



Children visit a newly opened Spilno in Klovska metro station in Kyiv ©UNICEF/2023

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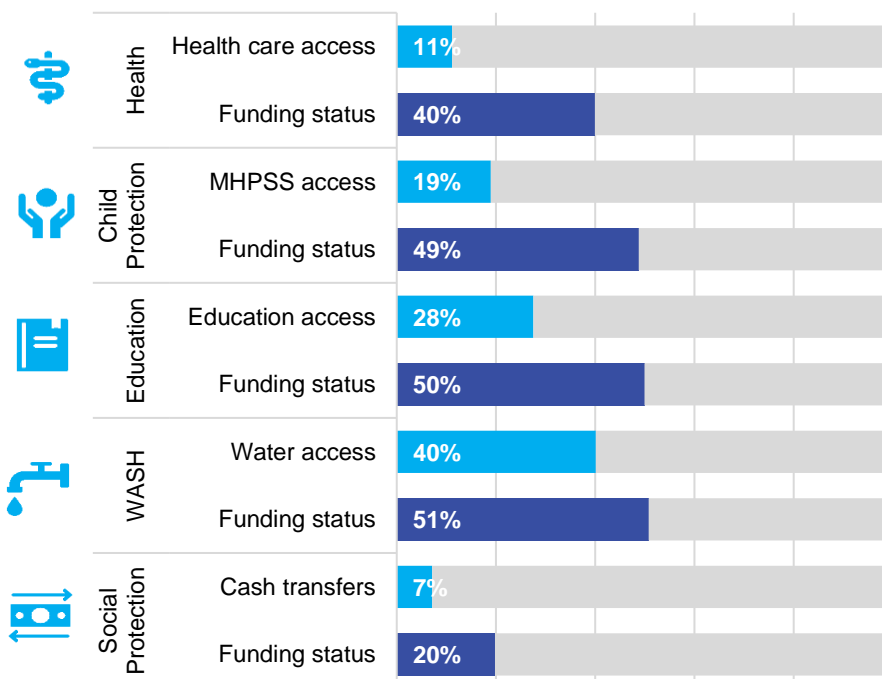
# Ukraine Humanitarian Situation Report No.26



## Highlights

- There were 127,000 visits to UNICEF Spilno Spots in March, providing children with a safe place to relax and play as well as to access essential services such as psychosocial support and health care.
- UNICEF and its partners have ensured primary health care for 557,000 children and women through medical supplies and equipment and mobile medical teams. In response to the measles outbreak, 35,200 doses of measles-mumps-rubella vaccine have been received and training started on social and behaviour change campaigns to encourage vaccination. An additional 657,000 doses expected to arrive in the last week of April.
- UNICEF wrapped up its emergency winter response through which 1.5 million people were protected from winter weather and access to safe water and health care maintained through the provision of winter clothes, blankets, space heaters, water heaters, mobile boilers and generators.
- March marked the one-year anniversary of NUMO online kindergarten, with 186,085 parents, caregivers and children newly accessing and 9,522 newly engaging in March 2023. Over the past year, 5.1 million unique viewers have accessed the NUMO chat-bot, app, online kindergarten and web platform, including children with no other ECD opportunities.
- UNICEF has ensured access to safe water for 2,287,691 people this year through technical assistance to water utility companies, rehabilitation of damaged infrastructure, provision of equipment and chemicals for water treatment, water trucking and bottled water distribution.

## UNICEF Response and Funding Status



Funding figures represent funds available for the full year, while results in some areas may be low due to designing and deploying new programming based on the latest situation.

## Situation in Numbers

**4.1 million**  
Children in need inside Ukraine  
(Humanitarian Needs Overview 2023)

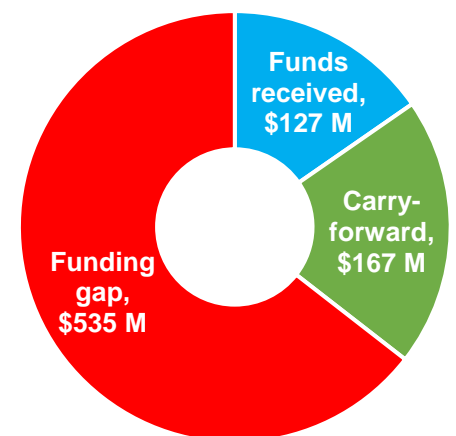
**17.6 million**  
People in need inside Ukraine  
(Humanitarian Needs Overview 2023)

**5.4 million**  
Internally displaced people  
(IOM, Displacement Tracking Matrix, January 2023)

**2.5 million**  
Children targeted by UNICEF in Ukraine 2023  
(UNICEF HAC 2023)

## UNICEF Appeal 2023 US\$829.2 million

Funding status as of 31 March



\*The overall HAC funding gap status does not represent gaps by sector. For further details by sector, please refer to Annex B.

