



# UKRAINE CRISIS - Regional Response Plan

## SITUATION OVERVIEW



A full-scale military attack (invasion) of Ukraine was started by Russia in the night of February 23/24, 2022. **Towns and other targets in all regions of Ukraine are being shelled or attacked** with rockets, artillery fire and other forms of bombardment, as tanks and other military vehicles and personnel invaded the country from three directions (north, east and south). Fighting is not only progressing since the first attack, but is intensifying. **Many residential buildings are damaged or destroyed and many lives have been lost.** Civilian population are more and more victim of attacks and casualties are increasing. The situation in many locations continues to be unclear.

Several million people started their escape from cities to rural areas or are heading west. More than two million refugees have already arrived in neighboring countries such as Moldova, Poland, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia. The UN has projected that up to 4 million Ukrainian refugees could arrive in neighboring countries just in the coming weeks (7 million refugees according to the EU). Currently, the number of IDPs cannot realistically be estimated.

**RESPONSE** // Financial support to Ukrainian partners in distribution of food and basic goods; online education & MHPSS to children; refugee support in Moldova

**TARGET** // 47.000 (26.000 In Ukraine, 21.000 In Moldova)

**LOCATION** // Ukraine + Moldova

**BUDGET** // 5.800.000 USD



## OVERVIEW OF CHILDFUND RESPONSE

ChildFund Deutschland will continue its support to its Ukrainian partner organizations in the North, South and East regions of the country. The provision of financial support is key to the carrying out of various emergency-led responses to alleviate the suffering felt by victims of the war. WeWorld, another member of the ChildFund Alliance, will support ChildFund Deutschland with coordination, advocacy and communication efforts, as well as organize a response for refugees who have crossed over into Moldova. The name of the Ukrainian partner organizations working tirelessly have been omitted from this plan to protect their anonymity.

The ChildFund Response Plan will provide an **integrated approach to support victims of the war in Ukraine and the refugees present in neighboring countries:**

- Supporting children and their families who have become IDPs, through the provision of food, medicine and basic items directly to families and shelters. Furthermore, financial transfers to Ukrainian supermarkets to distribute food and basic items for free.
- Education and psycho-social support to children through the continuation of online educational services and support programs.
- Support to refugees who have crossed into Moldova, by assisting partner organizations in Moldova for their humanitarian response.
- Continuous **advocacy and lobbying** through various high-level political channels both globally with commitments of the ChildFund Alliance and nationally in EU member states (Italy, Germany)



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## UKRAINE

Total Amount: 3.400.000 USD

Beneficiaries: 26.000 (children and women)

Locations: Ismail, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kherson, Kyiv, Lutsk, Lviv, Lysytshansk, Mariupol, Mykolayiv, Pырjatyń, Severodonetsk

### Sectors of Support

The various sectors of ChildFund's response to assist the victims most at risk due to the conflict are listed below; It is important to note that not only should any response aim to be **multi-sectorial** in its approach, such **responses should also be conducted in an integrated manner**. Providing online education services for example, obtains access to the provision of psychosocial support for children; the distribution of food can help with the identification of families in need of shelter, and so on. **Through this holistic approach, our support in addressing vulnerabilities and the risks people face daily can have a greater reach, even when the context is constantly shifting.**

## Protection

The conflict has placed millions of lives at constant risk, and protection of civilians remains an absolute priority. Providing **services, support and information to families to make informed decisions on their safety is crucial** as the destabilizing nature of the conflict can alienate families seeking help. These services will vary from providing **counselling and legal advice, to offering referral information for other services**. Furthermore, many individuals and families are in need of **psychosocial support** and ChildFund will assist with a psychosocial support program in the east and west of the country, with networks specifically working to establish **child-friendly spaces** amidst bombardment.

## Shelter

ChildFund will assist with efforts to **shelter civilians from immediate danger** by supporting Ukrainian partners with establishing shelter spaces safe from bombardment in the worst afflicted areas. Hundreds of families will be assisted with **temporary shelter, with further assistance provided to those looking to be relocated to other parts of the country or abroad**.

