

6.97 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN UKRAINE.

11.98 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 6 September 2022, Slovak authorities have reported **775,536** arrivals from Ukraine, out of which **716,167** were Ukrainian refugees and **41,649** TCNs and EU nationals.

Source of data for the period of 24 February – 6 Sept. 2022: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic.



AN IOM CONSULTANT IS PROVIDING A FAMILY FROM KHARKIV CARING FOR A DISABLED PERSON WITH INFORMATION WHILE THEY ARE WAITING FOR A SPECIAL TRANSPORT TO THE MICHALOVCE REGISTRATION CENTRE.

KEY FACTS OF IOM RESPONSE:



12,497 PEOPLE

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



466 TRUCKS

with 9,786 tons of humanitarian aid were dispatched through IOM supply chain from Slovakia to Ukraine



462 PARTICIPANTS

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



251 PEOPLE

fleeing war in Ukraine have benefited from temporary accommodation in Slovakia



558 PEOPLE

in emergency situation have benefited from mental health and psychosocial support



129 BENEFICIARIES

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

NEWS:

LAWYERS WILL BE ABLE TO ADVISE PEOPLE ABOUT RESIDENCE OF FOREIGNERS IN SLOVAKIA

On 16 and 18 August 2022, IOM Slovakia conducted trainings for lawyers from Human Rights League who assist people from Ukraine with their residence queries at the Bottova Assistance Centre in Bratislava.

The trained lawyers will be able to advise people about:

- their residence options if they plan to work, study, do business or other activities in Slovakia,
- what documents must be submitted with different residence applications,
- how to extend residence validity or change a residence type,
- what obligations foreign residents have to fulfil if they want to avoid potential negative consequences.



IOM TRAINING FOR LAWYERS FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS LEAGUE ABOUT RESIDENCE OF FOREIGNERS IN SLOVAKIA.

WELCOMING SLOVAKIA IS ALSO ABOUT RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF OTHER CULTURAL MILESTONES: INDEPENDENCE DAY OF UKRAINE

On 24 August 2022, members of the Ukrainian community in Bratislava celebrated the Independence Day of Ukraine. People in the Gabčíkovo Accommodation Facility who fled the war and found temporary refuge here also joined the celebration.

Interesting programme with artists and art of children and adults, folklore, modern Ukrainian music and songs, traditional refreshments, and activities of assisting organisations in Slovakia for Ukrainians were introduced at the event in Bratislava.

This Welcoming Slovakia event was organised by the IOM Migration Information Centre (IOM MIC) in partnership with the civic association Sme Spolu and the community centre – Ukrainian-Slovak House in Ovrúčská Street operated by the City of Bratislava where the event was held.

In the Gabčíkovo Accommodation Facility, people from Ukraine joined the celebration of the Ukrainian Flag Day and the Ukrainian Independence Day. In the premises providing temporary shelter for

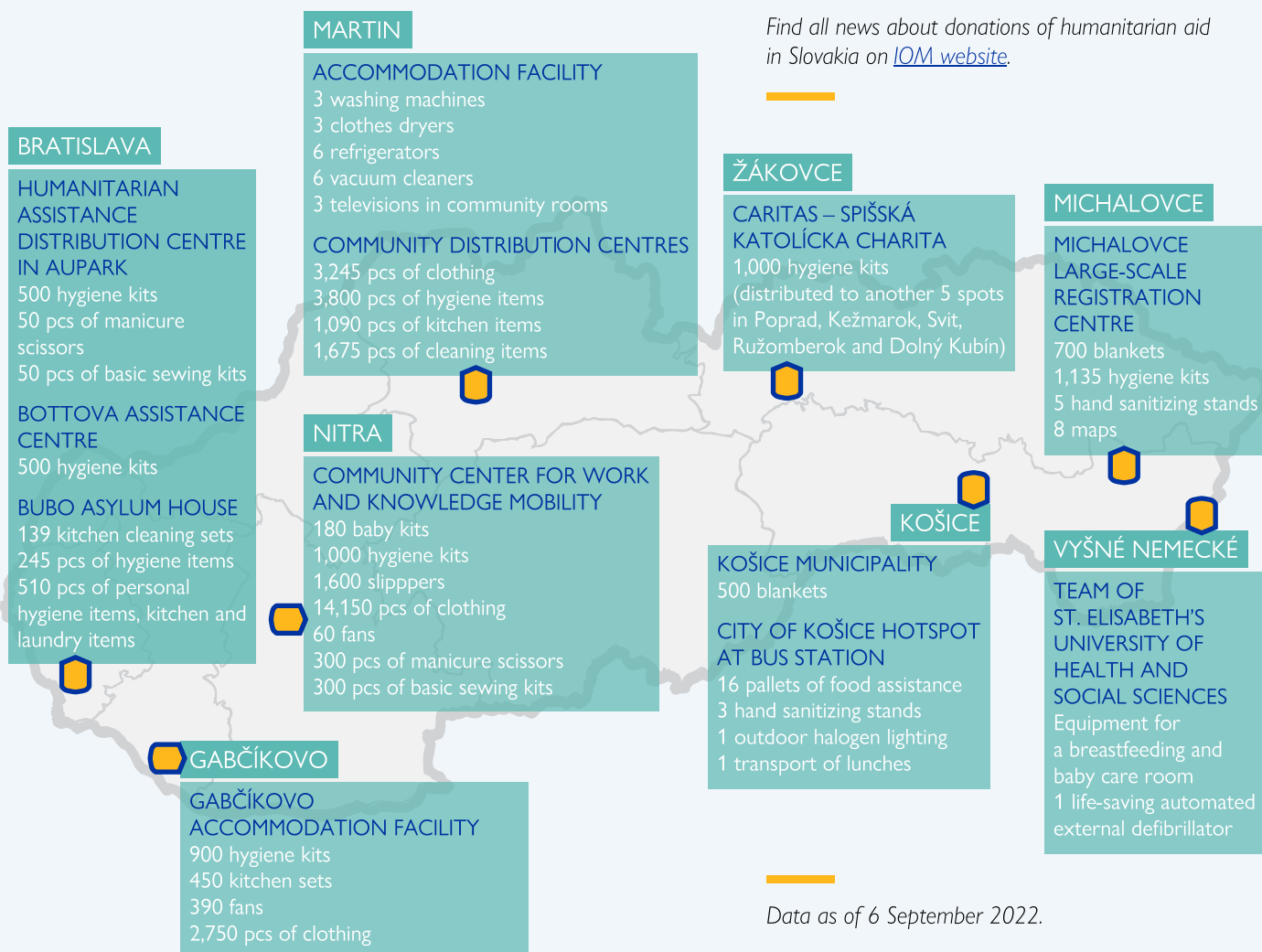
over 970 people that fled war in Ukraine, IOM made a great atmosphere and held workshops for children with face painting and bracelets making in the colours of the Ukrainian flag.



