

# 365 days of war and displacement for Ukraine's children

The children and families of Ukraine have now endured 365 days of violence, trauma, loss, destruction, and displacement since the war escalated in February 2022. Of the 8 million refugees fleeing from Ukraine across Europe, the majority are women and children.

In Ukraine, civilian infrastructure has been significantly damaged or destroyed, severely impacting children and communities' access to electricity, heating, water and telecommunications. Without electricity, children are facing a freezing winter, with temperatures dropping below -20°C. After one year of war, the loss of family income, the energy and socioeconomic crisis triggered by the war are devastating to the well-being of children. Schools and health facilities have been severely

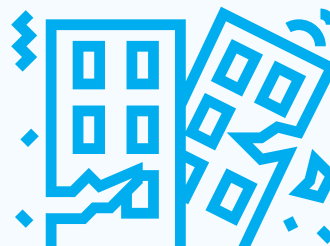
damaged or destroyed. Without access to education, a generation of children from Ukraine will now grow up without the skills they need for their future.

In neighbouring countries, refugee children face multiple barriers in accessing education and health services. The devastating effects of the war on children's mental well-being can have long-term consequences on the future generation. Children are in desperate need for safety, stability, protection and psychosocial care and are facing challenges in the difficult process of starting over in the countries that host them. Those who have been separated from their parents are also at higher risk of abuse, exploitation and trafficking as they flee violence. **After 365 days of war, children of Ukraine desperately need peace.**

## Impact of war on children



Thousands of primary and secondary schools damaged or destroyed



More than **5,000,000** children in Ukraine have had their education disrupted<sup>iii</sup>



**2** OUT OF **3**

Ukrainian refugee children are currently not enrolled in the host country's education system

An estimated **1,500,000**

children<sup>iv</sup> have their mental health severely impacted by the traumatic experience of the war

