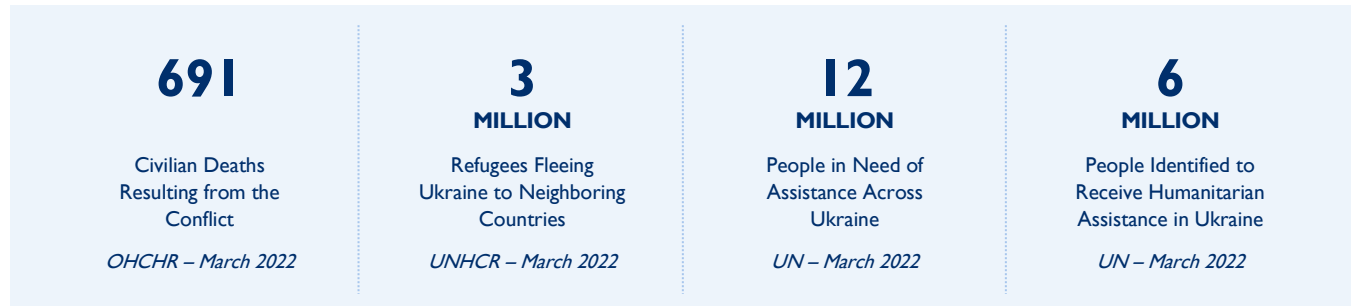


# Ukraine – Complex Emergency

MARCH 15, 2022

## SITUATION AT A GLANCE



- The GoRF's war in Ukraine, including in Kyiv *Oblast*, continues to result in civilian deaths, population displacement, and damage to civilian infrastructure, generating and exacerbating humanitarian needs across the country.
- GoRF-affiliated attacks continue to disrupt attempts to evacuate civilians from and deliver aid to besieged cities, including Mariupol.
- State/PRM announced an additional \$186 million in humanitarian assistance for refugees fleeing conflict in Ukraine.
- USAID/BHA and State/PRM partners continue to respond to the needs of conflict-affected populations in Ukraine and refugees in neighboring countries.



<b>TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN FUNDING</b> For the Ukraine Response in FY 2022 <sup>1</sup>	USAID/BHA <sup>2</sup>	\$80,949,545
	State/PRM <sup>3</sup>	\$211,622,792
<b>Total<sup>4</sup></b>		<b>\$292,572,337</b>

*For complete funding breakdown with partners, see detailed chart on page 8*

<sup>1</sup> Funding figures reflect a portion of publicly announced funding that has been committed or obligated as of March 15, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA)

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

## TIMELINE

**February 24, 2022**

GoRF armed forces commence bombing and missile attacks on several locations across Ukraine.

**February 24, 2022**

USAID/BHA announces the activation of a field-based DART to lead the USG humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine and a Washington, D.C.-based RMT to support the DART.

**February 27, 2022**

The USG announces nearly \$54 million in additional humanitarian assistance to Ukraine, including \$28 million from USAID/BHA and \$25.6 million from State/PRM.

**March 1, 2022**

The UN launches flash appeal for Ukraine and UNHCR launches the Regional Refugee Response Plan.

**March 3, 2022**

The first USAID/BHA-provided relief commodities arrive in Lviv for onward distribution.

**March 9, 2022**

Vice President Harris announces an additional \$53 million in USG humanitarian assistance.

**March 15, 2022**

State/PRM announces an additional \$186 million in assistance.

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

### Conflict Results in At Least 691 Civilian Deaths, Mass Displacement as Relief Actors Step Up Response Efforts

Active conflict in Ukraine following the Government of the Russian Federation (GoRF) invasion continues to result in civilian deaths, displace populations, generate large-scale humanitarian needs, and destroy civilian infrastructure across the country, the UN reports. The conflict resulted in at least 691 civilian deaths, including 48 children, and at least 1,143 injuries to civilians from February 24 to March 14, though the actual figures are likely much higher amid conflict-related reporting delays and challenges, according to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Hostilities had also caused the displacement of an estimated 1.9 million people within Ukraine as of March 11, according to the Protection Cluster. Approximately 1.1 million internally displaced persons (IDPs)—nearly 60 percent of the total IDP population—were sheltering in Lviv, Volyn, and Zakarpattia *oblasts*. The influx of IDPs to central and western areas of Ukraine is reportedly straining local authorities' capacity to provide accommodation and support displaced people's basic needs.

