



## **Estonia**

## Regional Refugee Response Plan

January 2024



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## Welcome

## Sigrid Solnik, Head of Estonian Office – Estonian Refugee Council

## **Agenda**



Time	Session	Presenter(s)
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome by Estonian Refugee Council Head of Office	Sigrid Solnik
10:10 – 10:25	Opening remarks by Ministry of Interior Undersecretary for Population and Civil Society.	Mr. Raivo Küüt
10:25 – 10:40	Opening remarks by UNHCR Representative	Annika Sandlund
10:40 — 11:00	2023 RRP review  Key MSNA data + regional intentions  2024 RRP overview + introduction of partners	Greg Cameron Anastasia Ilieva
11:00 – 11:15	Intervention by RLO Ukraina Keskus in Parnu	Tetiana Podolska and Viktoriia Kuzmenko
11:15 – 11:30	Q&A session	
11:30	Morning tea and social interaction	



## Opening remarks

## Mr. Raivo Küüt Undersecretary for Population and Civil Society



## Opening remarks

## Ms. Annika Sandlund Representative, UNHCR

## **Ukraine RRP Regional Overview**

- **Regional RRP** includes 11 main arrival countries: Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuańia.
- \$1.1B appeal
- Refugees from Ukraine recorded across Europe: **5,953,500**
- Refugees from Ukraine recorded in RRP countries: 2,000,000
- Refugees from Ukraine recorded beyond Europe: 403,600
- Refugees from Ukraine recorded globally: **6,357,100**
- as of 31 Dec 2023

#### **Regional Planned Response** (January-December 2024)





55.000



312 RRP partners





## Key Data 2024 RRP Overview

Mr. Greg Cameron Ms. Anastasia Ilieva Inter-Agency Unit, UNHCR

## What is the RRP?

## A Plan to support government



- Operational picture of the needs of refugees and the activities planned by NGOs to support + funds required by NGOs across the region.
- Tracking and monitoring of NGO activities and fundraising targets
- Highlights needs and gaps

# Joint advocacy for NGO funding

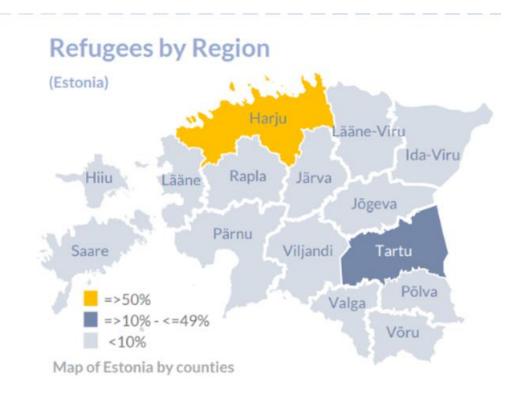
- Not a pooled fund.
- Highlights partner funding needs
- Informs international donor community
- Visibility of NGO achievements & priorities



