



UNICEF mobile team supporting families in Kharkiv ©UNICEF/2023/ Christina Pashkina

Ukraine Humanitarian Situation Report No.32



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Highlights

- Over 900,000 students are exclusively accessing education online while another 1 million are studying in a mixed modality. This is half of all students in Ukraine. UNICEF has provided 20,000 digital learning devices, supported the modernization of digital learning platforms, developed digital learning materials and operates 16 Digital Learning Centres, a government-led initiative to enable children to catch up with learning.
- UNICEF has supported access to health care for 4,547,688 women and children this year. The rehabilitation of shelters in 17 hospitals and perinatal centres in Zhytomyrska, Chernihivska, Odeska, Zaporizhska and Dnipropetrovska Regions, and Kyiv is now completed, ensuring safe and welcoming spaces for children and mothers in need.
- UNICEF is continuing water trucking and bottled water delivery for communities affected by the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam. In September, 408,000 people in Dnipropetrovska, Khersonska, Mykolaivska and Zaporizka were reached. In parallel, repair and rehabilitation of water systems is in progress.
- UNICEF and partners reached 182,269 children and 54,741 caregivers with mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) interventions in September, for a total of 1,005,561 children and 713,937 caregivers reached this year. September marked the final month of outdoor Spilno Spots, with 62,930 children and 38,977 parents benefiting from social and MHPSS activities across 12 such spots in Kyivska. Professionals in these Spilno Spots also provided 1,959 referrals for visitors who required specialized services.

Situation in Numbers

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

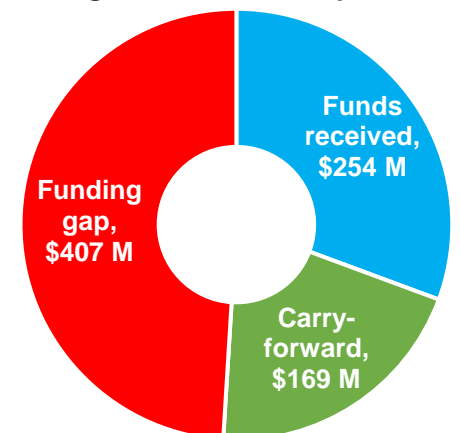
17.6 million
People in need inside Ukraine
(Humanitarian Needs Overview 2023)

5.1 million
Internally displaced people
(IOM, Displacement Tracking Matrix, June 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 30 September

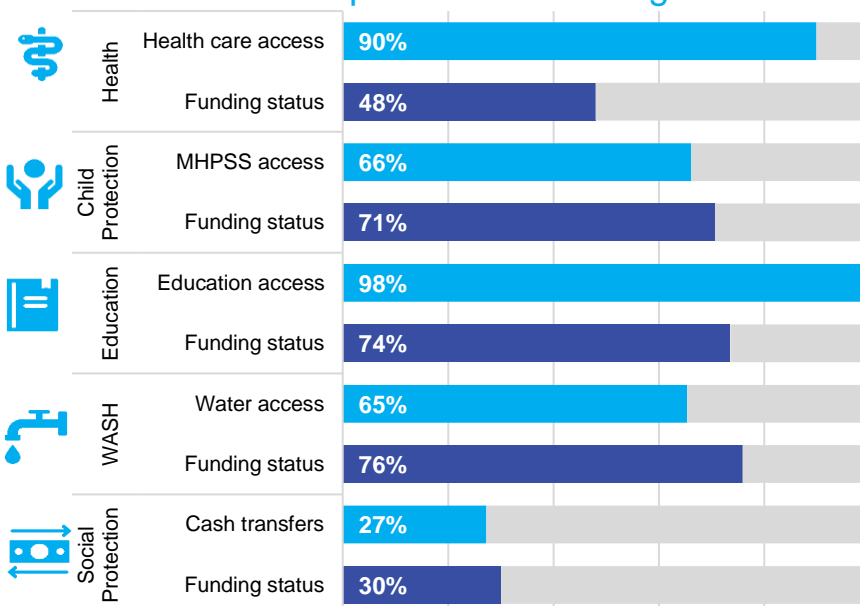


The overall HAC funding gap status does not represent gaps by sector. For further details by sector, please refer to Annex B.

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).

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.

