

**6.64 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN UKRAINE.**

**10.88 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 16 August 2022, Slovak authorities have reported more than **705,605** arrivals from Ukraine, out of which **652,011** were Ukrainian refugees and **38,328** TCNs and EU nationals.

Source of data for the period of 24 February – 16 August 2022: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic.



A MOTHER WITH HER SON FROM KHARKIV CAME TO SLOVAKIA AND TURNED TO AN IOM CONSULTANT AT THE VYSNE NEMECKE BORDER POE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT STUDYING IN SLOVAKIA, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND FINDING ACCOMMODATION.

## KEY FACTS OF IOM RESPONSE:



**11,103 PEOPLE**

benefited from IOM immediate assistance at borders and centres and from IOM remote counselling



**424 TRUCKS**

with 9,282 tons of humanitarian aid were dispatched through IOM supply chain from Slovakia to Ukraine



**381 PARTICIPANTS**

of IOM trainings for frontline workers and other professionals involved in services for people from Ukraine



**212 PEOPLE**

fleeing war in Ukraine have benefited from temporary accommodation in Slovakia



**328 PEOPLE**

in emergency situation have benefited from mental health and psychosocial support



**87 BENEFICIARIES**

received IOM cash assistance for carers of people with disabilities and for people with specific needs

## NEWS:

### IOM TRAINING ON PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EMERGENCIES

From 2 to 5 August 2022 in Bratislava, IOM conducted a training for its partner organization IPčko on how to provide community-based mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to people in emergency situation that fled the war in Ukraine. The participants also learned how to avoid, how to recognize and how to report sexual abuse and exploitation.

IOM trained the first group of 14 psychologists and social workers who will start to provide MHPSS to people from Ukraine in August 2022. Their assistance will gradually cover all regions of Slovakia.

On the last day of the training, the professionals learned how to use this knowledge in practice. During their field trip to the Gabčíkovo Accommodation Centre, they experienced the environment and conditions of hundreds of people that fled Ukraine and found temporary shelter in Slovakia.



IOM TRAINING FOR ITS PARTNER ORGANIZATION IPČKO ON MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EMERGENCIES IN AUGUST 2022.

## WELCOMING SLOVAKIA FOR PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE ALSO MEANS FINDING A SAFE JOB IN SLOVAKIA

On 16 August 2022, IOM Migration Information Centre in cooperation with Bottova Assistance Centre in Bratislava conducted a workshop Welcoming Slovakia for 18 temporary refuge holders from Ukraine.

The participants learnt how to look for a job in a safe way using web portals, how to interact with work agencies, how to identify the "red flags" that could indicate risky job advertisements, what basics of Slovak labor law and types of employment contracts are, as well as what their rights as employees in Slovakia are.



THE PARTICIPANTS IN BRATISLAVA ALSO APPRECIATED INFORMATION ABOUT FREE COUNSELLING AND SERVICES OF THE IOM MIC THEY COULD BENEFIT FROM.

Similarly to Bratislava, but in an online format, IOM in cooperation with a community centre Trenčín pomáha Ukrajine (Trenčín helps Ukraine) held a workshop in Ukrainian language for Ukrainian nationals on 17 August 2022. Altogether 16 participants in the premises of the Cultural Centre Activity in Trenčín benefited from important facts provided online from Bratislava by IOM consultants.

## IOM TRAINING: HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND PREVENT SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION

On 27 July 2022, 24 employees of Migration Office of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, NGOs Mareena and League for Mental Health and employees of the Gabčíkovo Accommodation Facility attended the IOM training on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).



IOM TRAINING ON PSEA FOR PROFESSIONALS WORKING AT THE GABČIKOVO ACCOMMODATION FACILITY IN JULY 2022.

The participants provide services in the Gabčíkovo Accommodation Facility currently hosting over 970 people that fled war in Ukraine.

## COMMUNITY CENTRE IN NITRA CAN HELP PEOPLE FLEEING WAR IN UKRAINE WITH HYGIENE ITEMS, BABY KITS AND CLOTHES

Community Center for Work and Knowledge Mobility (COMIN) is a centre for foreigners in the Nitra region, daily serving 50 people that fled the war in Ukraine.

