

UACT: SCOUTS IN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE FOR UKRAINE



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UAct Project's Evolution



UACT: SCOUTS IN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE FOR UKRAINE

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SCOUTS' RESPONSE
The Scout movement, specifically the volunteers from the most affected border countries, took action to support the Ukrainian population in need of assistance in: Poland, Hungary, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Latvia, Moldova and Lithuania.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
UNICEF ECARO (European and Central Asia Regional Office) has launched a regional partnership with the European Scout Bureau of the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM) in response to the unfolding humanitarian crisis.

TEAMS BUILDING
Development of universal youth engagement network, by mobilizing and orienting Scout volunteers to support UNICEF ECARO cross-sectoral response to the Ukraine refugee crisis through delivery of frontline support, integration, programme and non-formal education

SUMMER ACTIVITIES
The variety of camps (i.e. day camps, weekend camps, 7-days+ camps) and styles of camps allow NSOs to cater to the interests and availability of all young people, to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate in the fun and educational programs available for them.

MOVING FORWARD
Identifying the next steps to develop a long-lasting and sustainable partnership between UNICEF and WOSM to encourage future cooperation in humanitarian crisis response projects.

Standing for Ukraine

UNICEF ECARO (European and Central Asia Regional Office) has launched a regional partnership with the European Scout Bureau of the World Organization of Scout Movement (WOSM) to support humanitarian response in Poland, Hungary, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Latvia, Moldova, Lithuania, and Ukraine. In response to the unfolding humanitarian crisis, this project has used a phased approach to implementation, which has enabled an immediate response to the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis through ongoing support and activities, expanding reach in affected communities. Actions and activities related to this project, as well as reporting and development of programs, has been coordinated nationally, supported by the European Scout Regional office, ensuring all countries' activities are relevant and follow the Scouting Method.

Accumulative figures summary

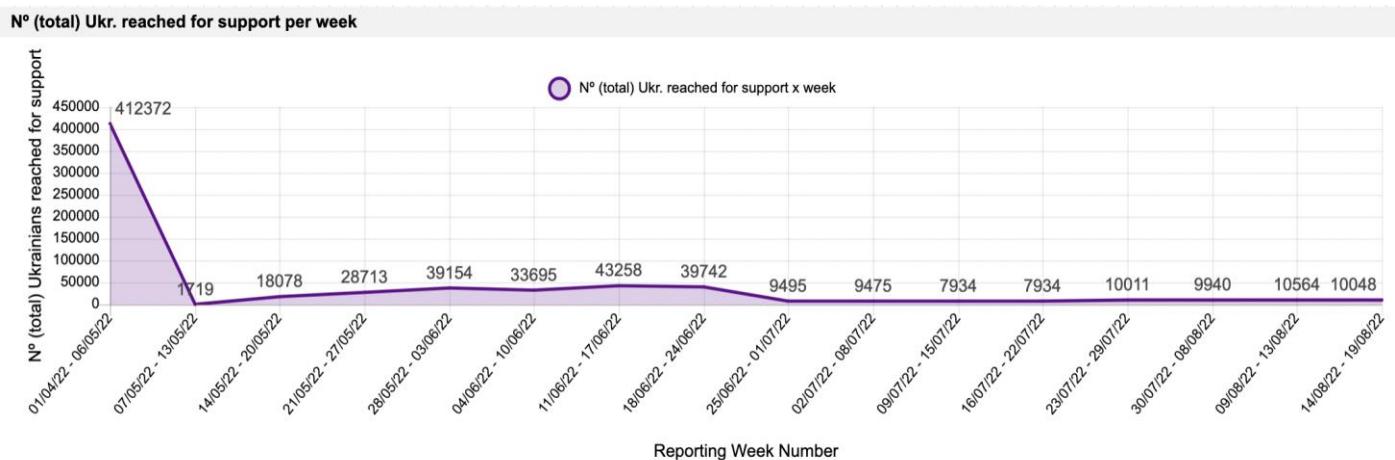
2.1 UAct project accumulative figures' summary

This graphic represents the total accumulative figures reached over the first six months of this project. On the centre of the image, the total number of Ukrainian individuals reached for support, a total of **703.328**, are represented. Of whom **199.244** were children and young people.

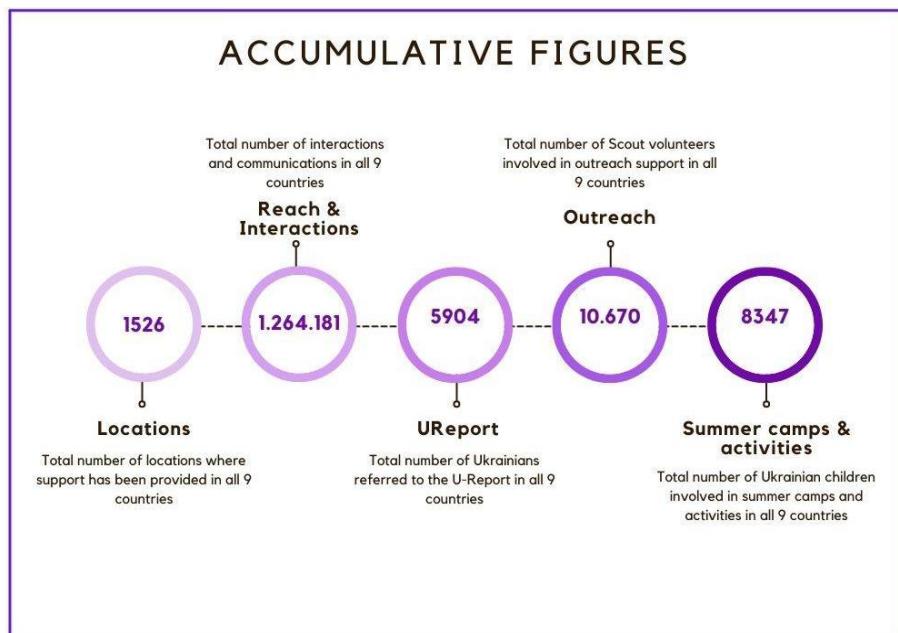


Over **51.020** Ukrainian young people have been supported through Scouting's Educational Methods in the past two weeks. An estimated total reach of **1.264.181** is apparent across social media platforms during this reporting period.

Total number of Ukrainians reached with support in all 9 countries per reporting week:



Accumulative figures reached since April 1st 2022:



2.3 UAct project accumulative figures per country

Number of Ukrainians reached with support per country during the last six months:

Country	Total number of Ukrainians reached	Total number of Ukrainian women reached	Total number of Ukrainian men reached
Czechia	6024	1434	422
Hungary	3449	28	3
Latvia	1022	2	
Lithuania	1318	20	2
Moldova	736	106	30
Poland	676.000	37.660	2794
Romania	1758		
Slovakia	10.800		
Ukraine	2221	312	43

Number of Ukrainian children reached with support per country during the last six months:

Country	Total number of Ukrainian children reached	Total number of Ukrainian girls reached	Total number of Ukrainian boys reached
Czechia	2837	947	760
Hungary	3607	1296	1341
Latvia	45		
Lithuania	712	166	109
Moldova	228	117	74
Poland	187.876	41.370	38.376
Romania			
Slovakia	3000		
Ukraine	939	270	208

Number of interactions and communications on social media per country during the last six months:

Country	Total number of interactions and communications on social media
Czechia	95329
Hungary	39.613
Latvia	906
Lithuania	49.899
Moldova	792
Poland	1.072.200
Romania	1972
Slovakia	
Ukraine	3470

Number of young Ukrainians reached through Scouting's Educational Methods per country during the last six months

Country	Total number of Ukrainian youngsters reached through Educational Methods
Czechia	791
Hungary	
Latvia	30
Lithuania	390
Moldova	205
Poland	48.683
Romania	
Slovakia	
Ukraine	921

Number of Scout volunteers who have been involved in outreach support per country during the last six months

Country	Total number of Scout volunteers involved in outreach support
Czechia	
Hungary	69
Latvia	7
Lithuania	295
Moldova	320
Poland	6703
Romania	1632
Slovakia	1362
Ukraine	282

Number of Ukrainian children involved in summer activities or summer camps per country during the last six months

Country	Total number of Ukrainian children involved in summer camps and activities
Czechia	655
Hungary	128
Latvia	140
Lithuania	68
Moldova	61
Poland	6970
Romania	70
Slovakia	85
Ukraine	170

UAct Project Summary

3.1 How the UAct partnership started



At the beginning of the conflict in Ukraine, the Scout Movement, specifically the volunteers from the most affected border countries, took immediate action to support the Ukrainian population who was arriving and in need of assistance in Poland, Hungary, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Latvia, Moldova and Lithuania. The response from Scouts on these borders and the

support from National Scout Organizations (NSOs) across the regions, took place since the very first days of the war. Consequently, the role of Regional Crisis Coordinator was established to improve and streamline the provision of support and assistance and to manage internal processes and approaches of collaboration with other European countries.

At the start of their response, the NSOs hosted weekly meetings and developed weekly reports where the number of interventions and refugees reached was reported on per country. This helped identify the needs both among the refugee population and the NSOs in order to provide an efficient response.

According to each country's identified needs, the Regional Crisis Coordinator conducted an outreach to WOSM and current partners, requesting specific resources including expertise in areas like psychological support and logistic support.

During this outreach, the partnership between WOSM and UNICEF developed and evolved, as it was recognized that the Scout Movement had the capability and capacity, with its volunteers, to respond rapidly and effectively with child safeguarding at the forefront of its response.



Once the partnership agreement was presented, it was agreed that the Programme Cooperation Agreement (PAC) will be held by the European Support Centre of the World Scout Bureau, and will be accountable for deliverables, reporting, finance distribution and programmatic support as outlined in the agreement. A key segment of this partnership would rely on the information collected and delivered by NSOs via

weekly situation reports that would then be consolidated and shared with UNICEF via a Project Officer.

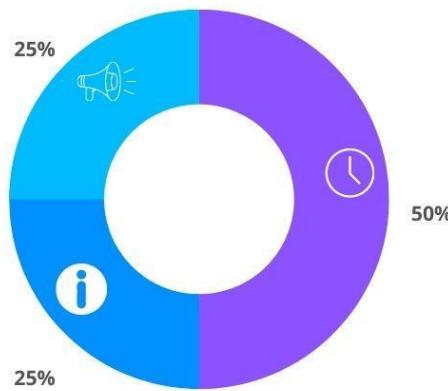
The phases of activity implementation outlined in the agreement, were not equally executed in all nine countries, but happened more based on the needs in the local context and the refugees' situation in each of the border countries.

The target group to reach with support in this partnership is Ukrainian people, including young people aged 10-25, particularly from vulnerable backgrounds, seeking asylum or displaced due to war. The target group would be assisted by WOSM in Youth Engagement, communication and practical support provision, competency-building and social cohesion and integration.

3.2 UAct project expected results

This project's key objective is to provide on-the-ground emergency support to children and young people displaced or affected by the war in Ukraine. This includes supply distribution,

UAct project expected results



- Sustainability**
Long term impact and sustainability of youth action, and effective humanitarian response and preparedness in crisis situations
- Information provision**
Provision of life protecting and life-saving information to refugees, referrals to individualized support, needs assessment & feedback mechanism and connecting young Ukrainian refugees to each other & host populations
- Humanitarian Aid delivery**
Provide access to supplies distribution and housing provision

meaningful participation.

