



A workshop for children on the importance of clean water in Lviv. ©UNICEF/2024/ Veronika Yevtushenko

# Ukraine Humanitarian Situation Report No.38

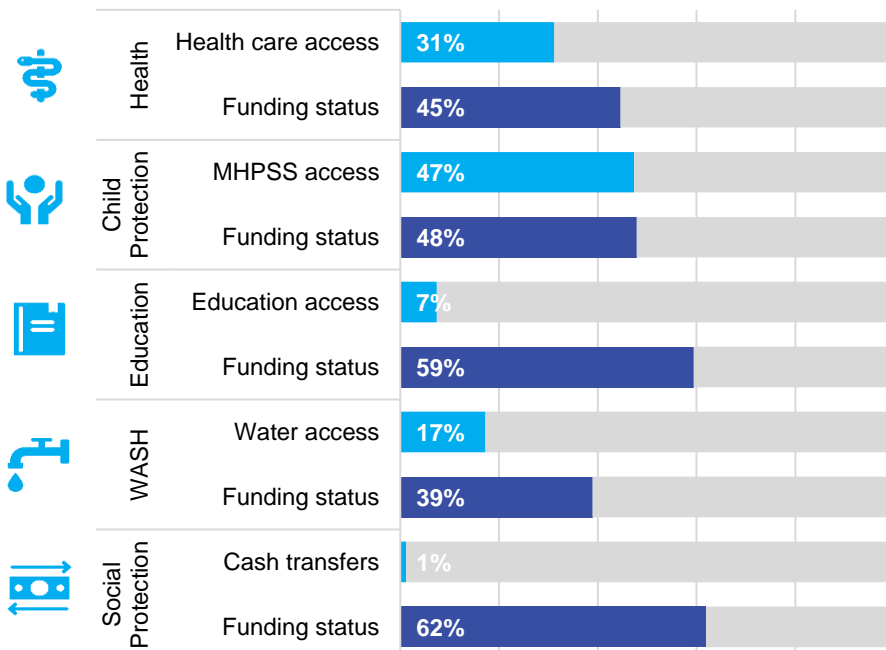


Reporting period: 1 to 31 March 2024

## Highlights

- As intensified attacks continued across Ukraine, reports of child casualties increased, while damages to critical, child-related civilian infrastructure, including electricity and water systems, schools and health facilities, continued to have adverse impacts. With children continuing to bear the brunt of the war, UNICEF amplified messages to support advocacy on protection of children.
- So far, in 2024, UNICEF has ensured continuous access to safe water and sanitation services for 775,463 people through the restoration, maintenance and repair of critical infrastructure and reached 1,367,378 people with WASH supplies. Additionally, over the past month, UNICEF has supported 15 water utilities with essential equipment and supplies for the restoration and maintenance of infrastructure and delivered 595 tons of water treatment chemicals to ensure minimum water quality standards for 346,358 people.
- To date, in 2024, UNICEF has provided mental health and psychosocial support to 236,648 children and families. On 20 March, UNICEF supported the launch of the first Resilience Centres+ in Valkivksa and Kehychivska municipalities of Kharkivska Region. The Resilience+ approach builds on the Government of Ukraine's vision of 'Resilience Services' – an array of psychosocial support services – and expanding it towards a platform for integrated social service provision and referral mechanisms.

## UNICEF Response and Funding Status



Low results compared to funding for Education as a significant portion of results for children in the public system will appear at the start of the new school year. For WASH, this is due to the project cycle; as infrastructure projects are completed, beneficiaries will be reported here. The Cash for Winterization package is a higher per-person cost than regular multisectoral cash.

## Situation in Numbers

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

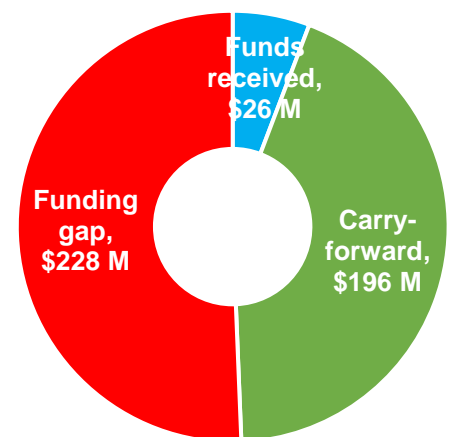
**14.6 million**  
People in need inside Ukraine  
(Humanitarian Response Plan 2024)