● 1 child killed ● 1 child injured

**487**  
Children killed

**954**  
Children injured<sup>i</sup>

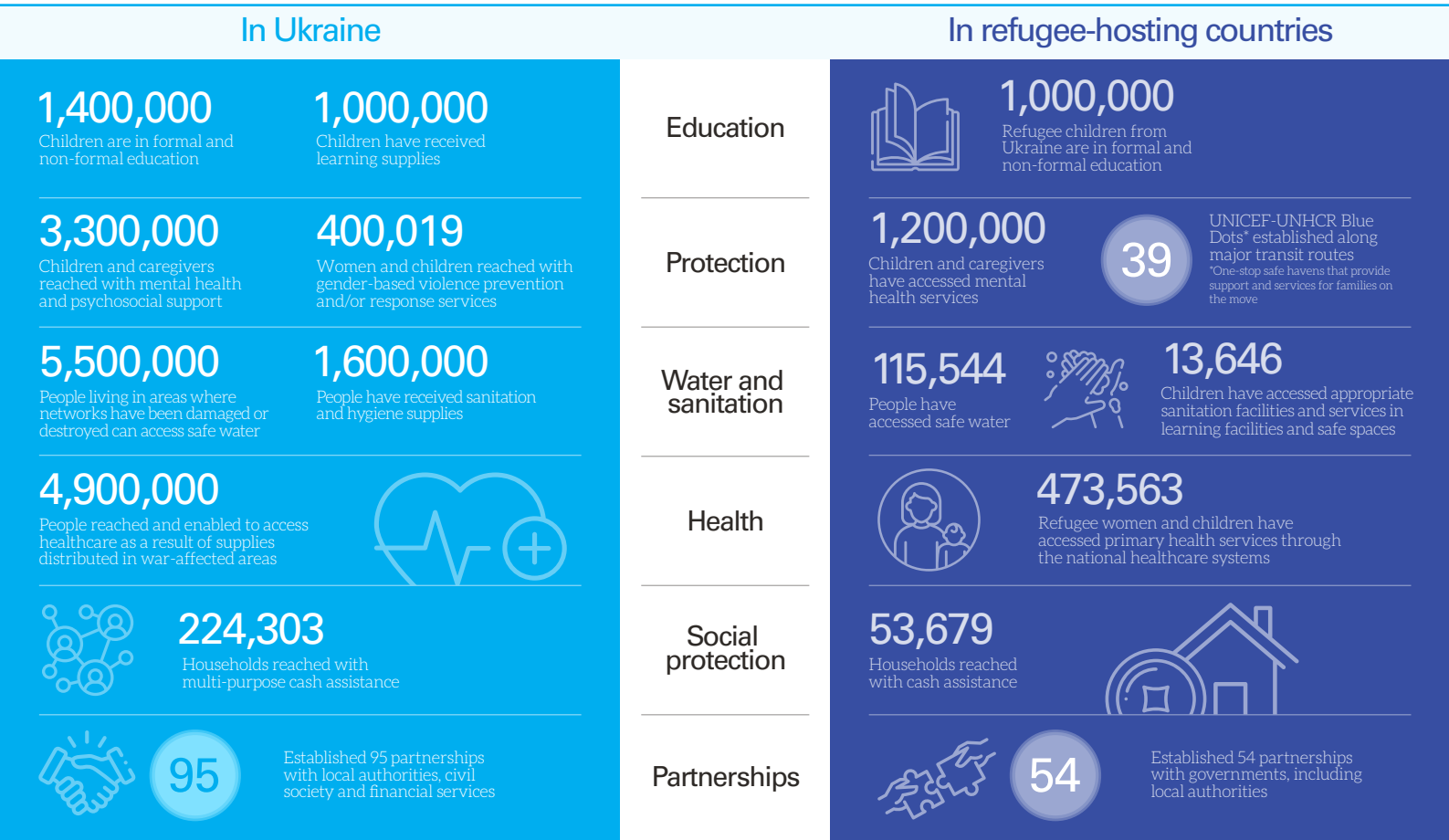


**4,100,000**

Children in need of humanitarian assistance inside Ukraine<sup>ii</sup>

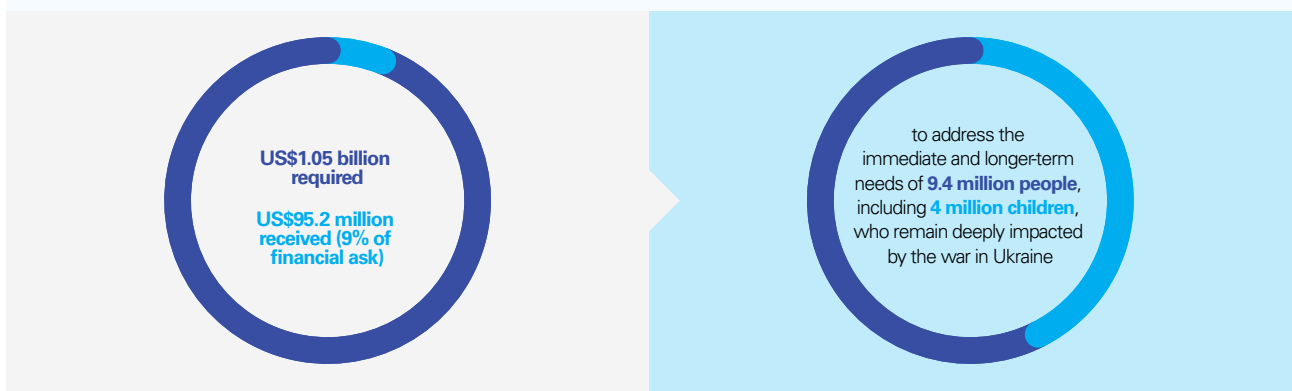
# UNICEF's response

UNICEF was in Ukraine before the war escalated, and in the 365 days since, we have stayed and delivered. In countries hosting refugees from Ukraine<sup>iv</sup>, UNICEF works with national and local authorities, as well as civil society organizations to deliver emergency assistance and support services to families fleeing conflict in Ukraine.



## Moving forward – resources needed to continue supporting children

### UNICEF Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal



Funding will enable UNICEF to provide, sustain and expand critical services in health, nutrition, child protection, gender-based violence, water and sanitation, and social protection alongside government relief and recovery efforts. It will ensure timely preparedness for additional internal displacements and refugee movements.

<sup>i</sup> Civilian Casualties in Ukraine. OHCHR. 21 February 2023 <sup>ii</sup> Ukraine Humanitarian Response Plan. February 2023. OCHA. <sup>iii</sup> UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS). 2021 <sup>iv</sup> <https://www.wyi.org/publications/report/ukraine/no-peace-mind> <sup>v</sup> Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, and Türkiye.