

6.54 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN UKRAINE.

16.08 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 December 2022, Slovak authorities have reported **1,013,852** arrivals from Ukraine, out of which **933,170** were Ukrainian refugees and **51,883** TCNs and EU nationals.

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



AN IOM CONSULTANT AT THE HOTSPOT IN THE RAILWAY STATION IN KOSICE PROVIDES DISPLACED PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE WITH VITAL INFORMATION AND LEGAL COUNSELLING.

KEY FACTS OF IOM RESPONSE:



17,055 PEOPLE

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



544 TRUCKS

with 11,424 tons of humanitarian aid were dispatched through IOM supply chain from Slovakia to Ukraine



744 PARTICIPANTS

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



466 PEOPLE

fleeing the war in Ukraine have benefited from temporary accommodation or housing in Slovakia



3,580 PEOPLE

in emergency situation have benefited from mental health and psychosocial support



495 BENEFICIARIES

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

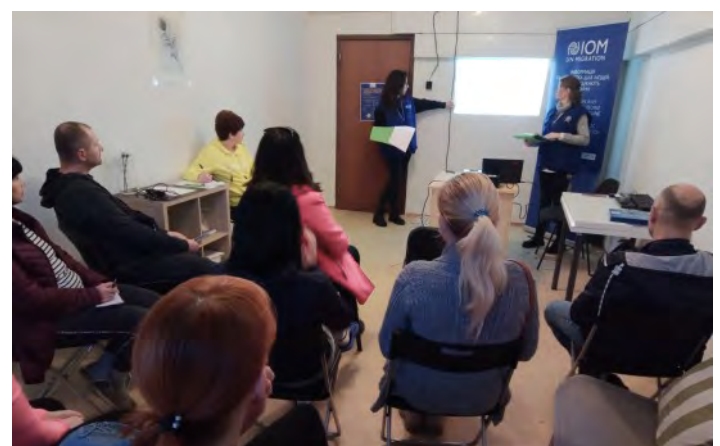
NEWS:

PEOPLE FLEEING THE WAR IN UKRAINE GET USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT RESIDENCE PERMITS IN SLOVAKIA THANKS TO IOM WORKSHOPS

IOM consultants provided war-affected people from Ukraine living in the Gabčíkovo Accommodation Centre with information about temporary protection and related rights, and ways how to obtain temporary residence permit in Slovakia.

As a part of people fleeing the war in Ukraine wants to stay in Slovakia for a long term or to settle down here, registration of residence permits is highly demanded and for some people, it may signify more stable living conditions in Slovakia.

Adults who want to find a suitable job and earn living for their families, those who have children already studying at Slovak schools, family members who want to be reunited with their relatives already living in Slovakia, or people starting a business in Slo-



IOM WORKSHOP ON TEMPORARY PROTECTION AND TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMITS IN SLOVAKIA FOR PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE IN GABČIKOVO, NOVEMBER 2022.

vakia – all of them can consider pros and cons of their options and take a responsible decision about their future based upon this information.

Around two dozen people from Ukraine benefited from information at workshops that IOM held in Gabčíkovo on 24 November and on 8 December 2022.

IOM COOPERATES WITH CULTURAL CENTRE AKTIVITY IN TRENCIN TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE FLEEING THE WAR

On 30 November 2022, IOM delivered personal hygiene supplies to Cultural centre Aktivita in Trenčín. They will serve people fleeing the war in Ukraine, mostly women, children and elderly who came to Slovakia.

The delivery contained 7,730 pieces of hygienic items, such as soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper and shampoos.

The distribution of material aid is organized in the premises of the Cultural centre Aktivita in Trenčín. Apart from material aid, the centre is also active in information provision to people from Ukraine, searching accommodation or job and helps to integrate them into the community.

In cooperation with the municipality of Trenčín and private sector, the centre has established the initiative Trenčín helps Ukraine which has already helped more than 700 people, some of them coming repeatedly. In cooperation with the initiative, in August 2022, IOM held an online workshop which focused on labour market and job search for temporary refuge holders from Ukraine.

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, IOM has been delivering [humanitarian aid to various towns in Slovakia](#) to help people from Ukraine who found a temporary refuge there.



IOM SURVEY: 59 PER CENT OF THOSE FLEEING THE WAR IN UKRAINE TO SLOVAKIA INTEND TO RETURN ONCE IT IS SAFE

Fifty-nine per cent of those interviewed who fled from Ukraine to Slovakia indicated they would return to Ukraine once it was safe, according to IOM Slovakia data. Fifteen per cent of them intended to stay in Slovakia in the long term and twenty-one per cent did not know their long-term plans.