**3.7 million**  
Internally displaced people  
(IOM, Displacement Tracking Matrix, December 2023)

**752,000**  
Children targeted by UNICEF in Ukraine 2024  
(UNICEF HAC 2024)

## UNICEF Appeal 2024 US\$450 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 2024, UNICEF has US\$222.1 million available for its response inside Ukraine (Pillar 1) under its [Humanitarian Action for Children](#) (HAC) appeal of \$450 million. This includes US\$196.1 million carried over from 2023 and US\$26 million received in 2024. The HAC was developed in line with the [Ukraine Humanitarian Response Plan \(HRP\) 2024](#), which targets 8.5 million of the 14.6 million people in need. Targets and funding requirements are currently under review to align with the final HRP and current situation. Generous contributions have been received from the private sector, including individuals, corporations and foundations, with the funds from Ayuntamiento de Madrid, Citibank Ukraine and Trafigura Foundation through the UNICEF family of National Committees. Funding has also been received from the people and Governments of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Philippines, Romania, Spain, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the pooled Ukraine Humanitarian Fund.

UNICEF works with the Government of Ukraine, United Nations agencies, civil society and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other humanitarian partners. Close cooperation is ensured with key stakeholders (Ministries of Foreign Affairs; Social Policy; Education and Science; Youth and Sports; Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development; and Health), mayors in several cities and the Ombudsperson's Office. UNICEF has established partnerships in concerned municipalities and will continue to expand them. UNICEF engages with 110 government, civil society and service provider partners to respond to the critical needs of children and families across Ukraine.

While US\$222.1 million has been made available in 2024, 46 per cent has been utilized to meet critical needs in the first quarter of the year. These generous funds have provided critical life-saving supplies and services for the most affected children in frontline areas such as Sumska, Dnipropetrovska, Donetsk, Kharkivska, Khersonska, Mykolaivska and Zaporizka Regions affected by intensified strikes since start of the year. Funding is also being invested in the construction, supplies, capacity building and other programming required to meet the needs of children and their families, which will be converted to results throughout the year. Without continued support, UNICEF will not be able to maintain critical support to vulnerable children and their families in the coming year, nor respond to new needs arising from the changing conflict dynamics.

## Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Child casualties increased as intensified attacks continued across Ukraine. Damage to critical civilian infrastructure, including electricity, water and systems, schools and health facilities, are having adverse impacts on children. March saw Sumska Region [struck over 200 times](#) according to President Zelensky, resulting in evacuations from border areas. Voluntary evacuations also continued in Kharkivska Region, which remained volatile throughout March, with Kharkiv city experiencing several attacks per week and areas closer to the frontline being targeted almost daily.

A [strike in Odesa](#) on 2 March killed 12 people, including 5 children. Since the escalation of the conflict in February 2022, the United Nations has verified the killing of at least 600 children and the injuring of 1,357 children – this includes 25 children killed and 100 children maimed in 2024. Strikes across the country accelerated on 15 March when [an attack on Odesa](#) killed 20 people and injured 70 others and on 21 March when [attacks on Kyiv](#) injured 17 people, followed by [mass attacks](#) on critical infrastructure on 22 March that killed five people, left a million people without power and heat, struck the Dnipro Hydroelectric Power Plant in Zaporizka, and cut off power to Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant. Further strikes, with a particular focus on energy infrastructure, continued through the end of the month. Infrastructure serving children has also been affected: 140 educational facilities and 36 health facilities have been damaged or destroyed this year.

## 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) and Education Clusters, Child Protection Area of Responsibility, 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 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 and engages local authorities and civil society. Flagship priorities include: Better Start to Life (Early childhood development – ECD), Better Learning and Skills (Maximizing the potential of children and youth) and Better Care (A family for every child).

In March 2024, three **inter-agency convoys** reached war-torn communities of Zaporizka, and supplies were also sent to Kharkivska, together supporting 4,200 people and complementing the regular humanitarian response in these areas and the remarkable work carried out by volunteer groups and humanitarian organizations.

UNICEF operates 115 **Spilno Spots**, which have received 417,000 visits this year, including 250,000 visits by children. Spilnos provide cross-sectoral services and activities for children and their caregivers, covering mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), health, nutrition and safety among others. They also link families with services they may need.