In response to heightened humanitarian needs since the GoRF invasion, UN agencies, including U.S. Government (USG) partners, had delivered life-saving humanitarian aid to more than 600,000 conflict-affected people across Ukraine as of March 12, the UN reports. Moreover, the Government of Ukraine (GoU) State Border Guard Service processed nearly 7,000 vehicles transporting relief items to the country between February 24 and March 11. *Ukrzaliznytsia*, or Ukrainian Railways, had delivered nearly 4,300 metric tons (MT) and more than 480 train wagons of relief commodities to vulnerable populations across Ukraine, particularly in the capital city of Kyiv; Kharkiv *Oblast's* Kharkiv city; and Donetsk *Oblast's* Lyman city, as of March 12.

### Hostilities Damage Civilian Infrastructure, Resulting in Civilian Casualties and Lack of Essential Services

Conflict continues to damage civilian infrastructure, including health care facilities, causing civilian casualties and loss of essential services. Hostilities and resultant damage to critical infrastructure have resulted in approximately 264,000 individuals lacking access to gas across Ukraine as of March 13, with populations in Donetsk, Kyiv, and Zaporizhzhya *oblasts* the most adversely affected, the GoU reports. An estimated 960,000 individuals across Ukraine also lacked access to electricity as of March 13, significantly affecting populations in Chernihiv, Donetsk, Kharkiv, and Kyiv *oblasts*.

Between February 24 and March 14, the UN World Health Organization (WHO) had verified 31 attacks on health care facilities in Ukraine, resulting in the deaths of at least 12 individuals and more than 30 injuries. Nearly 320 health facilities in Ukraine were along conflict lines or in areas under GoRF control, including nearly 160 hospitals, more than 150 primary health care

centers, and four medical laboratories as of March 11. An additional nearly 620 health facilities are within six miles of conflict lines, WHO reports. Ongoing insecurity is also impeding health actors from transporting children with life-threatening medical conditions to health facilities; at least two children died on March 7 due to difficulties transporting them from local hospitals to the central children's hospital in Kyiv, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) reports.

### **Safe Passage Transport Continues for Conflict-Affected Areas, Despite Disruptions due to Hostilities**

The GoU tentatively established safe passage routes to evacuate civilians and deliver humanitarian assistance in Kyiv and Luhansk *oblasts* on March 14, as well as nine safe passage routes in Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kyiv, and Sumy *oblasts* on March 15, according to a GoU official. Additionally, a convoy of more than 160 cars departed Donetsk's Mariupol city for Zaporizhzhya city on March 14, international media report. GoRF forces have imposed a siege on Mariupol for more than two weeks, and civilians in the city have reportedly faced critical shortages of food, safe drinking water, medicine, and other basic necessities. Previous attempts to evacuate civilians from and deliver aid to Mariupol had failed in recent days due to persistent hostilities. The GoU continues to attempt to deliver convoys carrying food, medicine, and safe drinking water to Mariupol.

More than 100,000 people have been evacuated from conflict-affected areas of Ukraine as of March 11, according to the UN. Furthermore, approximately 12,700 people evacuated conflict-affected areas of Ukraine on GoU evacuation routes to safer areas in Ukraine on March 12, and an estimated 4,000 individuals were evacuated from besieged cities on March 14, the GoU reports. Meanwhile, the GoRF had evacuated more than 221,000 people from Ukraine towards Russia as of March 11. Evacuation attempts have experienced mixed results, as hostilities continue to impact evacuation routes, disrupting civilian evacuations and aid deliveries. For example, shelling near Donetsk's Brusyn railway station damaged an evacuation train traveling from Donetsk's Kramatorsk city to Lviv *Oblast's* Lviv city between March 12 and 13, resulting in the death of at least one individual, the UN reports.

