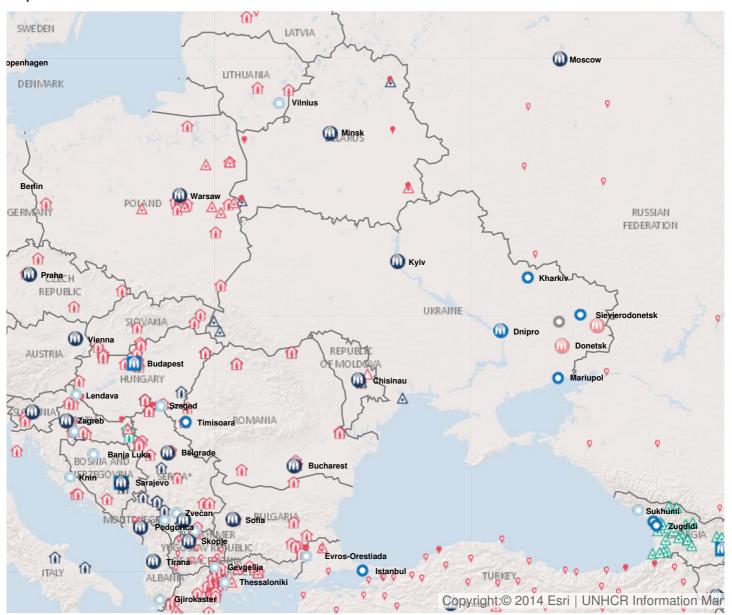


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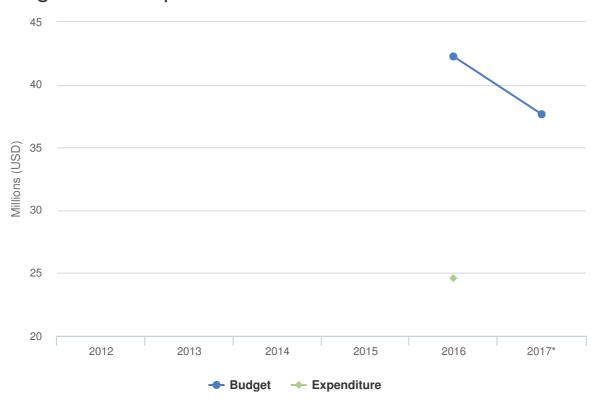
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Operation: Ukraine



Latest update of camps and office locations 21 Nov 2016.

Budgets and Expenditure for Ukraine



Working environment

Frequent violations of the ceasefire in eastern Ukraine through 2016 caused casualties and damage to infrastructure and properties along the contact line. Increased insecurity also hampered humanitarian access, particularly in non-government controlled areas (NGCA). Despite the danger, some 800,000 people live within twenty kilometres on both sides of the line of contact. Some returns to these areas were witnessed, mainly by people who did not have sufficient resources to continue living in other areas of Ukraine.

UNHCR, as part of the inter-agency response and in line with the 2016 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), focused on three main objectives: i) advocate for and respond to the protection needs of conflict-affected people with due regard to international norms and standards; ii) provide emergency assistance and ensure nondiscriminatory access to quality essential services for populations in need; and iii) improve the resilience of conflict-affected people, prevent further degradation of the humanitarian situation and promote recovery and social cohesion.

UNHCR led the protection cluster and co-led the shelter/NFI cluster. The protection cluster response included: i) responding to the protection needs of IDPs and conflict-affected people; ii) at community centres, collecting, analysing and reporting on critical information related to people in need, and identification of vulnerable individuals for targeted assistance; and iii) advocating with national actors, duty bearers and international stakeholders to respect and promote protection standards and ensure accountability for rights violations.

The shelter/NFI cluster focused on strengthening coordination; addressing the most immediate shelter and NFI needs of the most vulnerable individuals; setting minimal standards for humanitarian response; and piloting long-term shelter solutions.

UNHCR advocacy was prioritized around issues related to freedom of movement across the contact line; humanitarian needs, including protection, of people living along the contact line and in NGCAs; as well as the IDP law, which has been improved through various amendments.

Population trends

- The Government has registered more than 1.6 million IDPs. The UN and humanitarian response partners use a planning figure of 0.8 to 1 million IDPs. Within NGCAs, in 2016 an estimated 200,000 returned home from either within Ukraine or abroad.
- More than 1.2 million Ukrainians have sought asylum or other forms of legal stay in neighbouring countries since the beginning of the crisis.
- As of the end of 2016, Ukraine hosted 3,302 refugees and 2,824 asylum-seekers. The majority originate from Afghanistan and Syria, while some 70 other countries of origin are also represented.
- More than 35,000 people were estimated to be stateless.