In March, 25,924 beneficiaries provided **feedback on UNICEF programmes and services**:

- 3,608 people contacted the UNICEF hotline, most of whom were enquiring about humanitarian cash transfers.
- 2,438 beneficiaries provided feedback on the online course for delivering effective mine safety messages to children, including 1,886 State Emergency Services of Ukraine (SESU) specialists and 552 educators. Many individuals expressed a desire for more examples from international practices; new cases will be added to the course in 2024.
- Adolescents and young people were also engaged through U-Report, as detailed in the Education section below.

## Summary Analysis of Programme Response

**Health and Nutrition:** In March, 49,249 children and caregivers were supported to **access health care** through the provision of medical supplies to health care facilities in Donetsk Region; 286,911 people have been supported through the provision of supplies as well as mobile teams and home visits so far this year. In hard-to-reach and frontline areas of Kharkivska, Dnipropetrovska and Zaporizka, UNICEF's mobile medical teams reached 1,258 individuals (358 girls, 292 boys, 574 women and 34 men) this month, for a total of 3,875 people (803 girls, 761 boys, 1,839 women and 472 men) reached this year. The **Universal-Progressive Home Visiting** model, meanwhile, engaged 1,647 children and caregivers (292 girls, 306 boys, 627 women and 422 men) across 11 regions in March. This model, which focuses on personalized support and care by nurses for families with children under 3 years, has reached 4,473 people (761 girls, 833 boys, 1,715 women and 1,164 men) in 2024.



*Daryna, her four-month-old son Bohdon and visiting nurse Hanna. ©UNICEF*

UNICEF delivered 254,000 doses of the Omicron-specific COVID-19 vaccine for people aged 5 and over and 108,200 doses of measles, mumps and rubella **vaccine** in March. An Inventory Gap Analysis (IGA) using the **Cold Chain Equipment** (CCE) Management Information System was also completed this month. The IGA tool has been installed at the Ministry of Health (MOH) Public Health Centre server and data from all 7,354 health facilities across accessible regions of Ukraine has been inputted. UNICEF assisted MOH in analyzing CCE status and capacity, and to develop recommendations to address identified gaps. A national Training of Trainers on Cold Chain and Supply Logistics reached staff responsible for regional vaccine storage, forecasting and distribution, enhancing their skills in vaccine and cold chain management, including the use of a recently installed Remote Temperature Monitoring System.

In March, 10,575 children and parents benefitted from consultations on vaccination provided by the MOH-UNICEF National Hotline on Vaccination and Infant Feeding 'Jointly to Health'. The hotline was established in July 2022 to ensure the continuity of health services during the war through telephone/online consultations. 580 health care professionals participated in online capacity building on immunization; over 40,000 people watched the video on UNICEF Ukraine's Facebook page. A series of field vaccination sessions were held, as well as informational and educational events, during which 2,516 children and 4,362 adults were vaccinated. One Grade 11 student noted: *"It was very interesting to hear about how the vaccines get to us, what important and titanic work it is. And what struck me the most was how people get sick. Well, how can you not get vaccinated, knowing about the consequences that infections can cause?"*

The 'Jointly to Health' hotline also provided the caregivers of 1,120 children with consultations on **breastfeeding and infant feeding**. 594 health care professionals are currently enrolled in a certification course on support to breastfeeding while another 312 joined the newest iteration of the course launched on 18 March. To promote healthy eating among children, 471 educators participate in the 'Health Nutrition Basics for Pupils in Classes 1-4' online course. Messages promoting healthy nutrition behaviours reached 311,618 people this month, and 53,696 people visited the [znaimo.gov.ua](https://znaimo.gov.ua) platform.

**Child Protection:** So far this year, UNICEF and partners have reached 9,053 children (4,579 girls and 609 children with disabilities) with **case management** including 3,602 children (1,841 girls and 357 children with disabilities) newly enrolled in March. This included specialized case management for children who were returned from institutions, under guardianship or at risk of institutionalization. Families of such children benefitted from monitoring visits, assessment of their situation and provision of needed support and access to services.