Country-level activities vary according to local needs, capacity and priorities. However, they all focus on both immediate needs and long-term approaches.

Since the established PAC, signed with UNICEF is for a duration of 12 months, the project approach and its activities have been divided into two categories: immediate/short-term focused activities and long-term impact:

- **Immediate/Short-term:** focuses on the immediate actions that can be taken towards the improvement of both the Scouts providing humanitarian aid, and the Ukrainians receiving it. It focuses on creating access and providing necessary critical information on services. One way to do this is Scouts promoting the U-Report tool and facilitating the input of information and dissemination of knowledge to refugees. Through UNICEF's U-Report, these short-term actions will be classified into:

1. Active engagement of Scouts in the provision of information to women, children and families when they arrive at entry points, relocate, or settle across sectors. They link them to Blue Dots and other services, while also offering other forms of support including essential supplies, transportation or housing. This will be delivered in all participating countries through existing Scouting networks and partnerships, in coordination and support from the European and Eurasia Regional Offices.

2. Scouts engagement in the promotion of U-Report Europe to strengthen the use of the platform at local level and provide refugees with access to life-protecting and life-saving information, referrals to individualized support (legal, MHPSS, education etc), needs

referral to Blue Dots and other services, housing (Poland), integration efforts and non-formal education. The goal of the project is to leverage a universal youth engagement platform by mobilizing and orienting Scouts and young volunteers to support UNICEF ECARO cross-sectoral response to the Ukraine refugee crisis through the delivery of frontline support, integration, competency-building methods and

assessment & feedback mechanism and connecting young Ukrainian refugees to each other & host populations for social inclusion.

- Long term: This focuses on the long-term impact and sustainability of youth-led action, and effective humanitarian response and preparedness during crises. The long-term perspective of the project is centred around:

1. Establishing Scouts as peer-support volunteers and change agents for adolescent refugees who are especially vulnerable as they face integration in their new communities (schools, neighbourhoods, adolescent groups etc). This will include carrying out programming using ADAP's Adolescent Kit for Expression and Innovation.

The Adolescent Kit is being built into Scouting's Educational programme, both of which are easily adaptable to the local context and humanitarian needs. Staff and volunteers will be trained by UNICEF experts in psychosocial first aid (PFA), being a young humanitarian, integration methods, complimentary to components of the Scout programme while aligning all elements with Scouting's [Safe from Harm](#) procedures.

The Adolescent Kit for Expression and Innovation is a guidance package of tools, activities and supplies to promote the psychosocial wellbeing of adolescents aged 10-18 affected by humanitarian crises. The Adolescent Kit draws from best practice in psychosocial support, life skills education, child protection and peace building, and targets vulnerable adolescents through approaches that focus on arts and innovation.

U-Report

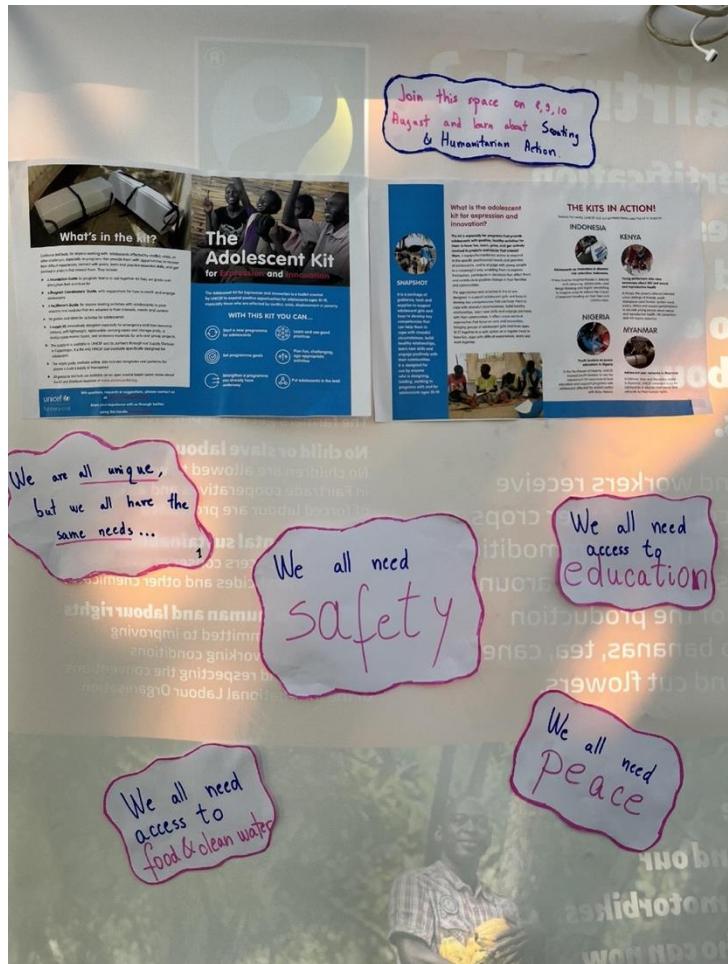


The Region has developed the "[U-Report booth at the summer camps](#)" a guiding document envisioned to promote the U-Report tool in a youth-friendly approach to Ukrainians searching for information on services available in different countries, and register them to use U-Report easily. This has been used as a tool to be used by the NSOs to support them through a step-by-step guidance on how to approach people in an interactive way and invite them to join U-Report. This has been mostly used at the summer camps and jamborees. However, both the NSOs and the Region expect it to be continuously developed and adapted to provide support to the upcoming activities and gatherings, in youth centres, transit centres or refugees centres etc.

The NSOs have pointed a total of **5904** Ukrainians to the tool. With the objective of raising this number in the following months, and spreading the use and utility of the UReport tool, the Region and the NSOs have developed several materials such as: [Roll-ups](#), [banners](#) and [photo frames](#)

that have already been used in the summer camps and jamborees and that are envisioned to be located too at the different Scouts centres and locations.

Adolescent Kit for Expression and Innovation



Through a collaborative approach between UNICEF, the European Scout Region and the nine individual NSOs a phased approach was taken on the Adolescent Kit for Expression and Innovation to ensure its efficient and relevant delivery. It is also an approach to ensure the Kit's long-term sustainability within the Scout Programme and the trainings conducted across the nine NSOs. When working together to adapt the Adolescent Kit training to existing structures and capacity of NSOs, a training with 2 modules was provided by UNICEF to each NSO representative on the 20th and 22nd June.

The Region supported the procurement of Adolescent Kits, as projected by each NSO, for the first phase of delivery, during summer camps. The Region assisted NSOs in estimating their budget for the needed Adolescent Kits, and supported in finding ways to procure and store the supplies and materials needed.

So far, countries are in process of procuring Adolescent Kits and plan to use them in different educational settings including Blue Dots in Poland, camps in Romania and Moldova, and during day camps in youth centres in Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania and Romania. Program expertise provided by the Adolescent Kit is complimentary to the Scout Method and areas explored within Humanitarian Action.

For the NSOs using a larger number of Adolescent Kits, a challenge was faced in storing and packing the kits as a large number of volunteers were needed to do this, who would otherwise be delivering activities and engaged in direct humanitarian support, especially in the case of NOSU and the Scouts living in Eastern sides of the country.

How do NSOs envision to apply the expertise provided by the Adolescent Kit for Expression and Innovation into the upcoming six months?

The second phase of the implementation of the Adolescent Kit will be during Q3 of the project, where NSOs will lead different programmes and focus more on the integration of Ukrainian refugees in regular weekly Scouting activities. Countries have identified different entry points in which the Adolescent Kit can be used to complement their Scout programme which will be naturally provided to Ukrainian refugees too. An example of this would be in refugee schools and newly established Youth Scout Centres such as in the Czech Republic, Romania and Hungary.

Summer Camps and Activities

Summer camps and activities



18.532 children and youngsters have participated in this year's Summer camps and activities



Out of which, **5774** were Ukrainian children and young people



"Scouts are excited about the opportunity to contribute to helping Ukrainians and the children show mutual respect". - Quoted from Lithuanian Scouts webpage. Link, [here](#).

Since the school year came to an end, the nine NSOs have undergone an average of 500 summer camps and activities, which have engaged an approximate number of **21.105** children, out of which approx. **8347** were Ukrainian.

Summer camps have been the main focus for most NSOs during the past 2-3 months. Most summer camps are an initiative by different local teams and Scout groups. However, to ensure a successful rollout, the NSO is involved in the regular planning, monitoring and evaluation and needs analysis for these camps.

The variety of camps (i.e. day camps, weekend camps, 7-days+ camps) allow NSOs to cater to the interests and availability of all young people, to make it as inclusive for all young people.

The largest and most frequent are the day camps, offering an educational programme starting in the morning until the afternoons. Day camps are usually organized in large cities. The nature of them allows parents and caregivers time to attend their daily responsibilities while their children are learning and playing in a safe space.

The summer camps' educational programme is designed to meet the needs of children and adolescents with a strong emphasis on life skills, in a diverse, inclusive and safe environment. This includes hand-on practical activities, communication and team work exercises, adventure and pioneering for the young participants.

Depending on the needs of participants, some camps offer language lessons in their program.

The objective of all camps is to build the skill set and capacity of young people through fun activities and games that strengthen the connection between them and builds bridges among all participants.

Below are some examples of how Polish, Czechian, Lithuanian and Moldavian NSOs have organized and delivered their summer camps so far:

Poland:



The NSO continued its support to Ukrainian children through the **443** Summer Camps and activities planned along the summer holidays, starting on 4 July. At the moment, a total of **6,970** Ukrainians have been able to join the camps and activities.

This has been possible due to the financial assistance received from UNICEF and other partner organizations.

To make this possible, a total of 18 international volunteers supported the delivery and organization of the summer camps in Poland. There were 14 employed Ukrainian psychologists who were constantly available for Ukrainian participants to reach out when needed. As part of the Scout volunteers' preparation in delivering the camps' program, the Polish NSO conducted ongoing trainings specific to promoting U-Report to Ukrainian participants at the camps.

Czechia:

With regard to the summer and day camps, the NSO has currently confirmed 10 Scouts groups that have participated so far in a total of 17- day camps. When preparing for these camps, the Scout leaders who were organizing the camps met on a regular basis to share best practices, challenges, experiences and program overviews.

The Czechian NSO is also providing and handling the necessary finances to ensure the inclusion of Ukrainian children into both summer and day camps.

Czechian local authorities have provided Czech Scouts with a space in the centre of Prague, where Scouts can deliver different educational programs to Ukrainian refugees. This space will also serve as a place where Ukrainian refugees can ask for support or simply spend time together, staying connected as a community.

Nonetheless, Czech Scouts have welcomed 48 Ukrainians Scouts participants, and 5 Ukrainian Scout leaders at the Central European Jamboree, supporting them with all necessary equipment and guidance. In addition to the Central European Jamboree, the Scouts in Czechia organized another summer camp with Ukrainian refugees.

Lithuania:

Prior to the start of summer, the Lithuania NSO led several training sessions to its Scout leaders and volunteers on how to adapt their programs to cater to Ukrainian children and adolescents,



with a focus on Psychological First Aid. They launched the website for [Summer Camps](#), that included this information.

