



RESULTS REPORT: Humanitarian Response to Ukraine Crisis

Photo: Canadian Lutheran World Relief

MARCH 1, 2022 – OCTOBER 31, 2023

**HUMANITARIAN
COALITION** 
Together saving more lives



BACKGROUND:

Since the escalation of the Ukraine conflict on February 24, 2022, Ukrainians have faced widespread violence, destruction to their communities and displacement from their cities. At least 17.6 million people were in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, including almost eight million people who fled to nearby countries, and six million people who left their homes but stayed within Ukraine.

The conflict has negatively impacted people's ability to access food, resulting in a food security crisis, especially in oblasts with active fighting and/or high numbers of displaced people.

HUMANITARIAN COALITION APPEAL:

To respond to the needs of children and families in Ukraine and neighboring countries like Romania, Moldova and Poland, the Humanitarian Coalition and its members appealed to the generosity of the Canadian public and launched a joint appeal in February 2022.

The Humanitarian Coalition's joint appeal for Ukraine ran from February 28 – March 20, 2022, raising a collective sum of **more than \$12 million** to support our humanitarian response in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. Canadian businesses, schools and individuals ran fundraisers, and media partners stepped up to promote the campaign.

OUR RESPONSE:

Eight Members of the Humanitarian Coalition took part to this campaign: **Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB)**; **Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)**; **CARE Canada (CC)**; **Islamic Relief Canada (IRC)**; **Oxfam-Québec (OQ)**; **Plan International Canada (PIC)**; **Save the Children Canada (SCC)**; and **World Vision Canada (WV)**.



