

Yulia*, 9, lives in a small village in Ukraine and has had trouble sleeping since the war. Save the Children is supporting Yulia's* family with cash transfers, so they can pay for food, medicine, and school supplies.

UKRAINE RESPONSE

ONE YEAR ON: **IMPACT REPORT**



Save the Children

On 24th February 2022, the lives of 7.5 million children from Ukraine changed forever

The war in Ukraine triggered the largest and fastest refugee crisis in Europe since the Second World War. Almost one year on, and it continues to have a devastating impact on children.

More than 27 million people will need humanitarian assistance in Ukraine and neighbouring countries this year. Thanks to our supporters and partners, we can be there for children and families, as long as it takes.

FOREWORD

By Sonia Khush, Country Director of Save the Children Ukraine

One year ago, a senseless war entered the lives of millions of children in Ukraine. Chased by rapidly spreading hostilities, thousands of families were forced to flee. Children saw their homes and schools being destroyed, and their loved ones being killed by shelling and missiles. As the war in Ukraine enters its second year, children continue to be subjected to new depths of violence, with no end on the horizon.

Children didn't start this war, but they are paying a heavy price, and I've seen first-hand the unimaginable toll it's taking on them. But I've also seen their determination and resilience. A child who gets the mental health support they need can talk about what they lived through, and start their journey to recovery. And a child who goes to school can connect with their friends and teachers, and make the most of the joy, development, and learning that education provides.

This is why the work of Save the Children and our partners is so crucial, and this is where your support made an incredible difference. In the first days of the war, we were at border crossings in Poland and Romania helping children and families in freezing temperatures. Not long after, we scaled up our



Sonia (left) with Larysa*, who Save the Children supported with cash transfers

Kateryna Alienko/ Save the Children

response in Ukraine. Today, we have a team of 300 staff working across Ukraine. Together with our partners, we helped more than 1 million children and families in Ukraine and across Europe.

The bulk of our work is still ahead, as the number of people in need in Ukraine grows every day. But we know children need more than humanitarian aid. What they need is hope. Hope that this war will end, so they can return home, be reunited with their friends and families, live in peace, and aspire for a brighter future. Your support gives children hope, and it makes sure we can keep working to help children and families recover and rebuild their lives.



Oleksandr Khomenko/ Save the Children

This school in Kharkiv is just one of 48 that has been destroyed since the start of the academic year in September - an average of one every other day. Save the Children is helping rehabilitate damaged schools in Ukraine, and is setting up Digital Learning Centres so children can access online education. We are also training teachers, developing learning resources, and distributing Education Kits, just like the one Olesia* received, which contained pens and pencils, notepads, and educational materials.



Olesia*, 10, was living with her family in a temporary shelter in Chernivtsi

Paul Wu/ Save the Children

HOW YOUR DONATIONS AND SUPPORT ARE HELPING CHILDREN

1,095,323

people reached with humanitarian aid

Thanks to our supporters and partners, we made a difference in the lives of 614,118 children

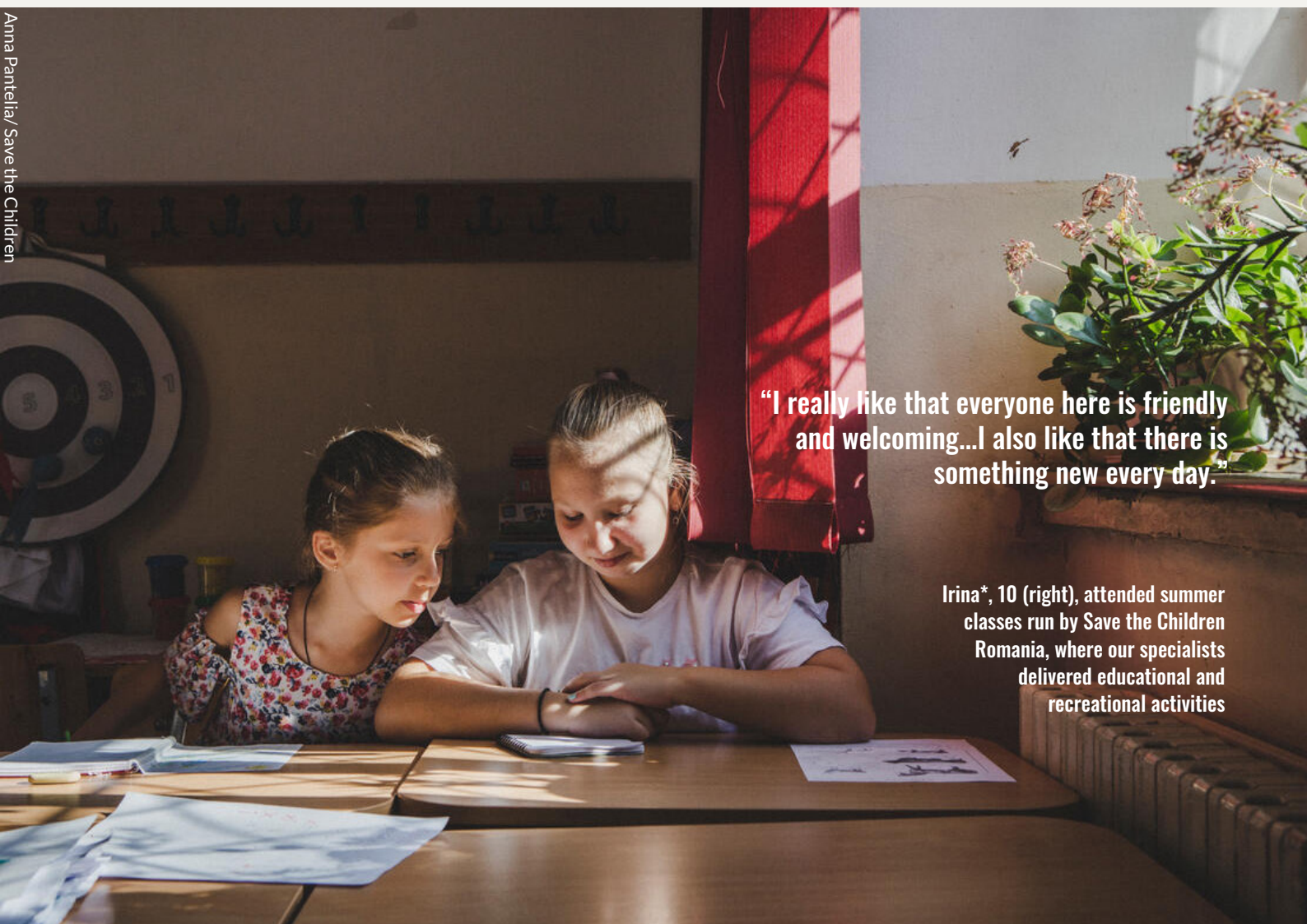
In 2022, Save the Children provided humanitarian aid and essential services such as food and water, cash transfers, psychosocial support, and safe spaces, to 1,095,323 children and families across Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Lithuania.

