

UKRAINE CONFLICT

ONE YEAR UPDATE



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A staging area for refugees from Ukraine at the Polish border. Korscienca, Poland. Refugees arriving here receive hot food, clothes and other essentials before being taken by bus to a nearby transit centre to arrange onward travel.

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Context

February marks one year since the beginning of the escalation of conflict in Ukraine. During this time the humanitarian situation in Ukraine and neighbouring countries has deteriorated, the number of people in need of humanitarian aid and protection increased from approximately 3 million people at the start of the year to nearly 18 million a few months later. Additionally, there have been over 17,000 civilian casualties, eclipsing the previous eight years of conflict. As a result of the conflict, millions of Ukrainians have been forced to flee destroyed homes and lost their jobs and livelihoods, with many survivors unable to access food, water, health care, education and a safe shelter. For the 8 million people who have fled the country, there are still major concerns. Many don't have the right to work, long term shelter or the means to find out about their rights. As always in a crisis, those who are already marginalised or vulnerable are hardest hit. Within Ukraine, some of the most affected groups are children (many unaccompanied), people living with disabilities, and women (particularly older women). At the same time, a large majority of refugees are women, children, and elderly people - who face particular vulnerabilities. Without the protections of their usual homes, sources of livelihood, family and/or community, they are at a greater risk of trafficking, extortion and gender-based violence, and can lack access to adequate health and psychosocial care.

18 MILLION
PEOPLE IN
NEED

8 MILLION
REFUGEES IN
EUROPE

5 MILLION
INTERNALLY
DISPLACED

800,000
PEOPLE
SUPPORTED

Numbers accurate as of February 2023

Oxfam's Response

During the last year, Oxfam has focused our response on Ukraine and the neighbouring countries of Moldova, Poland, and Romania. Oxfam is providing humanitarian assistance through a [partner-led response](#) channelling our support, expertise and funding through local organizations who are working directly with affected individuals, families and communities. The aim of this approach is to support the impressive efforts already launched by local communities, host countries and authorities and to support the already strong infrastructure that is in place in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. However civil society organizations and local authorities have had to quickly expand their work and capacities to keep up and have requested support. We believe that this support will enable partners to deliver their programmes sustainably, which they will continue to do when the emergency (eventually) ends.

In all three countries neighbouring Ukraine the needs are very similar; the response is aiming to support people with access to shelter, hygiene facilities and equipment as well as legal, psychosocial and protection support. **The response to date has reached 800,000 people.**

Ukraine

Oxfam is currently working in affected areas of Ukraine to support people impacted by the war by providing clean drinking water to areas with damaged infrastructure and collaborating with 9 local partners to assist vulnerable communities. **Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, we have helped more than 140,000 people so far with vital humanitarian assistance across the country.**

- 11,353 people have received cash to cover their essential needs
- 12,692 people have received hygiene kits
- 10,646 people have received food assistance
- 125,783 people have been supported through the rehabilitation of pumps and sewage ponds
- 70 people have received legal and psychosocial assistance
- Supporting farmers, especially women, with means of production so they can grow their own food.

Partnership Spotlight - Rural Women's Business Network (RWBN) – Odesa, Ukraine

Iryna Volovyk - Project Manager for the Case Project

The purpose of the RWBN is to protect the rights and interests of rural women, to support their empowerment, equal economic participation, leadership, access to education and health care, and participation in decision-making process in local and national levels.

“The Case Project is a project developed during the war for rural people, especially for rural women who live in the southern part of Ukraine. The projects support the community in increasing the food security and energy efficiency and rural women will have more power to implement different kind of activities connected with agricultural production. Now we are at the distribution point, we distribute special sets for rural women who would like to produce vegetables in their households.

The Rural Women Business Network will support Ukrainian women in any kind of condition during the war, and after the war. This is our mission. We support rural women, and we would like to strengthen their ability to be independent, to live in a safe society, to have resources to develop their own businesses. With Oxfam, we would like to continue these kinds of projects and distribute benefits which co-operatives can bring. Maybe after this project we will have the next stage and share the experience of our project between other oblasts (areas) of Ukraine as a good example of how local community, international partners and civil society and NGOs can provide dignity development even in war conditions.”