Funding Overview and Partnerships

For 2023, UNICEF has US\$422.6 million available for its response inside Ukraine (Pillar 1) under its [Humanitarian Action for Children](#) (HAC). This includes US\$168.6 million carried over from 2022 and US\$254.1 million newly received in 2023. 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 Breakthrough Prize, Combined Jewish Philanthropies, P&G Baby Care Europe, Stiftung Kinderförderung von Playmobil, United Internet for UNICEF Foundation, VIESSMANN WERKE GMBH & CO. KG in August and September, through the UNICEF family of National Committees. Important funding has also been received from the people and Governments of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, the State of Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Republic of Korea, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, the European Commission, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the pooled Ukraine Humanitarian Fund.

UNICEF continues to work with the Government of Ukraine, United Nations agencies, civil society and non-governmental organizations 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 and the Ombudspersons Office. UNICEF has established partnerships in key municipalities and will continue to expand these in all regions. UNICEF engages with 84 government, civil society and financial service provider partners to respond to the critical needs of children and families across Ukraine.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Regular strikes continued across Ukraine in September, including on ports and civilian infrastructure. September saw increased attacks around Kupiansk and strikes on Kharkiv City; fighting in Donetsk including around Avdiivka, Marinka and Bakhmut;¹ and regular shelling along the frontline, including in Khersonska, Zaporizhska and Dnipropetrovska. Since February 2022, there have been 9,614 civilian fatalities and 17,535 injuries. Among the deceased, 554 were children – 289 boys, 236 girls and an additional 29 children of unspecified gender.² Humanitarian access continued to be heavily impacted by hostilities along the frontline. The impact of shelling on humanitarian distribution sites has impeded relief efforts, with six facilities designated for the storage and distribution of humanitarian aid having sustained partial or severe damage in September.

UNICEF is participating in inter-agency winter preparedness activities. This winter, UNICEF will target 160,000 children with winter clothing or winter top-up multipurpose cash assistance, in line with the Shelter Cluster and Cash Working Group guidance, as well as ensuring the functioning of critical services such as water utilities and health facilities.

Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

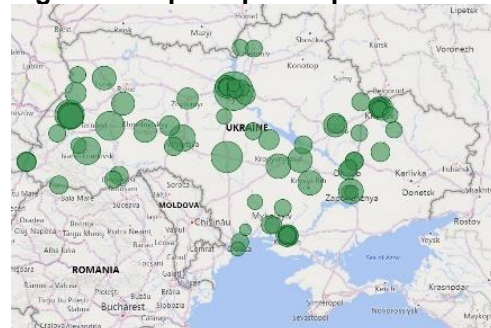
UNICEF is working closely with United Nations agencies, the government and humanitarian partners under the inter-agency framework. UNICEF leads/co-leads the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Child Protection and Education Clusters, the Social Protection Sub-Group under the Cash Working Group and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

Along the frontlines, where intense and sustained fighting and access constraints remain, UNICEF participates in inter-agency humanitarian convoys and engages with municipal, regional and local administrations and civil society partners to implement its urgent humanitarian response. In the central and western parts of the country, UNICEF uses existing national systems, engages local authorities and civil society and has launched three Flagship priorities: Early Childhood Development (ECD), Youth Empowerment and the Better Care Initiative to ensure family-based care for all children.

In September, three **inter-agency convoys** were organized to deliver humanitarian assistance to hard-to-reach areas of Donetsk Region. Up to 4,500 individuals benefitted from life-saving supplies, including UNICEF hygiene and health supplies, drinking water and equipment to support water supply systems.

UNICEF and its partners operate a network of 141 **Spilno Spots** across the country. These spots received 168,931 visits from children and 116,745 from caregivers in September for a total of 2.04 million visits, including 1.22 million by children, so far this year. Spilnos provide cross-sectoral services and activities for children and their caregivers, covering MHPSS, health, nutrition and safety among others. They are also a central platform to link families with other services they may need.

Figure 1: Map of Spilno Spots



¹ New York Times, [Theaters of War That Make Up the Fighting in Ukraine](#), 12 September 2023.

² Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, [Ukraine: civilian casualty update 11 September 2023](#).