IN BRATISLAVA, PEOPLE ACQUIRED IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT SERVICES, ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAMME OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY IOM MIC AND THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION SME SPOLU THEY CAN BENEFIT FROM.

IOM HUMANITARIAN AID PROVIDED IN SLOVAKIA FOR PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE FROM 24 FEBRUARY 2022

In response to vital needs of Ukrainian refugees and third-country nationals arriving in Slovakia, IOM in partnership with local authorities and organisations provides humanitarian aid for assistance centres, hotspots, registration centres, accommodation centres and other facilities that assist people in need from Ukraine.



IOM SURVEY: NEARLY HALF OF UKRAINIAN REFUGEES CROSSING BACK TO UKRAINE FROM SLOVAKIA INTEND TO REMAIN

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) data comes from [a report](#) based on face-to-face interviews with 185 Ukrainian refugees and third-country nationals (TCNs) crossing back to Ukraine from Slovakia. The surveys were conducted between 19 April and 31 July 2022 and the report was released on 17 August 2022.

Profile of interviewees

The people surveyed indicated Kyiv (29%), Kharkiv (15%), Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk and Zakarpatska (all three account for 8%) as the top five regions of habitual residence (before leaving Ukraine), and three-quarters of the respondents plan to return to the region where they had resided.

Zakarpatska (44%), Kyiv and Lvivska (both 12%) oblasts were mentioned as top destinations for those who do not plan to go back to their previous habitual residence. The main reasons for this include: damaged or destroyed house (23%); their family moved to another location (21%); and the location of origin is currently unsafe (19%).

Women accounted for 94 per cent of respondents. Their average age was 39, compared to 59 for men. The largest age cohort (37%) was represented by female respondents aged 30-39 years.

Most immediate needs

Fifty-four per cent of the respondents reported they were in need of transportation support, followed by food, financial support and access to water.

With whom they are traveling back

Almost half of the respondents (49%) were traveling to Ukraine with the same group/household with whom they had fled. The large majority of these (91%) were crossing back with immediate family members; others with friends and neighbours or relatives.

More than two-thirds (69%) of the respondents left Ukraine in March and April 2022.



Where they stayed after leaving Ukraine

Around three-quarters (73%) of the respondents stayed for most of their time in Slovakia, with the majority hosted in Kosice (36%), Presov (19%) and Zilina (12%). The next two top countries of destination were Germany (10%) and Hungary (6%).

Main intentions

Forty-nine per cent of those surveyed intend to remain in Ukraine, while 28 per cent are only returning for a short visit. The remainder did not know how long they would stay (19%) or preferred not to answer the question (4%).

Reasons for going back to Ukraine

Of those respondents planning to stay in Ukraine, 51 per cent stated that they were traveling back to Ukraine because they perceived that the situation in their place of origin/habitual residence had improved. Other reasons included reunion with family members (21%), the fact that they did not have enough resources to cover the cost of living (21%) or difficulty in getting a job (13%) in Slovakia. Respondents also indicated other challenges they faced while abroad including: finding shelter/accommodation, access to education and/or obtaining humanitarian assistance.

The main reasons given by respondents for crossing back to Ukraine for a short visit were to meet family members, to collect some personal belongings left in Ukraine and to provide help to other family members or friends in Ukraine.



IOM ACTIVITIES

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

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



AN IOM CONSULTANT AT THE VYŠNÉ NEMEČKÉ POE INFORMS PEOPLE FROM ODESSA ON THE OPTIONS HOW TO GET TO GERMANY AND HOW TO GET SLOVAK HELP CARDS FOR FREE TRANSPORTATION 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 – 6 September 2022:

4,383 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.

8,114 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.

408,812 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.

137 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.

129 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.

558 PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

People received psychological first aid, individual psychological counselling or specialized referrals, and participated in group sessions or socio-relational activities.

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.

9,786 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID

IOM shipped 466 trucks with essential goods from its warehouses to people in need in Ukraine, equating to a volume of 9,786 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.

251 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.

1,416 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 **4,383 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
- Website:** www.mic.iom.sk

Online support available in Ukrainian, Slovak, English, and Russian.

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