In the months leading up to the camps, the NSO continuously promoted its activities with Ukrainian children and youth on their social media, and clearly encouraged them to join the camps, which led to high participation numbers.

Furthermore, the Chief of Lithuanian Scouts met with the Ukrainian Ambassador to Lithuania and extended an invitation for him to visit the Scout Center and the Ukrainian children benefiting from the programs and activities offered.

The program of the summer camps has included trainings and activities that aim to familiarize all participants with the principles of Lithuanian Scouting, pioneering, cooperation and team building.

The first Ukrainian children and youth were invited to the camps by the Scouts of the Vilnius region. It was feared that one of the biggest challenges would be the language barrier, but Russian-speaking camp leaders were present, and some Ukrainian participants spoke English. To overcome this anticipated challenge, camp team members took the initiative and developed glossaries of basic sentences in Ukrainian and Lithuanian.

"It is nice to see Ukrainian children willingly trying new activities, listening attentively and asking about things that are interesting to them. Since Ukrainian children usually come to the camps by public transport, they start to communicate already during the trip, and when they arrive at the camp, they feel more confident". - quoted from the Lithuanian Scouts webpage. Link, [here](#).

Moldova:

Between 3 August and 6 August, the Moldova Scout camp took place in the South region of the country. During these days Ukraine children had the opportunity to explore the village of



Giurgiulesti and visit the Village Museum, go through obstacle races, gymkhanas, hiking, and participate in various workshops.

From 4 August and 7 August, in the south-eastern part of the Republic of Moldova, the Scout Group Fiorul Padurii organized a second camp that included educational activities, sports, homeland exploration, charity, sanitation, environmental protection activities and socializing with children and young refugees from Ukraine.

In both summer camps the following workshops were organized: creativity, drawing, origami, bracelet-making, tourism techniques, day/night hikes, history of Scouting, songs, Scouting games, folk dance, the ABC of ecology, sports, campfires, cultural evening, contests of ingenuity, intelligence and a photo contest for the best photo from the camp.

Scout camps, named "Together for Peace"

allowed the participants to learn new Scouting experiences, team building and having fun. Participants were able to learn more about the U-Report, participate in surveys, talk about mental health, climate change, and many other themes. In these camps, Ukrainian refugee children were integrated and were able to make new friends, giving them the space and time to play and get their minds off their current circumstances.

Safeguarding



WOSM's safeguarding approach, Safe from Harm, is a policy and set of actions designed to make sure that every person involved in Scouting is responsible and committed to protect children and young people inside or outside the Movement, and make the safety of young people their utmost priority.

UNICEF's Child Safeguarding Team and the UAct project team have shared their expertise to strengthen the

Scout's approach to all child safeguarding and Safe From Harm during the summer events, for all 9 partner NSOs.

One of the most challenging decisions made during the period of the summer activities was to decide on whether the facilitation by WOSM and UNICEF on the participation of Ukrainian children in summer camps hosted outside of their home country would be detrimental, or not, to Ukrainian children's safety and return home.

Based on WOSM's own safeguarding standards and considering the conflict's circumstances during the summer months, both the Region, the European Scout Foundation and WOSM organization realised the complexity and increased level of risk of taking the responsibility of the transportation of young people across borders. Therefore, the Region, strongly advised against transporting young people cross-border travel for summer camps, and any funding requested for such actions are not granted.

The other main focus during the last six months was the finalization of one of the key deliverables for this partnership: to provide all nine NSOs with Humanitarian Action response skills and competencies.

This will be possible, among other aspects, thanks to the development of the Safe From Harm for Scouts involved in Humanitarian Action E-learning. The development of this document has been supported by the expertise of Scouts involved in the project or in Humanitarian Action and very valuable material provided through this partnership.

The Safe From Harm E-learning combines Scouts' real-life experiences, fundamental knowledge of Scouts expert members with a background in humanitarian action, UNICEF's experience and

practices, as well as other's NGOs active in the field qualifications, and the different learning mechanisms developed throughout this partnership.

This e-learning will be available for all NSOs, and aims to begin to educate Scouts as actors in Humanitarian Action with knowledge that may assist when responding to crises while also keeping them safe from harm.

The main target audience for the training will be Scout leaders at the national, sub-national or local unit levels, Rover or any other Scout or volunteer who might find themselves in the middle of a humanitarian crisis where they have to take action. The course will take around **90** minutes to complete.

Building on this, the Safe From Harm (SFH) E-learning material have been developed as a prerequisite for Scout leaders and others offering humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations, in order to proceed with humanitarian action.

This e-learning will help NSOs to understand how to mitigate potential risks regarding not only one's safety, but the entire Scout volunteer teams taking part in emergency response.

How to integrate the Safe From Harm policy into summer and day camps?

Building on World Scouting's existing approach to safeguarding, Safe From Harm, UNICEF and the European Scouts Region aligned to ensure the necessary procedures, protocols and support were in place for summer camps that were welcoming Ukrainian Refugees.

To ensure the consistent implementation of safeguarding across summer camps, support was offered to each NSO in relation to code of conduct, adult training, reporting procedures and a Listening Ear system. Accelerating work in this area equally invests in the future Safe From Harm procedure and policy for each NSO, both in their adult training and implementation of National Procedures.

Jamborees



For both Lithuania and Czech Republic NSOs, a large focus has been their participation in the jamborees: The Baltic Jamboree and the Central European Jamboree.

[The Baltic Jamboree](#) took place between 24-31 July in Lithuania. The UAct team members participating in this Jamboree: The Lithuanian NSO focal point, Programme and Communication officers, facilitated a space where

the UAct project was disseminated, the U-Report was promoted and participants were invited to reflect on topics related to humanitarian action, human rights and peace education.

[The Central European Jamboree](#) took place between 2-12 August in the Czech Republic. The UAct team members in charge were the Czechian Programme officer from and Raluca Popa, the Regional Programme Officer. Participants were provided with 4 days of programme and activities related to Humanitarian Action, Human Rights, Peace Education and to the dissemination of UAct, promotion of U-Report and Adolescent Kit. A total of 110 young people and leaders from Ukraine, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Poland have been engaged in the interactive programme.

In both situations, camps and jamborees, the U-Report has been promoted to Ukrainians and other young people attending to learn about the tool themselves and be promoters in the near future, in their own communities.

The promotion has been done by displaying posters and playing games (e.g. memory game with various abstract shapes including the U-Report QR codes, Bingo game adapted for humanitarian action) that attract young people to be curious about it and get involved, with the use of the U-Report booth.

European Scout Conference



The European Regional Scout Conference took place from 22-26 July in Rotterdam, where NSOs from across the European Region with guests from the UAct project from Ukraine and Moldova and external partners came together to discuss governance and the

next strategy for the Region, looking back at the previous three years and forward to the strategic plan of the new triennium.

Due to the continuously changing developments in Ukraine and neighbouring countries, an emergency resolution was presented to the Conference, outlining the European Scout Region's response to the crisis.

The resolution was adopted, affirming the role of the European Scout Committee to:

- To continue to monitor the humanitarian situation in the Region
- To continue to coordinate and support efforts by Member Organisations in offering help to refugees through the delivery of frontline support, integration, and educational methods
- To continue to support Member Organisations in accessing relevant funds to finance their efforts
- To promote partnerships with civil society organisations across the Region that will further support relief and support efforts
- To promote and increase the visibility of the WOSM Service on Scouting and Humanitarian action across the Region
- To create and support networking opportunities for the Member Organisations of the European and Eurasia Scout Regions, where joint projects and initiatives will be created to support the humanitarian response and the resilience of the Member Organisations affected by the war,
- To support Member Organisations to create spaces that encourage the development and implementation of peace educational programmes, through Regional Dialogue for Peace initiatives and platforms, and
- To continue to implement the UAct initiative together with UNICEF and Member Organisations

During the Conference's plenary, all members of the UAct project were recognized alongside the partnership with UNICEF, celebrated for the important work being done to support those affected by the war in Ukraine.

Lastly, in a breakout session the project was presented to Conference delegates by members of the UAct project from Poland, Latvia and Romania. They explained their approach, the short-term actions, the long-term plans for the programme, training and preparedness, as well as the challenges and impact of the project to date. As a result of this dissemination session, Scouts from countries outside of the partnership have manifested their interest to go to Poland and provide their support to the Polish Scouts.

Communications and promotion

Communications training



A key achievement by the European and Eurasia Regional Offices during this reporting period is the delivery of a communications training to all NSOs involved in the project that focused on communication needs and challenges in Humanitarian Action, UAct project communications plans and main actions envisioned, partnership visibility and [WOSM identity brand guidelines](#), and other important elements to take into account when promoting and working on storytelling for this project. It covered the topics of social media, storytelling, branding & visibility, photography and traditional media.

During this training, the Regional Communications Officer, offered support to the NSOs on how to talk about the project's achievements by seizing communication/storytelling opportunities, elements that make up an impactful story and how to focus on these areas, and how

to take a picture that speaks a thousand words, among other key aspects.

Around 20 participants attended the online training, and were also given an overview of the regional communications plan for UAct, as well as access to the project's [Trello board](#) for all supporting communications material.

UAct Communications & Visibility

During this reporting period and since the inception of this partnership, NSOs and Scout volunteers have been documenting their experience in this humanitarian response, in the form of photos, social media posts and publishing on their websites.

From the regional perspective, the team has seized numerous opportunities in the past six months to highlight the project and its impact across the Europe and Eurasia regions. A [press release](#) had been co-produced by WOSM and UNICEF to mark the launch of the UAct project and partnership, that was made public on WOSM's global and regional social channels as well as the global website. Following the project's announcement in April, the Region developed a communications plan that included the NSO communications training, Trello board, and key international days to leverage for storytelling. Social media activity was organized for *World Refugee Day, Youth Skills Day, Youth Day, and World Humanitarian Day* on both Twitter and Facebook, with some being shared on WOSM's global channels. All this activity is found on the [Trello board](#). On an approximate weekly basis on the regional social media channels, UAct is being referenced, with a focus on one NSO's response.

A main communications output will be a compilation of a series of stories from Scouts across the region involved in UAct. The report will be called the Scouts Diary, and will highlight the crisis and response from different story angles, each focusing on one of the nine countries involved. To date, the region has published [one story from Romania](#) and is currently facilitating the other diary stories.

In terms of visibility and branding of the project, the region has designed a set of visibility material ahead of some summer camps and jamborees, that were printed and used at the camps, following design approval from UNICEF.

The designs of roll-ups, banners, and U-Report promotions items are made available on the Trello board and shared with all nine NSOs to print and encouraged to continue using them in refugee centres and other areas that UAct is being implemented.

Risks and mitigators

In overwhelming situations like emergencies, aid workers may sometimes focus only on what they think needs to be done, without paying sufficient attention to how their activities may be experienced by refugees and migrants, or how the surrounding situation may affect the effective and sustainable delivery of their response.

It is important to provide services in dignified ways, with respect for the autonomy and privacy of the beneficiaries. Everyone has the right to be treated with neutrality, impartiality, independence and humanity, following the Humanitarian Standards linked to Scouting (linked, [here](#), for further reference).

Wherever possible, support should enable people to choose how they

would like to do things in order to maintain a sense of personal dignity and control on their individual situation.