### **More Than 3 Million People Flee from Ukraine to Neighboring Countries**

From February 24 to March 14, more than 3 million people fleeing the war in Ukraine had crossed into neighboring countries, according to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). More than 1.8 million people—approximately 60 percent of the total—had fled into Poland. New arrivals are also crossing into Hungary, Slovakia, Russia, and Moldova, while hundreds of thousands of people had transited to other European countries. Governments in host countries are mobilizing support for reception centers near border crossings and working to provide services to new arrivals. Relief organizations, including USG humanitarian partners, are also providing assistance—including food, health, and protection support—to people fleeing Ukraine.

### **USG Announces \$186 Million in Additional Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine**

On March 15, the USG announced \$186 million in additional humanitarian funding from State/PRM to respond to needs in Ukraine and neighboring countries. The new funding brings total USG assistance in response to the crisis in Ukraine to nearly \$293 million, including more than \$211.6 million from State/PRM and nearly \$81 million from USAID/BHA. USAID/BHA is providing food, safe drinking water, shelter, emergency health care, and household supplies to conflict-affected and displaced populations in Ukraine. State/PRM is supporting assistance for protection; shelter; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); health; nutrition, multipurpose cash; livelihoods; and essential household items for vulnerable populations in Ukraine and displaced Ukrainians in neighboring countries.

## KEY FIGURES



**18,500**

Number of USAID/BHA-provided high thermal blankets delivered

## U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

### LOGISTICS AND RELIEF COMMODITIES

USAID/BHA partners are working to provide relief commodities to conflict-affected individuals, and transport these items into Ukraine from neighboring countries, as security and humanitarian access conditions permit. USAID/BHA is providing the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) with in-kind winterization supplies and hygiene kits, respectively. USAID/BHA has delivered approximately 18,500 high thermal blankets—to support displaced individuals vulnerable to harsh winter weather—to IOM in Lviv, Ukraine. IOM had distributed 3,000 of these blankets to vulnerable populations in Lviv as of March 9. In addition, USAID/BHA is positioning hygiene kits—comprising hygiene cloths, laundry detergent, sanitary napkins, and soap—with IFRC to support displaced individuals.

Moreover, USAID/BHA is supporting the UN World Food Program (WFP) to lead the Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications clusters, the coordinating bodies for humanitarian logistics and telecommunications activities, respectively, comprising UN agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and other stakeholders. As part of its role as the Logistics Cluster lead, WFP will coordinate logistics services for the broader humanitarian response, develop common advocacy to address logistical challenges, facilitate humanitarian convoys and corridors, establish logistics bases to consolidate and prioritize humanitarian cargo deliveries, and support cargo movement through dedicated sea vessels.

State/PRM is supporting IOM and UNHCR to provide logistics support to the refugee response in neighboring countries.

### HEALTH

To support the health needs of conflict affected populations, USG humanitarian partners are providing health kits, medicine, and other health assistance. USAID/BHA is supporting UNICEF and WHO to respond to emergency health needs in Ukraine. With USAID/BHA funding, WHO delivered 10 interagency emergency health kits—sufficient to sustain the health care of up to 100,000 people for three months—and five trauma and emergency surgery kits, with combined medicines and supplies to support at least 500 surgical operations in emergency situations, into Kyiv.

In addition, WHO is developing emergency operations centers in eight oblasts to coordinate the emergency health response. Meanwhile, UNICEF is delivering health supplies to support displaced populations in central, eastern, and western Ukraine. In partnership with a local NGO, UNICEF had delivered 1,530 five-liter water bottles, 360 family hygiene kits, 5,560 menstrual hygiene management kits, and 10 institutional hygiene kits, among other relief items, to affected populations and health and social institutions



**100,000**

Number of people USAID/BHA-funded interagency emergency health kits can support

in eastern Ukraine as of March 10.