OVERVIEW OF THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

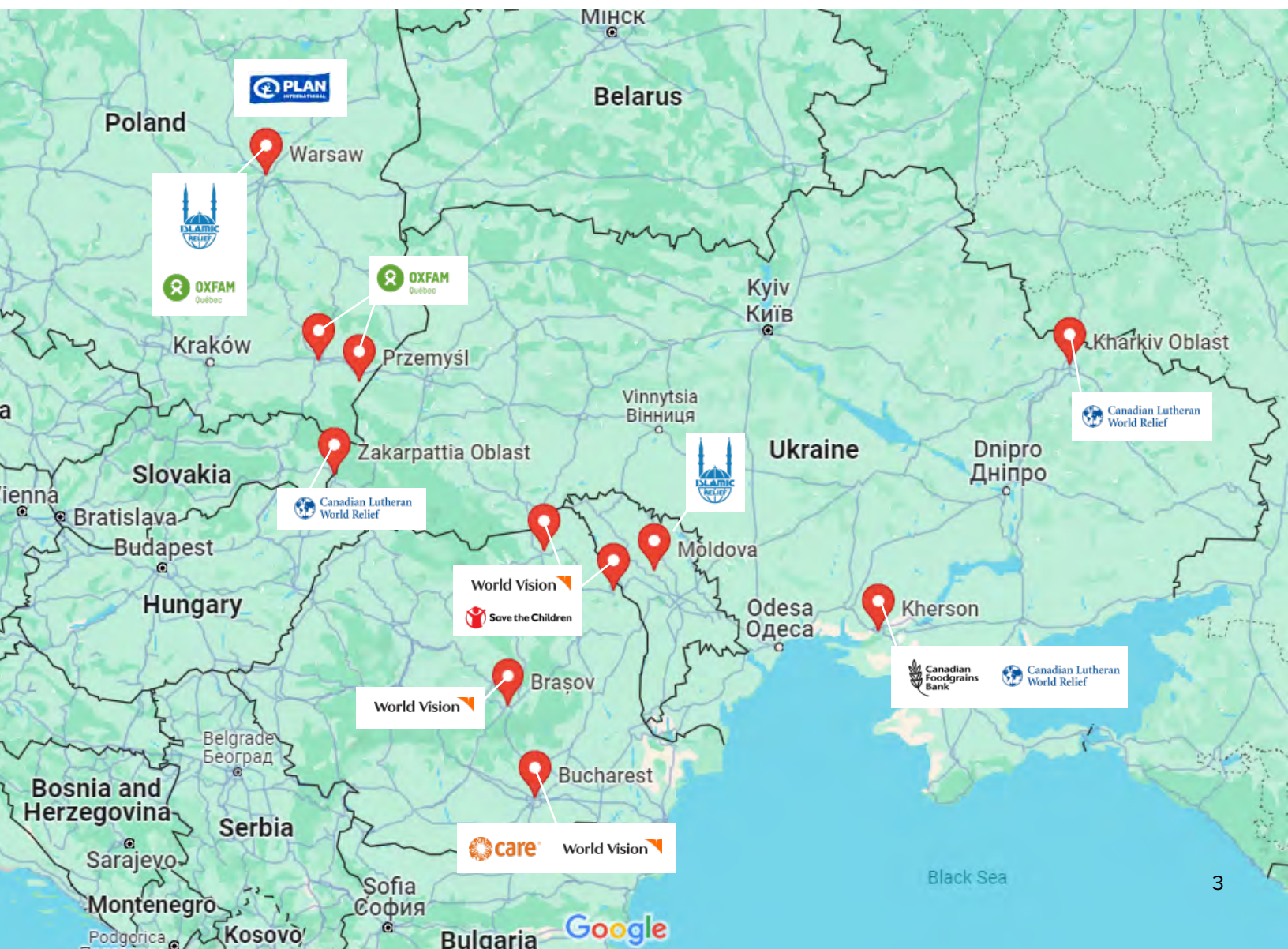


Using the funds donated, members of the Humanitarian Coalition (HC) quickly launched projects to address unmet humanitarian needs in targeted areas. These projects provided vital humanitarian aid including shelter, food, hygiene, winterization items, educational support, and more.

As the conflict evolved, ongoing displacement, damaged infrastructure including power outages, and the harsh winter weather all contributed to the need to adapt activities to effectively respond to the humanitarian needs.

Overall, HC members were able to meet the outcomes they planned for their projects, in a period extending from **March 1, 2022**, to **October 31, 2023**. HC members successfully improved equitable access to food, protection, hygiene, education, shelter and other basic needs for those in need.

A total of **124,720 people directly benefited from projects across four different countries (Moldova, Poland, Romania, Ukraine)**, amongst which 57% were women and 40% were children under the age of 17.



ACCOUNTABILITY AND PARTICIPATION OF AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

The Humanitarian Coalition prioritizes accountability to affected communities, ensuring their active involvement. Through consultations, meetings, and engagements with community leaders, we assess needs, develop plans, and implement projects collaboratively. This inclusive approach fosters community ownership, resilience, and effective disaster response.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RESULTS



Canadian Foodgrains Bank (Kherson oblast, Ukraine)

- In Ukraine, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank helped **5,412 people** (2,405 women, 1,658 men, 633 girls, and 716 boys) get access to **food and other essentials**. Each participant received a one-time payment of 6,660 UAH (about \$243 CAD), which equals three months' worth of support.



Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) (Zakarpattia oblast, Kharkiv oblast & Kherson oblast, Ukraine)

- In Ukraine, CLWR enhanced access to vital **food** and non-food items for individuals affected by conflict. Among them, **1,088 people** (including 254 women, 129 men, and 705 children) received support like **school supplies, aid packages, and psychosocial assistance**.
- **6,069 people** (comprising 2,731 women, 834 men, and 2,504 children) obtained various forms of **shelter and winterization materials**, such as generators, cast-iron stoves, and fuel pellets.



Photo: Canadian Lutheran World Relief



CARE Canada (Bucharest, Romania)

- In Romania, CARE Canada enhanced access to essential **protection services** for women and girls. CARE staff set up a safe space where 891 women and girls received services such as case management, legal assistance, and psychosocial support.
- CARE also conducted awareness sessions attended by **2,472** Romanian and Ukrainian **women** and **children** on identifying gender-based violence and human trafficking among refugees.
- CARE humanitarian workers trained 12 Ukrainian refugees in **community organizing** and provided gender-based violence and human trafficking prevention training to 55 Romanian responders.



Islamic Relief Canada (Warsaw, Poland; Moldova)

- In Poland, Islamic Relief Canada ensured access to basic necessities for **elderly and people with disabilities** by providing financial assistance to **106 individuals** (75 women, 31 men). Participants received debit cards with 710 PLN (\$220 CAD) monthly for three months to buy essential items.
- In Moldova, Islamic Relief addressed the **urgent hygiene needs** of Ukrainians in refugee collective centers. A total of **1,820 people** (855 women, 309 men, 328 girls, 328 boys) received hygiene kits containing essential items like liquid soap, shampoo, towels, and wet wipes. They also received crucial hygiene items such as flip flops and vouchers for purchasing underwear.
- Islamic Relief also provided immediate **food assistance** to Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. **2,194 people** received food packages containing a variety of items including dried fruits, nuts, biscuits, poultry pate, canned fish, and beverages. They also received either ready-made hot meals or vouchers to purchase ingredients for preparing their own hot meals.



