MONTHLY FACTSHEET OF THE CASH FOR PROTECTION TASKFORCE (C4PTF) FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE

3rd April 2023

HOT TOPICS AND QUESTIONS OF THE MOMENT

- what is the difference between Cash for Protection, Emergency Case Management and Individual protection assistance?
- How can CVA be used to support evacuations?
- Closure of community centres - how to ensure a protective shelter and environment for families?
- What type of information on children should and should not be collected at registration stage, considering data protection risks? (E.g. birth certificates)
- What would the implications be of setting more restrictive selection criteria for cash assistance?
- Are the amounts made available to Ukrainian refugees as part of national protection schemes sufficient to meet their basic and protection needs?
- How to mitigate existing/future protection risks associated with lack of available and affordable shelter options?
- Should the CVA assistance still be limited to three months?
- How can agencies best support foster families with CVA?
- How to estimate the value of protection top ups in CVA calculations?
- How to set up referral mechanisms between CVA and Protection teams that are safe from a data protection perspective?

Purpose of this factsheet:

This Factsheet is produced on a monthly basis for Protection and Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) specialists who are considering, planning for, or already using CVA integrated into protection programming to support protection outcomes for individuals and households inside and outside of Ukraine. Key findings are paired with “hints” wherever possible based on the current state of information and best practice resources on how CVA for Protection can be applied.

This factsheet aims at addressing Cash for Protection broadly and relies on the key information provided by the Task Team members as well as the relevant clusters, AoRs and working groups. All previous factsheets are available via this link.

KEY FIGURES

- 5,4M estimated number of Ukrainian IDPs (link)
- 8,0M refugees fleeing Ukraine, 50% being children (link)
- 6,0M people have received MPCA assistance (link)

Role of the C4PTF in Ukraine (link to GPC C4PTF website)

- Provide technical guidance on the design of CVA & Protection assessments and activities and analysis of findings, including through the dissemination of tools and key resources
- Offer a space for collaboration and discussion to address key CVA and Protection challenges that emerge, ensuring sharing of best practices and lessons learnt.
- Adapt global guidance and tools
Key updates relevant to CVA & protection in Ukraine

Response general updates, funding updates
Coordination, Common Services and Cluster contacts (as of 24 March 2023) (link)
EC, Govt. Ukraine, UNHCR - Ukraine - Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment: February 2022–2023 (link) New joint assessment estimates that the cost of reconstruction and recovery in Ukraine has grown to US $411 billion (equivalent of €383 billion).
USAID - Rapid Response to Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine - March 30, 2023 (link)
USAID - Ukraine - Complex Emergency Fact Sheet #11, Fiscal Year (link)
UNHCR - Ukraine Situation Flash Update #43 (link)
UNHCR - Ukraine: UNHCR 2023 Programme Summary (link)
UNFPA - Ukraine Emergency Situation Report #17 (link)
UNICEF – Ukraine humanitarian situation report (February 2023) (link)
WFP – Ukraine situation report, March 2023 (link)
DRC - Ukraine Crisis Response: One Year (link) and Report on DRC's crisis response (link) - Europe Summary (link)

CVA
OCHA - Ukraine Cash Working Group, 08 February 2023 Meeting (link)
Gvt. of Ukraine - Social Protection of Vulnerable Groups: Request for Support from International Organizations (link)
  • Cash assistance as an alternative to ready-made sets of food, hygiene kits, clothing, etc. (provided that the infrastructure of the settlement allows for independent purchases)
  • Financing / co-financing of state social benefits (through the eDopomoha platform)
  • Financing of social services to support vulnerable groups, including to support their integration and resilience
  • Combination of hard and soft components (financial assistance + social services)
  • Supporting the care by family communities of those members who are most vulnerable - children, elderly, persons with disabilities through the provision of additional social services and financial assistance
  • Restoring and strengthening the work of social service providers in communities

