

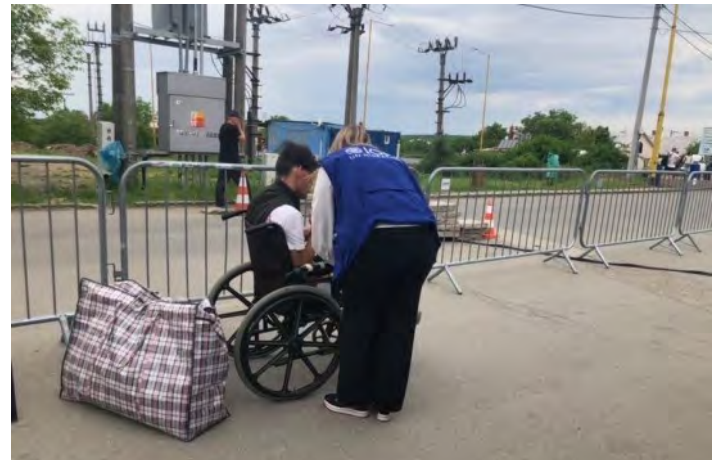
8.02 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN UKRAINE.

6.8 MILLION PEOPLE FLED UKRAINE

Since 24 February 2022, an increasing number of Ukrainian refugees and third-country nationals (TCNs) entering neighboring countries has been registered as a result of the war in Ukraine.

As of 31 May 2022, Slovak authorities have reported more than **474,000** arrivals from Ukraine, out of which **438,308** were Ukrainian refugees and **27,984** TCNs and EU nationals.

Source of data for the period of 24 February – 17 May 2022: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic



IOM STAFF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FLEEING WAR IN UKRAINE AND ENTERING SLOVAKIA AT THE VYSNE NEMECKE BORDER POE.

NEWS:

135 HYGIENIC KITS DELIVERED TO PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE

On 23 May 2022, in response to the ongoing influx of people that fled war in Ukraine and their fundamental needs, IOM delivered 135 hygienic kits from its warehouse in Kosice to the Michalovce large scale registration centre for their immediate distribution for people in need arriving from Ukraine. On a daily basis, the Michalovce Registration Centre still assists dozens of them.

IOM provided hygienic kits in partnership with the Association of Christian Youth Communities, and in coordination with the Michalovce Registration Centre management.

The kits consisted of bucket, comb, sponges, nail clipper, laundry detergent, laundry line, toothpastes, toothbrushes, towels, mug, jug, razors, sanitary pads, shampoo, shaving cream, soaps and dishwashing liquid.



IOM DELIVERED HYGIENIC KITS TO THE MICHALOVCE REGISTRATION CENTRE, WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GERMAN FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE.

IOM WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON HOW TO AVOID SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION

At the beginning of May, IOM organized two Be Safe workshops for 11 to 16 years old children and teenagers in the accommodation facility in Gabčíkovo. Altogether 37 young people learnt about the prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation.

Since the mid-May, IOM has been organized new community workshops on a regular weekly basis. The participants are their co-creators, and they can propose the topics for the workshops. The workshops help them cope with different situations they experience in their daily life in the facility. One of the important aspects of the workshops is community building which encompasses building co-operation, respect, tolerance and overcoming stereotypes as well.

The teenagers appreciated the interactivity of the workshops and experience-based learning.



AT THE GABCIKOVO ACCOMMODATION FACILITY, 37 YOUNG PEOPLE LEARNT ABOUT THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION.

ONGOING IOM ASSISTANCE IN GABCIKOVO ACCOMMODATION FACILITY

IOM continues providing information, counselling, and daily support to people affected by the war in Ukraine who have found a refuge in the Gabcikovo Accommodation Facility, currently hosting about 900 people.

IOM assists with legal and work-related matters such as orientation in the contracts with employers, counselling in practical matters that come up in everyday life related to contacts for institutions, doctors, schools and external courses.

IOM staff is present in the centre also to ensure interpretation for people in the premises of the facility. Apart from that, IOM organizes for them Slovak language courses, trainings for different groups including children and teenagers, events to spend their time meaningfully, help them to cope with war stress and ensures registration of applicants for allowance for people with disabilities.