**Mine victims' assistance** continues in Kharkivska, Odeska, Mykolaivska and Khersonska, including for children who have survived recent missile attacks. These children receive MHPSS and comprehensive support such as referrals and cooperation between different sectors, including social protection, health and others. **Explosive ordnance risk education** (EORE) sessions reached 103,976 children and 17,232 caregivers in schools, Spilno Spots and communities, and through mobile SESU teams in March; 396,078 people have participated in such sessions this year. 989 educators and 2,025 emergency workers were newly enrolled in the online course on delivering mine safety messages to children. In total, 3,568 educators have enrolled and 979 completed the course. From January to March, 3,507,328 people have been reached, and 162,074 engaged, with safety messages. A [new episode](#) of the popular cartoon with the dog Patron promoting fire safety had 301,400 unique viewers.

The Coordination Centre for Family Upbringing and Childcare Development of Ukraine, supported by UNICEF, promotes and provides technical support for **Better Care reform**. Key milestones reached by the centre include:

- A **Council of Regions** was established with representatives from ministries, the President's Office, regional administrations and UNICEF. The [first meeting of the Council](#) included a presentation of the draft National Action Plan to implement the Strategy for Ensuring the Rights of Every Child in Ukraine to Grow Up in a Family Environment.
- Sessions with the Ministry of Education and Science (MOES) and UNICEF on the **Transformation of Special Education**, which developed a vision and way forward on special education in the country.
- A presentation to the Ukraine **Children's Care Working Group** led by the global [Better Care Network](#) on the Action Plan and National Strategy. Discussions included the revision of the Child Protection law, integration with strategies of other relevant ministries, and alignment under the European Union Facility.
- Three **expert groups** were established covering Social Services, Child Rights Protection and Family Care and Adoption, which reviewed and fed back on the National Action Plan.
- The development of a [dashboard](#) that includes a comprehensive repository of Ukrainian NGOs dedicated to safeguarding the rights of children and youth.

Five UNICEF Spilnos have been transformed into **government-run day care services** in Berdychiv and Korosten in Zhytomyrska Region as a part of the transition of Spilnos to a sustainable local social service provision system. These sites reached 872 children in March.

The **Register of Psychologists, initiated and financially supported by UNICEF**, provides children within criminal proceedings with MHPSS professionals including 112 psychologists from 7 regions. Meanwhile, the **Barnahus model**, supported by UNICEF and partners, was launched and operated in 11 regions, providing specialized services for child victims and witnesses of violence across law enforcement, criminal justice, child protection and medical and mental health.

As of March 2024, **Child Protection Area of Responsibility (CP AOR)** partners have reached 60,398 adults (47,053 women) and 163,666 children (88,380 girls) with critical child protection prevention and response services. CP AOR has been actively updating the web-based [Child Protection Referral Pathways](#) which now includes 1,303 organizations (humanitarian and [State Social Services](#)), 770 mobile teams and 2,286 referral focal points. [An interactive dashboard](#) for the CP AOR is now in place and a [frontline needs analysis](#) shared to provide partners and stakeholders with insights into high-risk areas. Two new organizations joined the Child Protection Information Management System (CPIMS+); 1,378 child protection cases have so far registered CPIMS+.

**Education (Learning and Skills Development):** UNICEF and implementing partners are facilitating **catch-up activities** for 7,114 children (3,667 girls) through 31 catch-up centres. These centres, often established within educational facilities or their shelters, serve as safe spaces for non-formal education services that help children overcome learning loss. In Kharkiv city, the first catch-up locations opened in March, including one in the shelter of Kharkiv National Pedagogical University. As part of the planned scale-up of catch-up learning, 3,662 teachers from the formal system were trained to support an estimated 18,000 students in catch-up and remedial education.

In March, 31 **Digital Learning Centres (DLCs)** in Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizka, Kharkivska, Donetska, and Cherkaska Regions saw the participation of 4,883 children, with 2,344 being girls. Svitlana, a facilitator at the Novomoskovsk DLC, highlighted the positive impact of these centres, stating, "*Children who do not perform well at (online-only) school do not want to leave the DLC. They like the organization of the space, they feel free, and they are more willing to attend classes.*" In March 2,109 teachers were trained in distance and blended learning techniques.



**Children from Snihurivka preschool education facility #1 ©Zadzerkallya/2024**

In terms of **early childhood education**, UNICEF and partners are implementing the '2 by 2 model' where preschoolers and parents spend two hours, two times a week with preschool teachers. This model is key for areas of the country where the security situation does not allow kindergartens to reopen. A total of 3,164 preschool children have participated in these classes. The NUMO Platform (website, educational application and chatbot) reached 36,724 individuals and engaged 9,614 parents, caregivers, young children and educators in March, providing an array of content and advice for non-formal early childhood education.