Therefore, it is necessary to consult with refugees and IDPs and identify their needs and capacities, and build the assistance around that. A main component of this is conducting a risks and mitigators assessment for each of the project's phases. For the past six months, the main risks envisioned, as well as the proposed mitigators are:

Area	Risk	Mitigator
Civilian protection	Lack of awareness from refugees on the information points or information tools	<p>Dissemination and promotion of the U-Report.</p> <p>Information points at centres and refugee shelters.</p>

	<p>Exposure of women and girls to sexual violence, including sexual exploitation and abuse</p> <p>Exposure of displaced women and girls to sexual violence, caused by living in highly insecure settlements, distance to and location of humanitarian assistance and services</p> <p>Sharing personal data of refugees, IDPs or other affected individuals or households with third parties, potentially putting them at risk of violence, detainment or discrimination</p>	<p>Social media posts.</p> <p>Creating Facebook groups as an information sharing network.</p> <p>Safe From Harm E-learning for volunteers and team members.</p> <p>Introduction of the Safe From Harm learnings into NSOs' working plans and programmes.</p> <p>Ensuring accommodation facilities are safe and respond to the identified needs.</p> <p>Regular communication channels between NSO and local teams.</p> <p>1:1 Regional Office support to NSOs constantly available.</p> <p>Assessment and modification of NSOs Scouting Plans by experts.</p> <p>Not taking personal data when capturing figures to report the number of people reached for support.</p>
Exclusion and marginalization	<p>Members of minority and marginalized groups are not taken into account or included into the humanitarian assistance</p> <p>Women, girls and boys are not participating in decision-making processes</p> <p>Women, girls and boys' needs are not being heard or communicated</p>	<p>Community engagement of all groups as a key requirement in the response mobilization phase, and ensuring that marginalized groups are by default among the prioritized groups.</p> <p>Include clear strategies for reaching marginalized communities in all the programme partnership documents with implementing partners.</p>

	<p>The delivery of humanitarian assistance affects peaceful coexistence and sparks intercommunity conflict over access to resources</p>	<p>Inclusive consultation with different groups of households, mentioned reinforced complain and feedback mechanisms to identify any situation of exclusion, and to condition implementation on equal and direct access to all communities.</p> <p>Identify minorities, disability and clan representation.</p>
	<p>Discrimination or non-integration of Ukrainian children in the Summer Camps</p>	<p>Direct identification and registration of beneficiaries without the use of intermediaries, however with support of joint project implementation committees representing also marginalized groups, women and youth.</p> <p>Disseminating data into more concrete groups, to help easily identify any recurrent need or danger a specific group of people might face.</p> <p>Training to the volunteers and NSO members on the different groups affected by this project : refugees, IDPs, asylum seekers.</p>
Identifying needs	<p>Barriers for Ukrainians to report concerns through complaint and feedback mechanisms</p>	<p>Constant communication with target populations</p> <p>Include the identified needs into the weekly reports sent to the Regional Office</p> <p>The Region should support when possible, or report to UNICEF, the needs identified</p>

Access to education	Exclusion of Ukrainian children from the school system in September	Liaise with Regional Councils Founding of academic material for Ukrainian children's integration and inclusion workshops
Psychological assistance and sustainable communication	Information should use everyday language and avoid using clinical terms outside clinical settings. Most importantly, do not use words like 'traumatized', 'psycho-trauma', 'PTSD' to denote a whole population.	Safe from Harm E-learning delivery Scouts Code of Conduct Communications training Branding and communicating guidelines 1:1 support from the Regional Office Communications Officer and the NSOs Communications Officer
Unaccompanied children	Unaccompanied children, children that have been separated from their family or caregivers, and children who started their journey unaccompanied but are currently travelling with people, as well as children with special needs such as disabilities can be exposed to abuse, violence and exploitation.	Identification and registration of children Providing assistance adapted to children's specific needs, such as help with contacting family, guidance on their options, legal advice and appropriate shelter will encourage unaccompanied or separated children to register.
Volunteers	The number of volunteers available to support reduces notoriously because of personal burn out.	Psychological Aid training for Scouts. Communication trainings on: how to communicate with refugees and how to speak about war. Training to the volunteers and NSO members on the different groups

		affected by this project: refugees, IDPs, asylum seekers
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Activities delivered per country

As mentioned above, the activities and trainings delivered by the NSO team members have varied according to each country's needs, and Ukrainian refugees' situation. Below is a list of the main actions taken by each NSO in the last six months, classified into the following areas:

- Supply distribution
- Information provision
- Healthcare
- Transportation
- Educational programmes and Scouting activities
- Dissemination and promotion
- Volunteers and team members

Poland	Supply distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting and distributing supplies and requested goods at reception centres. • Finding new uses and deliver the unused donations received at the border. • Manning warehouses and collection centres. • Transporting goods into Ukraine. • Organizing first aid points at the border, reception centres and at refugee centres. • Organizing border patrols to support those at entry points.
	Information provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running information points at the borders, reception centres and refugee shelters.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting and coordinating an information helpline. • Providing legal advice. • Providing assistance to Ukrainian refugees who need local administration services such as filling out documents, applying for social security numbers etc.
Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing psychological support to Ukrainian children, adults, and young people. • Organizing emergency aid systems such as ambulances. • Organizing a station with necessary services for people with both physical and mental disabilities. • Evacuating patients from Ukraine to Poland.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing transport from the border to Poland.
Educational programmes and Scouting activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing activities for children at reception points and shelters. • Organizing and delivering summer camps. • Organizing and delivering daily camps. • Liaising with Ukrainian Scouts to deliver the summer and daily camps. • Adolescent Kit and U-Report trainings. • Organizing Polish language classes. • Organizing outdoor Scouts activities for young refugees. • Special care for unaccompanied children. • Kindergarten space where Ukrainian children can stay and be taken care of when parents or family members need to tend to other urgent activities.

	Dissemination and promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Urban Forum • European Scout Conference • Baltic Jamboree • Central European Jamboree • Summer camps • Organizing field visits with UNICEF's local offices • Hosting UNICEF's representatives to raise awareness and present the UAct project
	Volunteers and team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing psychological first aid help line to Scout volunteers and team members. • Delivering trainings in Ukrainian and Polish to Scout volunteers on how to run safe summer camps. • Providing support and assistance to social workers. • U-Report training to volunteers and team members. • Adolescent Kit training to volunteers and team members. • Communications training to volunteers and team members. • Staff recruitment: project, programme and communications officers. • Organizing a group of 31 Adult Leaders who work or plan to work with refugees and IDPs to participate in the training on Psychological First Aid for refugees.
Ukraine	Supply distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering goods collected by Scouts in other countries to humanitarian centres, internally displaced persons and volunteer organisations in Eastern Ukraine. • Setting up a partnership with manufacturers to provide victims of the war with the needed supplies. • Liaising with vendors and suppliers of services to provide victims of the war with the needed supplies.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with hostels in Warsaw that would engage with refugee shelters.
	Educational programmes and Scouting activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapting the NOSU Youth Programme to work with refugees, IDPs and other war-affected youngsters. • Identifying experts who could work with victims of the war throughout summer camps. • Aligning the identified refugees' and IDPs' needs with WOSM standards and codes of conduct, including Safe From Harm. • Adapting these standards into various adult trainings. • Developing seven units programme to be run in refugee centres twice a week. These trainings are delivered to Ukrainian IDPs, and to provide participants with a connecting point with Ukraine and Ukrainian values. • Organising a group of five Ukrainian leaders, and several adult volunteers, to run individual camps with smaller groups, and engage in activities with refugees in Gdansk and Warsaw. • Developing a needs evaluation process, to assess the trainings and activities delivered.
	Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing psychological support to Ukrainian children, adults, and young people. • Organizing emergency aid systems like ambulances • Organizing a station with necessary services for people with both physical and mental disabilities.
	Promotion and dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing platforms to work with refugees, IDPs and other war victims. • Developing illustrations to be used as visual materials in the adapted Youth Programme.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering a training to NOSU coordinators on "How to create an interesting and dynamic project presentation." • Engaging with other organisations to promote awareness of best practices in supporting those affected by the war. • Coordinating with the National Council for the implementation process the UAct project involves.
	Volunteers and team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff recruitment: project, programme and communications officers. • Monitoring where there are NOSU Scouts in countries who will be core for refugees" or IDPs" groups. • Liaising with other NSOs like Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland to discuss the possibility of hosting and participating in their summer and daily camps. • Communicating with different NSOs of the European Region who are working with Ukrainian refugees to identify needs and liaise in the development of activities and trainings. • Adolescent Kit Training. • U-Report Training. • Translation of the Adolescent Kit materials to allow NOSU leaders to deliver training of trainers to other leaders on Adolescent Kit's implementation. • Monitoring which countries and cities have adult NOSU leaders who are willing to work with Ukrainian refugees or IDPs. • Establishing a programme of how to support internally displaced people and those affected by the war. • Creating a database on the project's evolution and activities developed by NOSU.

Hungary	Supply distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transporting and supplying various goods to refugees in train stations, help centres and on the border. • Establishing a tea & coffee stand to support refugees. • Coordinating with and supporting hostels for refugees. • Providing with free lunch during the months of June, July and August for the children who live in the refugee shelter.
	Information provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing volunteers at railway stations on the border to provide information for refugees about a variety of needs, in cooperation with other organisations. • Keeping volunteers and leaders informed about the crisis and surrounding situation. • Establishing and opened contact opportunities for refugees to receive information on themes like educational, employment and accommodation possibilities.
	Educational programmes and Scouting activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing different programmes and activities to deliver to Ukrainian children (Scout games, handcraft activities, playhouses etc.) • Collaborating with multiple accommodations in Budapest to deliver regular activities. • Organizing and delivering summer camps. • Organizing and delivering daily camps. • Organizing a Children's Day Programme for refugee children in 3 different locations (2 refugee shelters and BOK Help Center). • Undergoing a hiring process and consequent organization of two social workers to assist the weekly visits to the refugee shelters, in order to improve the effectiveness of Scouts' actions, and work with Ukrainian children and youth on more

		<p>than just inclusion activities but on teaching them life skills through different activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the liaison between refugee shelters and local Scout groups nearby. • Organizing day care centres. • Organizing the weekly events at two of the refugee shelters, where Scouts play with children, organise small trips and other activities.
	<p>Volunteers and team members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff recruitment: project, programme and communications officers. • Supporting the volunteers helping at the Children's Corner at the Help Center. • Coordinating the volunteers that play with the children at the refugee shelter. • Training of two members of the NSO of Hungary on the IASC guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings. • Organizing the Scout animator volunteers who supports the team with training and informative resources on how to safely build trusting relationships with refugee and IDP children and adolescents built on peace, education and human dignity. • Adolescent Kit Training. • U-Report Trainings. • Communications Training. • Gathering data and information on the ongoing voluntary activities.

