



5.35 MILLION
internally displaced
people in Ukraine



8.20 MILLION
people fled Ukraine



1.42 MILLION
people came to Slovakia from
Ukraine of which 1.30 were
Ukrainian refugees

Source of data 24 February 2022 – 14 May 2023: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of SR.

OVERVIEW OF OUR ASSISTANCE:



23,941 PEOPLE
benefited from IOM immediate assistance at
borders and centres and from IOM remote
counselling.



17,073 TONS
of humanitarian aid were dispatched
through the IOM supply chain from Slovakia
to Ukraine. The IOM delivered another
224,161 items of material and food humani-
tarian aid to people in need who found ref-
uge in Slovakia.



1,264 PARTICIPANTS
of IOM training sessions for frontline work-
ers and other professionals involved in
services for people from Ukraine.



718 PEOPLE
fleeing the war in Ukraine have benefited
from temporary accommodation or the
housing assistance programme in Slovakia.



10,984 PEOPLE
in an emergency situation have benefited
from mental health and psychosocial sup-
port.



737 PEOPLE
received IOM cash assistance for carers of
adults with disabilities and for adults with
specific needs.



2,248 PEOPLE
from Ukraine studied the Slovak language in
112 classes organised in Bratislava, Gabčíkovo,
Nitra, Trenčín, Prešov and Košice.

[Click here for more detailed statistics.](#)

NEWS:

THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND THEIR HEALTH CONDITION FORCED THEM TO SEEK HELP IN SLOVAKIA: THE STORY OF ONCOLOGY PATIENTS WHO FOUND NEW HOPE FOR LIFE

“Doctors told me that they no longer have the capacity to help me, and my bed was needed for a patient who still has some hope of surviving. They had no hope for me. They said I have 1 – 3 months at most,” says Svetlana (41) from Kramatorsk in the Donetsk region of Ukraine, holding her young son Nazar (1) in her arms. Svetlana is a cancer patient. She found out she had cancer during her fourth pregnancy. Nazar was born prematurely on February 18, 2022. During a caesarean section, Svetlana was found to have a tumour and later numerous metastases. Five days later, the war in Ukraine began.

Svetlana was lucky that her surgery took place before the invasion began. In fact, Ukrainian hospitals were reprofiled after the outbreak of the war, and many cancer operations were postponed indefinitely to make room for people wounded in combat. Health care became overstretched as a result of the war, hospitals were targeted and patients were discharged home. After two months of seeking treat-

ment, Svetlana received a phone call that the National Cancer Institute in Bratislava would help her. The next day, she was on a train to Slovakia with her children.

Twenty-two-year-old Olexander, who arrived in Slovakia in March 2022, is also a cancer patient. ““After the outbreak of the war, it was almost impossible to get an MRI, which I needed to have as a cancer patient to set up treatment. The power went out too often for me to have an MRI””, says Olexander about the difficulties of accessing treatment in war-torn Ukraine. So Olexander decided to come to his brother and fight for his life in Slovakia.

For Olexander, this help means an opportunity to cover his basic needs and to be able to at least partially pay for his costly treatment. Thanks to the multi-purpose nature of the financial assistance from donors UK Aid and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the beneficiaries can use the contribution to pay for necessary expenses. “This aid means a chance for me to live,” says Svetlana, who cares for three children herself. [➤ Read more about the help for Svetlana and Olexander.](#)



SVETLANA, HER SON NAZAR AND TWO OLDER CHILDREN TRAVELLED ALMOST 2,000 KILOMETRES TO RECEIVE REQUIRED MEDICAL CARE. SHE LIKES SLOVAKIA; THE PEOPLE ARE NICE TO HER, AND HER CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL AND HAVE FRIENDS HERE. HOWEVER, SHE MOURNS FOR HER HOME EVERY DAY BUT KNOWS SHE CAN ONLY GO BACK AS A HEALTHY WOMAN.

THE MONTH AT A GLANCE:

- IOM staff at the Humanitarian Centre in Gabčíkovo organised [several workshops](#) for displaced people from Ukraine about life in Slovakia. Participants also received basic information about the social and health care system, means of public transport, cultural events and other aspects of life in the new country.
- In the transit centres in Kosice and Michalovce, more than 500 people from Ukraine received new shoes and hygiene kits provided by IOM Slovakia.
- In May, the IOM published its first report for 2023 on the [needs, intentions, and integration challenges](#) of refugees from Ukraine. The report analyses the results of 842 individual interviews collected in five counties in Slovakia between January and March 2023. According to the report, 49 per cent of respondents considered financial support to be the most urgent immediate need, while another 47 per cent named health services, 36 per cent medication and 24 per cent cited employment support.

Since the start of the war in Ukraine, the IOM Slovakia team has been collecting data through its official Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) mechanism. [➤ Read other DTM reports for Slovakia.](#)

- The IOM also building its capacity to support the protection of migrants and has trained five of its staff and consultants online in the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND US:

Since the start of the invasion, the IOM has been providing help every day at the Slovak-Ukrainian border and in the dedicated centres to people fleeing Ukraine and arriving in Slovakia. The IOM is actively present at the following sites:



POINTS OF ENTRY:

1. Ubla
2. Vysne Nemecke

CENTRES:

3. Transit centre in Michalovce
4. Humanitarian centre in Gabcikovo
12. Transit centre in Kosice

MIGRATION INFORMATION CENTRE IN:

5. Bratislava, 6. Nitra, 7. Trnava, 8. Trencin, 9. Zilina,
10. Banska Bystrica, 11. Presov, 12. Kosice

INFO LINES:

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
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