With UNICEF support, two schools which sustained damage in 2023 and were rehabilitated by local authorities in Odesa City, have been safeguarded using shatter-resistant film for windows. This measure ensures a safe learning environment for approximately 1,800 students who attend in-person classes in these schools. Four schools with 3,881 students have been supported so far this year.

In March 2024, **UPSHIFT** waves were launched in Poltavaska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Vinnytska and Zaporizka. Forty youth teams actively participated, engaging 184 young people (130 females and 41 displaced young people). UPSHIFT has trained and empowered 1,091 young people so far this year to initiate positive social change within their communities. Twenty-five new

UPSHIFT mentors were also trained in Odeska.

In March, 1,397 young people (723 female) registered to the UNICEF-supported **volunteering** platform while School Volunteering Lessons educated 5,424 adolescents (2,728 female) about safe volunteering. Four [U-Report](#) polls were launched engaging 10,279 U-Reporters (7,617 female) in identifying issues of concern and designing programmes:

- A national poll exploring young people's awareness of mine safety that gauged awareness of safety protocols around explosive ordnance.
- A national poll on World Water Day (detailed in the WASH section below).
- A regional poll from the U-Point in Chernihiv focusing on youth needs and challenges regarding career guidance, entrepreneurship and financial literacy.
- A regional poll by the Poltava U-Point to improve the services and events at the regional youth centre.

So far this year, the **Education Cluster** has supported 323,000 children (163,594 girls and 3,245 children with disabilities) to access education, including through the provision of electronic learning devices and education supplies; MHPSS; catch-up classes; and teacher training, among other interventions. To support continued learning during air alerts, the Education and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters collaborated to improve internet connectivity to bomb shelters at schools benefiting 7,800 students (3,900 girls) from 16 schools in the south.

The Cluster developed a [Memo for Partners Working in De-occupied and Frontline](#) areas describing key challenges in the frontline areas and offering recommendations for partners to consider when planning or implementing humanitarian programmes. Finally, to improve learning at [Digital Learning Centres DLCs](#), an experience sharing workshop was held on and recommendations were shared with local education authorities. One good practice shared was to actively encourage the community to organize events at the DLCs, to ensure their sustainability.

**Figure 1: Children reached by Education Cluster partners**



**Mental Health and Psychosocial Support:** In March, UNICEF provided **MHPSS support** to 66,742 girls, boys, women and men across the country for a total of 184,853 children and 51,795 adults reached this year. On 20 March, UNICEF supported the launch of the first [Resilience Centres+](#) in Valkivksa and Kehychivska municipalities of Kharkivska, representing a significant step in the country's Better Care and MHPSS agendas. The Resilience+ approach builds on the Government of Ukraine's vision of 'Resilience Services' – an array of psychosocial support services conducted in individual or group format. They serve as a platform for integrated social service provision, offering Resilience Services as well as positive parenting, mediation, crisis intervention, early intervention, daycare, including for children with disabilities, and gender-based violence (GBV) and domestic violence prevention and response (linked to veteran support), along with strong cross-sectoral linkages and referral mechanisms. Each centre is designed for accessibility, has at least 10 staff members, including social workers and psychologists, and is managed by the municipality – ensuring sustainability beyond UNICEF support.

March also saw 560,215 people reached through the 'Playing with No Fear' **behaviour change campaign**. Ten videos on how to support MHPSS and early childhood education and development were launched. The [First Lady](#) of Ukraine under the Ukrainian national MHPSS programme 'How Are You?', supported the campaign. It was also supported by the [1+1 media group](#), and the online TV-streaming platform [Megogo](#), which are broadcasting content in sign language. In March 2024, [sets of edutainment materials](#) developed as part of 'Playing with No Fear' were delivered to education departments to support 134,287 children and 13,433 educators from 2,353 kindergartens.

A [video of the podcast 'Contenta'](#) on mental health support with the First Lady, led by young people and children, was watched by 5,234 people. Furthermore, the NGO partner La Strada, which operates the National Hotline on Children and Youth, continued to issue digital content such as podcasts and [social media posts](#) aimed at bolstering the mental health of children and youth, reaching 291,000 people. The content has received positive feedback from young followers such as: "Thank you for raising these issues" and "Can I text you please if I feel bad?"