Blockchain
UNHCR - UNHCR wins award for innovative use of blockchain solutions to provide cash to forcibly displaced in Ukraine (link)
  In December 2022, UNHCR successfully executed a small pilot to distribute cash assistance to a group of people displaced by the war in Ukraine in Circle Internet Financial’s USD Coin

KEY FIGURES
6M people assisted by MPCA as of 1/03/2023 (link) (1,92M in OCHA dashboard (link))
$1Bn amount disbursed in MPCA as of 8/12/2022 (link)

CVA RECOMMENDATIONS
74USD - 2200UAH per person per month / Shelter top-ups of 130USD per HH

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OCHA - AAP - Updated list of iNGOs and NGOs providing MPCA (link)
Key updates continued - **Ukraine**

WFP - Ukraine: Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) - Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance ([link](#))

- A third of respondents (36%) reported relying on governmental allowance as the primary source of income.
- The most common expenses covered with the assistance are food (reported by 76% of all respondents) and rent or other cost related to shelter (reported by 43% of respondents).
- The majority of respondents (71%) stated that they have been able to cover some of their priority needs with the assistance.

**General Protection updates**

Protection Cluster, UNHCR - Ukraine Protection Cluster Organogram, March 2023 ([link](#)) - Leaflet ([link](#)) & previous leaflet ([link](#)) - National Meeting Minutes ([link](#))

**Child Protection**

UNHCR - Ukraine Situation - Regional Child Protection Sub-Working Group - Meeting Minutes ([link](#))

Protection Cluster – CP AoR Referral Contact Details ([link](#))

Univ. of Birmingham – “Not a single safe place”: The Ukrainian refugees at risk of violence, trafficking and exploitation - Findings from Poland and Ukraine ([link](#))

This report examined the risks, experiences, and awareness of SGBV and trafficking in Poland and Ukraine to help develop adequate policy and safeguarding measures. Collected data comprises 32 interviews with refugee and internally displaced women (17 in Poland and 15 in Ukraine) and 14 interviews with national and local service providers in Poland.

HRW - “We Must Provide a Family, Not Rebuild Orphanages”: The Consequences of Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine for Children in Ukrainian Residential Institutions ([link](#))

The report documents risks to children from institutions in areas directly affected by the conflict as well as those evacuated to other areas of Ukraine or to European countries

UNICEF – Press release - UNICEF and Child Helpline International expand services to provide mental health support to children living inside Ukraine and in refugee-hosting countries ([link](#))

US DOS - Invocation of the OSCE Moscow Mechanism to Examine Reports of the Russian Federation’s Forcible Transfer and Deportation of Ukraine’s Children ([link](#))

**Mine action**

UNDP - Ukraine: Mine Action - SW Situation Report ([link](#))

**PSEA:**

UNHCR - Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse: Ukraine Emergency Response, Thematic update ([link](#))

This note outlines the ongoing and planned efforts by UNHCR and partners to prevent, mitigate risk of, and to respond to, SEA in Ukraine and refugee hosting countries

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Ground Truth Solutions – Assessment - Call for communication, collaboration, and cash: Perceptions of aid in Ukraine (link) With some recommendations -

2,023 people through quantitative phone surveys and 146 people through qualitative interviews. Research questions: How do affected people in Ukraine think the humanitarian response has fared, after almost one year of full-scale war? What are their priorities for aid provision and what should be done differently?

- Over half the people surveyed (55%) and three-quarters of people who self-identified as being in need have received aid or services at least once since the full-scale war began. Despite this high proportion, over half the Ukrainians surveyed say they need more assistance.
- Aid recipients most often receive food (77%) and cash and voucher assistance (CVA) (51%). People most often receive aid from international non-governmental organisations (NGOs), closely followed by governments and local volunteer groups.
- Older persons (60+ years old) are less satisfied than other groups with the assistance available to them, saying they need more support than other age groups.
- Women are more likely to identify as “in need” and are more likely to apply for aid than men.
- To apply for aid, people most often use official websites and apps from aid providers (51%). Older persons are more likely than younger people to use in-person or phone registration and less likely to use social media and official websites and apps.

