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# NEWSLETTER

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**UKRAINE** | Launch of the report “Experiences, needs and aspirations of children, adolescents and caregivers displaced from Ukraine” with Save the Children International



Yana (name changed), 9, sits at her desk at the Ukrainian school in Warsaw Paul WU, DEC

IMPACT and Save the Children International (SCI) conducted a mixed-methods child

protection (CP) and cash assessment between November 2022 and April 2023 to **better understand the needs and experiences of the refugee children and their caregivers in Europe.** [The report](#) – which was launched on 20 September – includes the results of nearly 15,300 surveys with adult refugees living in 24 European countries, as well as consultations with 307 children and adolescents, 115 child caregivers, 33 host community members, and 34 child service providers in Poland and Romania.

About six million refugees from Ukraine were displaced across Europe as of mid-August 2023, [34 % of whom are children.](#) This study found that refugee children and caregivers from Ukraine feel generally safe in their host countries and enjoy, for the most part, access to a range of services. Yet many continue to face challenges as a result of their displacement.

During the consultations in Poland and Romania, children said that they were most worried about missing their family, friends or pets left behind in Ukraine.



*I am worried whether we will be able to return to Ukraine to my dad and my kitten.*

- Girl, 8-11, Romania.

They also expressed concerns about not knowing the local language of the host country and about experiencing xenophobic remarks and bullying in their host location. In addition, children said what they needed the most was better access to extra-curricular activities, especially sport.

The majority of families - about 87% - intended to stay in their current location in the short-term, mainly due to security reasons and better access to education, but most families planned on returning to Ukraine once the security situation allowed. **Limited employment opportunities combined with the cost-of-living crisis are also having an impact on Ukrainian refugees.** According to a female caregiver in Romania: “*We really need jobs for half a day or part-time jobs because everyone has children, and usually everyone here is alone, with no one to help. For example, I am alone here with two children. I can't leave them alone, and there are many people like me here.*”



*The report provides a unique insight into the experiences of refugee children from Ukraine. Children are telling us that they generally feel safe and welcomed in their host communities, but that they also face emotional and practical challenges. They*

*need access to extra-curricular activities, such as sport and music, which they can take part in alongside local children. It's essential that host governments provide specialised support for low-income refugee families, so that no child is left behind.*

Magdalena Rossmann, Regional Deputy Programme Development & Quality Director – Ukraine  
Regional Refugee Response for Save the Children

[Read our article on the subject](#)

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## **SOUTH SUDAN |** Critical conditions for returnees fleeing the conflict in Sudan and an urgent call for increased funding to sustain lifesaving aid



**Highly vulnerable returnees to South Sudan, fleeing the conflict in Sudan, are facing dire conditions in both transit areas near the border as well as in local host communities.** Critical rates of acute malnutrition and measles outbreaks in transit locations, in addition to emergency levels of acute food insecurity in areas of return, signal a rising risk of preventable loss of life. As conditions worsen, additional funding is needed to ensure lifesaving aid can be sustained and to close alarming funding gaps that response actors currently face.

[Read the press release](#)

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**More IMPACT News:**



Two new posts have been published on the recently launched [Accountability and Inclusion thread!](#)

A&I Thread

Read the [first REACH emergency bulletin on the situation in Libya](#), where immediate humanitarian action is needed to address the devastating flood impacts in northeast Libya following the storm Daniel.

Emergency Bulletin

How can settlement-based assessments support the humanitarian response in Yemen? What we learned from our pilot in two communities [in this article](#).

Yemen Article



IMPACT is recruiting! Check [our website](#) for every open position, and find below some key openings [here](#).

Following the devastating impact of Storm Daniel on the country in September 2023, we are also looking to expand support to the humanitarian response in several key areas in Libya, find out more [here](#).

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**REACH PANDA AGORA**

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Created in 2010, IMPACT is a Geneva-based NGO and the largest independent data provider in contexts of crisis. We aim to support a range of stakeholders in making better, more informed decisions in humanitarian, stabilisation, and development settings. We believe that a key pathway to better planning and decision-making is direct engagement with local

communities and their leaders.

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