MHPSS interventions engaged 11,699 **adolescents** and 7,287 **caregivers** through art, music and sports activities in March. This includes 2,622 children and youth (1,436 girls) participating in a creative programme; 12,035 people (3,996 women, 2,832 girls, 3,065 men and 2,142 boys) engaged in the Atelier of Dreams art exhibition; and 1,850 young people (902 girls) participating in physical activities aimed at improving their mental and physical health.

UNICEF is increasing the capacity of **health care professionals** to deliver MHPSS. This included a three-day seminar organized by UNICEF, the Cabinet Coordination Centre for MHPSS and MOH engaging 70 health facility managers, managers of medical universities and heads of regional and city-level health care departments to establish a core group of local leaders promoting the MHPSS agenda in March. 327 health care professionals received online capacity building on MHPSS; over 35,000 people watched the video streamed on UNICEF Ukraine Facebook. In parallel, 1,700 medical workers were trained on

how to relieve their own stress and anxiety through simple mental health practices.

In Odeska, 100 **teachers** (69 women) were trained on how to use psychological techniques to improve their teaching while in Dnipro city, 52 teachers (40 female) learned how to care for their own mental health, as well as their students.

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene:** So far, in 2024, UNICEF has ensured **continuous access to safe water and sanitation services** for 775,463 people. This includes 83,967 people, including 14,100 children, reached in March. Over the past month, UNICEF has supported 15 water utilities in Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, Khersonska, Kirovohradska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Poltavska, Sumska and Zhytomyrska Regions. Support included essential equipment and supplies for the restoration and maintenance of infrastructure, such as pipes, valves and welding machines. Ten of these water utilities received 595 tons of water treatment chemicals to ensure minimum water quality standards for 346,358 people.

Three **educational institutions**, as well as three hospitals in Mykolaivska and Odeska, were provided with improved WASH facilities through the repair of sanitary blocks, ensuring safe and dignified access for at least 9,909 people, including 684 children. So far this year, UNICEF has supported 24 institutions with WASH facilities meeting modern standards, while also addressing gender inclusivity and accessibility considerations.

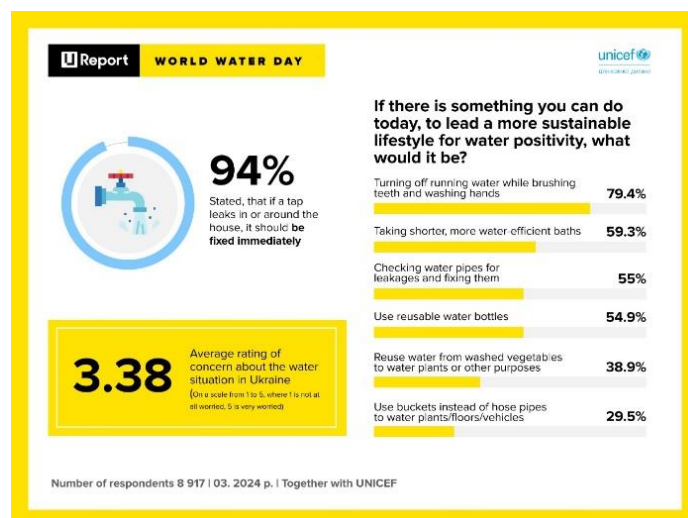
In March, 227,582 people (100,391 women, 88,950 men, 19,692 boys, 18,549 girls) in 13 regions<sup>1</sup> received **WASH supplies** for personal and household hygiene (hygiene kits, diapers, soap, toothpaste), safe water access (water purification tablets, storage containers, bottled water, water trucking services) and ensuring a safe environment in schools and health facilities (hand sanitizer, cleaning products). In total, 1,367,378 people (603,177 women, 534,435 men, 118,317 boys, and 111,450 girls) have been reached with WASH supplies so far this year.

**World Water Day 2024** was celebrated at 53 Spilno Spots with 406 girls, 250 boys and 267 caregivers informed about hygiene and water conservation. Regarding menstrual hygiene, 26,901 individuals engaged in [digital communication](#) on how to start conversations about menstruation between parents and children as part of the Oky App promotion. Additionally, 8,917 people took part in a U-Report poll to better understand the water supply conditions in Ukraine, assess knowledge of WASH, and learn about young people's hygiene practices. On average, respondents expressed a concern rating of 3.38 out of 5 about the water situation in Ukraine, where 1 signifies no worry and 5 indicates significant concern.