\*\*Figures reported to the FTS may differ for the same period due to in-process allocation of flexible funding.

\*\*\*This reflects the requirements for Pillar 1 (inside Ukraine).

## Funding Overview and Partnerships

For 2023, UNICEF has US\$294.5 million available for its response inside Ukraine (Pillar 1) under its [Humanitarian Action for Children](#) (HAC). This includes US\$167 million carried over from 2022 and US\$127 million newly received in 2023. Of these, 59 per cent has already been utilized to meet critical needs in the first quarter of the year. The HAC was developed in line with the [Ukraine Humanitarian Response Plan 2023](#), which targets 11.1 million of the 17.6 million people in need.

Generous contributions have been received from the private sector, including individuals, corporations and foundations, with new funds from Neighbourhood in Need foundation, Nippon Telegraph, NTT data corporation, VEGO SUPERMERCADOS S.A.U, Ikea, Charles Schwab & Co Inc, Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund, Reynolds Family Foundation, The Boston Foundation and Yarbrough Family Foundation in 2023, through the UNICEF family of National Committees. Important funding has also been received from the people and Governments of Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Iceland, Ireland, the State of Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Republic of Korea, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, the European Commission and the pooled Ukraine Humanitarian Fund. In 2023, generous support has been received from the Governments of Croatia, France, Japan, Spain and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

UNICEF continues to work with the Government of Ukraine, United Nations agencies, civil society and non-governmental organizations (CSOs/NGOs) and other humanitarian partners. Close consultations are also held with Presidential advisors, key ministries (Foreign Affairs; Social Policy; Education and Science; Youth and Sports; Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development; and Health), and mayors in several cities (including through Child and Youth Friendly Cities) and the Ombudspersons Office. UNICEF has established partnerships in key municipalities and will continue to expand these in all regions. UNICEF engages with 96 government, civil society and financial service provider partners to respond to the critical needs of children and families across Ukraine.

## Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

On 24 February 2022, the war in Ukraine escalated, creating a humanitarian catastrophe. The war has resulted in death, injuries and mass displacement of over 5 million people from the southern and eastern parts of Ukraine to the west. A further 8.2 million people have taken refuge in neighbouring countries.<sup>1</sup> Essential services for children such as schools, kindergartens, youth centres and integrated social services, water and sanitation and health facilities have been damaged or destroyed. As of early 2023, there are 17.6 million people in need, including 4.1 million children.

Throughout March, air strikes continued across the country. Heavy fighting in the east affected cities such as Bakhmut in Donetsk Region. The 3,000 civilians remaining in Bakhmut, out of a pre-war population of 72,000, include 30 children.<sup>2</sup> Nearby Avdiivka has now seen an escalation in attacks, with authorities calling on the 2,000 civilians there to evacuate amidst heavy bombardment and disruption of water, electricity, gas and essential services.<sup>3</sup> The United Nations Secretary-General returned to Ukraine on 8 March, marking his third visit in less than a year. During the visit, he reiterated the need for a just peace and continued discussions around The Black Sea Grain Initiative. The Initiative was extended in March for at least 60 days.<sup>4</sup> It facilitates safe navigation for the exports of grain and related foodstuffs from designated Ukrainian seaports.

The [second round of the Rapid Damage Needs Assessment](#) was released in March, covering 24 February 2022 to 24 February 2023. UNICEF led the Education and Social Policy sectors of the Assessment, and contributed to chapters on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Macroeconomic Impact, Governance, Health, Social Protection and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Emergency and Civil Protection. Direct damage to infrastructure has reached US\$135 billion, of which US\$14 billion has been prioritized for reconstruction focusing on energy, housing, social services and basic infrastructure as well as demining.

The initial findings of the most recent [Multi-Sectoral Needs Assessment](#) were also released. Forty-two per cent of households had extreme or 'extreme +' levels of multi-sectoral need as of the final quarter of 2022. This increases to 60 per cent of households in the east and 53 per cent in the south. Key gaps include livelihoods (19 per cent of assessed households); shelter (17 per cent) and protection and education (11 per cent each).

## Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

UNICEF is working closely with United Nations agencies, the government and humanitarian partners under the inter-agency framework. UNICEF leads/co-leads the WASH, Child Protection and Education Clusters, the Social Protection Sub-Group under the Cash Working Group and the Nutrition Technical Working Group and Maternal Child Health Care Sub-Group under the World Health Organization (WHO)-led Health Cluster.

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<sup>1</sup> UNHCR, [Operational Data Portal](#), 11 April 2023.

<sup>2</sup> OCHA, [Deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Donetsk oblast: Flash Update #1 Bakhmut](#), 21 March 2023.

<sup>3</sup> OCHA, [Deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Donetsk oblast: Flash Update #2 Avdiivka](#), 24 March 2023.

<sup>4</sup> Reuters, [Ukraine Black Sea grain deal extended for at least 60 days](#), 19 March 2023.

**UNICEF continues to employ a zonal differentiated approach:** In the south-east (**Zone 1**), where intense and sustained fighting and access constraints remain, UNICEF participates in interagency humanitarian convoys and engages with municipal, regional and local administrations and civil society partners to implement its urgent humanitarian response. Over 50 per cent of UNICEF supplies are dedicated to affected populations in Zone 1. In the central and western parts of the country (**Zone 2**), which have fewer access challenges, UNICEF uses existing national systems and engages local authorities and CSOs. UNICEF will prioritize three Flagships within the recovery agenda: Early Childhood Development, Youth and Better Care.

**Zone 1:** UNICEF participated in eight **interagency convoys** in March, delivering supplies for 27,500 vulnerable people in Chasiv Yar, Dobropillia, Lyman and Sivers in Donetsk Region; Kupyansk and Vovchansk in Kharkivska; Stanislav in Khersonska; and Preobrazhenka in Zaporizka. As of March, these convoys have provided lifesaving support to 53 communities within 20km of the frontline. UNICEF has finalized two partnerships for last mile distribution of supplies in Kherson and Kharkiv on behalf of UNICEF and other United Nations agencies. In parallel, UNICEF is accelerating the expansion of services for children in frontline and newly de-occupied areas, identifying new partners and establishing 10 multi-disciplinary Child Protection and Health teams to reach frontline communities.

UNICEF concluded its **emergency winter response**, supporting over 1.5 million people from September 2022 to March 2023. This included the provision of 200,000 sets of children’s winter clothing, 50,000 blankets, 3,000 water heaters and 6,000 space heaters to keep families and service centres warm. To keep critical services functioning following attacks on energy infrastructure, UNICEF pivoted to rapidly procuring and distributing 800 generators and 90 mobile boilers to water utilities, hospitals, collective centres and other community service points.

**Zone 2:** In close cooperation with the local Departments of Education, UNICEF distributed over 8,943 sets of school supplies to kindergartens and schools in western Ukraine in March, reaching over 179,00 children. Education supplies, such as kits of learning materials that include notebooks, pens and school bags, coupled with over 100 water heaters and space heaters, have contributed to the quality and continuity of formal education and relieved some of the financial pressure on education facilities amidst budget restraints, as more schools continue returning to face-to-face learning.

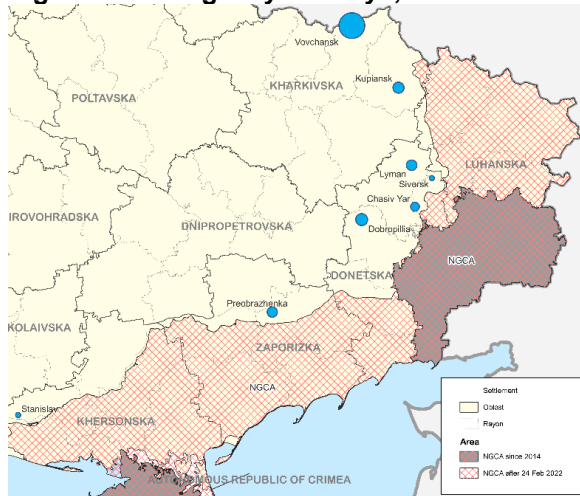
**Spilno Spot Network:** UNICEF operates 124 Spilno (‘together’ in Ukrainian) Spots covering all regions of the country. These Spots offer children a place to relax and recharge, provide services including psychosocial support and health consultations and act as a referral hub to specialized services. In March, the Spots saw 126,984 visits, including 72,370 by children (3,705 by children with disabilities). A new Spilno was opened at Lviv Railway Station in March, one of the largest transit points in Ukraine used by families evacuating to and returning from abroad. Designed to provide services and supplies to children on the move, the child-friendly space receives around 200 visitors each day (at least 60 per cent children).