USAID/BHA and State/PRM continue to support existing programming in eastern Ukraine to address the health needs of populations affected by ongoing conflict and respond to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Some USG-funded activities in eastern Ukraine have been modified to respond to the escalated needs resulting from the current conflict. For example, one international NGO (INGO) partner has re-programmed its existing COVID-19 hotline into a humanitarian coordination hotline in collaboration with the Civil Protection Department.

State/PRM is supporting WHO to provide health assistance to refugees in neighboring countries. This includes meeting urgent trauma care needs and emergency health care via deployment and coordination of emergency medical teams; provision of trauma kits, essential medical supplies, and logistics support to fill urgent gaps; generators and other infrastructural support items for hospitals and health facilities; medical equipment, including personal protective equipment; extending access to COVID-19 services to refugee populations, including vaccination, public health measures, testing and medical care; preventing and responding to vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles and polio; provision of mental and psychological support to populations and building capacity of frontline health care workers in managing stress-related conditions; and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

In addition, State/PRM is supporting the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) in Moldova to increase health system capacity to absorb increased refugee caseload through the deployment of mobile and static integrated community sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and gender-based violence (GBV) health units, supplies, and interventions to increase access to SRH and GBV prevention and response services. State/PRM is also supporting UNICEF in neighboring countries to scale up health support, including to prevent disease outbreaks and support infection prevention and control training. In addition, State/PRM is supporting IOM to provide primary health care consultations, mobile health and emergency services, and mobile psychosocial support teams.

## WASH



**\$4 Million**

In dedicated FY 2022  
USAID/BHA support for  
essential WASH  
programming

In response to WASH needs among conflict-affected populations in Ukraine, USG humanitarian partners are providing critical assistance, including by providing WASH commodities and increasing populations' access to sanitation and safe drinking water. In addition to providing in-kind hygiene kits to IFRC, USAID/BHA is supporting UNICEF to locally procure WASH supplies to support the WASH needs of 40,000 people in central, eastern, and western Ukraine during the initial weeks of displacement.

USAID/BHA also supports UNICEF and four NGO partners to address existing WASH needs by conducting hygiene promotion activities and

distributing essential hygiene items to vulnerable communities and social institutions. In addition, USAID/BHA supports the WASH Cluster to provide humanitarian coordination and information management support, including sharing critical information with humanitarian partners regarding conflict incidents affecting WASH infrastructure and services. State/PRM partners are also conducting WASH activities among conflict-affected communities in Ukraine.

State/PRM is supporting UNICEF to provide WASH interventions in neighboring countries, including strengthening sanitation infrastructure in shelters and distributing hygiene kits to refugees. State/PRM is also supporting IOM to provide hygiene kits, safe drinking water, and water infrastructure.

## FOOD SECURITY

To support increasing food needs among conflict-affected individuals in Ukraine, USAID/BHA partner WFP is procuring immediate response rations sufficient to feed 125,000 people for five days. USAID/BHA support is also enabling the UN agency to scale-up its emergency team presence in Ukraine, as WFP had not operated in the country since 2018. WFP plans to assist up to 3.1 million conflict-affected individuals in Ukraine, as well as 300,000 crisis-affected individuals in neighboring countries with USAID/BHA and other donor support.

As part of this effort, USAID/BHA funding is enabling WFP to procure and distribute more than 8,300 MT of in-kind food assistance rations to support more than 119,000 people for four months; provide cash-based transfers to nearly 30,700 people for four months; and deliver approximately 240 MT of emergency food assistance, including high energy biscuits, to 239,000 people.