To inform the upcoming Humanitarian Needs Overview, and WASH priorities and approaches, the **WASH Cluster** has initiated a Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices study and a market study of household water treatment options; it is expected that the findings will also be of use for other Clusters/Sectors to integrate where relevant. Two technical working groups have been established within the Cluster. One focuses on voucher-based WASH assistance to exchange best practices; identify obstacles; find entry points for specific vulnerable groups; and determine appropriate voucher values. The second is a joint task force on WASH in Health Care Facilities – a collaboration between the Health and WASH Clusters. This will serve to expand the reach of the WHO/UNICEF initiative to support MOH policies, and better capture experiences and lessons learnt to inform advocacy and longer-term programming.

**Social Protection:** UNICEF's **Cash for Winterization** programme has reached 15,986 children from 5,227 households over the 2023–2024 winter period. Given the long, harsh winter conditions experienced in Ukraine, UNICEF is currently expanding the programme to Donetska Region based on household data newly received from the Ministry of Social Policy at the end of March. Throughout the 2023–2024 winter, 15,986 children from 5,227 households have been supported. UNICEF targets low-income families with three or more children or children with disabilities living in de-occupied and frontline areas. Additionally, the families must live in one of the cold-spot areas identified by the Shelter Cluster. Each family member receives a basic multi-purpose cash transfer of US\$292 to cover basic needs with each child receiving an additional US\$180 for winter clothing.

As part of its support of the **national social protection system and shock-responsive social protection**, UNICEF is co-chairing and coordinating the 'PeReHID Initiative' with the Ministry of Social Policy, humanitarian donors and other key stakeholders. PeReHID supports the transition from humanitarian cash transfers into a more shock-responsive and inclusive social protection system while ensuring accountability for results. In March, the Initiative produced a draft Strategic Roadmap with key actions for humanitarian and social protection stakeholders to facilitate the transition. At the same time, to ensure sustainability, UNICEF continues to invest in broader social protection reform and system-strengthening processes, including



<sup>1</sup> Donetska, Ivano-Frankivska, Kharkivska, Khersonska, Kirovohradska, Lvivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Poltavska, Sumska, Volynska, Zakarpatska and Zaporizka

digital transformation and social services, along with local governance and public finance for children activities at the central and subnational level.

**Supply and Logistics:** So far this year, UNICEF has placed US\$4.2 million worth of orders to purchase life-saving supplies, including US\$2.5 million in orders placed in March. US\$19.5 million worth of supplies were received in Ukraine. US\$15.7 million worth of supplies have been dispatched from UNICEF-controlled warehouses, with US\$6.4 million dispatched in March. US\$7.8 million of supplies were delivered to implementing partners directly from local vendors in 2024, including US\$4 million delivered in March. The value of supplies currently in UNICEF-controlled warehouses is US\$14.3 million with US\$10.8 million of supplies in the pipeline.

**External Media:** In March 2024, UNICEF Ukraine produced 20 content projects covering the war's continued impact on children and UNICEF's response. Following reports of child casualties and damage to child-related infrastructure in the aftermath of attacks, 15 short statements were published on UNICEF Ukraine's social media channels to support advocacy on grave child rights violations. Four press releases ensured media coverage of UNICEF's work to strengthen Ukraine's [National Immunization Programme and cold chain system](#), improving social services through [Resilience Centres](#), and [expanding private sector partnerships](#).

UNICEF Ukraine contributed three videos to 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 almost 4,000 entries submitted to the Poems for Peace contest. UNICEF worked with nine media outlets in Ukraine to provide platforms for finalists to recite their poems to a wider audience.

More than 740 pieces of content were published on UNICEF Ukraine social media channels, reaching 11 million people in Ukraine and the European Union, generating 800,000 reactions, likes, comments and shares. The campaign for International Women's Day reached 180,000 users, with the most engaging content being a video of girls and young women from across Ukraine talking about their rights amid war. Social Work Week and World Water Day were leveraged to promote relevant advocacy messages and show UNICEF's work to strengthen the child protection system and restore access to safe water in Ukraine.