**Figure 1: Zonal differentiated approach**



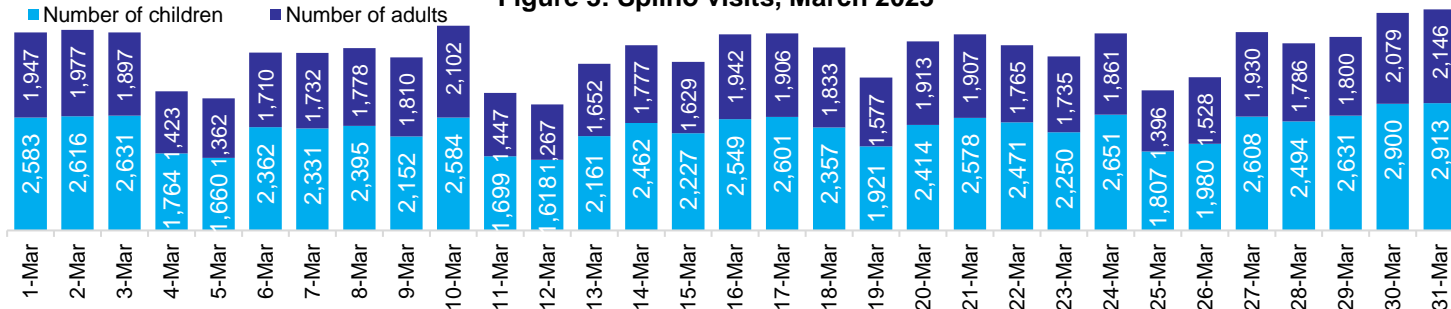
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**Figure 2: Interagency convoys, March 2023**



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**Figure 3: Spilno visits, March 2023**





## Summary Analysis of Programme Response

**Health and Nutrition:** Since 1 January, 557,110 children and women have had **access to primary health care** as a result of supplies distributed by UNICEF, including 320,590 in March. During the reporting period, UNICEF supported 157 health care facilities in 12 regions with 4,500 kits of medical supplies, including those specialized for obstetrics, acute watery diarrhea and first aid, as well as 200 pieces of medical equipment such as ultrasounds and newborn warmer systems. To ensure the continued functioning of health facilities during power cuts, UNICEF distributed generators to 46 health facilities in March 2023.

Through its implementing partners, UNICEF provided essential health services to 36,000 people, including 18,694 children, in 18 regions of Ukraine through nine **multidisciplinary mobile teams (MMTs)** of doctors, nurses and psychologists and at 25 Spilno points. Health MMTs provide families with access to health screenings and social and behaviour change communication in the comfort of their homes, eliminating the need to travel long distances to primary health care facilities.

UNICEF is launching a **Universal Progressive Home Visiting** model to promote child health, development and well-being by addressing a range of family needs, including parenting skills, maternal and child health, early childhood education and social and emotional support. So far, 94 nurses and family doctors have been trained in Kirovohradська and Zhytomyrska and have provided services for 191 pregnant women and families with children under 3; UNICEF plans to scale up the model to eight regions this year.

In the context of the unfinished polio outbreak response and an **outbreak of measles** with cases reported in March in several regions, UNICEF has supported the government by procuring vaccines for routine and catch-up vaccination. UNICEF delivered 110,160 doses of inactivated polio vaccine and 35,200 doses of measles-mumps-rubella vaccine along with related supplies and will continue to deliver additional vaccines and supplies as part of a joint effort with WHO. An additional 657,000 doses expected to arrive in the last week of April. The social and behaviour change information kit on measles has been updated and distributed to partners in affected areas. Meanwhile, 58,313 children and parents have had consultations on vaccination through the National Hotline on Vaccination and Infant Feeding since its launch in July 2022. The Hotline also covers a range of maternal and infant feeding topics such as exclusive breastfeeding.

Under the **Global Fund Emergency Grant** and in collaboration with Public Health Centre of Ukraine, Alliance of Public Health and '100% Life', UNICEF has distributed human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) test kits, needles, syringes, methadone and buprenorphine. These supplies will support HIV testing for 85,000 people and the care and treatment of 50,000 people living with HIV.