By bringing together the best of our experience in humanitarian emergencies and long-term programmes, we were able to help children and families through the toughest time in their lives, wherever they were.

We worked closely with partners, communities, and authorities in Ukraine and across Europe to make sure children and families had the support they needed, just like we've been doing since we started working in Ukraine in 2014.

Survival is only the beginning for children from Ukraine. But thanks to your support, our teams can help keep children from Ukraine safe, healthy, and learning for years to come.

Anna Pantelija/Save the Children



“I really like that everyone here is friendly and welcoming...I also like that there is something new every day.”

Irina*, 10 (right), attended summer classes run by Save the Children Romania, where our specialists delivered educational and recreational activities

OUR RESPONSE IN UKRAINE AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

In 2022, Save the Children supported more than 1,095,323 people, including 614,118 children, across Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Lithuania

1,095,323
people, including
614,118
children, reached with humanitarian aid



34,770

PEOPLE RECEIVED MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Kateryna*, 16, lives in Italy with her family. At first, Kateryna* found it difficult to settle and make friends. With the help of Save the Children staff, she started participating in activities with other children her age.



35,969

FAMILIES SUPPORTED WITH CASH TRANSFERS

Halyna*, from Azerbaijan, was living in Ukraine when she was forced to flee to Poland with her children, Maxim*, 14, Alexandr*, 12, Nazar*, 10, and Polina*, 6. Save the Children is helping thousands of families like them with cash and vouchers, so they can buy what they need.



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CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES SET UP

Mariia*, 7, and her family were forced to hide in their basement when the war started. Now, Maria* can visit a Child Friendly Space run by one of our partners, where she can socialise, play, and feel like a child again.



Paul Wu/ Save the Children

“The children are happy, they come, spend time here, play, learn - that is amazing.”

50 SCHOOLS and **83** DIGITAL LEARNING CENTRES SUPPORTED

Victoriia*, a teacher from Ukraine, is helping Sophiia* with her homework at a Digital Learning Centre in Poland. Save the Children is making sure children don't miss out on their education, by supporting schools and Digital Learning Centres.



Kateryna Alienko/ Save the Children

61,986 HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTED

Antonina*, 2, and her mother, Dana*, were displaced inside Ukraine. They received a Hygiene Kit from our partner, Pomgaem, which contained supplies like toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, towels, and more.



“I am happy because there are a lot of sport activities, and I am also happy because I found new friends.”

Paul Wu/ Save the Children

1,847 CHILDREN ATTENDED SUMMER CAMPS

Daria*, 12, attended a summer camp run by our partner in Poland. At camps like this across Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Lithuania, children made friends, played sports, did crafts and relaxation activities, practiced languages, and went on field trips.



\$122M RESPONSE

Save the Children launched a \$122M response across Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Lithuania in 2022



42 PARTNERS

Save the Children worked with 42 partner organisations to help children and families, wherever they were



\$27M CASH TRANSFERS

We provided \$27M in cash transfers in Ukraine and Poland, because that's what families told us they needed the most

OUR RESPONSE IN UKRAINE

Since 24th February 2022, Save the Children Ukraine supported 802,546 people, including 436,529 children, with humanitarian aid and essential services

802,465
people, including
436,529
children, reached
inside Ukraine

Save the Children is working with local partners, authorities, and communities across Ukraine, to deliver life-saving assistance such as cash transfers, food and clean water, psychosocial support, and more.