As of March 11, WFP had purchased an estimated 20,000 MT of food commodities, 6,000 MT of which had been delivered to Ukraine. WFP is also working with a local bakery in Kharkiv to produce 30,000 loaves of bread per day, benefitting approximately 60,000 individuals. Moreover, WFP was distributing vouchers to approximately 2,000 individuals in Lviv as of March 11, with plans to scale up voucher distributions in other areas with functioning markets.

## PROTECTION

In response to increasing protection concerns among both populations in conflict-affected areas and those crossing from Ukraine into neighboring countries, USG partners are providing protection assistance, including supplies and services. USAID/BHA is supporting UNICEF to deliver child protection supplies to support 40,000 people during the initial weeks of displacement in Ukraine. To address ongoing protection concerns in Ukraine, USAID/BHA supports seven NGOs to implement protection interventions for vulnerable populations. USAID/BHA partners provide



**\$50.3 Million**

In dedicated FY 2022  
USAID/BHA funding for  
life-saving food assistance



**10**

Number of USG  
implementing partners  
providing essential  
protection services

psychosocial support services to children, persons with disabilities, and older people; operate mobile protection teams to reach remote communities; and conduct mine risk education activities to minimize protection risks.

In addition, State/PRM partners—including IOM, UNHCR, and UNICEF—provide protection and legal services to vulnerable individuals and are monitoring the impacts of ongoing hostilities.

In neighboring countries, State/PRM is providing protection support through IOM, UNFPA, UNHCR, and UNICEF, including GBV prevention and response, child protection, mental health and psychosocial support; prevention and response to trafficking in persons; and establishment of child-friendly and women and girl-friendly spaces.

### **MULTIPURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE**

USAID/BHA supports IOM and two NGOs and State/PRM supports IOM, UNHCR, and an implementing partner to provide multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) to help conflict-affected individuals meet their basic needs. MPCA also enables households to obtain shelter and winterization needs.

A USAID/BHA INGO partner is supporting approximately 1,500 IDPs in Donetsk Oblast's Volnovakha city with MPCA and is preparing for MPCA distributions in other areas of Donetsk where banks are operational. The INGO is also distributing food vouchers to IDPs in Chernivtsi and Ivano-Frankivsk *oblasts*.

State/PRM is supporting IOM and UNHCR to provide MPCA to refugees in neighboring countries, as well as UNICEF to provide cash assistance to vulnerable households with children in transit.



**\$5.5 Million**

In dedicated FY 2022  
USAID/BHA support for  
MPCA

## CONTEXT IN BRIEF

- The GoRF commenced widespread attacks against Ukraine on February 24, after months of gathering hundreds of thousands of military forces and heavy weaponry near its border with Ukraine. Immediately prior, the GoRF had ordered forces into Donetsk and Luhansk non-government-controlled areas after recognizing the areas' independence from Ukraine on February 21.
- On February 24, USAID announced the activation of a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to lead the U.S. Government humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine, with staff in Krakow, Poland; Rzeszów, Poland; Budapest, Hungary; Chişinău, Moldova; and Košice, Slovakia. To support the DART, USAID activated a Response Management Team (RMT) in Washington, D.C. State/PRM staff in Warsaw, Poland; Budapest, Hungary; Chişinău, Moldova; Bucharest, Romania; Košice, Slovakia; and Washington, D.C., also continue to support response activities.
- Since March 2014, the conflict in eastern Ukraine has caused large-scale population displacement and widespread damage to infrastructure. The heaviest fighting has occurred in the easternmost *oblasts* bordering Russia, particularly Donetsk and Luhansk; however, the large influx of IDPs has also affected neighboring *oblasts*. The GoU estimated that the ongoing conflict had internally displaced approximately 1.4 million people as of October 2020. In addition, the UN estimates that 2.9 million conflict-affected people in eastern Ukraine will require humanitarian assistance in 2022.
- On November 26, 2021, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Kristina A. Kvien renewed the disaster declaration for Ukraine for FY 2022 due to the widespread displacement and continued humanitarian needs of vulnerable populations in eastern Ukraine.

### USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2022<sup>1</sup>

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
<b>USAID/BHA</b>			
UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Humanitarian Coordination, Information Management, and Assessments (HCIMA)	Countrywide	\$300,000
IFRC	Logistics Support	Countrywide	\$20,800
IOM	Logistics Support, MPCA, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$6,130,000
UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	HCIMA	Countrywide	\$2,500,000
UNICEF	Health, Logistics Support, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$6,800,000
WFP	Food Assistance, Logistics Support	Countrywide	\$52,275,925
WHO	Health	Chernihiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Luhansk, Mykolayiv, Odessa, Poltava, Sumy, Zaporizhzhya	\$967,280
Implementing Partners	HCIMA, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Donetsk, Luhansk	\$8,567,000
	Logistics Support		\$3,033,955
	Program Support		\$354,585
<b>TOTAL USAID/BHA FUNDING</b>			<b>\$80,949,545</b>



STATE/PRM			
Ukraine			
Implementing Partner	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Health, Livelihoods, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$20,000,000
UNHCR	Health, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$73,100,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$93,100,000</b>
Belarus			
UNICEF	Health, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$400,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR THE BELARUS RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$400,000</b>
Hungary			
IOM	HCIMA, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
UNICEF	Health, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$600,000
UNHCR	Livelihoods, Logistics Support, HCIMA, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$7,000,000
UNFPA	Health, Protection	Countrywide	\$100,000
WHO	Health	Countrywide	\$600,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR THE HUNGARY RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$9,300,000</b>
Moldova			
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$8,322,792
IOM	Food Assistance, HCIMA, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$5,000,000
UNICEF	Health, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$900,000
UNHCR	Livelihoods, Logistics Support, HCIMA, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$7,500,000
UNFPA	Health, Protection	Countrywide	\$3,000,000
WHO	Health	Countrywide	\$800,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR THE MOLDOVA RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$25,522,792</b>
Poland			
IOM	Food Assistance, HCIMA, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$6,800,000
UNICEF	Health, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$14,700,000
UNHCR	HCIMA, Livelihoods, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$25,000,000
UNFPA	Health, Protection	Countrywide	\$100,000
WHO	Health	Countrywide	\$1,300,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR THE POLAND RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$47,900,000</b>
Romania			
IOM	Food Assistance, HCIMA, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$1,300,000
UNICEF	Health, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$1,100,000
UNHCR	HCIMA, Livelihoods, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$7,500,000
UNFPA	Health, Protection	Countrywide	\$100,000
WHO	Health	Countrywide	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR THE ROMANIA RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$10,300,000</b>

Slovakia			
IOM	Food Assistance, HCIMA, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$800,000
UNICEF	Health, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$600,000
UNHCR	HCIMA, Livelihoods, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$2,000,000
UNFPA	Health, Protection	Countrywide	\$100,000
WHO	Health	Countrywide	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR THE SLOVAKIA RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$3,800,000</b>
Europe Regional			
IOM	Food Security, HCIMA, Health, Livelihoods, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Countrywide	\$10,300,000
UNHCR	HCIMA, Livelihoods, Logistics Support, MPCA, Protection, Shelter and Settlements	Countrywide	\$11,000,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING FOR THE EUROPE REGIONAL RESPONSE</b>			<b>\$21,300,000</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM FUNDING</b>			<b>\$211,622,792</b>
<b>TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR THE UKRAINE RESPONSE IN FY 2022</b>			<b>\$292,572,337</b>

<sup>1</sup>Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds. Funding figures reflect a portion of publicly announced funding that has been committed or obligated as of March 15, 2022.

## PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for disaster responses around the world can be found at [interaction.org](https://www.interaction.org).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
  - USAID Center for International Disaster Information: [cidi.org](https://www.cidi.org)
  - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [reliefweb.int](https://www.reliefweb.int).

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