**Child Protection:** During March, UNICEF supported 146,435 children and 140,440 caregivers with **mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)** to enhance their coping mechanisms and resilience. This brings the total to 587,951 people including 291,910 children (161,890 girls) reached so far this year. A national consultation was held with 84 staff from UNICEF implementing partners to review lessons learned and best practices to strengthen MHPSS programming in 2023. As 2022 saw a rapid scale up of MHPSS needs and programming, critical lessons were learned on how to pursue quality in the coming year and on linking to the recovery agenda as well as to building back a better MHPSS system for the country. As part of these efforts, UNICEF supported 1,523 psychologists to complete a course on psychological support for educators and frontline workers engaging with children. March also saw 9,543 children (4,758 girls) enter lifesaving, tailored case management services, with 19,458 children, including 938 with disabilities reached this year.

Seventy UNICEF-supported **Child Protection MMTs** operated in 18 regions in March, reaching out to vulnerable children and caregivers in collective centres and private households as well as to people on the move from the east. The MMTs reached 164,082 people (41,021 children) with psychological, social, legal and medical services. Eighty-nine (72 female) out of the 280 total MMT staff were trained on gender-based violence (GBV) core concepts and safe referrals of survivors to nearby services. Training for the remaining MMT staff will continue in April. GBV prevention and response services reached **48,392** women, girls and boys through the MMTs in March for a total of **99,835** reached this year. So far this year, 351,053 beneficiaries received information on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), among them, 316,456 people reached by a social media campaign on PSEA on Facebook and Instagram.

It is estimated that 91,000 children in Ukraine need **family-based care**. Under the 'Better Care' agenda, 24,598 individuals have expressed their desire – through the 'Child not Alone' chatbot – to adopt a child into their family. Out of these, 9,571 individuals filled out the assessment questionnaire and 2,464 families completed the basic training course on alternative care. Eighty-six children have been placed in family-based alternative care arrangements with support from UNICEF partners so far. Forty-five national trainers are now in place to train eligible families on adoption, foster care, family-type children's homes and guardianship care. Training will be rolled out to families in the months to come.

The **Child Protection Area of Responsibility (AOR)** is scaling up sub-national coordination in Dnipro, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Poltava and Zaporizka in partnership regional authorities and service providers. During the reporting period, the Child Protection AOR and its Case Management Working Group finalized inter-agency Operational Guidance for Child Protection Case Management. The guidance aims to strengthen child protection actors' capacities to ensure case management services are in line with minimum standards for child protection in humanitarian action, as well as in coordination with local

authorities. In March, the 25 Child Protection AOR partners reached 382,837 individuals including 121,064 children (65,069 girls) with child protection services. This includes 372,601 children and caregivers reached with MHPSS while 8,121 children were provided with direct support and referrals based on a case plan tailored to their needs.

**Education:** Since 1 January, 98,429 children have benefited from education supplies provided by UNICEF, 23,856 children have been engaged in formal or non-formal education and 153,420 children supported with MHPSS, life skills and social and emotional competences. To enable children to access online learning and catch-up activities, UNICEF has begun establishing Spilno **Digital Learning Centres** (DLCs). The first three SPILNO DLCs opened in Cherkassy, Smila and Kropyvnytskyi in March to support internally displaced children and local children without devices. UNICEF aims to establish 100 DLCs across the country to improve access to distance education and catch-up opportunities for over 50,000 children.

Together with the Association of Preschool Teachers, UNICEF launched a nationwide training on how to facilitate learning for young children during the war. Sixty-seven regional trainers are in place who will, by 25 April, roll out this training to 4,000 **preschool teachers** who teach 200,000 students. The training will help them better facilitate combined online and offline learning. Currently, 13 per cent of children in Ukraine attend this blended learning while 31 per cent learn online only.

UNICEF is providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Education and Science (MOES) to develop the **National Strategy and Action Plan on Inclusive Education**. The strategy will cover children with disabilities and those needing psychosocial support. In March, the first draft of the strategy was submitted. Meanwhile, in non-government-controlled areas of Doneska Region, where there are an estimated 6,300 children with disabilities, UNICEF is engaging 150 children in inclusive education through an implementing partner. In March, 100 adolescents with disabilities (40 girls) participated in vocational training in areas such as English language and information technology. The participating children receive complementary support, such as speech therapy.