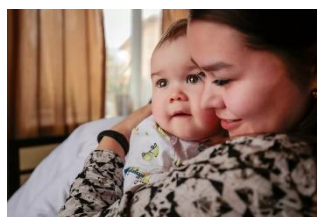
### Human Interest Stories



[UNICEF cash assistance keeps families in Ukraine afloat](#)



[New shelters ensure safety for kindergarten children in Ukraine](#)



[Visiting nurses support families with newborns in Ukraine](#)



[Hand washing helps keep children healthy in subway schools](#)

## Next SitRep: May 2024

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## Annex A: Programme Results (March 2024)

		UNICEF and IPs Response		
Sector		2024 target	Total results	Change
<b>Health (7,800,000 people in need)</b>				
Number of children and caregivers accessing primary health care in UNICEF-supported facilities, and through mobile teams and home visits		920,000	286,911	49,249
Number of primary caregivers of children 0–23 months receiving infant and young child feeding counselling		30,000	5,070	2,187
<b>Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA (3,400,000 people in need - Child Protection)</b>				
Number of children, adolescents and caregivers accessing community-based mental health and psychosocial support	Total	500,000	236,648	66,742
	Girls		105,584	24,982
	Boys		79,269	17,885
	Women		41,322	17,485
	Men		10,473	6,390
Number of women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention and/or response interventions		513,028	69,204	32,916
Number of children who have received individual case management	Total	63,472	9,053	3,602
	Girls		4,579	1,841
	Boys		4,474	1,761
Number of children and caregivers provided with landmine or other explosive weapons prevention and/or survivor assistance interventions		1,314,484	297,243	73,204
Number of people with safe and accessible channels to report sexual exploitation and abuse by personnel who provide assistance to affected populations		1,237,236	396,078	104,618
<b>Education (1,200,000 people in need)</b>				
Number of children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning	Total	625,000	46,468 <sup>2</sup>	7,046
	Girls		23,332	3,805
	Boys		23,136	3,241
Number of girls and boys receiving learning materials		400,000	152,903	814
Number of children and young people <sup>3</sup> accessing skills development and participation opportunities		150,000	68,948	27,715
Number of teachers and other education personnel trained to provide quality learning		15,000	25,532 <sup>4</sup>	5,631
<b>WASH (9,600,000 people in need)</b>				
Number of people accessing a sufficient quantity and quality of water for drinking and domestic needs		4,497,000	775,463	83,967
Number of people reached with critical WASH supplies		1,535,800	1,367,528 <sup>5</sup>	227,732 <sup>6</sup>
Number of institutions provided with child friendly, gender sensitive and inclusive WASH facilities		260	24	6
<b>Social Protection</b>				
Number of households reached with UNICEF-funded humanitarian cash transfers (including for social protection and other sectors)		39,985	472 <sup>7</sup>	9
<b>Influencing Social Behaviour</b>				
Number of affected people (children, caregivers, community members) reached with timely and life-saving information on how and where to		4,000,000	1,437,284	56,381

<sup>2</sup> Low results reported as a significant portion of results for children in the public system will be available at the start of the new school year.

<sup>3</sup> Includes ages 10 to 24.

<sup>4</sup> Target to be reviewed during first quarter HAC adjustment.

<sup>5</sup> Target to be reviewed during first quarter HAC adjustment.

<sup>6</sup> Difference between increase in the table and new reporting in the narrative due to data cleaning.

<sup>7</sup> Low results for the Cash for Winterization package due to a higher per-person cost than regular multisectoral cash as well as delays in receiving beneficiary information from the Ministry of Social Policy.



access available services				
Number of people participating in engagement actions for social and behaviour change		150,000	206,301 <sup>8</sup>	76,242
Number of people sharing their concerns and asking questions through established feedback mechanisms		50,000	13,968	3,884

## Annex B: Funding Status as of 31 March 2024

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 (ORE/current year)	Carry-over (ORR and ORE)	US\$	%
Health and Nutrition	72,783,360	6,732,472	25,695,728	40,355,160	55%
Child Protection, GBViE and PSEA	101,313,504	8,408,683	40,078,129	52,826,693	52%
Education	88,949,664	9,037,603	43,784,780	36,127,281	41%
WASH	118,898,150	919,713	45,326,022	72,652,415	61%
Social Protection	68,066,438	873,021	41,261,713	25,931,704	38%
<b>Total</b>	<b>450,011,116</b>	<b>25,971,492</b>	<b>196,146,371</b>	<b>227,893,253</b>	<b>51%</b>

<sup>8</sup> Decrease from 119,891 in the previous sitrep due to data cleaning to remove results achieved with non-HAC resources.