CHILDREN CELEBRATED THEIR TRADITIONAL EASTER IN GABCIKOVO

On 24 April 2022, IOM and a Ukrainian cultural mediator in cooperation with UNHCR and the Ukrainian House organized the Easter celebration in the Ukrainian tradition. It was the first big community gathering in the Gabcikovo Accommodation Facility.

During the day that began with a Holy Mass children searched for Easter eggs, they sang and danced. As part of a colourful programme, they participated in other creative activities such as face painting, beads stringing or handicrafts. To preserve the Easter spirit in the following days, they received Easter packages prepared by a local grammar school.



EASTER CELEBRATION IN THE UKRAINIAN TRADITION AT THE GABCIKOVO ACCOMMODATION FACILITY.

IOM ACTIVE IN COORDINATION EFFORTS OF ANTI-TRAFFICKING RESPONSE

To draw on its long-term experience in the counter-trafficking, IOM Slovakia has taken an active role in chairing a Task Force on Trafficking in Persons within the coordinated response to Ukraine Crisis in Slovakia. The Task Force operates under the Protection Working Group led by UNHCR to support coordinated action to address risks of human trafficking and ensure respect for victims' rights throughout the response.



FROM THE FIELD:

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR ME TO ASSIST PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE? (#2)

Olena Homych, IOM Slovakia consultant

I like to work for the IOM Slovakia team because I myself experienced the war in Ukraine and I was very pleased when my family met people in Slovakia who spoke our native language and could explain us what awaited us in this country.

I am thankful to Slovaks for their kindness and generosity, and for understanding that when a person is in a trouble, it is better to organize it in such a way that people from their own country help them.

I have already worked with IOM as a contract psychologist in 2015-2016 in my hometown of Lysychansk, Luhansk Oblast, helping people in my community to cope with the constant stress of war. And now I can be back in the ranks, back in the team, and helpful again!

On 24 May 2022, representatives of 20 institutions involved in addressing trafficking in persons took part in the first meeting of the Task Force co-chaired by IOM Slovakia and the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic (MOI). It brought around the table the representatives of UNHCR, Caritas Slovakia, Information Centre for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and for Crime Prevention under the MOI, as well as other UN Agencies, NGOs involved in the topic, municipalities and state actors.

The Task Force aims at sharing information and evidence on risks of trafficking among the population fleeing Ukraine. It supports effective and coordinated action of partners involved in prevention and addressing human trafficking. Its objective is also to provide practical recommendations and advice at the operational level. The Task Force will continue meeting monthly.



IOM PROVIDES COUNSELLING, BUILDS CAPACITIES OF PROFESSIONALS AND DISSEMINATES INFORMATION LEAFLETS AND INFORMATION CARDS WITH RELEVANT PREVENTIVE INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

MARIIA FINDS SAFETY IN SLOVAKIA AFTER FLEEING UKRAINE: TOMORROW MAY NOT COME. VALUE EVERY MOMENT IN LIFE

When the COVID-19 pandemic broke out, Mariia, a 25-year-old public relations manager, and her husband Sasha decided to move from Kyiv to a quiet village on the outskirts of Cherkassy. After the war began, they offered their house to 17 women, children, friends of their friends, people they did not know before. The threat of Russian troops approaching close to their village, they decided to leave the country.

After 3 weeks spent in Romania where they came through Moldova, Mariia's husband family decided to continue to Belgium. Mariia, being pregnant, could not imagine moving even further away from home, thus, she decided to stay in Bratislava where they stopped by. "My friend sent me some links, and I contacted the Airbnb office. My request was forwarded to IOM in Slovakia. This is how they found me Martin's apartment. It was a super quick process."

Regular doctor's visits were particularly important for Mariia and her baby. The apartment's central location made it easy for her to access all important services. After some time, she decided to reunite with her husband and return home. "I have a loving husband who wants to see and raise his child. The place where we live is quiet. That's why I decided to go back and give birth to our son there."