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF has supported access to health care for 4,494,201 women and children this year, including 1,088,043 women and children in September, through the provision of critical supplies and equipment. The rehabilitation of shelters in 17 hospitals and perinatal centres in Zhytomyrska, Chernihivska, Odeska, Zaporizhska and Dnipropetrovska Regions, and Kyiv is now completed, ensuring safe and welcoming spaces for children and mothers in need. To expand health care to hard-to-reach areas, new **mobile teams** were deployed in September to Balakliiska municipality in Kharkivska. These teams conducted 55 home visits in small villages, reaching 159 people including 104 children. Health and nutrition consultations at 30 **Spilno Spots** across 18 regions reached 17,646 individuals, including 11,399 children, in September. So far this year, 142,796 people, including 79,292 children, have accessed health care through the Spilno platform.

UNICEF continues to roll out **Universal Progressive Home Visiting** with the Ministry of Health (MOH). At the national level, this includes legislative updates, financial planning, standards setting, training and the establishment of monitoring systems. The involvement of MOH and National Health Service of Ukraine ensures that the model aligns with national health care priorities. A working group of experts, health care professionals and MOH representatives is establishing standards of care for children under 3 years of age. The parallel piloting of the model by UNICEF generates the necessary data to refine and validate the model before its full-scale implementation. In September, trained home visiting nurses conducted 871 visits for 1,774 children and 3,890 caregivers across Chernihivska, Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, Kirovohradska, Kyivska, Lvivska, Poltavska, and Zhytomyrska Regions, as well as in Kyiv city. There are 494 such nurses now working in primary health care facilities, with UNICEF training an additional 119 nurses and family doctors in September.



A home visiting nurse greets Valeriia and her son Vladik ©UNICEF/ Mala

In September, 18,377 children and parents benefitted from consultations on **vaccination** provided by the MOH-UNICEF National Hotline on Vaccination and Infant Feeding 'Jointly to Health'. Capacity building activities engaged 1,042 educators, parents and health care professionals in September with a particular focus on measles outbreak prevention; an additional 14,500 people were reached by the video streamed on UNICEF Ukraine Facebook.

The 'Jointly to Health' Hotline was also accessed by the caregivers of 1,304 boys and girls who benefitted from consultations on **breastfeeding and infant feeding**. To date, 110 health care professionals have passed their exams and completed a certification course on support to breastfeeding while a further 304 professionals are pursuing the course.

To promote **MHPSS**, 254 health care professionals received online capacity building on psychological support for mothers and children abroad; psychological support for adolescents; mental health support for children who have undergone trauma; and resilience during war. The videos also reached 20,100 people on UNICEF social media channels. Finally, UNICEF supported the Tenth National Forum for Managers of Medical Clinics on 'Resilience and Agility of Health Care During War' attended by 175 health care managers, doctors and nurses.

Child Protection: UNICEF and partners reached 182,269 children and 54,741 caregivers with **MHPSS** interventions in September, for a total of 1,005,561 children and 713,937 caregivers reached this year. This included 1,859 children, 529 parents and 796 specialists accessing a minimum of six sessions through the PORUCH platform. September marked the final month of outdoor Spilno Spots, with 62,930 children and 38,977 parents benefiting from social and MHPSS activities across 12 such spots in Kyivska. Professionals in these Spilno Spots also provided 1,959 referrals for visitors who required specialized services.

Dedicated support continued for **social sector professionals**, for example through a [retreat](#) to prevent burnout for 28 social services specialists in Myrhorod in Poltavska. Beneficiaries have given positive feedback, expressing a feeling of "sense of relief". **Capacity building** of professionals on MHPSS continued in September, with 5,606 people joining a course on the Diya-digital educational portal, of whom 4,255 received certificates. 'Being There', a manual on the basics of socio-psychological support for children during war developed by a UNICEF partner, was approved by the Ministry of Education and Science (MOES) and the Institute for the Modernization of the Content of Education, allowing its use in educational institutions. Seventy-five specialists (12 men) from municipal Social and Children's Affairs Departments in Dnipropetrovska Region were trained on best practices of intersectoral cooperation. A total of 1,643 professionals have been reached with such capacity-building interventions.

Gender-based violence (GBV) response, prevention and/or risk-mitigation activities reached 62,585 children (33,130 girls) and 43,430 women in September, with 230,725 children (131,695 girls) and 452,090 women supported overall in 2023. On 12 September, in cooperation with partner organization Girls, a new safe space for women and girls opened in Pavlohrad city in Dnipropetrovska Region, providing a package of protection services for women, girls and boys at risk of GBV and/or those who are survivors. Five such spaces are now open across the country and have supported 110 girls, 9 boys and 1,126 women.