Building on our existing programmes, we worked across 7 sectors, 24 regions, and with 33 partners in 2022. Over 40% of our funding went to our partners, who were critical to our response. Together, we made sure more than 436,500 children in Ukraine were safe, healthy, and learning.

**As our programmes are integrated and multi-sector, some people are counted twice in different sectors*

PEOPLE including CHILDREN*

PROTECTION	66,838	55,130
EDUCATION	27,747	27,515
HEALTH	45,200	24,518
NUTRITION	44,599	26,683
FOOD, SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS	189,308	77,227
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE	474,153	255,900
SHELTER & NON-FOOD ITEMS	34,291	15,801

“The money helped us to dress the children...to buy stationary, some stocks of food, to pay for utilities, to pay for a flat we rented when the war started. Also, some educational games, we bought some toys. We are very grateful.”

Oksana* and her daughter Khrystyna*, 8, sheltered in a basement for weeks with little food, electricity, and heating. They slept in their clothes and shoes, just in case they were forced to flee. Save the Children is supporting their family with cash transfers.



RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

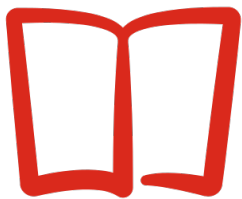


CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE

Save the Children Ukraine is delivering multi-purpose Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) to more than 96,000 people - almost half (43%) are children, and one quarter are children and adults with disabilities (22%). In 2022, we provided almost \$26M in cash transfers in Ukraine. Aside from the UN, this is the second largest CVA programme in Ukraine by value, and fourth largest by number of people supported. Through our feedback and accountability mechanisms, families tell us cash is what they need most right now. It helps them buy essential items in a dignified and efficient way that supports local economies.

CHILD PROTECTION

Together with our partners, Save the Children Ukraine is running 17 Child Friendly Spaces, where children can socialise, play, and feel like children again. Specialists are on hand to provide psychosocial support and help children process their experiences. We are also providing kits containing everything our partners need to set up a Child Friendly Space, and Bunker Kits for children near the frontline. They include toys, games, arts and crafts, and mental health activities for children while they shelter in basements and bunkers.

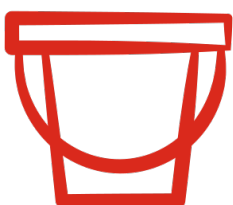


EDUCATION

Save the Children Ukraine set up 32 Digital Learning Centres (DLC), so children can continue their education and access online classes, and we are planning to open 100 across Ukraine. We are also repairing damaged schools and kindergartens, making sure school bunkers are safe for children, and providing training and equipment for teachers. To help children learn, we distributed 2,400 Education Kits, which include pens, colouring pencils, notepads, and educational materials.

HEALTH

Save the Children Ukraine helped 45,200 people, including 24,518 children, access essential healthcare services. We provided medical equipment, supplies, and technical expertise to hospitals and mobile health teams, including donating much-needed mobility aids like children's wheelchairs and crutches to our local partner.



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WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

Save the Children Ukraine is coordinating with other humanitarian organisations, the UN, and local authorities, to provide equipment to repair damaged water supply systems. In Chernihiv, we rehabilitated a borehole supplying water to 14,000 people. We distributed 40,000 Hygiene Kits with our partners, and we are making sure families can access clean drinking water. We are providing water coolers and bottles to Collective Centres (accommodation centres for people who are internally displaced) in Dnipro, Poltava, and Zaporizhzhia, and we delivered over 12,600 bottles of water to Kherson.

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)s

Save the Children Ukraine is working closely with partners to distribute essential items, including beds and mattresses, to children and families in Collective Centres. We are also helping rehabilitate damaged schools and hospitals, and we are providing hard-fuel boilers to critical infrastructure to keep the heating on for vulnerable children and families.



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OUR REGIONAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

292,858
people, including
177,589
children, reached
across three countries

In 2022, Save the Children supported 292,858 people who were forced to flee their homes, including 177,589 children, as part of our Regional Refugee Response across Poland, Romania, and Lithuania



Cash, vouchers, and food to meet families' urgent needs



Warm clothes and blankets, Hygiene Kits, and Baby Kits



Providing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support to children and families



Setting up Child Friendly Spaces to provide a safe and supportive environment for children



Establishing Digital Learning Centres and providing training and materials to schools



Strengthening Child Protection by providing specialist services like case management



Providing information about healthcare, childcare, education, legal support, and housing



Running summer camps with activities designed to support children's needs

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POLAND

Kristiana Marton / Save the Children

In Poland, our summer camps supported children's mental health and wellbeing through activities like sports, arts and crafts, and field trips



ROMANIA

Anna Pantelaj / Save the Children

Over 100 children attended our summer school in Bucharest, where specialists delivered educational and recreational activities