Oxfam-Québec (Warsaw, Przemysl & Rzeszow, Poland)

Oxfam-Québec focused their humanitarian response on **strengthening the capacity** and readiness of organizations to support Ukrainian refugees and migrants settling in Poland. Key activities as part of this project included:

- A comprehensive and detailed online platform for Ukrainian refugees and migrants containing **knowledge and information on migration and integration** in Poland.
- Strategic advocacy meetings on migration in Poland, actively engaging local governments, research centers, and the media.



Plan International Canada (Poland)

- In Poland, Plan International Canada increased the quality of education for girls and boys (6-18 years) affected by the conflict in Ukraine by providing interactive learning activities aimed at safe integration and mental health and psychosocial support. The Together in Class program reached **39,061 Ukrainian students**, representing 22% of those in the Polish educational system. Beyond schools, 389 non-school entities participated to the project, supporting up to **30,699 children** and young people from Ukraine who were not enrolled in the Polish educational system.
- Plan International supported Ukrainian refugee families with the distribution of **financial assistance grants**, supporting a total of 90 households (about 278 individuals) and helping them meet immediate survival needs.



Save the Children Canada (Suceava & Iasi counties, Romania)

- In Romania, Save the Children enhanced the ability of girls, boys, women and men who fled from Ukraine to meet their basic needs by providing **cash assistance** and vouchers to **1,659 Ukrainian refugees** who were affected by the crisis.
- Save the Children also improved **access to shelter** for Ukrainian families fleeing the country. Save the Children covered the rental costs of shelter containers at a refugee camp in Rădăuți, Romania, which provided families with more privacy and better living conditions. In total, 39 families (122 individuals) were accommodated in the camp from June to September 2023.

- Save the Children helped increase access to quality learning environments (both through existing Ukrainian online learning and in host community schools) for crisis-affected girls and boys. 1,879 children (965 girls, 914 boys) were able to access distance learning and/or blended learning. Additionally, 268 students were enrolled in targeted educational institutions.



World Vision Canada (Bucharest, Suceava, Brasov & Iasi counties, Romania)

- In Romania, World Vision increased immediate access to **nutritious food** and **essential hygiene items** for Ukrainian refugees. World Vision distributed food and hygiene assistance at four collective centers throughout 2022 and 2023. In total, the project distributed items to more than 85,000 people in Bucharest, Brasov, Iasi, and Suceava.
- The **food items** distributed consisted of essentials such as powdered milk for babies, cereals, canned meat, canned fish, sunflower oil, flour, pasta, sugar, and tomato paste.
- The **hygiene items** consisted of shampoo and shower gel, laundry detergent, toilet paper, female sanitary towels, razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shaving cream, and diapers.
- World Vision also improved access to information on safeguarding and rights for Ukrainian refugees by distributing approximately **8,000 pamphlets** and brochures in Ukrainian and English in stores and other areas of interest for people to pick up and read. These pamphlets captured **vital information** on topics such as fundamental rights, children's rights, education opportunities, rights of people with disabilities and the elderly, and mobile apps to overcome language barriers and translation services.



Olena's story: Feeling welcomed

Photo: Save the Children

“This is the first time in my life that I have left my country, Ukraine,” says Olena, who fled the ***“noise of sirens and the pressure of missiles flying over our heads”*** with her children, Julia, 4, and Anna, 7, at the end of October 2022.

Olena chose Romania following the recommendation from her friends who said the Romanian people were very hospitable, and that Save the Children was supporting people crossing the border from Ukraine by providing families with necessities and referring them to Counseling Hubs where they received supplies and services.

“When I arrived here, in Iasi, I discovered a different world, without sirens and bombs,”

she says. ***“After a few days, I finally felt that I could be safe here.”***

At the Counseling Hub in Iasi, Save the Children assessed the needs of Olena and her children and began providing support including cash vouchers, social counseling, medical care, school enrolment, and access to emergency housing.

“Every time I come to the Counseling Hub, I feel safe,” says Olena, ***“and my children do not want to leave because they feel comfortable and at ease.”***

“I am very happy to have found the Save the Children Romania-Iasi organization. Here I feel welcomed and supported.”



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