## 2023 Recap

# 2.6 million (29%) Received by RRP partners





### Donor contribution (millions US\$)



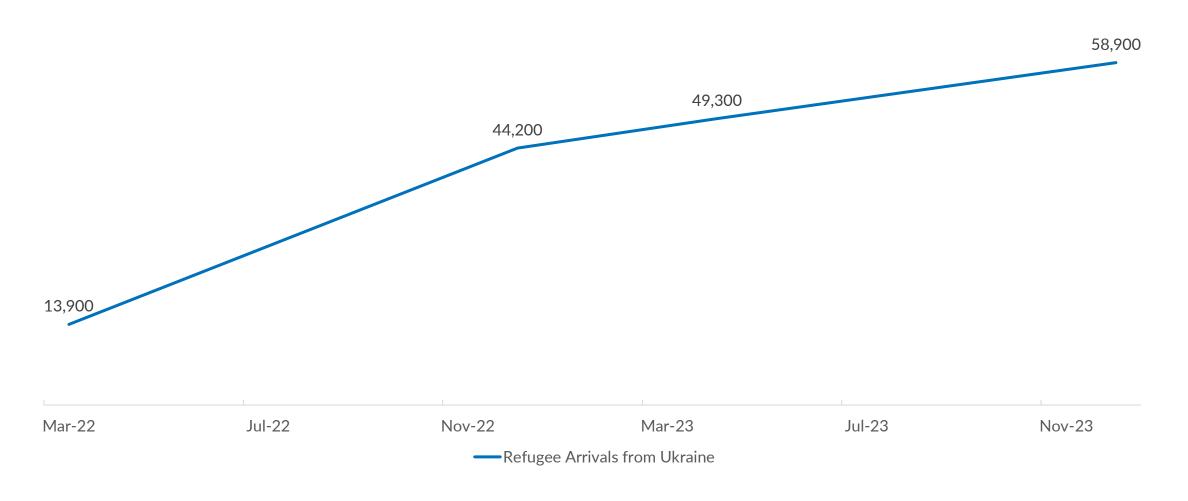


## 2024 Needs & Intentions

## **Arrivals**



### Refugees from Ukraine Arrivals into Estonia





## Estonia Multi-Sector Needs Assessment

## **OVERVIEW**







### **POPULATION COVERAGE**

Refugees living in Estonia, e.g. in private accommodation, with host families, rentals, hostels/hotels and in government-designated collective sites.



### **DATA COLLECTION BY**

- Estonian Refugee Council
- International Organization for Migration



From **7 September** to **15 October 2023** 

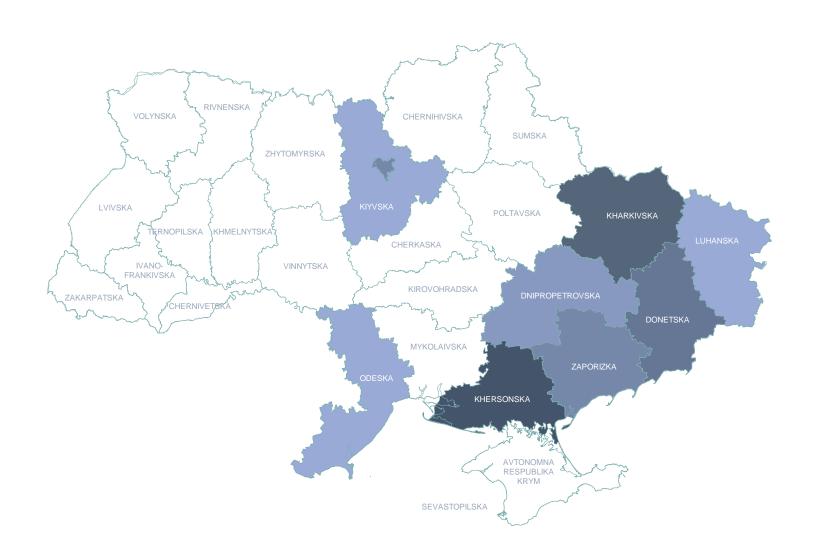


### PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS BY

**UNHCR** 

### **Oblast of Origin of Respondents**



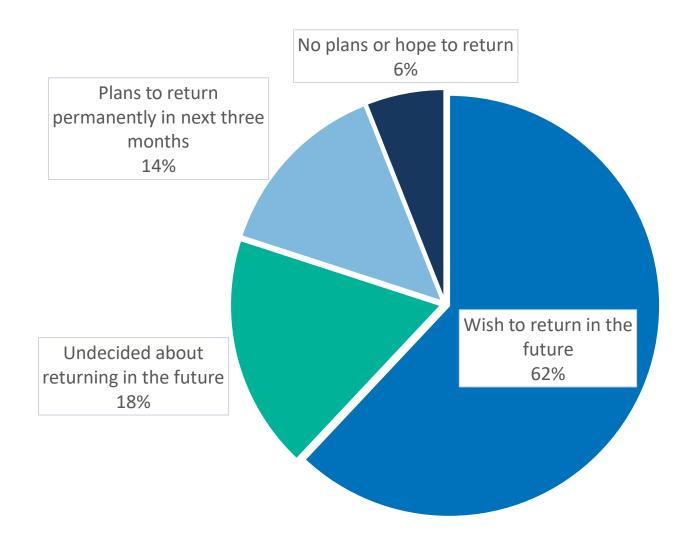


Each shaded region represents the specific Oblast from which these households have been displaced.

Majority of Ukrainian refugees in Estonia originate from Oblast Khersonska (15%), Oblast Kharkivska (13%), and Oblast Donetska (12%).