LITHUANIA

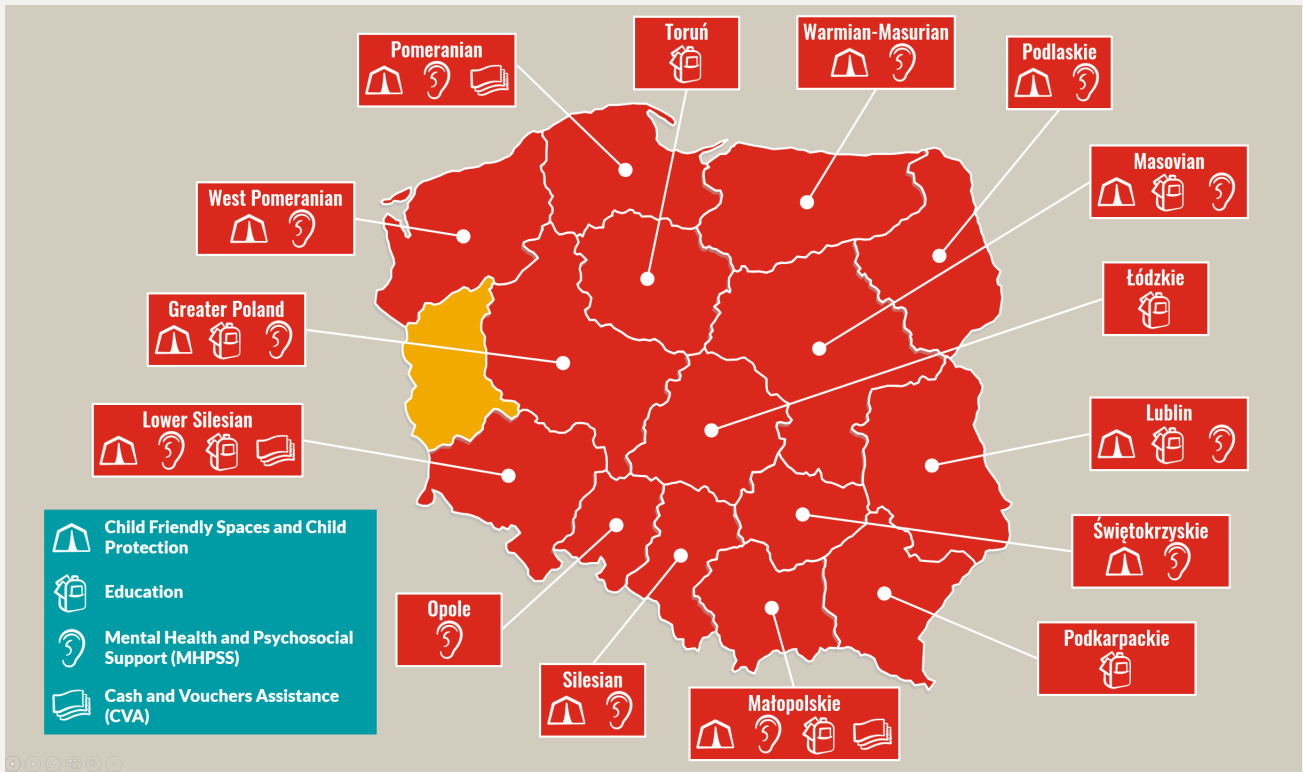
Darius Pacevicius / Save the Children

In Lithuania, we delivered activities such as arts therapy and sports to help children feel connected to their new communities

POLAND
37,892
people reached

Save the Children Poland supported 37,892 people, including 31,918 children, with humanitarian aid and essential services

Save the Children teams are providing multi-purpose Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA), and working closely with partners to deliver Child Protection and Education services, with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) embedded across all our programmes.



We reached **3,728 people**, including **1,804 children**, with Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) in Poland

We helped **22,046 children** access safe, quality, and inclusive education across **15 schools** and **32 Digital Learning Centres**

Together with our partners, we set up Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in reception centres across Poland

“The teachers here are very good, and the kids are very nice.”

Anzhela*, 8, visits a Digital Learning Centre run by our partner, FRSI, three times a week, where she makes friends, practices her Polish, and gets help with her homework