*Teachers conduct chemistry classes to children with disabilities in Donetsk ©UNICEF*

UPSHIFT is one of UNICEF's flagship **innovation programmes**. In March, 84 new young people joined the 'Inspiration Phase' of UPSHIFT to explore problems affecting them and/or their communities within the current humanitarian context. In parallel, 50 teams began rolling out their solutions, benefitting 702 people in their community. Among the projects led by the young people are those focusing on healthy lifestyles, supporting psychosocial adaptation and establishing creative spaces. There are also 96,970 **U-Reporters** registered in Ukraine, up 7 per cent this year. U-Report amplifies the voices of young people and uses them to adjust the humanitarian response through relevant polls. For example, a poll in the west of Ukraine in March 2023 enquired about interest in extra-curricular activities to guide UNICEF partners setting up such activities for young people. In March, 1,067 new U-Reporters were enrolled through the Chatbot and 1,200 through an outreach campaign at universities, schools and youth spaces in rural communities.

**Education Cluster** partners facilitated learning for 125,473 conflict-affected school-aged children (60,227 girls) in March through the repair and rehabilitation schools, catch-up learning opportunities, electronic learning devices and training of teachers, as well as provision of the MHPSS required for many of them to socialize and focus on learning. A total of 545,144 school-age children (264,444 girls) have been reached by Cluster partners this year, along with 419,671 pre-primary and kindergarten children who have received learning materials. The partners also supported MOES in developing apps on languages and math for Grades 1 to 4. So far, 6,000 children have downloaded and are using them. The Cluster has produced [minimum standards for DLCs](#) to coordinate partners facilitating improved investment in digital learning and a [mapping of available education-related MHPSS services](#), with periodic updates ongoing.

**WASH:** So far this year, UNICEF has ensured **access to safe water** for 2,287,691 people through technical assistance to water utility companies, rehabilitation of damaged infrastructure and provision of equipment and chemicals for water treatment as well as through water trucking and bottled water distribution for vulnerable communities and key institutions such as collective centres, hospital and schools. In addition, 433,796 people have been reached with supplies including hygiene kits, water purification tablets and water tanks.

In response to attacks against critical infrastructure, 52 generators were distributed to water utilities, schools and health facilities to ensure the **continued functioning of water and sanitation systems**, benefitting over 500,000 people. This included six high-capacity generators, four of which were provided to Kyivteploenergo (the main heating, water and electricity utility of Kyiv) for back-up power supply to kindergartens, schools and health care facilities, reaching 17,000 people, including 15,000 children. The other two generators were provided to Kyiv Water Utility Company (in addition to 26 generators provided last month) to secure safe drinking water for the two largest districts of Kyiv, which have 300,000 residents, including 50,000 children.

In response to the critical water depletion in the **Kakhovka Reservoir**, with an estimated 1 million people at risk of water shortage, UNICEF has supported coordination among the WASH Cluster, Agency for Restoration and Infrastructure Development, Ministry of Community and Territorial Development and Infrastructure, State Water Resources Agency,

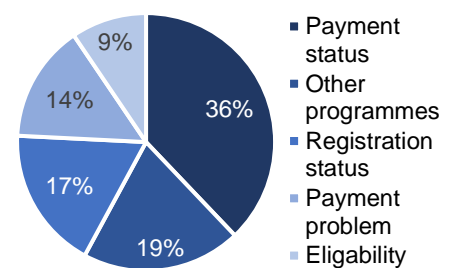
Association of Water Utilities and key donors to define priority interventions. Accordingly, UNICEF is undertaking large-scale interventions in Marhanets, Nikopol, rural areas of Kherson and Kryvyi Rih, such as improving reserve water intake; replacing pipelines and pump units; installing pumps in a sewage network; and rehabilitating power systems.

Building on the successful **large-scale repair projects** initiated in cities alongside the frontline (Kherson, Mykolaiv and Kharkiv), UNICEF and its partners conducted multiple field assessments in coordination with water utilities and local authorities, preparing for additional large scale rehabilitation projects in support of at least 500,000 people in Kherson, Kharkiv, Izium, Kryvyi Rih, Balaklia, Mykolaiv and Zaporizhzhia.

In Kharkiv City, in response to partner requests, the **WASH Cluster's** technical cell has worked closely with the water utility to clarify the coverage of partners and remaining needs. In April, the Cluster will work with its partners to position available resources against the most urgent technical support needs. The technical cell is also supporting the response to the Kakhovka Reservoir, as detailed above. Finally, in response to partner requests, and in collaboration with UNICEF, a technical exchange has been initiated to reinforce water delivery in water scarce areas of Donestksa.