To increase **capacities on GBV** core concepts and safe referrals, and as part of UNICEF's GBV risk mitigation efforts, webinars

were run for 32 Spilno Spot staff (28 female) in September. Sixty-five per cent of all Spilno Spot staff are now equipped with basic knowledge to mitigate GBV-related risks. In addition, 1,820 dignity kits were delivered to Sumska Region Social Protection Services to support women and girls evacuated from within 5km of the border. A total of 13,438 women and girls have received these kits so far this year.

Case management services were extended to 5,198 children (2,645 girls) in September. In partnership with the League of Social Workers in Ukraine, UNICEF provided individual case management to 3,541 children (1,805 girls) and 6,212 of their parents, with 3,825 families benefitting from monitoring visits by social workers. Focus remains on children at risk of family separation and children reunified with their biological parents following institutionalization. UNICEF in partnership with Magnolia supported 112 parents and relatives of missing children with urgent legal consultations while announcements and video materials were developed as part of the search for missing children. These messages were disseminated via social networks, TV and outdoor advertising agencies. Parents and caregivers also have access to a tollfree European hotline for missing children.

During September, UNICEF supported the Coordination Center for Family Upbringing and Child Care Development with a [series of public consultations with 317 experts](#) on the development of national and regional road maps for childcare reform in Ukraine: **Better Care**. UNICEF also kicked off a partnership with the Ombudsman's Office and the National Social Service Agency to develop and roll out harmonized procedures and tools to facilitate government monitoring of vulnerable children without parental care to ensure their best interests are protected, as well as for family tracing and reunification and referral to alternative care for returnee children.

As part of the development of the Register of Psychologists³, UNICEF strengthened the capacity of 56 qualified and trained psychologists (three men) involved in civil and criminal proceedings involving children. To ensure child-friendly interviewing along with comprehensive social, psychological, legal and medical assistance for children in contact with the justice system, UNICEF is expanding the **Barnahus model**⁴ in Ukraine. Twenty-five specialists from Sumska and 36 from Volynska were trained on the model in September.

As of September 2023, 70 **Child Protection Area of Responsibility** (CP AOR) partners have provided critical child protection prevention and response services to 1,414,370 people, including 901,973 children (492,117 girls; 19,763 children with disabilities). This includes 833,067 children (353,850 girls) and parents/caregivers (132,056 females) provided with MHPSS and 42,094 children (21,249 girls) who have been identified, registered, assessed and provided direct support and referrals based on personalized case plans. The web-based [Child Protection Referral Pathways](#) system now includes state social service providers with contacts for 57 organizations, 190 mobile teams and 350 referral focal points. These efforts extend across 25 regions, 93 districts and 812 municipalities. An updated CP AOR dashboard [is available](#).

A two-day lessons learned workshop was held in September for 27 case workers. The workshop yielded insights and action points for the CP AOR. Efforts are underway to increase the use of Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS+) by partners, including by providing guidance on data protection standards, document uploading and referrals. A key focus emerged on developing a glossary of child protection terminologies and a model for case management steps while strengthening linkages with state social services. Priority capacity building needs for case management staff were highlighted, including training on working with adolescents and child survivors of GBV, peer-to-peer case study workshops and comprehensive CPIMS+ training.

Education: According to MOES, as of September 2023, over 900,000 school-age girls and boys (24 per cent of all students) are exclusively accessing education online, 1 million (26 per cent) are studying in a mixed modality and 1.9 million are accessing full-time face-to-face education (50 per cent). While this represents an improvement over the last school year when 65 per cent students studied in online and blended modalities, every second child and adolescent in Ukraine still relies on technology to access education.

To support children accessing education through online and blended modalities, UNICEF has provided 20,000 **digital learning** devices, supported the modernization of digital learning platforms and developed digital learning materials and built the capacity of teachers to use technology for teaching. UNICEF continues to expand its network of Digital Learning Centres (DLCs), a government-led initiative to enable children who cannot access education at home. DLCs also offer remedial education and social and emotional learning. In September, an additional five DLCs were opened in Zaporizka and Kharkivska Regions bringing the total to 16 DLCs accessed by 1,920 children in September. The overall number of girls and boys engaged in formal and non-formal learning supported by UNICEF this year is 1,178,172 children, including 582,169 girls and 596,003 children with disabilities.