	Dissemination and promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with the National Council to land the UAct project. • Cooperating with external partners. • Publishing an article in the NSO website where the support provided by Scouts volunteers is explained, focusing not only in the first aid response to the conflict, but also on the long-term assistance and support to the Ukrainian refugees. • Looking for and coordinating donations that can support activities like the provision of a free meal for 3 weeks for the children who live in the refugee shelter.
Slovakia	Supply distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of supplies at the border. • Coordinating and supporting the firefighters at the border crossing at Veľké Slemence
	Information provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating and providing support at the information centre in Bratislava in partnership with the local council.
	Educational programmes and Scouting activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing programme partnership with Ukrainian Scout organisation (NOSU) for summer camps. • Organizing and delivering the summer camps. • Organizing and delivering the daily camps. • Adolescent Kit Training. • U-Report Trainings. • Communications Training.
	Dissemination and promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of promotional materials to increase the communication means and possibilities.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing information about the situation and response internally and on how people can engage.
	Volunteers and team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinating the volunteers in Michalovce and Bratislava who take care of registering all volunteers or visitors who are coming to hotspots and take care of the volunteers stationed there. Developing guidelines with the expertise of NOSU team members, to support the Slovakian Scouts when working with Ukrainian young people and children. Developing activities to support members to understand the situation and be able to engage and communicate about it.
Lithuania	Supply distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collecting and distributing supplies. Assistance in packaging food rations for refugees in another organization. Coordinating accommodation of refugees. Provide support to the six refugees living in the Scout premises. Helping Ukrainian women staying at the National Headquarters to get in touch with medical facilities. Organising the hosting and accommodation of refugees. Assisting with the liaising of refugees looking for accommodation and Lithuanian people offering it.
	Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transporting Ukrainian refugees from the border into Lithuania.
	Information provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal situation's communication and analysis

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of a translated version of the Lithuanian Scouts website in Ukrainian. • Communication letters to inform Ukrainian parents about the summer and day camps. • Communication with Ukrainian parents on how to assure a safe and successful experience for Ukrainian children in daily and summer camps.
	Educational programmes and Scout's activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering the programmes being run in Vilnius' Youth Centre for young refugees by Scouts. • Delivering a spring camp with refugee children. • Translating the Youth Programme and training materials. • Adapting the Lithuanian Scout Youth Programme to include the needs and priorities of the current situation by creating a safe environment, integrating Ukrainian children and helping children under stress. • Organizing and delivering summer camps. • Organizing and delivering daily camps. • Adolescent Kit Training. • U-Report Trainings. • Communications Training. • Zoom calls to engage children. • Organising wellbeing sessions for families and young Scouts. • Organising online music sessions.
	Volunteers and team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff recruitment: project, programme and communications officers. • Delivering training sessions on adapting the Lithuanian Scout Youth Programme, creating a safe environment, integrating Ukrainian children and helping children under stress. • Coordinating the internal communication channels with Lithuanian Scout leaders to raise awareness on the importance of the trainings organised.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing the Facebook group has to communicate with Lithuanian Scout leaders who involve Ukrainian children in their activities. Developing internal communication with the Lithuanian Scout leaders on the new training methodologies, design and delivery of communication materials. Organizing a training on how to effectively communicate the Adolescent Kit to Scout leaders and organise the different activities included in the Adolescent Kit. Managing volunteers in a call centre helping refugees to find accommodation.
	Dissemination and promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing a webpage to be used for external communication on activities and events where refugees are invited to participate. Lithuanian Radio show "Sounds of the Morning" featured the project. Lithuanian news radio show "Time to change" featured the project. Launching of a registration webpage, where Ukrainian children can easily see and join a variety of Scouts activities. LRT show "We are from Ukraine" in the National Television that mentioned the Scouts' response. Organizing Fundraising activities with other organisations. Online team zoom calls.
Latvia	Supply distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaising with different businesses to coordinate supply donations. Providing individual support needs. The Government also established some key legislative amendments that will take into consideration specific needs and requirements from and for refugees such as housing, food, health and language.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the youth organization "Young Folks" with the delivery of meals to Ukrainian IDPs at the Riga bus station. • Setting up a tea centre in a refugee centre in Riga until mid-May. • Coordinating "peaceful walk" of 30,000 people to manage human flow when moving from the border.
Information provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the State Crisis Group for information sharing and coordination.
Educational programmes and Scout's activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising activities such as hiking trips, bike rides etc. • Supporting and promoting the inclusion and integration of Ukrainian children into Scouting. • Coordinating the youth centre in Riga for refugee children, where different activities and programmes are planned. • Organizing and delivering summer camps. • Organizing and delivering daily camps. • Adolescent Kit Training. • U-Report Trainings. • Communications Training.
Volunteers and team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff recruitment: project, programme and communications officers. • Developing a support network among the team members and volunteers to create a space where they can collaborate and assist each other on the different challenges faced when integrating and including Ukrainian refugees into their programmes and activities.
Dissemination and promotion	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with different partners such as the Ministry of Finance to include Ukrainian refugees into social housing and integration programmes. • Embracing the participation of Ukrainian children in the different state and municipal camps. • Developing a ribbon solidarity campaign. • Developing the sunflower campaign where young people planted sunflower seeds to promote new growth.
Moldova	Supply distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing first aid, material resources and logistical support. • Coordinating refugee shelters and accommodation requests.
	Educational programmes and Scout's activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing and delivering summer camps. • Organizing and delivering daily camps. • Adolescent Kit Training. • U-Report Trainings. • Communications Training.
	Volunteers and team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of group leaders on the reporting system. • Delivering Scout leader trainings on external communication aspects. • Supporting the development of UAct NSO network to collect and share good practices. • Assisting and delivering to Scout leaders trainings on Safe from Harm, and how to prepare themselves when delivering the summer camps.
	Dissemination and promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing fundraising activities.

Czech Republic	Supply distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply distribution
	Information provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holding a video stream about sharing experiences of Ukrainian children joining Scout troops. Developing a website version in Ukrainian targeting parents of interested children. Providing information and articles to Scout magazines about Ukraine and refugees and how to help them. Translating Scouts documents, health and safety information into Ukrainian.
	Educational programmes and Scouting activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosting various activities with Ukrainian children like sport or art afternoons. Offering Czech language courses. Inclusion and integration activities for young refugees joining Scout troops. Developing three "Scouts Merit Badges" under the categories of linguistics, camping and sports, and translate them into Ukrainian. Organizing and delivering of summer camps. Organizing and delivering of daily camps. Adolescent Kit Training. U-Report Trainings. Communications Training. Joining a working group of national NGOs supporting leisure activities for Ukrainian children. Researching the legal and logistic possibilities to host Ukrainian Scouts in Czechia. Launching the Ukrainian – Czech Centre in Svitlo, a library offering Ukrainian books, sports afternoons and more activities.

	Promotion and dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing poster to Scout club rooms, and shared it also in the Scouts' magazine. • Launching a website about Scouting and how to join us in Ukrainian for Ukrainian parents. • Ran a campaign about Ukrainian children being welcomed in Junak through social media. • Distributing welcoming bilingual posters to every Scout leader with the help of Scout magazines. • Promoting of the integrative day camps. • Supporting the application of local units for financial support to (1) invite and accept Ukrainian children to Scout summer camps, (2) organize day camps for Ukrainian refugees, (3) organize various activities for Ukrainian children such as sport activities, games, cooking together etc. • Creating a special e-mail sent by the Czechian Scout president to all the local units encouraging them to invite Ukrainian children to join their summer camps, organize integrating summer camps for Ukrainian children. • Developing a Czechian and Ukrainian magazine where different cultural aspects and traditions are explained and shared, training and integration of Ukrainian children and youth into Scout troops, and a series of trainings for Czechian Scout leaders on how to integrate refugees and IDPs.
	Volunteers and team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing of two different opportunities for Czechian Scouts to meet and share best practices, lessons learnt, or ideas on how to integrate and include Ukrainian children into Scouting groups, how to introduce them in their local communities and troops, and the best ways to promote and facilitate their assistance to both day and summer camps. • Staff recruitment: project, programme and communications officers

Romania	Supply distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting and transporting goods (first aid supplies, equipment, clothing, unperishable items (hygiene supplies) to Ukraine. • Establishing 3 collection points. • Supporting 9 locations where supplies distribution and volunteer organization were held. • Providing border support (guidance and translation), accommodation, meals and transport for refugees. • Organising transportation from the border into different cities in Romania. • Carrying out three shipments of medicines and medical supplies to Ukraine. • Carrying out four shipments of non-perishable products, hygiene materials and clothing to the Republic of Moldova. • Contributing to the daily sorting and transporting items for refugees (food, water, clothes, beds, hygiene items, etc.) • Providing assistance with the development of 7 centres where refugees were housed (information support, meals, accommodation, etc.) • Supporting the refugee camps in Botosani with equipment and supplies.
	Information provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting information points at border and in local areas. • Supporting accommodation of refugees.
	Educational programmes and Scouting activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating access of refugees into educational centres. • Running fun activities in refugee camps. • Offering mindfulness trainings for staff and volunteers. • Integrating refugees into regular Scout activities. • Liaising with UNICEF Romania representative to use the Blue Dots in Bucharest as potential suitable locations for Scout activities with refugees.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing and delivering summer camps. • Organizing and delivering daily camps. • Adolescent Kit Training. • U-Report Trainings. • Communications Training.
Volunteers and team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcing in the newsletter staff recruiting opportunities at the youth centre. • Staff recruitment: project, programme and communications officers. • Delivering mindfulness and wellbeing trainings delivered to volunteer team members to avoid burnout and reduce stress. • Delivering Dialogue for Peace training and integration of the Ukrainian minority. • Delivering individual coaching sessions for volunteers. • Delivering professional training to volunteer and team members in dealing with children and young people that are refugees. • Developing an NSO policy for long term support and integration.
Dissemination and promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising fundraising activities. • Running donation campaigns.

Europe and Eurasia Regional Offices



From the 29th April to the 2nd May WOSM ESR held the first partner kick-off meeting in Warsaw, Poland, in which representatives from across the nine partner countries participated, joined by the European and Eurasia regional Office's teams.

During these days significant steps were taken in setting up the nine national-level project teams. The international project team reviewed all the actions taken to date, set key milestones

for success, developed national and regional action plans and set up a project management system.

During the following weeks the National Scouts Organizations (NSO) started to prepare the Summer Camps, and figuring out the best practices and key aspects to focus on how to assure that "no one is left behind". This pledge was approached in through different methods such as: trainings delivered to both scouts and Ukrainians; direct email communications; newsletters, website updates and social media posts; internal cooperation among different NSOs like Poland, Ukraine, Slovakia and Czechia, and staff recruitment and induction among others.

In order to accomplish that, NSOs started to develop individual communications strategies such as campaigns, social media promotion, and merchandising; as well as a larger and long term-perspective communications plan developed from the Region, to assure that scout's achievements and engagement were widely known.

Furthermore, as part of one of the key aspects of the program and communications Plans of Action, the NSOs, with the support of the Regional Office, developed impactful and individual comms strategy to raise the awareness and reaching capacity of one of the key tools provided by UNICEF: the U-Report. In order to accomplish this, the country offices built up concrete strategy to assure a wide extent of the U-Report use.

Both the European and Eurasia Regional Offices have focused their Plans of Action in shadowing and helping NSOs to establish independent and structured working teams, along with strategically planning the way forward by responding to the immediate needs of refugees and having a long-term analysis of the situation. One of the first elements developed in order to assure this, was the carrying out of a risk analysis that examines potential risks under the

partnership, project, programme and NSOs, and the best practices that would assist when mitigating or completely reducing them.