## Food and Non-Food assistance

The **distribution of food and basic goods** has become increasingly more important due to the dangers of venturing outside during potential bombardments, shortages of goods from disruptions to transportation countrywide, and blockading of urban areas by Russian forces. ChildFund will support Ukrainian partners with the distribution of food, **especially for children in need taking shelter**. The preparation and distribution of meals will be organized at well-equipped centers and safe spaces across the country, with adequate logistics in place to continue and scale up such services in the coming weeks. **Basic non-food items will be distributed alongside food, including diapers for babies, hygiene products and medicine for children receiving healthcare**. Individuals and children who are from particularly vulnerable parts of society will be given clothes and blankets to protect them from the cold.

Alongside the distribution efforts planned, ChildFund will support the provision of **multi-purpose cash assistance to families** directly administered by Ukrainian partners. These cash transfers will seek to **cover the cost of additional needs of families not covered by the in-kind provision of goods and services**.

## Education

Education services will continue to be provided, as they have been since the beginning of the conflict, **with 200+ teachers offering online classes to over 2000 children from the 1st to the 10th grade**. This is possible due to previous arrangements made by school systems following the closure of schools due to the global pandemic and will be maintained by financial support from ChildFund. While schools have reopened as of March, 14th disruptions to education will no doubt continue, and the online education services will adapt to changing needs.



Refugees in Lviv  
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## REFUGEE SUPPORT IN MOLDOVA

**Total Amount:** 2.400.000 USD

**Beneficiaries:** 21.000 people (children and women)

**Location:** Palanca (border crossing)

The emergency in Moldova is ongoing and the situation is changing every day. Moldova is a little country between south Ukraine and Romania with a **population of around 3.5 million**. The main entrance point of people fleeing Ukraine is Palanca in the south, few km away from Odesa, a city of more than a million inhabitants. Beside Palanca there are around 8 more entry points from Ukraine to Moldova.

### Sectors of Support

Beyond Ukraine, ChildFund will provide support to Ukrainian refugees arriving in Moldova, with its Italian member WeWorld planning its engagement in the country. **WeWorld is prepared to be present in Moldova in the coming months, as more Ukrainians arrive across the border.** Moldova is currently the country with the highest number of refugees per capita, and will need continued international assistance to host and settle Ukrainians.

### Protection

Similar efforts made in Ukraine are to be carried out in Moldova, with **mobile teams working to provide counselling and referral to services to refugees** arriving in the country. In addition, **psychosocial support** will be provided alongside the creation of **child-friendly spaces** to offer welcome respite from the stress of escaping war.

### Shelter

**Four emergency transit centres will be established**, with more planned down the line. Providing temporary accommodation is essential, though long-term solutions will be necessary, as many have lost their homes in the war with no intention of returning, and thus have nowhere to go. Furthermore, relocation support will also be provided, linking families who have lost homes with safe and restored, eco-friendly housing in social farming complexes in Moldova.

### Food and Non-Food assistance

**Food and other basic goods will be provided to families arriving at the transit centres**, with particular attention given to **children and babies who need baby food, formulas, diapers** and so on. Distribution sites will spring up, providing **weekly food boxes to refugee families**.

At these transit centers, multi-purpose cash assistance is to be offered to families, the amount calculated according to each family and the amount of time they have been in the country. Furthermore, **if families decide to depart, then cash assistance will be provided to cover the costs of transportation, food and other basic needs for the journey**. This amount will be calculated as a one-off provision for each person departing.

### Education

In an emergency context, children need to get their daily habits in protected environments through the participation in regular and structured activities able to give them back a “sense of security”. Therefore, **Child Safe Spaces will be established in refugee centers aiming to respond to children’s rights to protection and psychosocial well-being**. Educational and recreational activities will be provided by trained educators in order to provide opportunities for children and adolescents to play, rest, interact, acquire contextually relevant skills, receive psychosocial support and strengthen their resilience, intended as their ability to recover and overcome adversities. **Educational activities (language courses) will also target both children and adults (parents and caregivers) and sensitization sessions on relevant topics (child rights, GBV prevention, refugee rights, ecc. ) will be organized for parents.**

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