³ The Register of Psychologists is a platform to which specially trained psychologists from different regions of Ukraine (at the first stages - from pilot regions) are included, and law enforcement agencies and judges involve these psychologists in procedural actions with the participation of children.

⁴ Barnahus is an interdisciplinary and inter-agency specialized centre for children who are victims or witnesses of violence where, under one roof, law enforcement, criminal justice, child protection services, medical and mental health workers coordinate parallel investigations and welfare assessments.

One of UNICEF's primary focal points is the delivery of **remedial and catch-up programmes** for children who have learning gaps due to the ongoing war. In the reporting period, 12,275 children (6,467 girls) from Grades 5 through 9, including displaced children, actively participated in catch-up sessions in mathematics, Ukrainian and English.

Since the beginning of the year, 297,965 children have benefitted from MHPSS, social and emotional learning and life skills education through educational institutions. Furthermore, young people are actively involved in UNICEF-supported projects on mental health. In addition, 120 peer counselors (109 females) were trained in MHPSS and started their volunteering in webchat, providing psychological support to others.

UNICEF is committed to improving the quality of education in Ukraine through **professional development opportunities for teachers**. Training in blended learning, artificial intelligence in education and effective e-environments was provided to 800 teachers (740 women) in September, while 2,907 teachers and specialists (2,631 women) participated in training sessions on inclusive learning. Finally, 1,317 pre-school teachers were trained to provide MHPSS to children and parents.

UNICEF has **rehabilitated 80 schools and kindergartens** across Ukraine and added shatter resistant film to the windows of 43 educational facilities. This has allowed 70,000 girls and boys access to full-time education in the 2023/2024 academic year. To enhance the learning experience of both student and educators, UNICEF has distributed **educational supplies**, including ECD kits, individual education kits for children and other resources, for 34,970 children. A total of 439,596 children have been supported with education supplies since January 2023.



Child using eye-tracker provided by UNICEF. @UNICEF/Evtushenko

UNICEF continues implementing its emergency response in non-government-controlled areas of Donetska, with a focus on addressing the educational needs of vulnerable children. During this reporting period, 400 students participated in classes on socioemotional learning and life skills, while 10 teachers participated in a training on inclusive education, GBV and violence prevention in school.

In September, the **U-Report** project launched four surveys. A survey on youth awareness of nuclear and radiation safety identified the topics of highest concern to young people and their knowledge of personal protective equipment in the event of a radiation accident. The results of another survey on financial literacy will be used by the National Bank of Ukraine to develop financial literacy education campaigns and prepare for the introduction of a financial literacy in educational institutions. There was also a survey on psychological support for children which will shape an information campaign to help parents pay more attention to the psychological state of their children. Finally, 'Not easy but move' is collecting feedback from Lviv residents about what they find challenging about their city. The results of this survey will form the basis for the development of the Lviv City Youth Strategy 2035, in the context of the city being the European Capital for Youth 2025.

The **UPSHIFT** initiative empowers youth to design and implement community-focused projects. A total of 253 adolescents (including 186 girls) have participated in the UPSHIFT programme, positively impacting 954 individuals through their innovative projects. In partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the All-Ukrainian Youth Centre, UNICEF conducted two base training sessions on the management of **youth centres**. These sessions involved 40 participants from 14 regions, equipping them with skills to provide services in their community youth centres.

The **Education Cluster**, with the support of partners, reached 535,266 children (256,928 girls) in September,⁵ including through the provision of MHPSS, rehabilitation of schools, provision of explosive ordnance risk education, establishing safe and secure temporary learning centres and DLCs and the provision of essential trainings and support programmes for teachers.

The Cluster has released its [Strategy for 2023–2025](#). It details strategic priorities and directions of the Cluster in facilitating learning for war-affected children in the country. The Education Sub-Cluster for the East held consultations with education authorities Dnipropetrovska and Zaporizka Regions to discuss on-going challenges, to inform the response planning for 2024. In Zaporizka, several concerns were raised such as little to no access to in-person education, the displacement and evacuation of students and teachers, the need for MHPSS and the lack of electronic learning devices.