As access to accurate data is one of the key focus points of this partnership, that is why the Region developed a completely new and automated process, to collect data directly from the border countries, and transform it into accumulative figures presented to UNICEF through the weekly Situation Report. This reporting process allowed both UNICEF and the Region to have visibility on the number of Ukrainian people supported during the reporting period, as well as an accumulative view since the initiation of the partnership.

To ensure that NSOs have full visibility on the project, the Regional Office developed a project's handbook, where aspects including the methodology and calendars were explained in detail. The guidelines have been established to create a long-lasting accessible document, that NSOs can refer to in regard to different aspects of the project, and utilize as a template when building a partnership focused on humanitarian action.

As well, the European Regional Office has developed a regional communications plan for the project, to showcase Scouts' achievement and response to the crisis and give recognition to the partnership with UNICEF.

Furthermore, with the support of the European Regional Office, NSOs have been developing over the past months an impactful and individual promotion strategy to raise the awareness and increase the reach of the U-Report tool. NSOs are adamant about widely promoting the U-Report throughout the project duration by ensuring its promotion at summer camps and jamborees that welcome thousands of young people, strategic information points, newsletters, social media and more.

To build on the promotion of the partnership and position Scouts among first responders in humanitarian settings, the Regional Office has been constantly identifying key media opportunities and campaigns, leveraging on global days such as International Humanitarian Day, to publish and extend the achievements accomplished by the countries that participate in this project.

The Europe and Eurasia Offices have integrated a more individualised assistance process for the NSOs by launching the [**WOSM Services**](#). Through this platform, NSOs have the possibility of requesting guidance that is specific to their NSO's needs. The NSOs focal points or areas representatives are able to request support on processes from a partnership, programme and project management perspective.

This procedure has not only helped to find solutions and mitigate potential risks that the NSO could face, but offers tailored support with regular communication between the Regional Offices and NSOs. This is also a way to gather best practices and monitor and evaluate the support extended to each NSO that requests assistance on the WOSM Services platform. This builds our long-term capacity in humanitarian action, as it allows the transfer of knowledge and

lessons learnt from one NSO to another. From a programmatic perspective, both Regional Offices and the NSOs are working closely on maintaining an alignment between the tools and training under this partnership, and the Scouts' wide experience on the effective implementation of learning methodologies. This is an example of how a more than **51.020** Ukrainian young people have been supported through educational programs and activities.

Building on supporting the NSOs, during the third week of July, the Regional Offices delivered an online training on Communications in Humanitarian Action (focusing on UAct) where NSOs could learn to lead remote content gathering, learn photography and branding tips, and understand how to best communicate their success.

During the months of July and August, the Regional Offices have completed three of the project's main deliverables, by disseminating and raising awareness about the impactful role that Scout are playing in this crisis response, through the participation of some of the team members of both offices, as well as representatives from some NSOs such as the Czech Republic, Poland or Lithuania, in different informative and programme sessions, the Baltic and Central European Jamborees, as well as at the European Scouts Conference, where greater visibility was given to the UAct project and its current progress.

Individual NSO's actions

Poland



Across Poland, an approximate number of 50 information and reception points are utilised at the moment. Among the **676.600 (37.660** women and **2794** men) Ukrainians reached for support during the past six months in Poland, **187.876** were children (**38.376** boys and **41.370** girls)

As the NSO with a direct budget income directly connected to housing provision, Poland NSO has been able to provide during this period 70 warehouses where first aid items have been stored and distributed.

From a programme perspective the Polish NSO has delivered 10 trainings on how to run activities in Polish and

Ukrainian, as well as how to run safely this year's Summer Camp, as well as 17 trainings for safety rules during summer camps, following WOSM's Safe from Harm policy.

At the early beginnings of the conflict, the Scouts from the Warmińsko-Mazurski region along with the local University, church, hospital and car dealers organised several transport systems from Poland to Ukraine and delivered 2 ambulances and 1 off-road car for city municipality.

Regarding the assistance provided by the Scouts at the UNICEF Blue Dots. On a weekly basis, Scouts are giving aid to a total of **1000 - 1200** Ukrainian refugee **per week** in each Blue Dot hub.

At the moment, there are four Blue Dot locations established in the country:

- 1 Blue Dot spot in Medyka
- 1 Blue Dot spot in Przemysl
- 2 Blue Dot spots in Krakow

Additionally, Polish NSO and UNICEF are currently considering the possibility of opening a fifth Blue Dot in Warsaw, but this has not been completely decided yet.

The assistance provided in the Blue Dots covers:

- Psychological support to Ukrainian post-traumatic children, adults, and young people.
- Support and assistance provided to social workers.
- Special care for unaccompanied children.
- Kindergarten space where Ukrainian children can stay and be taken care of when parents or family members need to tend to other priorities.
- Legal advice.
- A station with necessary services for people with both physical and mental disabilities.
- Non-financial aid provision: including food, cosmetics, clothes, health requirements
- General information provision.
- Assistance to Ukrainian refugees who need local administration services such as filling out documents, applying for social security numbers etc.

As psychological first aid provision is one of the key aspects to focus on during this project, in Poland there are two main activities envisioned: The first one has been the engagement of Ukrainian staff psychologists assisting and working with the Ukrainian children attending the camps. The other has been the support provided by 14 Polish Scout volunteers in psychological first aid provision for adults, youth and children. An integral part of the Polish Scouts' response is the delivery of psychological aid not only to Ukrainian children and youth, but also to their own Scout leaders and volunteers in order to ensure their wellbeing and prevent burnout.

Between 26-30 June, the Polish NSO presented the UAct partnership and project at the 11th [World Urban Forum](#), a global conference organized by UN Habitat on sustainable urbanization, where a representative from the Polish NSO emphasized the powerful role of young people in humanitarian responses.

The Polish Scouting and Guiding (ZHP) members participated in a conference organised by the European Economic and Social Committee and focused on helping Ukraine, how to rebuild the country and its European perspective. The conference took place in Kraków on 18th and 19th July, 2022. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the best practices collected so far and how to best support Ukrainian refugees in Poland.

Some participants visited the different information-aid points in the main railway station in Kraków run by Scouts and financed by UNICEF UAct project. Among the guests were Christa Schweng, Head of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and Krzysztof Pater, president of ZHP.

During these conversations, Scouts were represented by Izabela Kucim-Bemelmans, Team Leader the in Blue-Dot Krakow and Agnieszka Pospiszyl - Project Coordinator at the UAct ZHP-WOSM-UNICEF project.

Ukraine

"As a Ukrainian Scout I am proud of NOSU leadership. Seeing how they show courage in the face of adversity, how supportive and engaged they are, checking on everyone's wellbeing, sharing useful resources and answering messages, even though most of them have to hide in shelters several times a day and spend their nights underground." - Quote from ESR webpage. Link, [here](#).

Scout centres in Kyiv and Odessa, among others, have been used when possible, to purchase, collect and distribute essential items for the civilian population affected by the fighting, including medicines, food and water (through the Red Cross) and shelter supplies like sleeping bags, blankets and mats.

Several volunteer groups, donated their assets, like sleeping bags, directly to the nearest distribution centre. In Kyiv, Scouts honoured their outdoor skills by setting up a field kitchen to cook and provide meals for the community.

The social media campaign "Don't Abandon", #непокидай in Ukrainian, encouraged people to take their pets with them when evacuating. When this was not possible, NOSU Scouts organised different teams to find new homes and avoid animal abandonment.

At the beginning of the conflict, and with the aim of lifting Ukrainian people's spirits and help families go through traumatic experiences, Scout Groups from NOSU planned occasional online meetings, such as an [online workshop with experts on self-care](#) and well-being.

As well, Scouts of Odessa organised an online meeting to help entertain children with the support of the musician Marat Mairovich. Scouts of Dnipro [entertained Scouts on Zoom](#) with a quiz game on Scouting knowledge.

As time goes by, to maintain these communication channels and ways of keeping a constant bond between NOSU and Ukrainian refugees, the Ukraine NSO organised different meetings with Ukrainian children where they provided a safe space to express their feelings and concerns.

In Ukraine, the Regional Office and NOSU have been in constant communication to fulfil the development of a programme that meets the identified needs of Ukrainian refugees and IDPs, as shown through the data and experiences collected by the local teams. From a programmatic perspective, at the beginning of this partnership NOSU focused on processing and coordinating with the National Council for the implementation process the UAct project involves.

In the process of developing this programme, the first step taken by Ukrainian NSO was to establish partnerships with the different NSO leaders who were willing to adapt their programmes and activities to include and integrate Ukrainian refugees and IDPs. NOSU used the Adolescent Kit for Expression and Innovation to develop and improve their "Youth Programme", tailored to the current situation. NOSU envisions this project to be useful not only for their own NSO, but for any other that experiences a similar situation in the future.

WOSM experts and NOSU trainers worked closely over the last six months on how to align the recognized needs with WOSM standards and codes of conduct, such as Safe from Harm, and adapt them into various adult trainings. Related to this, several meetings have been conducted, along these six months, with the Scout leaders currently located in Dnipro, Gdansk, and Warsaw, to discuss and agree on the different engagement possibilities when working with children. As well as the organization of a group of 31 NOSU leaders that have attended the Psychological First Aid for refugees training provided by UNICEF's experts.

The IDP-focused section of the programme includes the themes of safety, health, prevention, risks and some national aspects to preserve the culture of Ukraine. The programme is envisioned to be a nearly 300page document that also contains information and procedures about meetings, trainings, games, surveys and more.

Under NOSU's activities delivered outside of Ukraine, regular communication with NSOs is crucial in order to ensure that Ukrainian children are settling well and being included in the new host communities.

Furthermore, NOSU has also been working on the development of a seven-units programme to be run in refugee centres twice a week. These trainings are envisioned to be delivered to Ukrainian IDPs, and to provide participants with a connecting point with Ukraine and Ukrainian values. The Scout's team trainers are starting to organise themselves to deliver these trainings

to other Scouts leaders that will be working on the implementation of the new programme with refugees and IDPs.

NOSU is expecting to have this programme's material in the upcoming weeks, and from then on provide the necessary training sessions. The training programme being curated is designed to encourage and maintain the bond with Ukraine as home country and its citizens. It is complimentary to the other trainings for youth programme and Adolescent Kits.

NOSU coordinators completed a training on "How to create an interesting and dynamic project presentation" to make the most of the "NOSU Youth project" presentation meetings in Dnipro (Ukraine) and Gdansk (Poland).

Another very important aspect of NOSU's programme is the delivery of a training focused on health and medical assistance provision in humanitarian crisis situation. At the moment, this training is at its first steps, and NOSU is in communications with several organizations that might be able to provide support on this matter.

Regarding the cooperation and team work between NOSU and ZHP, the communications are currently focused on finding a centre, where NOSU will work with Ukrainian refugees. In order to assure the participation in this project of both Ukrainian adults and children with current residence in Poland, several meetings among NOSU Scout leaders, both in Poland and Ukraine, have taken place to start planning the first steps towards the systematic work with refugees.

In addition, NOSU organised two meetings, attended by 22 participants, with the refugees currently based in Dnipro and Gdansk that had applied to participate in the project, and have created a Telegram channel to easily communicate.

Furthermore, Poland and Czechia are in constant communication with Ukraine NSO to organise the participation and integration of Ukrainians in refugee camps in both countries, at the moment a total of 109 Ukrainians have attended.

