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Subject: Humanitarian situation in Ukraine
- presentation by NRC

Following the informal videoconference of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) on 16 April 2026, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by NRC¹²

¹ Norwegian Refugee Council Europe, identification number in the EU Transparency Register: 750447615329-96.

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Humanitarian Situation in Ukraine

Briefing for the members of COHAFA

16 April 2026



NRC in Ukraine

- Present since 2014, working across multiple regions – currently mainly the eastern frontline crescent.
- Focus on frontline response, support to evacuees, longer term solutions for displaced people and increased access, protection and freedom of movement for people in Occupied Territories
- Assisted more than 1.5 million people since 2022

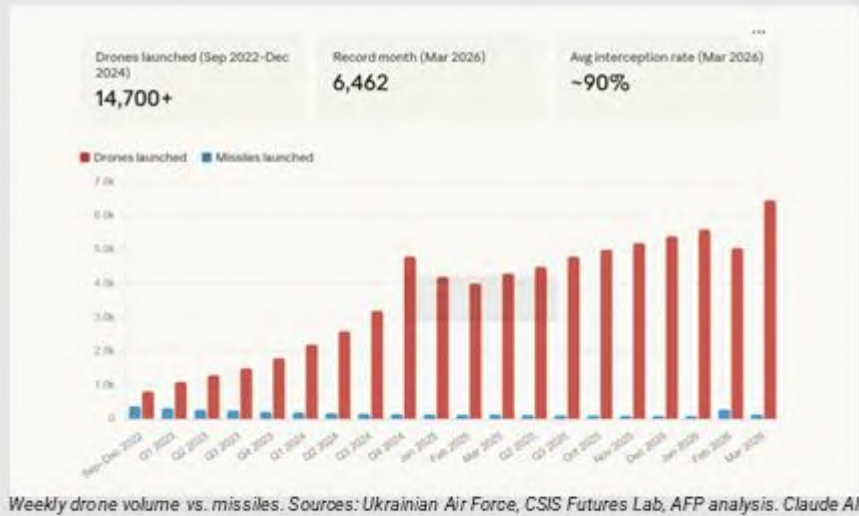


What is happening?