The centre helps to take care of children of mostly refugee women who want to find a job or handle administrative issues and need a safe space where they can leave their child for a couple of hours while having a job interview or visiting government institutions.

On 8 August 2022, IOM delivered to their temporary warehouse in the High School of Gastronomy in Nitra 1,000 hygiene kits for women, children and men. Furthermore, IOM also delivered clothing donations: 1,600 slippers. Thanks to IOM donations, the centre can secure daily care of these women, children and other people in need.



DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN NITRA IN AUGUST 2022.

IOM is continuing to provide humanitarian aid to this center in Nitra. On 16 August 2022, IOM delivered 7 pallets with clothing that were unloaded with help of employees of the City of Nitra and Ukrainian volunteers at the temporary warehouse residing in the High School of Gastronomy in Nitra.



UNLOADING OF CLOTHING AID FROM PALETTES TO THE TEMPORARY WAREHOUSE IN NITRA.

The humanitarian clothing aid consisted of 4,000 t-shirts for children, 350 women t-shirts, 100 men t-shirts, 200 pieces of men underwear, 1,000 pieces of women sports bra, 4,000 socks for children and 4,500 socks for adults.



IN THE FIRST BATCH OF DELIVERY, IOM DONATED 180 BABY KITS WITH BABY CREAMS AND DIAPERS TO THE COMIN CENTRE IN NITRA.

## IOM DELIVERS FOOD FOR THE CITY OF KOSICE HOTSPOT FOR UKRAINIANS

IOM joined the US Steel Kosice (USSK) and the City of Kosice joint initiative to assist people in need from Ukraine with cooked lunches. IOM secures everyday transport of the lunches from the USSK canteen to the City of Kosice hotspot at the bus station as a first contact point for people seeking assistance, advice and support.



TRANSPORT OF COOKED FOOD FROM THE US STEEL KOSICE CANTEEN TO THE CITY OF KOSICE HOTPOST.

## IOM PROVIDED OVER 4,000 HYGIENE KITS FROM IOM WAREHOUSE IN KOSICE TO HELP PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE IN VARIOUS TOWNS IN SLOVAKIA

Over the last few weeks, IOM Slovakia provided hygiene kits for people in need from Ukraine in need and delivered them to assistance centres in Michalovce, Zakovce, Nitra and Bratislava in partnership with the Association of Christian Youth Communities.

The hygiene kits content is adapted to women's, children's and men's need. Kits generally include bucket, comb, sponges, nail clipper, laundry detergent, laundry line, toothpastes, toothbrushes, towels, mug, jug, razors, sanitary pads, shampoo, shaving cream, soaps and dishwashing liquid.

1,135 kits were delivered to the large-scale registration centre in Michalovce where people in need are searching for assistance and temporary refuge after crossing the borders to Slovakia.

Organization Caritas – Spišská katolícka Charita received another batch of 1,000 kits for their spots of humanitarian assistance. The kits are further distributed to another 5 spots in Poprad, Kežmarok, Svit Ružomberok and Dolný Kubín.

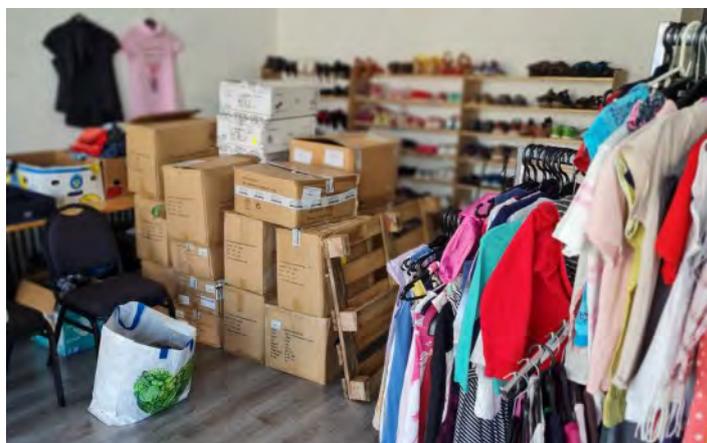
Another 1,000 kits were provided as humanitarian assistance in the town of Nitra (see article at p. 2), 500 kits to Bottova Assistance Centre in Bratislava and 500 kits to the humanitarian distribution centre in Aupark Shopping Mall in Bratislava.