Following on NOSU's actions in Poland, the Scouts have also started communications with different hostels in Warsaw that would engage with refugee's shelter.

Last but not least, and related to the previous section, NOSU is currently working directly with 5 Ukrainian leaders, and several adult volunteers, in Gdansk and Warsaw to run individual camps with smaller groups, and engage in activities with refugees. At the moment, 7 training camps have been delivered in these three cities, with a total of 96 participants.

Czechia

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campaign ran in social media, inviting Ukrainian children in Junak.

Furthermore, as a way to promote Summer Camps among Ukrainian children several communication products, such as Newsletters and posters inviting them to join the Czechian Scouts units were promoted. Following this, the Czechian NSO made the decision to send an official email by the Czechian Scout President to all the national scout units, inviting Ukrainian children to join their summer camps, and organizing integrating activities. This August, Czechia NSO has launched a bilingual (Czechian – Ukraine) children's magazine, that includes an article

Ukrainian refugee children's integration and inclusion has been on the focus actions for the Czechian NSO on the past six months. To achieve this goal, Czechia has paid special attention to the dissemination of information through both internal and external communication channels. For example, by providing informative articles and newsletters on how to facilitate Ukrainian children's participation in Scouting activities, or how to effectively assist them and respond to their needs. Another example would be the launching of a website about scouting and how to join the NSO in Ukrainian for Ukrainian parents (see [here](#)), as well as a

on [Why to integrate UA children into troops in autumn](#), based on recent research undergone through the experiences lived by UA refugees in Czechia.

Czechia NSO has launched a programme for financial support of activities organized by our scout units to help Ukrainian refugees. Czechia NSO units can now apply for financial support to (1) invite and accept Ukrainian children to scout summer camps, (2) organize day camps for Ukrainian refugees, (3) organize various activities for Ukrainian children such as sport activities, games, cooking together etc. For all of this, Ukrainians can directly ask for a financial support from our new Scout financial programme to support Ukraine - Laskavo.

These activities include the launch of the Ukrainian – Czech Center in Svitlo, a recent library they opened offering Ukrainian books, sports afternoons in Prague with over 100 Ukrainian participants, the development of a Czechian and Ukrainian magazine where different cultural aspects and traditions are explained and shared, training and integration of Ukrainian children and youth into Scout troops, and a series of trainings for Czechian Scout leaders on how to integrate refugees and IDPs.

Czechia will continue with the grant management of the Laskavo programme for Ukrainian children to join summer and/or day camps. This will involve several processes as approval requests, agreements management, finances and budgeting management, and both internal and external communication opportunities.

Summer Camps and day camps have been one of the main priorities for the Czechia NSO during this reporting period. After the [promotion](#) of the different possibilities for Ukrainian children to participate in the summer and day camps throughout the past weeks, the Czechian NSO and local teams are focusing their attention on finalising an adapted programme that can benefit the children that will attend the camps this year.

Since access to understandable and accessible information is one of the key achievements of this partnership, the first action taken towards the promotion of the camps, and the different engagement in Scouting opportunities, has been to translate basic Scouts documents, including the educational methods book, or health and safety information for Ukrainian, and to liaise with NOSU to discuss the possibilities of rolling out UA summer camps in Czechia.

In addition, the different Czechia Scout teams have had two different opportunities to meet and share best practices, lessons learnt, or ideas on how to integrate and include UA children into Scouting groups, how to introduce them in their local communities and troops, and the best ways to promote and facilitate their assistance to both day and summer camps.

The Czechian Scouts led the creation of three "[Scouts Merit Badges](#)" under the categories of linguistics, camping and sports. These badges have also been translated into Ukrainian, to enable Ukrainian children and adolescents to participate in the programme to earn them.

Scout units around Czechia organized so far **40** summer and day camps with Ukrainian participants, and supported the Central European Jamboree team to invite and support Ukrainian participants to disseminate the UAct project, during this year's organization. Czechia has supported approximately **655** Ukrainian children through this year's summer and daily camps, and Central European Jamboree participants.

Hungary



act upon the conflict in Ukraine and amplify the support. In addition, the project was also presented to the National Council to gain their support and permission about starting the project.

The Hungary NSO's main during this reporting period has been Ukrainian children, to whom support has been provided to a total of **3607** (**1341** boys, **1296** girls). It's for this, that one of the main activities in Hungary was to establish a team of volunteers that would visit these shelters, at least three times a week, to play and assist the children living there. To assure an effective and flexible support to these children, the NSO facilitated communicational channels to connect both local Scouts groups, and the organizations and volunteers taking care of the shelters.

However, keeping children safe and distracted was a fundamental duty of Hungarian Scouts too, and so, the volunteer teams not only visited the children at the shelters, but also helped in the Children's Corner at the Help Provision Center.

As it has frequently happened in most of the NSOs involved in this project, one of the first steps taken in this project has been recruit some team members to strengthen the team's professional capacity and efficiently cover the tasks within the project.

Secondly the regional district leaders had the annual spring meeting where the UAct project was presented to the rest of the Hungarian Scouts members to raise awareness on the need to

The vast majority of the assistance provided by the Hungarian NSO has been directed towards the care and protection of Ukrainian children. Over 420 children have been accompanied in the refugee shelters. Scout volunteers have been holding weekly events at two of the refugee shelters, where they play with children, organise small trips, and have agreed to provide food services to 50 Ukrainian children during the months of June, July and August.

In addition to the activities in the shelters, the Scout volunteers continued taking shifts in BOK Help Centre where they provide daily assistance and play with children who arrive there.

The Hungary NSO is also exploring the possibility of funding the accommodation of these 50 Ukrainian children, and offering them school starting packs.

Taking into account that effective work with refugee and IDP children and adolescents might require some specific and professional skills, the NSO considered it useful to hire two social workers to assist the weekly visits to the refugee shelters, in order to improve the effectiveness of their response there. The social workers along with Scout volunteers work with Ukrainian children and youngsters on more than just inclusion activities but on teaching them life skills through different activities. In addition to the volunteers at the refugee centres, a Scout animator volunteers there on a part-time basis who supports the team with training and informative resources on how to safely build trusting relationships with refugee and IDP children and adolescents built on peace, education and human dignity.

During the past two weeks, the Scouts in the NSO have focused a large part of their daily work on the elaboration of the concept of a Scout Kucko (day-care centre) that opened on the 8th of August. As part of this launching process, the NSO had to interview applicants for the position of day-care centre shift leader, animator and translator positions, research and obtain legal advice and promote this new service among Ukrainian refugees.

Hungarian Scouts want to offer a safe space for Ukrainian children to spend the day in order to allow their parents the time to tend to important responsibilities. The plan is to use these day centres to offer a daily programme of language classes, educational clubs according to age groups and a general space where the NSO can put the Adolescent Kit into action.

The NSO from Hungary has also published an article in their website, link [here](#), where the support provided so far by Scouts volunteers is explained, and they raise awareness on the impact that the Scout groups have had so far, not only in the first aid response to the conflict, but also on the long-term assistance and support to the Ukrainian refugees. This article includes live testimonies, lessons learnt that represent how *“willingness to help and humanity is the ray of hope in these situations”*.

Hungary NSO has established a communication channel with potential partners such as the Humanitarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta, to contribute to establishing three more refugee shelters.

Hungarian Scouts have partnered with a local NGO specialized in single parental-families assistance. This partnership provides the scouts' teams with the NGO's working expertise, as well as allowing them to use the NGO's working spaces and infrastructure to undergo some of the scouts' daily activities previously mentioned.

In all of their activities with Ukrainian children and adolescents, the Hungary NSO provides a Hungarian-Ukrainian translator.

The NSO members also participated in the Sziget Music Festival, where they launched a Scouts Stand where the festival participants could get information about the UAct project, make postcards for refugee children at the Scout Stand, as well as learn more about the URreport.

Most recently, some members of the Scout volunteers' teams organized a day activity for the Ukrainian refugee adults and children in Miskolc.

Last, but not least, two members of the NSO of Hungary have been trained on the IASC guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings.

Romania



country's volunteers managed to:

At the beginning of the conflict, Romanian volunteer scouts provided border support such as guidance, information translation, accommodation, meals and transport to the Ukrainian refugees at the borders. Along with other NGOs, Romanian Scouts were of great support in collecting and distributing goods and health supplies.

With the support of over 230 volunteer Scouts this

- Provide online or border guidance to over 700 people by organising volunteer scouts in specially designed info-point spaces.
- Transport from the border approx. 378 people / 23,000 km.
- find or provide direct accommodation and food for approx. 611 people in various cities.

- Carry out three shipments of medicines and medical supplies to Ukraine.
- Carry out four shipments of non-perishable products, hygiene materials and clothing to the Republic of Moldova.
- Contribute daily to sorting and transporting items for refugees (food, water, clothes, beds, hygiene items, etc.) to more than 8 collection points in the country.
- Help with the development of logistical issues in 7 centres where refugees were housed (information support, meals, accommodation, etc.),
- Help with equipment and supplies for the refugee camps in Botosani.

After these intense weeks of border support, and, following Safe From Harm advices, the NSO identified the need to plan and deliver several programmes based on volunteer's wellbeing and mental health. To fulfil this commitment with the team members that had so rapidly jumped in support provision, the NSO organised different 1.1 mindfulness, wellbeing and coaching trainings with the volunteers to requested them, reaching more than 30 Scouts members.

As per the project's planning, Romania NSO, has established two main project phases : before autumn, where they will develop tools and train volunteers with the help of experts from outside the organisation in dealing with children and young people that are refugees, and after autumn when they will run and develop the educational centre in Bucharest for children and young people, mainly refugees, but also scouts, in order to offer the refugees opportunities for education and community integration.

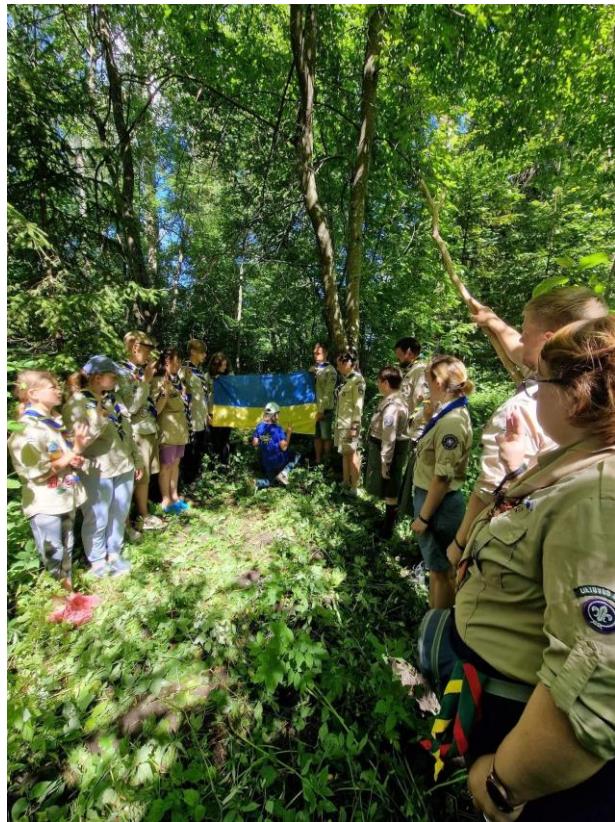
Moreover, keeping as a priority youth engagement and the development of a sustainable team, the Romanian NSO also announced in their Newsletter the staff recruitment opportunities at the youth centre. These recruitment opportunities announced the necessity of several team members that will support with the development of three guidelines and one social-education training to build the capacity of Scout leaders who are working directly with refugees from Ukraine.