As Mariia prepares for the journey back home, she recalls all the family members she bid goodbye to. She does not know when



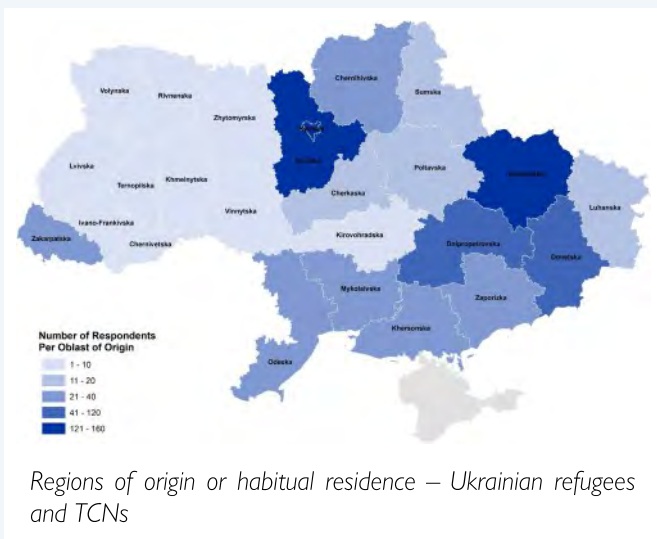
IN ADDITION TO MARIIA, IOM SLOVAKIA FOUND AND SECURED TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION IN AIRBNB FACILITIES TO ANOTHER 49 PEOPLE THAT FLED UKRAINE.

they will meet again. "If I learned one thing from this experience, it's that we shouldn't delay anything in life. Value every hour together because tomorrow may not come."

IOM provides free short-term housing in Romania, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Hungary, and the Slovak Republic to anyone fleeing the war in Ukraine thanks to an ongoing partnership with Airbnb.org.

SURVEY: 3RD ASSESSMENT OF THE MOBILITY, NEEDS AND INTENTIONS OF DISPLACED PERSONS TO STRENGTHEN IOM RESPONSE TO UKRAINE CRISIS

IOM Slovakia published its [third rapid needs and intentions assessment report](#) based on 780 face-to-face surveys with Ukrainian refugees (99 %) and third-country nationals (TCNs). IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) team in Slovakia collected data at the border crossing points and reception centers between 9 March and 22 May 2022.



The respondents reported coming from 24 different regions in Ukraine while top four regions of their origin remained Kharkiv, Kyiv, Donetsk and Dnipropetrovsk. As in the [previous report](#), 88 per cent of all respondents were women. The majority of

them were between the ages of 30 to 49. The vast majority of the interviewed were travelling in a group consisting mostly of their immediate family or relatives, friends, or neighbours.

64 per cent respondents indicated Slovakia as their intended destination which is an increase in comparison with the previous report. Twenty-six per cent reported another country in Europe (Germany indicated by 40 per cent of those interviewed, followed by Czechia, Poland, and Italy) and 3 per cent stated other countries. In Slovakia, the largest group of respondents (30 per cent) stayed in organized reception centers.

When it comes to future intentions, 64 per cent of respondents indicated they would return to Ukraine once it was safe. Twenty per cent did not know their long-term intentions and 12 percent expected to stay in Slovakia.

At the time of interviews, 68 per cent of respondents indicated having received support with transportation, 66 per cent stated food, 61 per cent received information support and 48 per cent were helped with documentation and provided with legal services.

Employment, psychological counselling along with support for returning remain the most significant unmet needs with upwards of 95 per cent of those interviewed indicating they had not received this form of support.

To cover their most urgent needs, a vast majority of respondents (86 per cent indicated cash as the preferred form of support, followed by in-kind assistance (14 per cent).

IOM ACTIVITIES

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

Direct assistance and response to immediate refugee needs at border points of entry and dedicated registration centres.

REMOTE ASSISTANCE

Legal, social and job counselling and referrals to Ukrainian refugees as well as to third country nationals through IOM's Migration Information Centre infoline and email.

HUMANITARIAN AID

Provision of emergency humanitarian aid to people in need in Ukraine and people fleeing Ukraine.