### **Intentions**



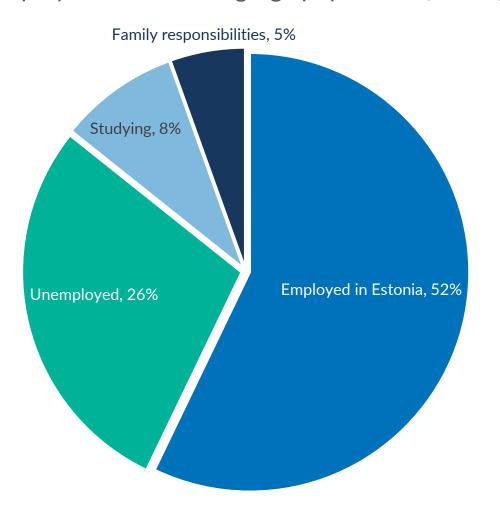


Source: Lives on hold: Intentions and Perspectives of Refugees and IDPs from Ukraine #4

### **SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION AND LIVELIHOODS**



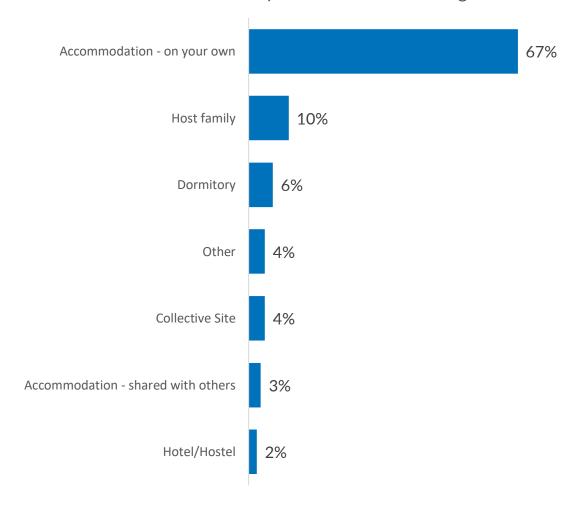
Employment of working-age population (18-64)



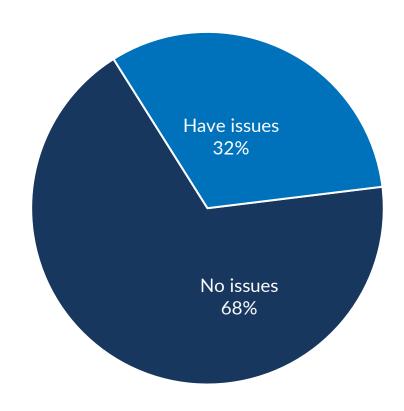
### **SHELTER / ACCOMMODATION**



#### % of households by accommodation arrangement



### % of households with living conditions issues in current accommodation



### **HEALTH**





20%
households with a chronically ill member



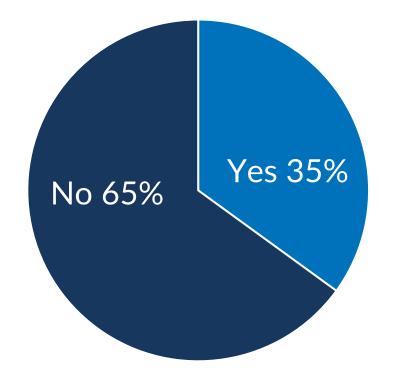
5% individuals with disability level 3 and above