The programme and educational team had a follow-up meeting on the Adolescent Kit training, with the Scout participants that attended the first training, in order to identify the needs, and develop an Adolescent Kit inventory.

UNICEF Romania representative shared with the NSO the list of the Blue Dots in Bucharest. These Blue Dots points will be visited between the 15th – 30th of August 2022, and will most probably serve as potential suitable locations for Scout activities with refugees. Under these themes there have been a series of clarification and monitoring discussions for contractors, trainers and consultants, on the guides and training they have to create. In addition, UNICEF RO and Romania Scouts are also discussing on the Training of Trainers agenda, how to best approach these training opportunities to integrate the NSO's programme with UAct project and UNICEF's expertise.

Romanian Scouts have delivered more than 10 summer camps. UNICEF RO will support the NSO and local units to encourage the participation of 20 Ukrainian refugees in these two camps.

Lithuania



In order to create long-lasting and sustainable working processes and trainings, the Lithuanian NSO has focused part of their main actions on adapting the Lithuanian Scout Youth Programme to include the need and priorities the current situation demands by creating a safe environment, integrating Ukrainian children and helping children under stress. This has been done by further developing internal communication to the Lithuanian scout leaders about the new training methodologies, design and delivery of communication materials, and the translation of the Lithuanian Scouts website to Ukrainian, and the launching of a Facebook page specifically related with the NSO's actions delivered to reach for support to the Ukrainian population.

As a result of these communication activities, and the landing of a registration webpage, several Ukrainian children have joined a variety of scouts

activities. Link to the Facebook webpage where the Ukrainian children's participation is promoted, [here](#). Link to the official Ukrainian webpage landing page, [here](#).

To spread the actions and reach of the UAct project, the NSO from Lithuania also participated in the recording of the Radio Shows "Ryto Garsai" (Morning Sounds), link [here](#), and "Time to Change".

In addition, housewares assistance has been provided to three Ukrainians at the National Headquarters. The Lithuanian Scouts team members have helped two Ukrainian women currently hosted at the Headquarters to access the medical care.

Scouts from the various Lithuanian units have been providing assistance to pack food packages to be delivered to Ukrainian refugees and IDPs, and also helping recently arrived refugees to settle in emotionally and reach them with any information support need identified.

The Lithuanian NSO delivered a total of 239 communication letters to inform Ukrainian parents about the summer and day camps possibilities, important information and aspects to take into account to assure a safe and successful experience for Ukrainian children. However, these key pieces of information were also constantly available through the different communication channels that had already been established such as the Facebook page [here](#), or the official Ukrainian landing page, [here](#). This Lithuanian Scouts webpage is in constant development and movement, most recently Lithuanian Scouts have published [an article](#) remarking their

experiences during this year's summer camps, and how the inclusion and integration of Ukrainian refugees has been a huge success.

In social media Lithuanian Scouts have actively promoted Scout's actions in humanitarian crisis response, such as through [**this**](#) Instagram post.

Before the summer season, the Lithuania NSO already delivered a three-day long Spring camp in which Ukrainian refugee children participated, and started integrating into the Scouts troops and local communities.

The NSO has developed an active network of local cooperation and integration, through this process refugees who are looking for hosting and accommodation are put in contact with people who are offering this.

On a logistical side around the organization of the summer camps in Lithuania, the Scout volunteers divided themselves into two teams: one, focused on transporting the required materials and infrastructure to prepare the camps' facilities, and the other Lithuanian Scout team dedicated to planning the delivery of the Adolescent Kit for Expression and Innovation trainings and materials.

The NSO's Programme Coordinator will start working with the Adolescent Kit, once the translation into Lithuanian process is completed. The NSO is currently planning the strategy on how to effectively communicate the Adolescent Kit to their Scout leaders and organising the different activities included in the Adolescent Kit, as well as how to plan and deliver specific trainings on the Adolescent Kit for the different Scouts managers and leaders.

The LRT show "We are from Ukraine" was released in the National Television, link [here](#) to the recording and streaming of the show.

As the summer period is coming to an end, the Lithuania NSO is already discussing and preparing for the autumn leaders training. In these preparations one of the most important topic discussed was on how to integrate the Adolescent Kit expertise, with the requirements and current challenges and activities Lithuanian Scouts were undergoing.

Slovakia



This NSO created special guidelines for their Scouts leaders where they included key information in educational programmes, as well as real experiences, challenges and key tips from the local units on how it is best to organise the Scouts' actions and support as many children, youth and adults as possible. At the moment, there is an approximate number of 300 Scout group leaders who have received this material and are now able to work with it within

their local units.

The NSO hopes that the new learning approach and newly proposed activities will raise the number of their Scout volunteers and organization members. However, this NSO's intention is to further develop the guidelines as the liaison with the Ukrainian Scouts evolves, and new requirements or challenges are faced.

Slovakian volunteers have been helping over the last months with the administration of the volunteers in Michalovce and Bratislava. Their job is to register all volunteers or visitors, who are coming to hotspots and take care of the volunteers stationed there. This also includes small tasks such as assigning them to the work spots, showing them the area, briefing them and so on.

Slovakian Scout volunteers are also collaborating at the hotspots in Bratislava and Michalovce, where they are providing indirect support to Ukrainian refugees each day.

At the beginning of the crisis situation, the Slovakian Scouts were coordinating the border crossing at Veľké Slemence. Nonetheless, since the number of Ukrainian refugees arriving in Slovakia has notoriously reduced in the past weeks, Scouts are not volunteering at this cross border at the moment, and will be asked to help once the situation requires it.

As the summer season is coming to an end, the Slovakia NSO is gathering and analysing the different challenges that they have faced when promoting the inclusion of Ukrainian children in the summer camps, and one of the early conclusions that they have reached is that some of the Ukrainian children invited to the summer camps were still not ready to join this kind of activities, they were scared to leave their homes and families, and need a more specific and careful assistance.

The Slovakian NSO has translated and printed UAct project's promotional materials and will gradually distribute them among the different Scout units and choirs, to allow a wider spread of the different engagement possibilities and support Ukrainian children willing to join Scouts groups.

Moldova



At the beginning of the project Moldova identified some clear needs that would allow the NSO to undergo the necessary activities related to the project more sustainably and efficiently. One of them was the training of group leaders on the reporting

system and external communication aspects. In order to support this requirement, the Regional Office scheduled several meetings and trainings to go through the reporting process and gain good practices, tips and tricks from other NSOs, as well as sharing communication basis on narrative, photos, logos and templates.

The Regional Office Programme Coordinator delivered a training on Safe from Harm targeting Scout leaders to prepare them to undergo the summer camps under safeguarding measures and enable them to prepare other volunteers. As part of their long-term planning, the NSO aims to have a fixed member in their team that is entirely focused on Safe from Harm, to implement the global policy and continue training volunteers and leaders.

The NSO has delivered, up to date, a total of three summer camps; two took place in July in two different regions of the country, and one in August. Moldova NSO's main actions in this reporting period has been supporting Ukrainian children, to whom it has reached **228** children (74 boys, 117 girls). The NSO has welcomed a total of 130 children at each of the camps, of which 61 of them being Ukrainian.

Moldova NSO and the UNICEF local office have undergone several meetings on the past weeks to discuss the different possibilities and options that would allow Moldova to increase the scope of people to whom sessions or activities are delivered, and increase, with these actions for example, the number of Ukrainian refugees that have been pointed to the UReport.

Latvia



Latvia has focused the Scout volunteers' actions in developing a support network among the team members to where they can refer and assist each other on the different challenges that scouts volunteers might face when integration and including Ukrainian refugees into their programmes and activities.

When providing support to Ukrainians, Latvia scouts have focused their actions towards liaising with different partners such as the Ministry of Finance to include Ukrainian refugees into social housing and integration programmes; as well as embracing the participation of Ukrainian children in the different state and municipal camps.

As a result of the advocacy and lobbying actions undergone by the Latvian NSO, the Government of Latvia has created a grant program for NGOs who are working with refugees, linked [here](#) for more information. The Government also established some key legislative amendments that will take into consideration specific needs and requirements from and for refugees such as: housing, food, health and language. Latvia NSO started a cooperation process with "Borsch- soup kitchen" women to provide an educational activity, foreseen to be delivered to Ukrainian children.

Latvia NSO has supported the youth organization "Young Folks" with the delivery of meals to Ukrainian IDPs at the Riga bus station.

The Latvian Scout Units continue to involve Ukrainian children on a regular bases at their local units' activities and meetings.

The NSO is also currently looking into the possibility of engaging with different partners to create a youth centre in Riga for refugee children, where different activities and programmes can be planned for both children and young people.

How will we be moving forward?

The UAct cooperation agreement is set to continue until July 2023, and will continuously focus on addressing the immediate needs of Ukrainian refugees, as well as developing program supporting strategies to organise a humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine that is sustainable and can have a long-term impact.

On the following six months perspectives, NSO activities will still include the provision of critical and life-saving information to all Ukrainian adults and children, the provision of emergency supplies for refugees, accommodation, protection services, legal support, health care services and any further requirement or need identified by the Scouts volunteers.

The existing strength of the Scout Movement in the promotion of well-being will be critical in empowering and supporting young people to feel safe and supported in their new communities and equip them with the skills they need to navigate the coming period of their lives.

UNICEF and WOSM will work together to reinforce and support youth networks to engage and empower young people from Ukraine and refugee-hosting countries in the wider response, as well as to ensure their voices are heard and they are safe from harm.

Beyond the immediate response, the NSOs and UNICEF will focus on this long-term perspective by developing new approaches and trainings that will strengthen the support provided to the Ukrainian people in need. This will include trainings in Management of Scout Volunteers involved in Humanitarian Action, Dialogue for Peace, Training for trainers, envisioned to skill the Scout leaders with the necessary tools (literally and figural), to deal with stress, burn out, language barriers or the use of UNICEF's expertise, Communications in Humanitarian Action or how to speak war and engage with conflict victims safely.

Moreover, these next six months will also see the launching of a specific Youth Programme developed by NOSU team members that aims to provide reference guidelines, adaptable to different needs depending on the stage that the NSO is on with their humanitarian response, that will be of immense value in future crisis situation where Scouts will actively reach for support.

These following six months will also experience the use of the second key tool provided from UNICEF to this project: the Adolescent Kit for Expression and Innovation – a package of guidance, tools, activities, and supplies for promoting the psychosocial support and wellbeing of adolescents affected by humanitarian crises and will involve young Ukrainians in activities and skills building opportunities offered by the Scouts, thus bringing refugees and host communities closer together.

As it has been over the past six months, the communication between the NSOs, the Regional Offices and UNICEF will be the fundamental basis of any action developed in this project. Therefore, in order to continue and maintain the bond between the team members, the two pending quarters team meetings will offer the opportunity for NSOs like Hungary to walk the team members through the newly created Youth centres among other planned activities that

will help the rest of the NSOs and Regional Offices team members to learn from first-hand how other colleagues are approaching this crisis situation, gather best practices, and even adapt activities or measures into their own programs.