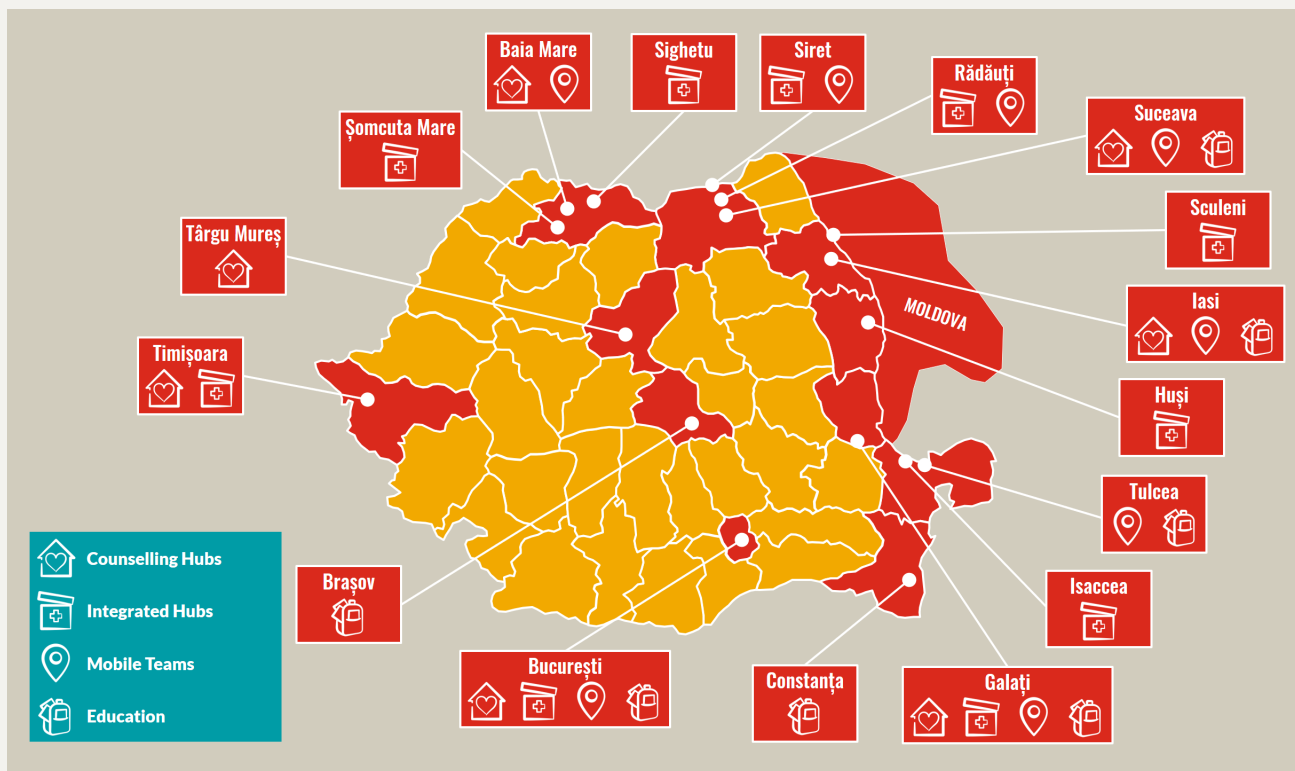
ROMANIA

230,823

people reached

Save the Children Romania supported 230,823 people, including 125,202 children, with humanitarian aid and essential services

Save the Children has been working in Romania since 1991, and mobilised rapidly to support the first refugees who crossed the border from Ukraine. In 2022, we worked across 8 Counselling Hubs, 10 border crossings, 8 accommodation centres and camps, as well as through mobile teams.



We reached **5,320 families** with Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) in Romania

We set up **8 Counselling Hubs**, where we provide counselling sessions, case management, and educational and social activities

We provide learning materials, equipment, and training to schools, and help children access remote learning



“Parents come to me with their children... with anxiety problems, problems of adapting to new conditions”

Saltanat is a psychologist with Save the Children Romania and she provides Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for children and families in our Counselling Hub in Bucharest