MHPSS

MHPSS March Meeting minutes (link) February (link)

IMC, WHO - Meeting minutes - Technical working group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (link)

IFRC – Training and guidelines - Community-based psychosocial support (link)

The Introduction to Psychological First Aid presents a training module on basic psychological first aid skills / The Facilitator manual on community-based psychosocial support and the Volunteers manual on community-based psychosocial support provides resources for trainers and participants in key aspects of psychosocial support, including understanding the impact of crisis events, supportive communication, protection issues and self-care

Education Cluster, Gvt of Ukraine, UNESCO – Manual and guidelines - Mental health and psychosocial support in the field of education - Rules of application of the new brand identity (link)

As part of this joint MHPSS initiative, an Advocacy and Communication Strategy was developed, outlining the objective, expected outcomes as well as the potential products to be developed in order to disseminate and promote ideas for the transformation of MHPSS in Ukraine's education sector.

Anti-Trafficking task force

Regional ATTF Terms of Reference (link)

GITOC – Report - The vulnerable millions: Organized crime risks in Ukraine's mass displacement (link) This report assesses the extent to which those criminal actors succeeded in exploiting the opportunities within Ukraine and in Europe in 2022 – and where future risks may lie.

OSCE, OSRSG - OSCE and UN Special Reps statement on trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation and sexual violence in the context of war against Ukraine (link)
Key updates continued - Ukraine

**Age, Gender and Diversity**

**ActionAid - Standing up for our Rights: Feminist Insights from the Ukraine Response** (link)

The report provides practical recommendations to help humanitarian actors, donors and governments shift away from traditional humanitarian mechanisms towards adapting transformative and inclusive ways to reach those in need.

**GBV**

**Amnesty - Ukraine: Women face grave risks as Russia’s full-scale invasion enters its second year** (link)

- The full-scale invasion has been having a detrimental effect on women’s mental, physical and sexual and reproductive health
- Concerns raised over sexual and gender-based violence
- Women must have proactive role in decision-making processes

**New non-thematic assessments**

**General assessments and situation updates:**

**CIVIC - Self-Protection in Practice: Ukrainian Efforts to Avoid Harm During the Russian Invasion** (link)

The report shows how civilians have resorted to their own means to protect themselves while providing for the needs of the most vulnerable members of their communities.

**ICMPD – Analysis - Responding to displacement from Ukraine: Past, present, and future policies** (link)

Summarises various published scenarios for the war. Ultimately, the paper turns to its main purpose, namely to discuss different policy options at states’ disposal once temporary protection and similar schemes end. The discussion is built around the two central options available for beneficiaries of temporary protection, to remain in the host state or to return to Ukraine, while also setting out further ideas.

**OHCHR - Report on the human rights situation in Ukraine** (link)

**COAR - Critical Areas Situation Report - Vol. 2 | No.3** (link) with recommendations for donors and aid actors

**Collective sites assessments**

**CCCM Cluster - Maps of the active collective sites and inactive collective sites ready to host IDPs in emergency** (link) (check map)

**CCCM Cluster, REACH - Ukraine: Multisectoral CCCM Vulnerability Index - Round 5 - Collective Sites Monitoring Household Survey** (from November 2022) (link) (check map)

Twenty-one per cent (21%) of HHs in CSs reportedly faced an extreme vulnerability level in protection, with the highest proportions in Zaporizka (77%), Dnipropetrovska (56%), Kyivska (42%) and Chernihivska (31%) oblasts (check map)
Displacement figures:
The number of Ukrainian refugees increased slightly over the past month with over 8.113 million individuals recorded across Europe; there were an estimated 5.562 million returns (both IDPs and refugees), an increase of 326K.
Total IDP numbers dropped by 562K between early December 2022 and mid-January 2023, but displacement continues with a reported 375K individuals newly displaced during that time. Returnees outnumber IDPs for the first time.
The demographic profile of displaced groups and returnees are generally constant with the main exception being the increase in elderly persons in returnee households. Returnee households continue to be less likely to contain other vulnerable members such as those with disabilities or children.