Achievements and impact

- Advocacy was a central component of UNHCR's response to internal displacement in Ukraine, with efforts focused on freedom of movement across the contact line; access to pensions and social benefits; voting rights of IDPs; registration; and housing, land and property issues.
- The Government of Ukraine has taken several measures relating to protection and solutions for IDPs. A legal framework and national plan for IDP reintegration was adopted in 2016, and a Ministry for the Temporary Occupied Territories and IDPs was established to coordinate the IDP response. UNHCR supported the Ministry on legislative development, strategic communications (including with IDPs themselves), and capacity building. By the end of 2016, the Ministry had established five thematic working groups dedicated to aligning Ukrainian legislation on IDPs with international standards.
- UNHCR supported 70 community initiatives in close to 40 communities. Activities proposed by the IDP communities themselves ranged from training the media, rehabilitation equipment for hospice for internally displaced elderly with disabilities; education and extra-curricular activities for children; preservation of cultures; awareness-raising campaigns on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and development of response mechanisms.
- UNHCR worked with communities to implement 34 quick impact projects to foster peaceful co-existence. Initiatives included the creation of community centres with free legal aid offices; the creation of a trauma hospital for children; the rehabilitation of a residential centre for displaced children with specific needs; and other projects to reduce the strain on local infrastructure, among others.
- In 2016, some amendments to the Refugee Law to strengthen registration and the asylum process were adopted. In the area of reducing risks of statelessness, amendments to the Civil Procedural Code of Ukraine allowed immediate processing of a claim to establish births in NGCA by any court in the Government-controlled areas (GCA).

Unmet needs

- Access to NGCAs remained restricted and constrained the timely transportation of assistance.
- Restrictions imposed on movements through check points between GCAs and NGCAs represented a challenge to freedom of movement. The waiting time to cross was long and facilities at the checkpoints remained inadequate. Despite these barriers, in 2016, checkpoints along the line of contact reported 8.5 million crossings in both directions. Among some other initiatives to improve the situation, UNHCR and partners established legal assistance in some checkpoints to better inform IDPs of their rights and checkpoint requirements.
- UNHCR continued to advocate the creation of compensation mechanisms to resolve housing, land and property issues to support returns. IDPs continued to face challenges in exercising their rights to social benefits.
- Local integration is challenging for refugees and asylum-seekers. In spite of UNHCR's advocacy, legislative barriers remained and prevented people of concern from accessing the formal labour market.

2016 Original Budget for Ukraine | USD

The following table presents the original budget for this operation broken down at the objective level. Resource allocation at the objective level is subject to change during the course of the year as the operational situation evolves and priorities shift. The current budget by pillar, reflected in the bottom line of this table, is updated on a monthly basis and is replaced by the final budget at year-end.

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
Favourable Protection Environment				
Law and policy	112,177	0	521,179	633,356
Legal remedies and legal assistance	1,218,658	0	1,417,302	2,635,959
Access to territory	768,658	0	0	768,658
Public attitudes towards persons of concern	322,961	0	0	322,961
Subtotal	2,422,454	0	1,938,480	4,360,934
Fair Protection Processes and Documentation	1			
Reception conditions	856,874	0	0	856,874
Identification of statelessness	0	655,501	0	655,501
Registration and profiling	0	0	188,424	188,424
Status determination	793,354	0	0	793,354
Subtotal	1,650,228	655,501	188,424	2,494,153
Security from Violence and Exploitation				
Protection from effects armed conflict	0	0	1,786,302	1,786,302
SGBV prevention and response	0	0	1,041,273	1,041,273
Non-arbitrary detention	147,481	0	0	147,481
Child protection	159,354	0	153,424	312,778
Subtotal	306,835	0	2,980,999	3,287,833
Basic Needs and Essential Services				
Health	167,177	0	0	167,177
Shelter and infrastructure	0	0	12,814,150	12,814,150
Basic and domestic and hygiene Items	0	0	7,850,273	7,850,273
Services for persons with specific needs	784,354	0	3,020,726	3,805,080
Education	77,177	0	0	77,177
Subtotal	1,028,708	0	23,685,149	24,713,857
Community Empowerment and Self Reliance				
Community mobilization	0	0	1,579,820	1,579,820
Co-existence with local communities	0	0	2,837,302	2,837,302

	Pillar 1 Refugee programme	Pillar 2 Stateless programme	Pillar 4 IDP projects	Total
Self-reliance and livelihoods	651,835	0	0	651,835
Subtotal	651,835	0	4,417,121	5,068,956
Durable Solutions				
Solutions strategy	0	0	266,849	266,849
Integration	95,177	0	0	95,177
Resettlement	311,961	0	0	311,961
Subtotal	407,138	0	266,849	673,987
Logistics and Operations Support				
Supply chain and logistics	0	0	700,056	700,056
Operations management, coordination and support	739,922	0	600,726	1,340,648
Subtotal	739,922	0	1,300,782	2,040,704
2016 Original Budget	7,207,119	655,501	34,777,804	42,640,424
Increase / Decrease	-10,250	10,250	-386,510	-386,510
2016 Final Budget	7,196,869	665,751	34,391,294	42,253,914