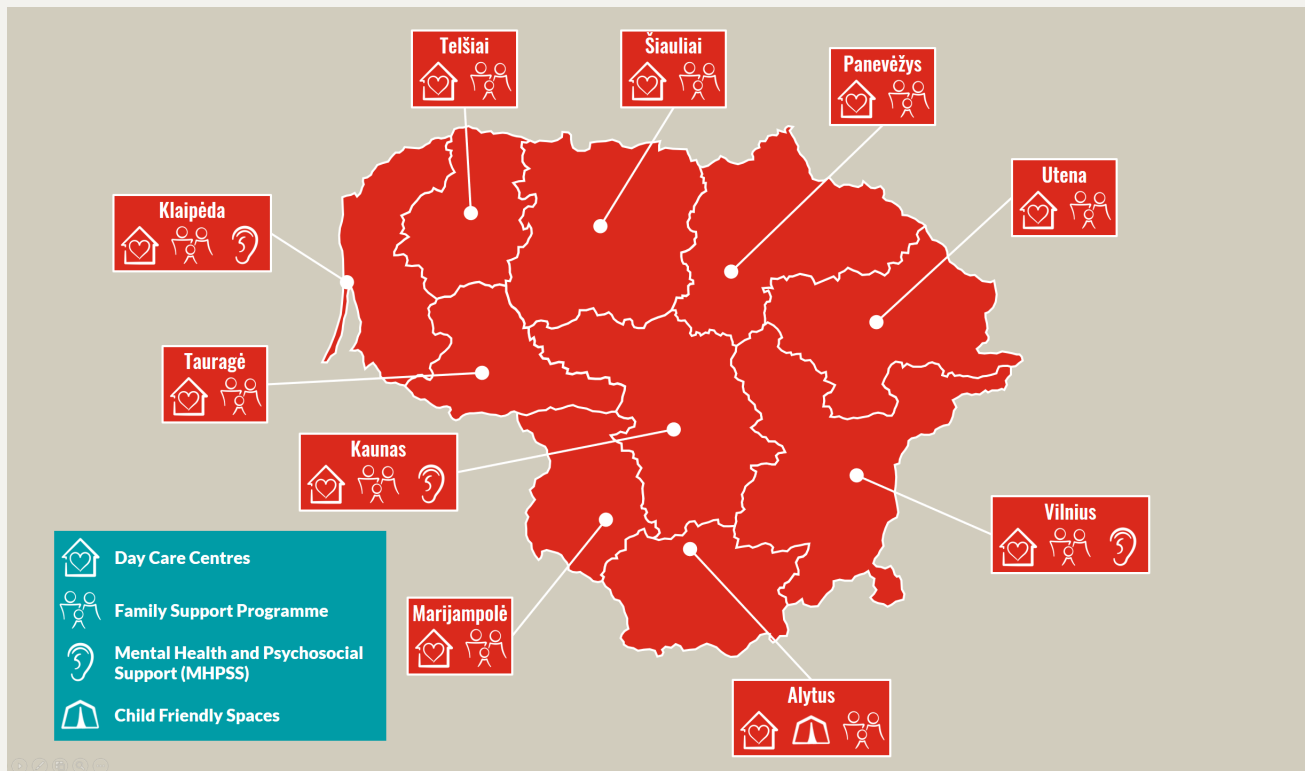
LITHUANIA

24,143

people reached

Save the Children Lithuania supported 24,143 people, including 20,468 children, with humanitarian aid and essential services

Save the Children Lithuania currently run 48 Day-Care Centres (DCCs) and one Child and Family Centre. We deliver programmes across Child Poverty, Child Protection, Education, and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), and advocate nationally for children's rights.



We deliver art therapy and play-based activities, and provide referrals and items in our Child Friendly Spaces

We provided Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to **9,770 people**

We distributed **2,000 back-to-school kits**, to make sure children had everything they need for the new school year

“Employees of Save the Children Lithuania were very helpful. They were taking care of my baby...”

Alisa*, 22, is mother to 7-month old Kiril*. Save the Children organised horseriding lessons to help relieve Alisa's* stress and anxiety.



TOGETHER WITH PARTNERS



In 2022, Save the Children worked closely with 42 partner organisations in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. Without their support and expertise, we would not have been able to reach more than 1 million people with humanitarian aid and essential services.

In Ukraine, we spent 40% of our funding through our 33 partners. This enabled us to provide life-saving assistance to communities who were affected by active fighting. By working together with local and national partners, we can make sure our long-term response is effective, sustainable, high-quality, and meeting children and families' needs.



Ihor*, 6, painting in a Child Friendly Space while his mother, Polina* participated in parental classes

Kateryna Alieko/ Save the Children

SMILE UA UKRAINE

"The most important thing is that this help, you can touch it, you can feel it...This is directly on the ground and immediately the work is done." Yurii, a psychologist with Smile UA, describing our partnership.

Our partner, Smile UA, run Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) for displaced children in Ukraine. Their trained psychologists design activities to promote the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children. Save the Children is providing technical expertise, equipment and materials, and salaries for staff.

SLAVIC HEART UKRAINE

"Cooperation with Save the Children is always a guarantee of a professional approach, clear interaction and understanding of the situation, quick response to changing circumstances, the opportunity to gain new knowledge and improve our team's qualifications...which ensures high-quality assistance to children." Natalia, Head of Slavic Heart, describing their experience working with Save the Children.

Slavic Heart and Save the Children have worked closely in Eastern Ukraine for several years. Together, we support children and families in hard-to-reach areas with cash transfers, psychosocial support, and essential items like Hygiene Kits and Bunker Kits.



We deliver Bunker Kits to children near the frontline, containing toys, games, arts and crafts, and activities to manage stress

Kateryna Alieko/ Save the Children



Children from Ukraine attending class at one of Unbreakable Ukraine's schools in Poland

Paul Wu/ Save the Children

UNBREAKABLE UKRAINE POLAND

"Thanks to our cooperation, we have our own home where all children feel at home and comfortable...we can provide children with everything necessary...Save the Children pays for the premises and provides us with the money for teacher's incentives." Victoriia, President of Unbreakable Ukraine, describing our partnership.

Our partner, Unbreakable Ukraine, set up three schools where children are taught the Ukrainian curriculum by teachers from Ukraine, alongside Polish language and culture to help them feel at home in their host communities. Save the Children is providing equipment like tablets, training and wellbeing support for teachers, meals for students, and salaries for staff.

WINTERISATION

Families face an impossibly difficult winter, as parents struggle to keep their children warm in damaged homes, with ongoing hostilities and constant power outages.

Over winter, Save the Children is supporting vulnerable families and communities in Ukraine with:

- Fuel and cash transfers to pay for heating expenses and utility bills
- Winter supplies like thermal blankets, quilts, and mattresses
- Preparing Collective Centres and other facilities for winter
- In Poland and Romania, we are providing Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) top-ups, to help families with rising costs.