PROTECTION

Capacity building on counter-trafficking, prevention of sexual exploitation, gender-based violence and other topics for frontline workers, healthcare professionals, volunteers etc.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Provision of mental health and psychosocial support to people fleeing the war and currently living in Slovakia.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Assistance to persons fleeing the war in Ukraine with temporary accommodation in partnership with the Airbnb.

DATA COLLECTION

Data collection on displacement, people's needs and intentions to better understand mobility dynamics in the region and strengthen the response to the crisis.



UKRAINIAN CITIZENS ARE ALSO APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT ADMINISTERED BY THE UN. AT THE MICHALOVCE REGISTRATION CENTRE, AN IOM CONSULTANT IS HELPING THE UKRAINIAN FAMILY FROM DONEZK WITH INTERPRETING ON THE SPOT TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS DUE TO VARIOUS LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS

IOM RESPONSE IN NUMBERS:

Results are for the period of 24 February – 31 May 2022:

2,612 PEOPLE ASSISTED ONSITE

IOM provided in person assistance, referrals, information on temporary refuge and on different life aspects in Slovakia to refugees at border crossing points and dedicated registration centres.

3,564 PEOPLE ASSISTED REMOTELY

IOM's Migration Information Centre (MIC) provided information and legal, social and job counselling to Ukrainians and non-EU nationals through infoline, email and other channels.

271,945 WEBSITE VISITORS

People were searching for the useful information on entry and stay in Slovakia available in Ukrainian, Slovak, English and Russian at the MIC website www.mic.iom.sk.

39 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED IN COUNTER-TRAFFICKING

IOM conducted three trainings for frontline and healthcare workers and other professionals involved in provision of services for refugees and TCNs.

44 PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

13 people received psychological first aid and 31 people received individual psychological counselling or participated in group sessions.

20 CLASSES OF SLOVAK LANGUAGE COURSES

Ukrainian citizens can learn Slovak in 15 classes in an online format and in 5 in-person classes in Slovak-Ukrainian Community House in Bratislava and in Gabčíkovo Accommodation Facility.

2,340 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID

IOM shipped 260 trucks with essential goods from warehouse in Košice to people in need in Ukraine, equating to a volume of 2,340 tons.

1,200 BLANKETS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

IOM delivered blankets for people in need in the Kosice municipality and Michalovce Registration Centre for immediate distribution across temporary accommodation sites.

1 BREASTFEEDING AND BABY CARE ROOM EQUIPPED

IOM secured dignified and private space for mothers and their babies when crossing the border in Vysné Nemecké and equipped a dedicated room with vital supplies.

135 HYGIENIC KITS FOR PEOPLE ON THE RUN

IOM delivered kits from its warehouse in Kosice to the Michalovce large scale registration centre which daily assist dozens of people in need from Ukraine.

50 BENEFICIARIES OF ACCOMMODATION

IOM assisted persons mainly in vulnerable situation – single mothers, elderly people and those with chronic illnesses – to find and secure temporary accommodation in Airbnb facilities in Slovakia.

842 SURVEYS

IOM conducted data collection across key sites through interviews with Ukrainian refugees and TCNs about their needs and intentions.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND US:

Since the outbreak of the war, IOM helps every day at the Slovak-Ukrainian border and in the dedicated registration centres. From the very first days IOM has assisted on sites to more than **2,612 people** fleeing Ukraine and arriving in Slovakia, including Ukrainian refugees and TCNs. IOM is actively present at the following border crossing points, registration centres and sites:



POINTS OF ENTRY:

1. Ubla
2. Vysne Nemecke

CENTRES:

3. Registraton Centre in Humenne
4. Registration Centre in Michalovce
5. IOM Migration Information Centre in Kosice
Hotspot Cervena Hviezda in Kosice
6. Accomodation Facility in Gabcikovo
7. IOM Migration Information Centre in Bratislava

IOM INFOLINES

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE ARRIVING FROM UKRAINE TO SLOVAKIA

- Info line:** 0850 211 478 (from the territory of the Slovak Republic)
- From abroad:** +421 2 5263 0023, +421 55 625 8662
- Telegram/Signal:** +421 908 767 853 (voice calls only)
- Email:** mic@iom.int
- Website:** www.mic.iom.sk

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