WASH: UNICEF has facilitated **safe water supply and sanitation services** for 3,725,489 people this year through technical support to water utilities, restoring damaged infrastructure and supplying equipment and chemicals for water treatment. In September, UNICEF reached 529,655 people in partnership with at least 22 water utilities across 13 regions.⁶ Over 800,000 residents of Kharkiv now have access to a safe centralized water supply thanks to the delivery of 152,243 tons of chlorine to two water filtration stations in the city. The delivery of water treatment chemicals is ensuring uninterrupted water filtration at the

⁵ This is partially reported for the month.

⁶ Chernihiv, Dnipro, Donetsk, Kirovohrad, Kherson, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Vinnytsia, Zaporizhia and Zhytomyr

two pumping stations of the Bashtanka water utility for 18,000 users. In Balakliia, two water pumping units have been installed and are now fully operational, ensuring a continuous safe water supply for 9,000 residents.

UNICEF continues support to vulnerable communities affected by the destruction of the **Kakhovka Dam** on 6 June. Water trucking and distribution of bottled water is continuing for affected communities, reaching almost 408,000 people in Dnipro, Khersonska, Mykolaivska and Zaporizka Regions in September. In parallel, repair and rehabilitation of water systems is in progress. Three boreholes in Pavlivka and Yuriivka in Snigurivka municipality have been repaired, helping 1,540 people regain access to safe drinking water.

Additionally, 1,751,805 people have received **essential WASH supplies** this year. In September, supplies were provided to 89,594 people in 23 regions. This included the distribution of 98 institutional hygiene kits to schools and kindergartens benefiting 2,756 students while 6,673 people were supported with hygiene kits, diapers, hand sanitizer, soap, toothpaste and water purification tablets in health care facilities and collective centres. Meanwhile, in non-government-controlled areas, in September, UNICEF reached 95 households with water treatment equipment and hygiene kits, and 522 people with information materials to improve knowledge and practices for household water treatment.

The **WASH Cluster** Technical Cell has been conducting outreach for a pilot organized for October to define a WASH coordination structure bringing humanitarian and stabilization/development actors together with local authorities. September also saw the Water Quality Technical Working Group promote technical exchange among partners on water quality testing and on experiences with administrative processes of borehole development and rehabilitation, building on recently developed guidelines.



Institutional hygiene kits delivered in Vinnytsia ©2023/UNICEF

At the sub-national level, the WASH Sub-Cluster in Dnipro has facilitated informal technical exchange among members on alternative water source options in frontline communities and defined strategic priorities for the coming months with a focus on technical exchanges and raion-level coordination and planning. The WASH Sub-Cluster in Odesa has continued municipal-level coordination and planning in Khersonska and Mykolaivska and facilitated technical exchanges with the Water Quality Technical Working Group on water trucking and treatment options for communities and institutions.

Social Protection: In September, UNICEF provided **multipurpose cash assistance** to 231 households (700 people including 332 children of which 165 were girls). Amongst these were 196 households with at least one child living in newly accessible and frontline areas and 35 foster families; this is in line with the updated cash targeting criteria for Ukraine. Through the multipurpose cash programme, households with children receive a one-time payment (covering three months) to help them meet their basic needs. This brings the total to 55,582 households reached with cash assistance in 2023.⁷ Data collection for the post-distribution monitoring of beneficiary households in frontline areas started in September and is expected to last for a month. Additionally, in September, 23,846 awareness messages on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) were sent to cash transfer beneficiaries via SMS with contact information on the inter-agency PSEA helplines.

As part of its core support to the **national social protection system** and shock-responsive social protection, UNICEF is coordinating and funding the 'Perekhid Initiative' in close collaboration with the Ministry of Social Policy and key humanitarian donors. This initiative supports the transition from humanitarian cash transfers into a more shock-responsive and inclusive social protection system, while ensuring accountability for results. To increase sustainability, UNICEF continues to invest in broader social protection reform processes, local governance, social services and public finance for children activities at central and local level.

Influencing Social Behaviour: UNICEF's newly developed concept of a child-friendly shelter for **pre-school facilities**, known as 'NUMO corners' has been included in the [government guidelines for shelters](#) in education institutions. Meanwhile, in collaboration with MOES, 4,307 boxes of edutainment materials have been delivered to support 129,000 children in kindergartens in seven regions. In September, 222,630 users accessed ECD content on the [NUMO platform](#), and 1,636 boys and 2,274 girls were engaged in learning sessions in Spilno Spots and partner NGO facilities.