**Social Protection:** The multi-purpose cash (MPC) assistance programme continued **delivering cash to households with children**. In the first quarter of the year, the MPC programme has focused on frontline and newly accessible areas. UNICEF is working closely with local authorities to collect cash recipient data and is developing new implementing partnerships to support cash registration. As cash is delivered through bank transfers and post offices, MPC can be an efficient mechanism to reach households in the most-affected areas of the country. A total of 14,301 households with 36,976 individuals, including 17,363 children have received MPC as part of the annual target of reaching 200,000 households. The MPC hotline processed 35,881 calls in March, supporting 20,443 unique cases (see Figure 4 for details).

**Figure 4: MPC hotline call categories**



**Influencing Social Behaviour:** So far this year, UNICEF has reached 6,057,000 people with messages and engaged 280,876 people in Ukraine. This includes the distribution of 500,000 informational-educational materials to children and caregivers in partnership with Ukrainian Railways (Ukrzaliznytsya) and the following programmes:

- **Early Childhood Development (ECD):** March marked the one-year anniversary of the NUMO online kindergarten, with 186,085 parents, caregivers and children newly accessing and 9,522 newly engaging during the month. Over the past year, 5.1 million unique viewers have accessed the NUMO chat-bot, app, online kindergarten and web platform, including children with no other ECD opportunities.
- **Health and Nutrition:** Over 12 million people were reached with online messages on the importance of vaccination with the second wave of the 'Protect Your Close Ones' campaign. Videos promoting routine vaccination played on 25 screens in private and state medical institutions and on the largest outdoor screen in Uzhhorod and Rivne, and were broadcast in the Kyiv metro, on intercity trains and at railway stations in all regions of Ukraine. Over 220 news items on vaccination, including against COVID-19, were placed in regional mass media in 21 regions. Meanwhile, training was conducted for administrators of 58 Spilno Spots on nutrition, and interactive materials for children on healthy eating were delivered to all spaces. Over 520,000 people have been reached with messages on breastfeeding this year.
- **DRR:** Over 11 million people were reached through a three-month mass communication campaign on safety at home during power shortages. Key rules on personal safety aired on TV and radio, and were promoted via social media, and through collaboration with influencers. According to State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU), incidents caused by incorrect usage of heat and power generating devices reduced by 30 per cent in February after the start of the campaign.
- **Explosive ordnance risk education (EORE):** Over 230,000 people participated in mine safety activities in March (for a total of 267,292 this year) supported by 1,908 trained educators and social workers in the Kharkivska, Zhytomyrska, Odeska, Mykolaivska, and Khersonska Regions. 128,911 children and caregivers participated in EORE sessions conducted by partners and 96,074 children and 60,092 caregivers by SESU using UNICEF's interactive materials. Over 18,000 people visited platform for children, adolescent, caregivers and teachers on mine safety [bezpeka.info](https://bezpeka.info).

**Supply & Logistics:** Since 1 January 2023, UNICEF has placed US\$29.7 million of purchase orders to buy life-saving supplies, including US\$7 million orders placed in March. Over the same period, US\$41.9 million worth of supplies have been received in Ukraine, with US\$7.7 million having arrived in March. UNICEF has released US\$49 million in supplies to NGO partners and local institutions to support children and their families meet their basic needs and access critical services.

**External Media:** In March 2023, UNICEF Ukraine produced 70 content projects covering the war's impact on children and UNICEF's response. The social media campaign for International Women's Day leveraged the popular local observance of Women's Day to highlight the role and [contribution of women and girls in supporting vulnerable populations](#) since the start of



the war. The campaign generated 782,000 impressions on social media, reaching 241,000 people. UNICEF Ukraine [contributed three videos](#) for UNICEF's global activation for World Poetry Day (21 March), amplifying [children's voices calling for peace](#). The local activation generated high interest and participation from children in Ukraine, with more than 1,700 entries submitted for the Poems for Peace contest. UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador [Orlando Bloom's visit](#) to Ukraine from 25 to 27 March highlighted the situation and needs of children in Ukraine along with UNICEF's response and priorities (early childhood health and development, youth and adolescents, and Better Care). In Ukraine, there were 10,931 mentions of the visit on traditional and social media, generating 86.1 million potential impressions and 1.2 million engagement/reactions.

