain, Somalia, Ethiopia, and Kenya are suffering from one of the longest and most severe droughts in 40 years. With scarce water and food, conflict, and insecurity, more people are fleeing for their lives. UNHCR is appealing for USD 137 million to provide life-saving aid to 3.3 million refugees and internally displaced people in the region.

## Korea



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### Representative of UNHCR Korea, Ms. Hai Kyung Jun Lectured at the National Assembly and the National Diplomatic Academy

The Representative of UNHCR Korea, Ms. Hai Kyung Jun, delivered a special lecture at the "Global Leadership Youth School for Unity" held at the National Assembly and the regular curriculum for diplomatic candidates at the National Diplomatic Academy in February. During this special lecture, they discussed UNHCR's mandate and history, the global situation of forced displacement and major displacement events, and role of the UNHCR Korea.

### #DreamBall Event with Donors

The Dream Ball event, which was held in November 2022 under the theme "Uniting us through sport," was a huge success. In total, 333 donors (teams) sent us their witty and brilliant ideas for fun ways to use the #DreamBall, a soccer ball designed by youth and handmade by refugees. Nine teams were ultimately selected.

On behalf of our Korean donors, we donated sporting goods to Rwandan refugee camps in the names of the selected people. We will report the story of the donation in our next newsletter.



Students from Jungsan middle school (class 1 of the 3rd grade) using the dream ball in a three-legged race

#### Congratulations!

Kim Jung-Hee,  
Nowon Sangwon  
Kindergarten,  
Alumni Disability Welfare  
Center Futsal Team,  
Alumni FC  
Sammul Community  
Children's Center,  
Yoo Min-seo,  
Uijeongbu High School  
UFO Team,  
Jungsan Middle School  
(Class 1 of the 3rd Grade)

## Korea



### Thank You for Your Donation for Türkiye-Syria Earthquake Emergency Response

Many people have sent support for the Türkiye-Syria earthquake emergency relief. A grandfather who saved on heating costs to donate money to buy jackets for displaced children in the cold, a child sponsor who donated his Lunar New Year's cash gifts to help his peers, a sponsor who donated a money gift for her wedding, Han Kyung-rok of the band Crying Nut, and many others showed their warm hearts. In addition to individual donors, many companies, foundations, and organizations including NAVER, the Korea Pharmaceutical Association, Hyundai Marine & Fire Insurance, and KH Vatech also joined the cause. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised more than KRW 3.8 billion in just over a month since the emergency relief fundraiser began in early February. Thank you to everyone who donated. We will make sure your donations are put to good use on the ground for earthquake survivor relief and reconstruction efforts, providing shelter from the elements, warm blankets, and trauma treatment programs.

## Donation Agreement Form

If you would like to donate or make additional donations, please send a photo of the completed donation agreement form to 1666-5397.

### Donor Information

Are you a regular donor of UNHCR ☐ Yes ☐ No — If yes, please fill out your name, date of birth, and mobile phone number only.

Name	Mobile phone number	Date of birth	Email
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Do you want to use your existing donation account? ☐ Yes ☐ No — If 'Yes,' please indicate the type of campaign and donation amount only.

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\*If you are making a regular donation on a monthly basis, the additional one-off donation will be made within 10 days of receiving the form. If the amount was not withdrawn successfully due to insufficient balance in the account or any other reasons, more attempts will be made later.  
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These serve as examples of the usage of funds. For more details, please refer to page 20~21 of this newsletter.

I hereby consent to the collection of personal information and bank account information indicated above for the purpose of receiving donor services.

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# Thank You!



Thank you to all our donors for standing with Ukrainian refugees  
on the one-year mark of the war in Ukraine.

Please join us in remembering the Ukrainians who have lost their  
“everyday” lives but are rebuilding them through your continued support.

**Tell us what you think about the renewed With You newsletter  
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We look forward to your valuable feedback and opinions to improve our newsletter.  
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