The data comes from the [sixth rapid needs assessment report](#) published on 25 of November 2022. The report is based on the analysis of 1,817 face-to-face interviews conducted by IOM between 9 March and 11 November 2022 with Ukrainian refugees (99%) and third-country nationals (1%) arriving in Slovakia.

Profile of interviewees

Most of the respondents were women and girls who accounted for eighty-two per cent. The average age of the women surveyed was 41 and 45 for men. The overall largest age cohort is 30-39 years (precisely 29%). This represents a slight shift compared to the previously published analysis, where the overall largest age cohort was 40-49 years. The top five regions of origin were Kharkiv (20%), Kyiv (18%), Donetsk (11%), Dnipropetrovsk (8%) and Zakarpattia (7%).

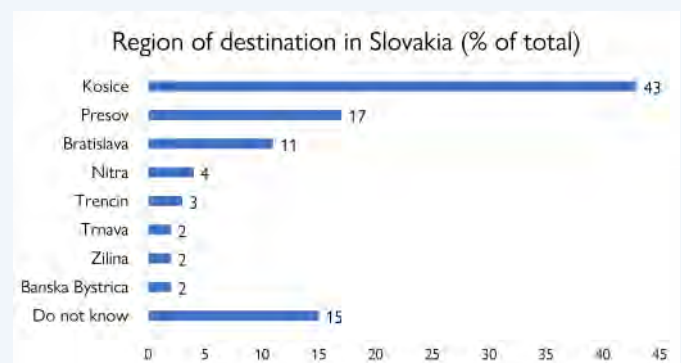
Intended destination

Slovakia was the most common intended destination for seventy-one per cent of respondents. About twenty-three per cent of interviewees indicated another country in Europe (Germany was indicated by 38% of this group of respondents, followed by Czechia, Poland, Switzerland and Austria). The most common reasons for choosing another European country were having family or friends, better protection systems and having accommodation in a destination country.

Destination within Slovakia

Out of the respondents who reported Slovakia as their final

destination (1,288 respondents), more than a half intended to stay in the eastern regions of the country (60%). Eleven per cent of the respondents planned on travelling to the region of the capital city (Bratislava region) and 15 per cent were still undecided on their final location in Slovakia. Forty-two per cent of respondents chose Slovakia because of their friends or relatives, 18 per cent consider it to have a better protection system, 15 per cent reported having accommodation there and 9 per cent chose Slovakia because they study there.



The most urgent needs

The majority of respondents (71%) declared their need for support in communicating with their loved ones and in getting information. The other top urgent needs were financial support (65%), documentation and legal support (58%), transportation (53%), support with employment (46%), accommodation (43%) and food (43%).

Almost half of these respondents also declared the need for support with school and education (49%). Forty-three per cent reported a need for accommodation support and 41 per cent needed help with children's protection and safety.

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.



IN RESPONSE TO BASIC NEEDS OF WAR-AFFECTED PEOPLE ON THE RUN, AN IOM CONSULTANT AT THE MICHALOVCE REGISTRATION CENTRE DISTRIBUTES HYGIENIC KIT TO A WOMAN FROM MYKOLAIV WHO IS AFTER ARRIVING IN SLOVAKIA IN NEED OF FINANCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT.

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 December 2022:

5,545 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.

11,510 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.

517,900 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.

375 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED IN COUNTER-TRAFFICKING

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

495 BENEFICIARIES OF CASH ASSISTANCE

From June to November 2022, IOM 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.

3,580 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.

54 CLASSES OF SLOVAK LANGUAGE COURSES

Over 1,160 Ukrainian citizens have learnt Slovak language in 30 classes in an online format and in 24 in-person classes in Bratislava, Gabčíkovo, Presov and Kosice.

11,424 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID

IOM shipped 544 trucks with essential goods from its warehouses to people in need in Ukraine, equating to a volume of 11,424 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.

10,408 HYGIENE & BABY KITS FOR PEOPLE ON THE RUN

IOM delivered kits for people in need in Michalovce, Zakovce with further distribution to 5 different places, Nitra, Gabčíkovo, Bratislava and to other spots.

466 BENEFICIARIES OF ACCOMMODATION

IOM assisted persons mainly in vulnerable situation to find and secure temporary accommodation in Airbnb facilities or housing in Slovakia.

1,935 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 **5,545 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. Accomodation 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

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