### Human interest stories



[Families find sanctuary at child-friendly spots in Kyiv](#)



[Ukrainian children struggle to access water amid war](#)



[Ukrainian families receive cash boost from UNICEF](#)



[Bringing back the sense of home](#)

## Annex A: Programme Results (January to March 2023)

Sector		UNICEF and IPs Response	
		2023 target	Total results
<b>Health</b> (14,600,000 people in need)			
Number of children and women accessing primary healthcare in UNICEF-supported facilities and through mobile teams <sup>5</sup>		5,000,000	557,110
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months vaccinated against measles		257,340	0 <sup>6</sup>
Number of primary caregivers of children 0-23 months receiving infant and young child feeding (IYCF) counselling		300,000	124 <sup>7</sup>
<b>Child Protection, GBVIE and PSEA</b> (3,400,000 people in need - Child Protection)			
Number of children, adolescents and caregivers accessing community-based mental health and psychosocial support	Total	3,100,000	587,951
	Girls		161,890
	Boys		130,020
	Women		228,646
	Men		67,391
Number of women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention and/or response interventions		1,550,000	99,835
Number of children who have received individual case management		124,000	19,458
Number of children, young people and caregivers accessing explosive ordnance risk education and received information on preventive practices		10,000,000	267,292
Number of people with safe and accessible channels to report sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers		1,700,000 <sup>8</sup>	351,053
<b>Education</b> (5,300,000 people in need)			
Number of children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning	Total	1,200,000	330,870
	Girls		163,075
	Boys		167,795
Number of girls and boys benefiting from supplied education, early child and recreation kits or learning		500,000	98,429
Number of children accessing psychosocial support, social and emotional learning, or life skills education		350,000 <sup>9</sup>	153,420

<sup>5</sup> This result is calculated based on the delivery of supplies from UNICEF to implementing partners.

<sup>6</sup> Vaccination data is published by the Ministry of Health at mid and end year.

<sup>7</sup> An assessment is underway to understand IYCF practices which will feed into programme design; 124 women reached through home visits.

<sup>8</sup> Target to be reviewed at mid-year considering the need to reach all UNICEF beneficiaries with PSEA awareness and reporting mechanisms

<sup>9</sup> Target to be reviewed at mid-year considering the capacity of partners to roll out additional training and reach additional children.

Number of teachers and educational personnel trained to address learning loss through remedial and catch-up learning		30,000	481 <sup>10</sup>
<b>WASH (11,000,000 people in need)</b>			
Number of people accessing a sufficient quantity and quality of water for drinking and domestic needs		5,700,000	2,287,691
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies		2,500,000	433,796
<b>Social Protection</b>			
Number of households reached with UNICEF-funded humanitarian cash transfers		200,000	14,301
Number of children in foster families and family-type children's homes assisted with multi-purpose humanitarian cash transfers		60,000	0 <sup>11</sup>
<b>Influencing Social Behaviour</b>			
Number of people reached through messaging on prevention and access to services		12,000,000	6,057,000
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/clarifications to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms		500,000	73,489
Number of people participating in engagement actions for social and behaviour change		500,000	280,876

## Annex B: Funding Status as of 31 March 2023

With humanitarian needs still acute, the UNICEF HAC appeal reflects resource requirements under Pillar 1 to reach vulnerable children and families in Ukraine with essential services and lifesaving supplies. Continued, flexible contributions mean that UNICEF and partners can act quickly and respond strategically to where the needs are greatest.

Sector	Requirements	Funds available		Funding gap	
		Resources received (current year)	Carry-over	\$	%
Health and Nutrition	104,000,000	14,969,522	28,718,298	62,453,508	60%
Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA	111,010,000	34,130,463	20,002,802	56,876,735	51%
Education	100,000,000	16,496,542	33,447,905	50,055,553	50%
WASH	145,000,000	39,532,588	34,072,600	71,394,812	49%
Social Protection	369,230,400	22,163,105	50,991,807	296,075,488	80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>829,240,400</b>	<b>127,292,220</b>	<b>167,233,412</b>	<b>534,714,768</b>	<b>64%</b>

**Note on funding requirements:** While US\$294.5 million has been made available in 2023, 59 per cent has been utilized to meet critical needs in the first quarter of the year. These generous funds have provided critical lifesaving supplies and services for the most affected children in frontline areas such as Dnipropetrovska, Donetsk, Kharkivska, Khersonska, Mykolaivska and Zaporizka Regions as well as those living displaced in other areas of the country. This has included meeting the severe and evolving needs caused by attacks on energy infrastructure over the winter months. Without continued support, UNICEF will not be able to maintain health, education and cash support to vulnerable children and their families in the coming year, nor respond to new needs arising from the changing conflict dynamics.

## Next SitRep: April 2023

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<sup>10</sup> UNICEF is currently designing teacher training on how to address the learning loss among children

<sup>11</sup> Social Protection and Child Protection are developing a Better Care strategy that covers the 60,000 children in foster families.