“Sometimes there is no light for 14 hours. And when there is no light, we have no heating. We turn on the gas oven and that’s how we keep ourselves warm.”

Larysa*, 68, lives alone in Bucha after her children and grandchildren fled Ukraine. Save the Children supported Larysa* with cash transfers, which she used to replace damaged windows.

Olena Dudchenko/ Save the Children

MENTAL HEALTH

The war is having a devastating impact on children’s mental health. Here are some of the ways Save the Children is helping children and families:

- Psychologists work with children and families so they can talk about and process their experiences
- Using art, dance, and dog therapy to relieve stress and tension, and help children express themselves
- Running Child Friendly Spaces
- Providing Psychological First Aid (PFA) to staff working in schools and reception centres
- Raising awareness about the **impact on children’s mental health**

“I miss my friends...Because now I don’t have any contact with them, except for a mobile phone and there’s no way to relax with them, talk...”

Ivan*, 17, misses his friends after fleeing Ukraine with his family. He started making new friends in Italy, but finds it difficult because of the language barrier. Save the Children is providing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to Ivan* and his family.

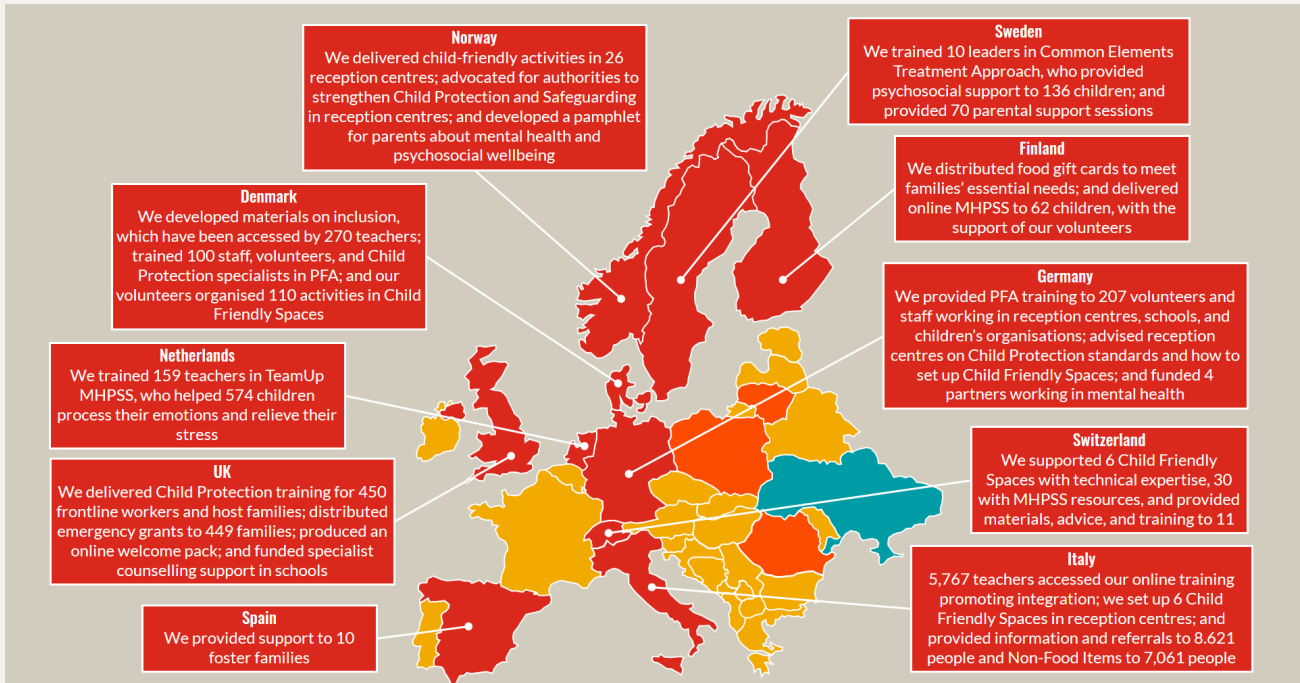
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OUR RESPONSE ACROSS EUROPE

31,510
people from Ukraine
reached in 10 countries

Alongside our major responses in Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Lithuania, Save the Children is supporting children and families from Ukraine in Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK.



We provided **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support** (MHPSS) to help children and families, including delivering MHPSS to children in schools in Sweden and to our volunteers in the Netherlands, and providing Psychological First Aid (PFA) training to staff working in schools and reception centres in Denmark, Germany, Finland, and Norway.

We made sure children were protected by strengthening **Child Protection** services. In Italy, we provided specialist case management services; in Germany, we advised temporary reception centres on Child Protection and Safeguarding to promote quality standards; and in Germany and Switzerland, we provided technical expertise to Child Friendly Spaces.