Poland

Since February 2022, over 9 million people have crossed the border into Poland. Currently around 23,000 people each month are crossing the border into the country mostly arriving by train due to the winter weather. **Oxfam, working with 10 partners in country, have reached nearly 370,000 people with the following responses:**

- 345,000 people have benefitted from temporary sanitation facilities, such as showers, latrines, laundry services and other wash facilities
- 5,746 people have received cash transfers to enable them to purchase essential food items
- 11,000 people have been provided with food through our partnership with Homo Faber
- 1,000 people have received information on refugee rights, and other asylum information
- 700 people have been provided support on social cohesion and integration, including, language courses
- 174 people have been supported with psychosocial and legal support
- 349 people have been supported with temporary shelters

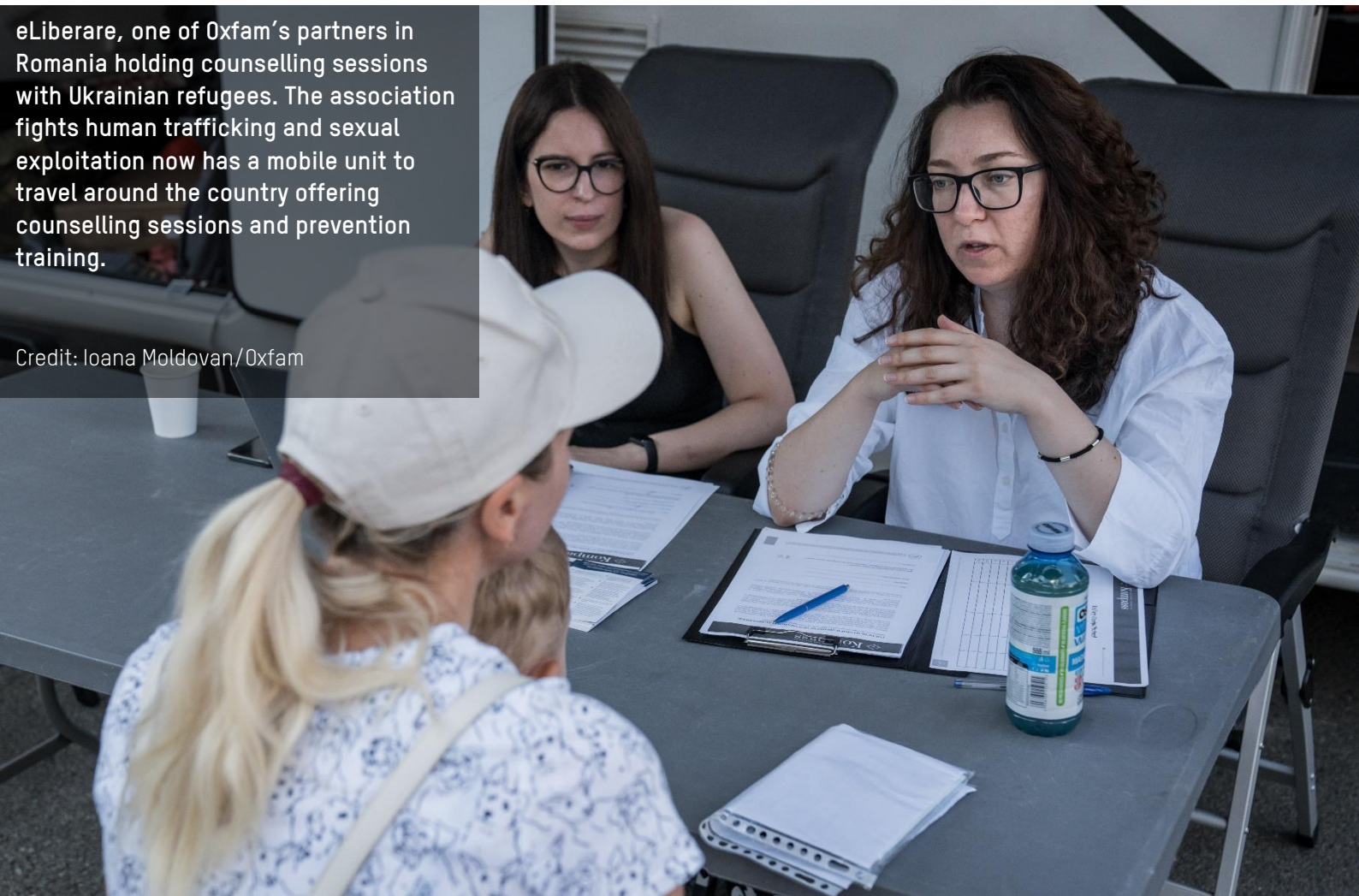
Moldova

As of the end of January over 102,000 Ukrainian nationals remain in Moldova. Before January, the number Ukrainian refugees crossing the border had been decreasing, this has now changed. Compared with December 6,000 more Ukrainian nationals entering in Moldova in January. Despite the numbers, the majority of the refugees continue to other countries, or return during the same period to Ukraine. Oxfam is currently working with five partners organisations in Moldova and **have so far reached over 135,000 people with the following activities:**

- 114,000 people received travel boxes at the main border crossing point with Ukraine. The travel boxes contain food and SIM cards
- 5,000 people have received legal assistance through group info session, individual counselling and representation.
- 10,000 people have received psychosocial support through mobile teams
- 350 people have been assisted with food items and cash support
- 2,000 people have received advise and trainings on asylum procedures, refugee rights and advocacy.

eLiberare, one of Oxfam's partners in Romania holding counselling sessions with Ukrainian refugees. The association fights human trafficking and sexual exploitation now has a mobile unit to travel around the country offering counselling sessions and prevention training.

Credit: Ioana Moldovan/Oxfam



Romania