Protection
9.6 million people are at risk of mental health issues according to WHO, 3.6 million people are estimated to be in need of GBV prevention and response services and 3.4 million children are estimated to be in need of protection services (USAID 24/02/2023, World Vision 22/02/2023, UNFPA 20/02/2023).
This past year, children have been suffering greatly from the conflict, facing constant protection and health risks, especially those who are unaccompanied.
The loss of documentation coupled with the challenges faced by the populations to acquire new ones has hampered access to multiple services.
Gender-based violence remains a major concern for the population in the conflict/affected areas and in displacement settings.
Children continue to report feelings of isolation, stress, and anxiety across Ukraine with many reports hinting towards an increase in substance abuse and other negative coping strategies amongst teenagers in conflict affected oblasts.
Organizations continue to flag the restricted freedom of movement of civilians residing in conflict/affected areas and in areas under Russian control.
Mental health concerns continue to grow amongst older people in Ukraine.

Cross Sectoral
Ongoing hostilities have led to wide scale damage and massive displacement, restricting access to most basic services and goods for the populations in conflict-affected areas and in areas hosting displaced people. Areas where control has recently been retaken by Ukraine forces have also particularly badly affected.
Attacks on energy infrastructure have further limited access to critical services across the country, with widespread destruction of infrastructure in the east of the country, temporarily depriving millions of people of access to electricity, heat, and water. The lack of financial resources and the high prices of goods and services have contributed to restricting households from meeting their basic needs, leading a large part of the population to heavily rely on government and humanitarian assistance.
The HNO estimates that 17.6 million people in Ukraine are in need of assistance, representing close to 40% of the population of the country. Among those, just over 4 million are children. This includes approximately 6.3 million IDPs and 6.9 million non-IDPs along with 4.4 million returnees. Across all the population groups, women constitute approximately 45% of the people in need compared with 32% being men (COAR 06/03/2023, HelpAge 23/02/2023, REACH 22/02/2023, HRP 15/02/2023, OCHA 10/02/2023).

Livelihoods
Unemployment continues to have an impact across all population groups in Ukraine. Estimates from ILO and the Government of Ukraine both point to continued high rates of unemployment as a result of millions of jobs being lost due to the conflict. Rural communities, IDPs and elderly persons are amongst those most affected although there is evidence of a pickup in the labour market in some areas.
IDPs and Returnees in particular face barriers to accessing employment. A lack of suitable jobs, responsibilities for caring for other household members, language barriers and age were some of the most cited barriers.
The loss of jobs whether through displacement, conflict or other factors is negatively impacting many households’ income levels, leaving many unable to afford their basic needs, with IDPs and returnees particularly affected.
Many households are now dependent on state subsidies or humanitarian aid with IDPs, households in areas heavily impacted by the conflict and elderly persons the most affected.
Inflation continues to erode the purchasing power of households.
Key updates relevant to CVA & protection in Poland

**Overall updates**
- Dashboard – UNHCR Refugees from Ukraine registered in Poland, by district (link)
- UNHCR - Poland Operational Update, 15 March 2023 (link)
- Ukraine Emergency - UNHCR Poland Factsheet (link)
- UNHCR Poland: 2022 Key Achievements (link)
- UNHCR - Poland Protection Monitoring Brief #2 (August to November 2022) (link)
- UNHCR Poland Protection Monitoring and Profiling Coverage in 2022 (link)
- UNICEF - Hope amid crisis: One year of UNICEF’s response in Poland for children and families fleeing war in Ukraine (link)

**Age, Gender and Diversity**
- WHO – Press release - Age-friendly Cities and Communities are leading the way in supporting older people, including Ukrainian refugees, in Poland (link)

**GBV**
- UNHCR – Press release UN expert on violence against women and girls to visit Poland (link)

  This report focuses on TCNs’ border crossing movements in and out of Ukraine, as well as on their registered presence across European countries and on their profiles, needs and intentions. About 60 per cent of total border crossings reported are from OECD 3 countries, while 40 per cent are from non OECD ones.