Across Europe, we worked closely with local authorities, organisations, and governments to **strengthen systems** and **advocate for change**. By providing technical expertise, we were able to amplify our impact beyond direct reach. We delivered training to **6,867 people** who provide services to children and families from Ukraine, and we estimate they will go on to support more than **54,800 people**.

Svitlana*, 7, playing in a Child Friendly Space in a temporary shelter in Germany



Save the Children supported 121 Child Friendly Spaces across Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland

FUNDING OUR RESPONSE

Together, we made a difference in the lives of 614,118 children across Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Lithuania in 2022. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our supporters and partners, we can continue our work for years to come, as long as it takes.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (USD)

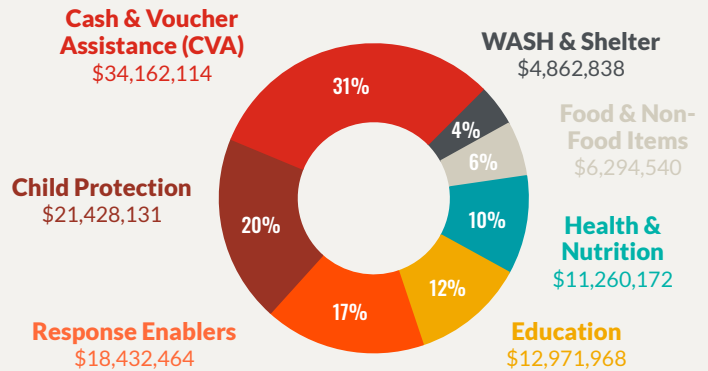
Total spent (FEBRUARY - DECEMBER 2022)	\$109,412,230
Total budget (FEBRUARY - DECEMBER 2022)	\$122,274,232
Total flexible funding (2022 - 2024)	\$109,240,547
Total secured (2022 - 2024)	\$257,663,495

In February 2022, Save the Children launched a \$122M response across Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Lithuania. Against the backdrop of significant operational challenges, and the impact of active fighting and displacement on our team in Ukraine, we spent 89% of our planned budget for 2022.

We have been deeply moved by the support of Save the Children's donors and partners, who helped us respond rapidly and save lives. In total, Save the Children has secured \$257M for our multi-year response in Ukraine and neighbouring countries, including \$109M in flexible funds.

OUR RESPONSE IN 2022

This is how we spent our funding between February - December 2022. Through our feedback and accountability mechanisms, families told us that they urgently needed cash. In 2022, multi-purpose Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) was our largest programme, followed by Child Protection, because we know that children are at increased risk of violence, abuse, and exploitation in an emergency.



Our plan for 2023

The scale and severity of children and families' needs are enormous, and rising every day. More than 27 million people will need humanitarian assistance in Ukraine and neighbouring countries in 2023. This year, we have a \$166.6M plan to reach more more than 1 million people, including 543,000 children, across Ukraine, Poland, and Romania. We will continue to prioritise multi-purpose Cash and Vouchers Assistance (CVA), Child Protection, Education, and distributions of essential aid.

FLEXIBLE HUMANITARIAN FUNDING

	2022 flexible funds allocated	2022 flexible funds spent	2023 projected flexible funds spend
Ukraine	\$36,426,269	\$22,911,783 (63%)	\$36,665,340
Poland	\$9,625,000	\$2,475,309 (26%)	\$12,149,691
Romania	\$3,860,000	\$3,981,480 (103%)	\$4,878,520
Lithuania	\$2,365,301	\$1,877,301 (79%)	\$931,040
MENAE Regional Office (deployed staff, Universal Cash Assistance Network)	\$4,317,212	\$2,298,541 (53%)	-
European Members	\$829,272	\$447,958 (54%)	-
Georgia	\$280,961	\$107,117 (38%)	-
Greece	\$220,000	\$118,870 (58%)	-

\$58.4M allocated in 2022

In 2022, we allocated \$58.4M of flexible funds to more than 8 countries. On 24th February 2022, we allocated \$2M from the Humanitarian Fund to Ukraine, which was accessible within two days. Two weeks earlier, we allocated \$320K to support planning and preparedness. We didn't have to wait to respond, and we could kickstart distributions of food, hygiene kits, and warm clothes, and set up essential child protection services.

In 2022, we spent more than 58% of this first allocation, and flexible funds that were allocated but not spent were carried over. Allocations are phased across multiple years, so we can be prepared for future spikes in displacement and hostilities. We are committed to making long-term, flexible funding available to our partners. In 2022, almost one third (\$17.8M) of our flexible funding was allocated to partners.

\$109.2M raised in total

With your support, Save the Children raised \$109.2M in flexible funds to help children and families who have been impacted by this war. This is not a short-term response and could continue for years. Thanks to our supporters and partners, we can establish a foundation that will create sustainable, long-lasting change for children.



Victoria* is a doctor from Ukraine, and is currently working as a social worker with Save the Children Romania, where she organises child-friendly activities to help children's mental health and emotional wellbeing

Anna Panella/Save the Children

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Your generosity means we can help children make it through the toughest time in their lives. Thanks to your support, we were able to respond quickly and we can continue our work as long as it takes for children and families to recover and rebuild.



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