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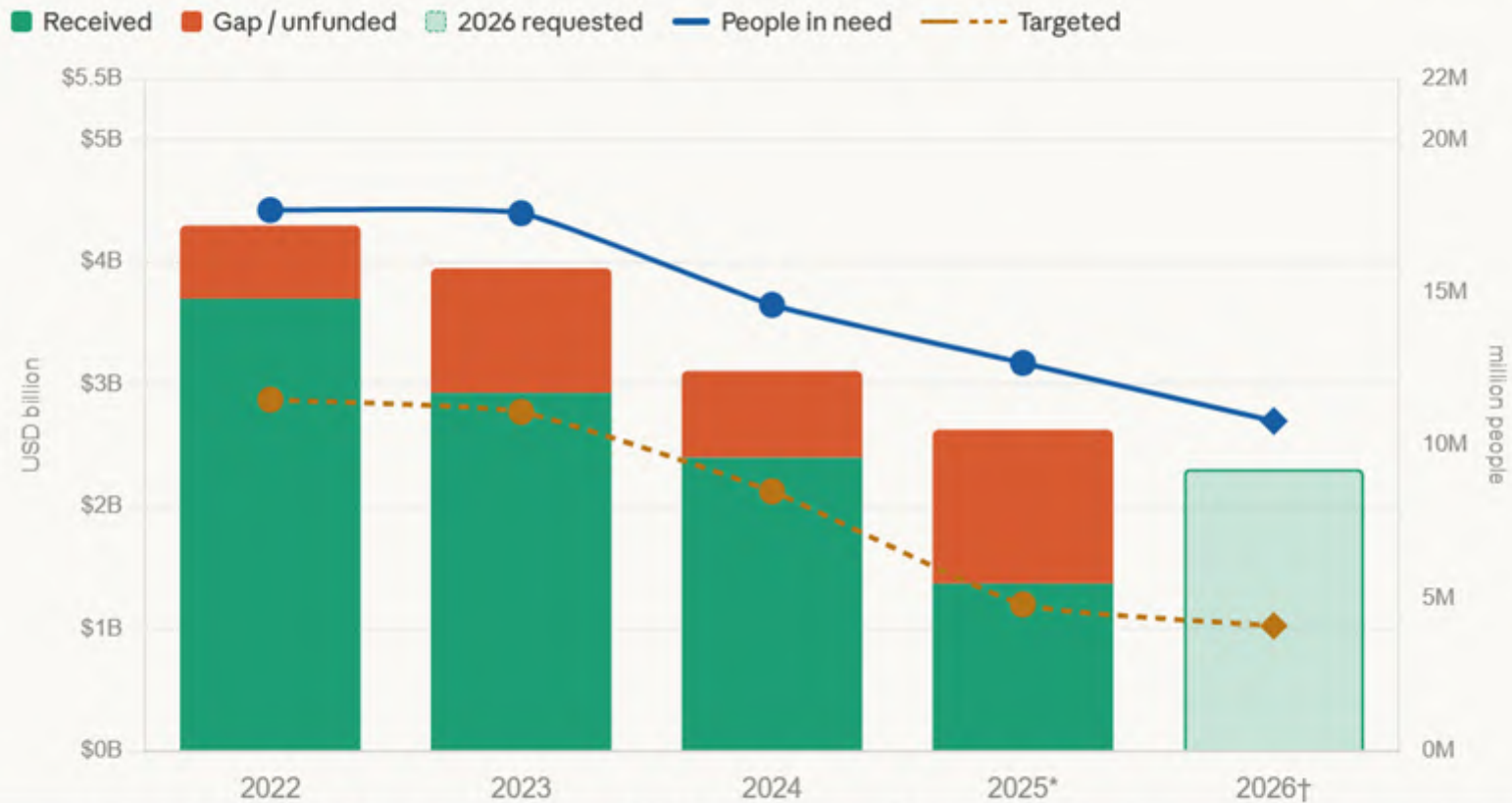
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Intensified conflict and advances in drone technology are driving more civilian casualties



Funding (bars, left axis) vs people in need & targeted (lines, right axis)

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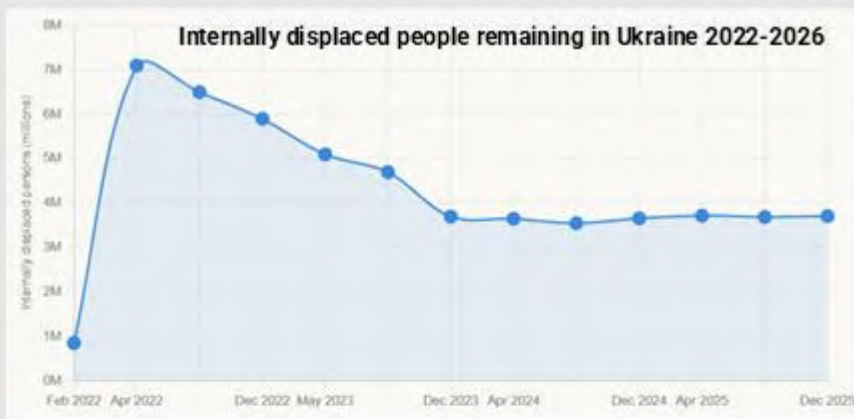
Needs are deepening while humanitarian funding is reducing



Limited funding is resulting in...

- Hyper-prioritisation resulting in assistance reaching only one-third of people in need (3.6 of 10.8 million)
- Reduced operational footprints
- Risk leaving vulnerable groups behind
- Growing disparities in assistance between frontline and non-frontline areas
- Less focus on longer term solutions with humanitarian funds

Lack of longer-term solutions delays evacuations and makes people return to unsafe areas