For **Pre-School Education Day**, 30,000 pre-school educators participated in an MOES online event focused on the demand for preschool services and the promotion of the pre-school educator profession. UNICEF partnered with Yakaboo, one of the biggest book distributors in Ukraine, to add 151,470 information materials on ECD, breastfeeding and mental health to its book orders. 'Spilnoteka' materials were also integrated into the Yakaboo app in the free-of-charge library.

In September, 4,123,000 people were reached with **safety messages** through outdoor advertising, including on public transport. The summer safety campaign targeted adolescents and focused on safe behaviours during summer activities such

⁷ This is the total number of households reached with cash transfers – it does not directly align to the numbers in Annex A, since the second indicator counts the number of children rather than households.

as swimming in lakes, how to prevent wildfires and mine safety. It has reached 7,717,518 beneficiaries since June. September also saw 110 educators, social workers and civil society organization workers trained on delivering **explosive ordnance risk education** (EORE), for a total of 5,363 people trained this year. EORE sessions engaged 103,876 children and 32,120 caregivers in educational facilities, Spilno Spots and communities, and through mobile teams and the State Emergency Service of Ukraine in September. Overall, 756,175 children and 273,071 caregivers have participated in EORE sessions in 2023.

Healthy nutrition activities reached 3,033 children (1,782 girls) through 370 interactive lessons using board games, educational materials and motivational messages in September. In total, 14,643 children (8,696 girls) have participated in these lessons since May; 5,576 adolescents (2,897 girls) have also participated in health nutrition sessions. Digital promotion of healthy food content extended these messages to 872,570 beneficiaries.

The UNICEF **feedback hotline** provided consultations for 5,587 beneficiaries while 7,855 adolescents and caregivers shared their feedback through the established feedback mechanism on activities for youth across Ukraine.

Supply and Logistics: So far this year, UNICEF has placed US\$73.3 million of purchase orders to buy life-saving supplies, including US\$8.9 million in orders placed in September. US\$116.6 million worth of life-saving supplies have been received in Ukraine, with US\$18.9 million arriving in September. US\$79.9 million worth of supplies have been dispatched from UNICEF-controlled warehouses and US\$28 million of supplies delivered to implementing partners directly from local vendors in 2023. The value of supplies currently in stock at UNICEF-controlled warehouses is US\$22.7 million, with US\$24.5 million worth of supplies in the pipeline.

External Media: September was a key moment to advocate for children's education in Ukraine, including early learning for young children. Key dates included the start of the new school year, the International Day to Protect Education from Attack (9 September) and Pre-School Education Day in Ukraine (27 September). Nine story packages were published to highlight the challenges that children in Ukraine continue to face in accessing education, [learning losses](#) because of continued disruptions, UNICEF's emergency response and the support of key partners like the European Union and the Global Partnership for Education. These back-to-school stories were included in the regional communication plan for wider reach, building on the [statement of the Regional Director](#) on learning losses among Ukrainian children.

To increase awareness about PSEA and reporting mechanisms, a campaign was implemented on UNICEF Ukraine social media channels. It reached 875,800 users, resulting in 72,800 engagements and 10,000 visits to the new [PSEA landing page on the Country Office website](#). Advocacy for Better Care continued with Adoption Day in Ukraine on 17 September. Stories about children thriving in family-based care were produced for UNICEF Ukraine channels, including collaborative content with influencers who shared their stories of adoption. To support the Summit of First Ladies and Gentlemen hosted by the First Lady of Ukraine, UNICEF produced a video of senior United Nations leaders talking about the importance of MHPSS. This included the participation of the UNICEF Executive Director and heads of agencies in Ukraine.

UNICEF also issued a [joint press release](#) with MOH, WHO and other partners about the closure of the 2021 polio outbreak in Ukraine. It highlighted the successful collaboration of partners to carry out the outbreak response despite the war, including UNICEF's delivery of polio vaccine doses and community messaging.