Over 1.9 million people have crossed the border from Ukraine into Romania since the beginning of the conflict with 104,000 people still remaining in the country. Four out of five refugees entering Romania are women. The number of refugees in the country has reduced significantly since the beginning of the escalation, however the needs for those in country are still pressing. **Oxfam is working with five partners in Romania and has to date reached 133,000 people with the following activities:**

- 100,000 people have received food assistance through the provision of food rations, cooked meals and cash support
- 10,000 people have been reached through the provision of hygiene and dignity kits for women containing essential sanitary items
- 4,700 people have received legal and psychosocial support
- 4,800 people have received access to temporary shelter or through the rehabilitation of shelters
- 8,300 people have received support on integration, such as language courses and the creation of child-friendly spaces to aid refugees enrolling in the Romanian education system

Partnership Spotlight – BECAUSE WE CAN – Chernihiv, Ukraine

Svitlana and Serhiy's Story

Because We Can is community-based organisation helping Chernihiv and surrounding areas affected by shelling and other impacts of the war. They work on dismantling damaged buildings and restoring housing and provide building materials and windows for the vulnerable population.

"The war impacted us all, it started on the 24th and the attacks came from all sides, we had very big battles. It was rumbling and thundering around here, and it was very tough. We were sitting in the cellar with the children. We would close the door to the cellar, but it would open because of the explosions. And not only our windows were damaged, but the ceiling was damaged, and the walls too. The ceiling even had holes in it. We had a lot of broken windows; the roof tiles came off. We've been repairing things ourselves bit by bit, what we can, we have at least a ceiling and a place to live, not like people nearby, some have nothing at all.

"My daughter registered us for assistance online. They inspected everything, checked it out, registered us, and then we had a call saying to expect someone to come, the workers would take measurements. The work was high quality, so professional, we are very grateful. They took the measurements, and then, when the windows were made, they came here and fitted them." Svitlana Melnikov

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Svitlana Melnikov & Serhiy Melnikov at their home in Chernihiv which received new windows from Oxfam partner Because We Can

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