



Emergency and Ukraine Refugee Response in the Czech Republic



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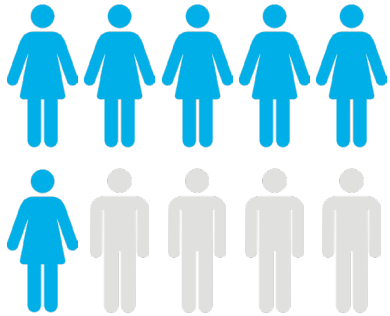
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BACKGROUND

As of July 2023, there are **341,755 Ukrainian refugees under temporary protection** (TP) in the Czech Republic (CR). Among them, 28% are under 18 years old, and 60% are women. All UA refugees receive insurance coverage for the first 150 days of TP, but after that, it's only available for the most vulnerable eligible categories. LEX 5 Ukraine has implemented significant cuts in accommodation and social benefits for UA refugees. WHO Czechia operates in the CR as part of the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) and **supports overall coordination capacity** at the Ministry of Health (MoH).

MENTAL HEALTH

WHO Czechia supports **MHPSS Technical Working Group** at Ministry of Health, which involves participants from **18** national and international MHPSS actors. The TWG aims to integrate and coordinate MHPSS services for refugees from Ukraine in Czechia, while providing valuable information and capacity-building opportunities for MHPSS actors to improve their services.

Up do-date Ukrainian refugees received over **1,700 MHPSS services**, including counseling for children and adults, case management, referrals, and community-based support. Services were provided by multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) through local partners in regions of the country.

We support development of an **online course on trauma** related to war and displacement for educators working with children.

WHO CO has supported development and maintainance of the **map of psychosocial services** for Ukrainians in Czechia and encourages help-seeking behavior. The map has **389** locations for mental health support and received **15,000** views and on average **60** daily visitors for the Ukrainian version.



PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, EMERGENCY CARE AND IMMUNIZATION SUPPORT

WHO conducted the procurement of **medical equipments** for Bulovka Faculty Hospital, prioritizing the needs of Ukrainian refugee patients at UA point. The equipment includes electrical beds, ICU beds, hospital stretchers, IT equipment, and mobile power plants. WHO provided cold-chain equipment for vaccine preventable diseases: distributed **295** fridges and freezers to **support immunization program** nationwide.

PATIENTS' SUPPORT

Overall, WHO CO provided support in accessing to healthcare services to over **38,000** UA refugees. We also support population of refugees living with HIV, providing medical, psychosocial, and other aid. Over **1,000** Ukrainian refugees received preventive services and **361** patients were supported to **access vital HIV treatment**. Additional focus is on enhancing Ukrainian patients' **health literacy** and facilitate coordination between Ukrainian refugees, patient organizations, and healthcare providers. WHO conducted **info campaigns** on prevention of MPOX and on **patients' safety**.





HEALTH INFORMATICS AND PUBLIC HEALTH SURVEILLANCE

WHO supports implementation of immunization indicators, ARI/ILI reporting and sentinel surveillance. We equipped national reference laboratory to **enable genomic surveillance** for respiratory viruses. This is done to ensure high quality information, including temporary protection status, to prevent potential outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases.

NEXT PLANS

WHO response in Czechia will further strengthen refugees' access

- to primary and emergency health services,
- to community based mental health services - to provide essential health care supplies, equipment and capacity buildings,
- to reinforce health leadership, governance and coordination mechanisms,
- to support disease surveillance and information management activities,
- to support health and digital literacy among the patients.

OUR IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

- National Institute of Public Health (SZU)
- Institute of Health Information and Statistics of the Czech Republic (UZIS)
- Society for All (SOFA)
- National Association of Patient Organizations (NAPO)
- National Institute of Mental Health (NUDZ)
- Asociace TRIGON
- Alliance of Mental Health Centers (ACDZ)
- Czech AIDS Help Society (CSAP)

OUR DONORS

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