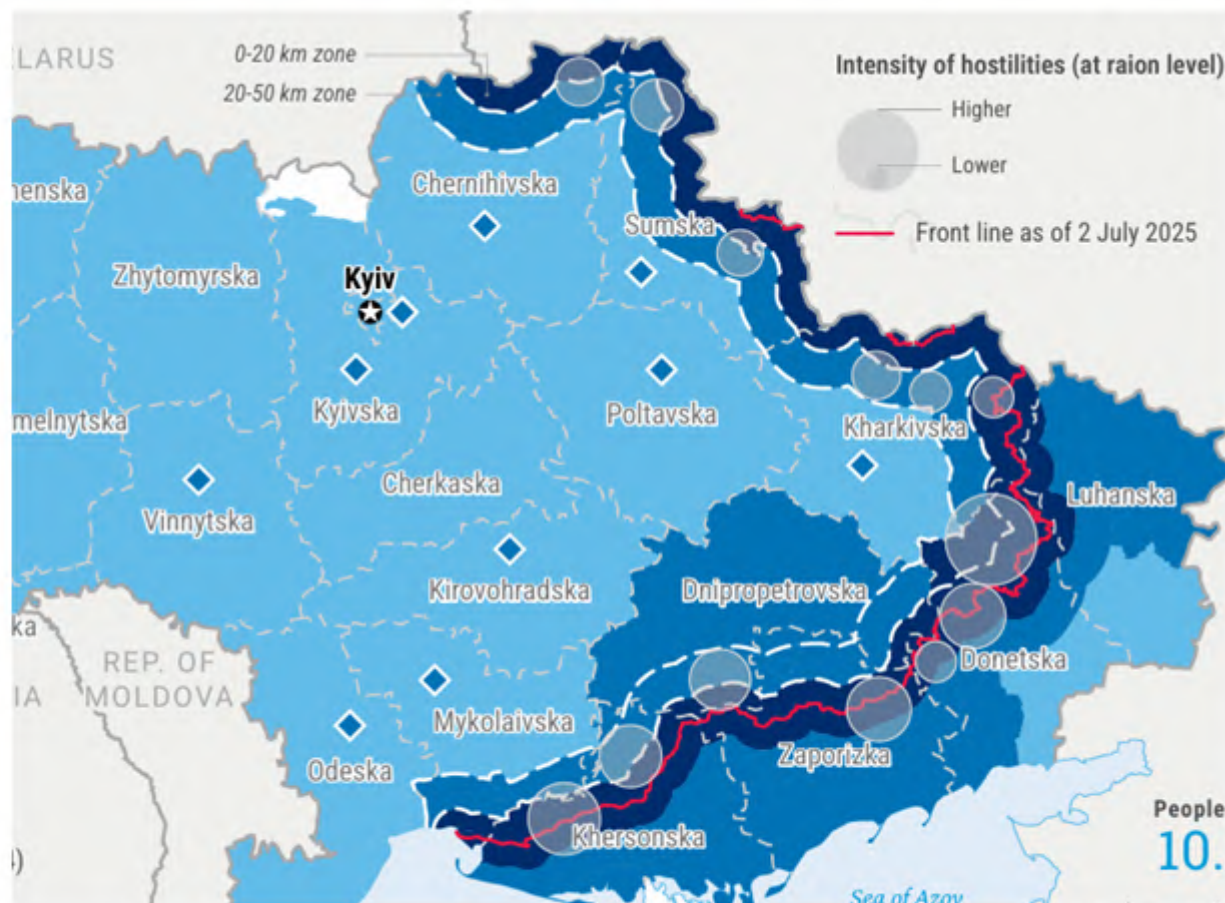


IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)



The hidden crisis in Occupied Territories

- One million people in need
- Needs comparable to the most affected frontline regions
- Severely limited access to services, assistance, and safe movement
- Coping capacity significantly reduced



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Key messages for the EU and Member States

- **Engage with parties to the conflict to safeguard civilians and respect IHL** – including in areas under occupation
- **Sustain humanitarian funding** to enable hyper-prioritised HNRP implementation in full
- **Encourage development, recovery and humanitarian actors to jointly find solutions** for IDPs and returnees
- **Support humanitarian action in Occupied Territories**
- **Ensure diplomatic engagement on cessation of hostilities includes humanitarian considerations**, particularly freedom of movement





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