31% of households had difficulty accessing healthcare

### **Social Tensions**



### % of households reporting tensions with host community

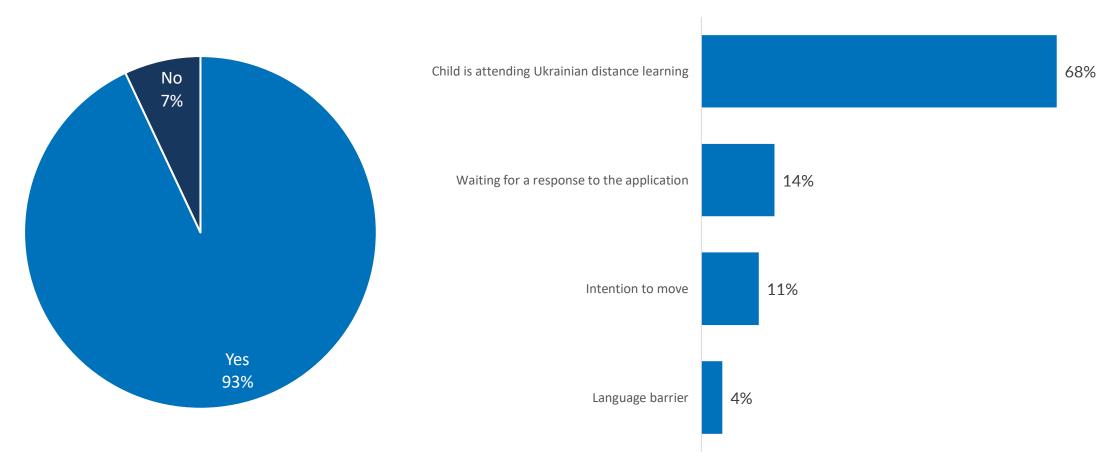


### **EDUCATION**



### % of school-aged children REPORTED attending 2022/23 school year in Estonia

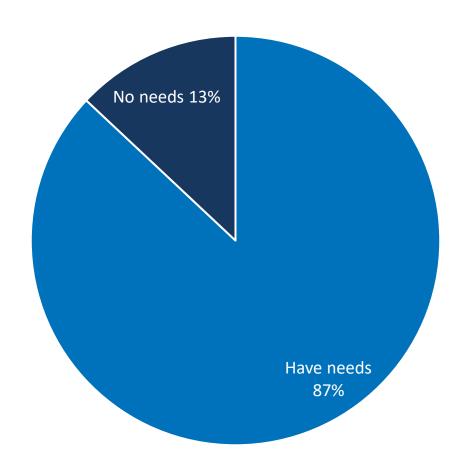
#### Primary reasons for not enrolling children in school



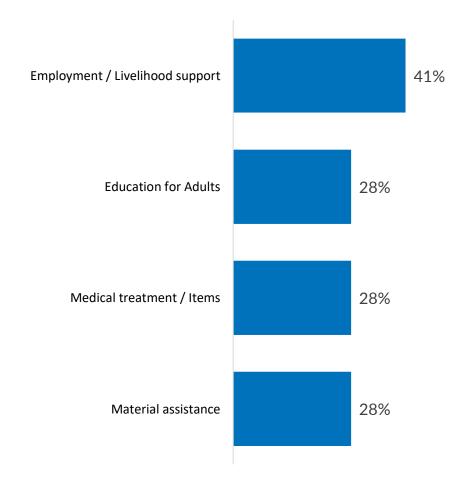
### **URGENT NEEDS**



#### % of households with reported need



#### **Top 4 most commonly reported priority needs**







## Estonia Chapter Regional Refugee Response Plan

## > At a Glance

### **Estonia Planned Response**

(January-December 2024)



55 K

projected refugee population



\$10.6 M

total financial requirements in USD



## 14 Appealing partners





























## Strategic objectives



SO1: Refugees have effective access to legal status, protection, and rights.



SO2: Refugees with specific needs and vulnerabilities have access to targeted support and assistance.

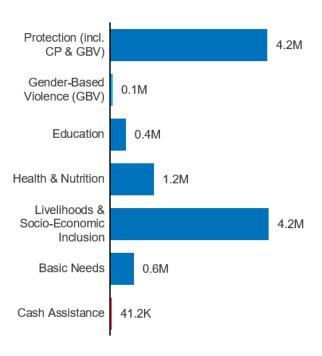


SO3: Refugees' socio-economic inclusion in their host communities is strengthened and their self-reliance increased.



SO4: Social cohesion between refugee and host communities is reinforced.

## Budget summary by sector at country level<sup>7</sup>



### Budget summary by partner at country level

Partner	Protection (excluding CP & GBV)	Child Protection (CP)	Gender- Based Violence (GBV)	Education	Livelihoods & Socio- Economic Inclusion	Health & Nutrition	Basic Need	Total in US\$
UN Agencies								
UN International Organization for Migration	292,699	-	-	-	1,254,488	641,193	375,020	2,563,400
UN World Health Organization	-	-	-	-	-	230,000	-	230,000
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	-	-	-	-	300,000	-	-	300,000
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	2,292,554	-	-	-	1,875,726	-	-	4,168,280
International NGOs								
e-Governance Academy	120,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	120,000
National NGOs								
Eluliin	102,100	-	59,000	-	-	-	-	161,100
Estonian Chamber of People with Disabilities	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,000
Estonian Food Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000
Estonian Refugee Council	1,060,000	-	-	190,000	467,000	-	-	1,717,000
Estonian-Swedish Mental Health and Suicidology Institute	99,169	-	-	-	-	40,140	-	139,309
Hands for Ukraine	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Institute of Baltic Studies	-	-	-	-	115,000	-	-	115,000
NGO Mondo	-	-	-	165,917	183,069	226,173	-	575,159
SA Ukrainian War Refugees Psychosocial Crisis Aid Fund	-	-	-	60,000	20,000	20,000	-	100,000
	4,116,522		59,000	415,917	4,215,283	1,157,506	625,020	10,589,248

Partnership and coordination



## Handouts



### QR codes to the Regional Refugee Response Plan and related documents (Estonia)



#### Ukraine Situation – Regional Refugee Response Plan 2024

The Refugee Response Plan outlines the multi-partner, multisector response strategy and financial requirements of 312 different partners supporting the host governments of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia (page 60-75), Hungary,

Latvia (page 95-108), Lithuania (page 110-123), Republic of Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia.