## IOM CONTINUES DELIVERING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE IN MARTIN

On 29 July and 9 August 2022, IOM in coordination with the District Office in the town Martin donated another two batches of humanitarian aid to the Community Centre Martin for Ukrainian Refugees to secure their basic needs in personal hygiene and clothing, as well as equip them with basic kitchen tools and cleaning supplies.

The Community Centre provides assistance to war-affected people that found temporary refuge in the town Martin located in the central-north of Slovakia. The aid from IOM is being distributed in the heart of the town where the Community Centre and its clothing distribution facility operate. Some of the aid has been allocated also for the daily needs of refugees living in the Accommodation Facility.

IOM handed over to the centre 3,245 pieces of clothes, 3,800 pieces of hygiene items, 1,090 pieces of kitchen items and 1,675 pieces of cleaning items.



IOM RESPONDED TO THE URGENT NEEDS OF PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE THAT FOUND TEMPORARY REFUGE IN MARTIN AND PROVIDED THERE VITAL HUMANITARIAN AID.

## IOM HANDED OVER THE SECOND BATCH OF HUMANITARIAN FOOD ASSISTANCE TO A KOSICE HOTSPOT FOR PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE

Since the very first days of the war in Ukraine, thousands of people arriving in Kosice have found temporary shelter, advice and first relief at the hotspot in the Kosice bus station, coordinated by the City of Kosice. IOM followed up on its previous delivery of humanitarian food assistance in July 2022 and the following month donated the second batch of non-perishable food items, water, tea, coffee, milk and hygienic supplies, in total of 16 pallets of items. Both shipments cover the hotspot needs for 4 weeks consumption.

## IOM ACTIVITIES

### DIRECT ASSISTANCE

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



IOM CONSULTANT AT THE MICHALOVCE REGISTRATION CENTRE PROVIDING COUNSELLING TO A GROUP OF WOMEN FROM ODESSA, CHERKASY, KRAMATORSK, LUHANSK AND DONETSK REGIONS IN UKRAINE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR TEMPORARY SHELTER AND JOB IN SLOVAKIA.

### 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.

### EMERGENCY MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE

Provision of allowance for persons taking care of adult Ukrainian citizens with disabilities and for adult Ukrainian citizens with specific needs, currently living in Slovakia.

### 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.

## IOM RESPONSE IN NUMBERS:

Results are for the period of 24 February – 16 August 2022:

### 3,840 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.

### 7,173 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.

### 382,972 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](http://www.mic.iom.sk).

### 87 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED IN COUNTER-TRAFFICKING

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

### 87 BENEFICIARIES OF CASH ASSISTANCE

IOM has provided cash assistance to people who are taking full-time care of adult Ukrainian citizens with disabilities and to adult Ukrainian citizens with specific needs.

### 328 PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

People received psychological first aid, individual psychological counselling or specialized referrals, or participated in group sessions.

### 26 CLASSES OF SLOVAK LANGUAGE COURSES

Ukrainian citizens can learn Slovak in 15 classes in an online format and in 11 in-person classes in Bottova Assistance Centre in Bratislava, Gabčíkovo Accommodation Facility, Presov and Kosice.

### 9,282 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID

IOM shipped 442 trucks with essential goods from its warehouses to people in need in Ukraine, equating to a volume of 9,282 tons.

### 1 BREASTFEEDING AND BABY CARE ROOM EQUIPPED

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

### 5,035 HYGIENE KITS FOR PEOPLE ON THE RUN

IOM delivered 1,135 kits for people in need in Michalovce, 1,000 kits to Zakovce to be distributed to 5 other spots, 1,000 kits to Nitra, 900 kits to Gabčíkovo and 1,000 kits to 2 centres in Bratislava.

### 212 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.

### 1,219 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 **3,840 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. Registration Centre in Michalovce
4. IOM Migration Information Centre in Kosice  
Hotspot Cervena Hviezda in Kosice
5. Accommodation Facility in Gabcikovo
6. 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](mailto:mic@iom.int)
- Website:** [www.mic.iom.sk](http://www.mic.iom.sk)

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