**CASH**
- UNHCR - Poland: Cash Working Group - Terms of Reference (link)
- REACH, UNHCR – Poland: Refugee Accommodation overview - Sites Mapping and Monitoring in Poland (December - 2022) (link)

**PCPM**
- PCPM - Post Distribution Monitoring for Cash for Work Program for Ukrainian Refugees in Poland - March 2023 (link)

  The surveys were conducted in September 2022 (272 respondents), December 2022 (286 respondents) and February 2023 (461 respondents).

  Finding employment, and thereby means to sustain oneself, has been the main challenge facing Ukrainians who found refuge in Poland. The CfW Program responded to this challenge by providing emergency employment to those in need, yet it proved to be more than just an income-generating opportunity. The Program helped the employed refugees to integrate with the local community in Poland, improve their knowledge of Polish, become self-independent and reduce stress related to displacement.

  Expenditures: Food and rent were the two main expenditure items for CfW employees’ households.

**Most commonly reported reasons to return**
- Financial reasons 13%
- Because situation is better 11%
- Temporary visit 5%
- Employment 4%

**KEY FIGURES**
- 90M$ in CVA to assist refugees from Ukraine (link)
- 301m Ukrainian refugees enrolled for CVA -UNHCR (link)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**
- 150USD - 700PLN/ for the 1st person per month + 600PLN per HH member, to a max. of 2.500PLN per HH. (link)

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- GBV Mays Zatari zatari@unhcr.org
- TCNs - IOM - Natalie Paynenpayne@iom.int
Refugee coordination forum in Poland (link)

The Government of Poland has the primary responsibility of the refugee response. Under the Refugee Coordination Model, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) coordinates the complementary activities of humanitarian actors.

ISCN Inter-Sector Coordination Group

- **Protection**: UNHCR/HFHR
- **Health**: WHO/Humanosh
- **Economic Inclusion**: UNHCR/IRC
- **Education**: UNICEF/TBC
- **Shelter, Housing & Accommodation**: UNHCR/IOM/Habitat

Working Groups & Networks

- Accountability to Affected Populations: UNHCR/TBC
- Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Network: UNHCR/FDDS/Plan International
- Basic Needs: UNHCR
- Cash-based Interventions: UNHCR/Polish Humanitarian Action
- Information Management: UNHCR
- Forum Razem (NGO Forum): Polish Humanitarian Action
Key updates relevant to CVA & protection in Romania

**General updates**
- UNHCR Dashboard - Population movement trends in Romania and border crossings to Romania of refugees from Ukraine (link)
- UNHCR - Sector Leads Contact List (link)
- UNHCR Romania: Ukraine Refugee Situation Update, Update #40, 31 March 2023 (link) (#39 - #38 – link)

**GBV**
- UNHCR - Romania GBV SWG - Action Plan (link)

**PSEA**
- UNHCR - Romania PSEAnetwork - MoM March 2023 (link)
- UNHCR - Ukraine Situation Inter-Agency Romania Update February 2023 (link)

**CASH**

Salvati Copiii (Save the Children) conducted the Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) survey assessment for the cash grant assistance in December 2022.

**Most commonly reported spendings with CVA received:**

- Food: 95%
- Clothes: 84%
- Health: 82%
- Hygiene items: 65%
- Education: 25%

Approximately 93.0 per cent asked for Unconditional Cash Grant Assistance (CGA).
Refugee coordination structure in Romania (link)
Key updates relevant to CVA & protection in Moldova

**General / operational updates**

UNHCR - Ukraine Situation: The Republic of Moldova Operations Update (21 March 2023) (link) (previous update - link) 100,366 refugees from Ukraine remaining in Moldova

UNFPA – Press release - One year into the war, displaced Ukrainian women are determined to persevere (link)