Through this QR code you will also find the country chapter for Estonia, both in English and Estonian.



#### Humanitarian Response Plan (January 2024)



The Humanitarian Response Plan for Ukraine, bringing together more than 500 partners, calls for \$3.1 billion to reach 8.5 million people with food, health care, cash and other lifesaving assistance.





#### Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) – 2023

The 2023 Multi-Sector Needs Assessment in Estonia provides insights into the experiences of Ukrainian persons of concern who have fled to Estonia.





#### Operational Data Portal on the Ukraine Refugee Situation

Weekly updates of data, statistics, maps, relevant documents, press releases.



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#### **Overview: Estonia RRP 2024 Activities**

Sector Partner		Activity Short Description	Amount USD	Contact	
Basic Needs	Estonian Food Bank	Distributing essential food packages by 17 regional food banks every week to 4,000 refugees in need. Eligibility determined by local social workers and referred monthly.	200,000	piet@toidupank.ee	
	Hands for Ukraine	Working with volunteers to renovate buildings to establish short to medium term accommodation facilities for refugees who meet eligibility criteria.	50,000	alice.jarvet@qmail.com	
	IOM	Facilitating transit for refugees through Estonia to other European countries. Offering temporary accommodation and multi-purpose cash assistance. Supporting government and NGO centres with essentials for refugee services, anticipating increased inflows.	392,163	azakharchuk@iom.int	
Education	Estonian Refugee Council	Counselling in 15 kindergartens and 20 schools, promoting multicultural understanding and aiding language development. Global education activities engage 1200 young people, fostering awareness, empathy, and understanding of migration and refugee issues.	190,000	eero@paqulasabi.ee	
	NGO Mondo	Enhancing inclusion in Estonian classrooms with training for 150 local educational workers. Equipping 50 Ukrainian refugee educational workers with skills for Estonian education and connecting 200 via Mondo's virtual network. Providing digital literacy training for 150 Ukrainian refug	165,917	meelis@mondo.org.ee	
	USF	Early Childhood Education (3-6 years): Childcare services; await kindergarten placement. Primary Education (7-10 years): Tutoring, homework assistance, extended day groups. Cultural Education (5-19 years): Ukrainian clubs, lectures.	60,000	info@usf.ee	
Health	Estonian- Swedish Mental Health and Suicidology Institute	Versatile depression treatment to Ukrainian war refugees via the IFD self-help program. IFD, developed by the European Alliance Against Depression, integrates cognitive-behavioural therapy with specialized modules.	40,140	peeterv@suicidology.ee	
	NGO Mondo	Providing psychosocial support to 2,200 Ukrainian refugees and disseminating information about available psychosocial support to 10,000 Ukrainian refugees, ensuring awareness and access to vital mental health resources for the displaced population.	226,173	meelis@mondo.orq.ee	
	USF	Individual and group counselling for mental health disorders, tailored support groups for women, youth, and families with members at the front. Facilitating well-being activities in partnership with ERSI, utilising the IFight Depression Tool.	20,000	agnes.sirg@gmail.com	
	IOM	Training to local educators, social workers, child protection specialists, potner guards and district nurses for MHPSS support to Ukrainian children. Guiding refugees through Estonia's National health system and improving health outcomes through collaboration.	367,055	azakharchuk@iom.int	
	WHO	Organizing national-level trainings, and facilitating the continuation of MHPSS efforts by national stakeholders and other interventions to enhance access to health services.	230,000	kohlerk@who.int	
ivelihoods Inclusion	Estonian Refugee Council	Program supports refugee entrepreneurship with training, aiding labour market entry, providing skills assessments and job search support. Tailored workshops engage young refugees. Employer diversity training fosters inclusivity, while research informs sustainable employment improvements.	467,000	eero@paqulasabi.ee	
• • •	Institute of Baltic Studies	Enhancing immigrant women's employability by addressing societal, domestic, and individual barriers. Participants gain clarity on job	115,000	maria@ibs.ee	



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## Q & A Discussion





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