Human Interest Stories



[After fleeing abroad, children return to school in Kyiv](#)



[Back to school for Ukrainian children at Digital Learning Centers](#)



[Children of Kherson learn how to live amid mine danger](#)



[Home-visiting nurses help support parenthood](#)

Annex A: Programme Results (January to September 2023)

Sector		UNICEF and IPs Response		
		2023 target	Total results	Change
Health (14,600,000 people in need)				
Number of children and women accessing primary health care in UNICEF-supported facilities and through mobile teams ⁸		5,000,000	4,494,201	1,088,043
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months vaccinated against measles		257,340	105,204	-. ⁹
Number of primary caregivers of children 0–23 months receiving infant and young child feeding counselling		300,000	82,879	14
Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA (3,400,000 people in need - Child Protection)				
Number of children, adolescents and caregivers accessing community-based mental health and psychosocial support	Total	2,600,000	1,719,498	237,010
	Girls		551,955	99,116
	Boys		453,606	83,153
	Women		548,460	42,893
	Men		165,477	11,848
Number of women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention and/or response interventions		1,550,000	682,815	106,015 ¹⁰
Number of children who have received individual case management	Total	124,000	53,544 ¹¹	5,198
	Girls		26,293	2,645
	Boys		27,251	2,553
Number of children, young people and caregivers accessing explosive ordnance risk education and received information on preventive practices		10,000,000	6,936,612	-
Number of people with safe and accessible channels to report sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers		1,700,000	435,533 ¹²	45,325
Education (5,300,000 people in need)				
Number of children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning	Total	1,200,000	1,178,172	42,988
	Girls		582,169	21,797
	Boys		596,003	21,191
Number of girls and boys benefiting from supplied education, early child and recreation kits or learning		500,000	439,596	34,970
Number of children accessing psychosocial support, social and emotional learning, or life skills education		500,000	297,965	29,287
Number of teachers and educational personnel trained to address learning loss through remedial and catch-up learning		30,000	37,014 ¹³	29,287
WASH (11,000,000 people in need)				
Number of people accessing a sufficient quantity and quality of water for drinking and domestic needs		5,700,000	3,725,489	383,729
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies		2,500,000	1,751,805	102,915 ¹⁴
Social Protection				
Number of households reached with UNICEF-funded humanitarian cash transfers		200,000	54,471 ¹⁵	196
Number of children in foster families and family-type children's homes assisted with multipurpose humanitarian cash transfers ¹⁶		60,000	1,459	52 ¹⁷

⁸ This result is calculated based on the delivery of supplies from UNICEF to implementing partners.

⁹ Estimated data from primary health centres as of 1 July 2023.

¹⁰ Significant increase in August due to the information awareness campaign.

¹¹ Constrained due to changing focus from rapid humanitarian case management (mainly referrals to specialized services) to more in-depth and longer-term case management under Better Care programme (return, reintegration, tracing, reunification of child)

¹² Reporting pathways continue to be developed across programme sections; this indicator is expected to increase in the second half of the year.

¹³ Annual target over-reach for teacher training is due to the high demand for training which exceeded the initial expectations, indicating a greater need for the catch-up teacher training programmes than was originally anticipated.

¹⁴ Higher than the new reach detailed in the narrative due to back-reporting.

¹⁵ UNICEF has a 76 per cent funding gap for its Social Protection in 2023. A lack of available funding has meant that UNICEF has had to prioritize the inclusion of groups most in need, such as households with children in newly accessible areas and frontline areas.

¹⁶ When a family/family-type home takes a child into care, all children in the family/home are eligible for cash assistance.

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Influencing Social Behaviour				
Number of people reached through messaging on prevention and access to services		12,000,000	8,246,000	-
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions/ clarifications to address their needs through established feedback mechanisms		250,000	156,777	14,383
Number of people participating in engagement actions for social and behaviour change		1,200,000	986,944	8,781

Annex B: Funding Status as of 30 September 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 life-saving 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	US\$	%
Health and Nutrition	104,000,000	20,768,845	29,134,589	54,096,566	52%
Child Protection, GBVIE and PSEA	111,010,000	58,305,850	20,092,284	32,611,866	29%
Education	100,000,000	39,598,882	33,931,587	26,469,531	26%
WASH	145,000,000	75,800,348	34,152,841	35,046,811	24%
Social Protection	369,230,400	59,603,677	51,247,615	258,379,108	70%
Total	829,240,400	254,077,602	168,558,916	406,603,882	49%

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