INTERSOS Moldova - Monthly Report (February 2023) (link)

UNHCR - Ukraine Situation - Moldova: Presentation on Quick Assessment on the Implementation of the Temporary Protection in Moldova: Key Findings and Recommendations (link)

**Cash**

UNHCR - Ukraine Situation - Moldova: Cash Working Group Meeting Minutes (23 Feb 2023) (link)

UNHCR - Ukraine Situation: Cash assistance for refugees in Moldova (link)

**Findings**

Findings show that the recent compounded economic and energy crises, as well as the escalation of hostilities in Ukraine since 24 February 2022, had a considerable impact on the livelihoods of both Moldovan nationals and incoming refugees. The volatile and soaring gas prices led to an increase in energy and heating costs, coupled with a staggering inflation rate reaching 34.6% in October 2022.
GBV
UNHCR – Ukraine situation: Moldova: Gender Task Force Priorities for 2023 Presentation (08 Feb 2023) and annual planning presentation (link)

PSEA
UNHCR - Ukraine Situation - Moldova: PSEA Network: Key Resources for PSEA Focal Points (March 2023) (link); Meeting Minute (27 Mar 2023) (link); Capacity Building Trainings for 2023 (link) and Frequently Asked Questions (link)
UNHCR – Guidelines Guidance for Reporting PSEA Activities under the 2023 Refugee Response Plan Monitoring Framework in Activity Info (link)

AAP
Internews, UNHCR - Floods and deserts: information access and barriers in Moldova’s refugee response (link)
This report aims to assess the overall health of the information ecosystem in Moldova to provide practical recommendations to communicators, service providers and government officials about how information provision can be improved within the response.
UNHCR - Moldova: The 2022 Participatory Assessment Report for refugees, asylum seekers and stateless persons in the Republic of Moldova (link) A total of 43 focus group discussions (FGDs) and one semi-structured discussion were conducted by UNHCR, in coordination and cooperation with other local and international NGOs, with over 340 individuals participating.

Roma community
UNHCR - Ukraine situation: Moldova: Roma Task Force Meeting Minutes (17 Mar 2023) (link)
Peace winds Japan – Roma Task Force - Peace Winds Presentation on Activities for Roma People (link)

Assessments
Of the 16,172 survey respondents, 97 per cent were Ukrainian citizens, 1 per cent Republic of Moldova citizens and 2 per cent were TCNs. Every second respondent travelled with at least one child under the age of 18 (51%) and every fifth refugee travelled with at least one elderly person aged 60 and above (19%). The share of respondents traveling with children and elderly also decreased over the studied period. The share of respondents with disability, chronic disease and of pregnant or lactating women increased over the studied period (passing from 5% to 19%, from 6% to 7%, from less than 1% to 2% respectively).

IOM - Ukraine Response - Republic of Moldova: Third Country Nationals (TCNs) Displacement Analysis (Data available as of 5 February 2023) (link) As of 5 February, 102,781 Ukrainian refugees were recorded in the country. 251,690 TCNs were recorded: 6,113 of these TCNs had arrived from Ukraine.
REACH - Area-Based Assessment (ABA) Chisinau and Stefan Voda, Moldova: Key Findings, February 2023 (link)
REACH - Moldova Refugee Accommodation Centre (RAC) Monthly Needs Monitoring, Update as of 27.02.2023 (link)
Key updates relevant to CVA & protection in **Bulgaria**


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**CVA RECOMMENDATIONS**

No data available

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No data available

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**KEY FIGURES**

- 67m refugees remained in Bulgaria ([link](#))
- 25,000 refugees targeted for CVA ([link](#))

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**5W operational presence and response** ([link](#))

**Gender Based Violence (GBV) Referral Pathways** ([link](#))

**Slovakia PSEA Task Force – Guidance - Inter-Agency Standard Operating Procedures for processing Sexual Exploitation and Abuse complaints** ([English](#)) & Focal points and confidential reporting channels ([link](#))

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70% Funded (of $19,9M)