



AN IOM SOCIAL WORKER ASSISTS ANZHELIKA IN FILLING OUT PAPERS NEEDED TO OBTAIN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION IN THE IOM HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME IN KOSICE.



5,35 MILLION
internally displaced
people in Ukraine



8,16 MILLION
people fled Ukraine



1,34 MILLION
people came to Slovakia from
Ukraine of which 1.23 were
Ukrainian refugees

Source of data 15 March 2022 – 14 April 2023: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of SR.

OVERVIEW OF OUR ASSISTANCE:



22,893 PEOPLE
benefited from IOM immediate
assistance at borders and centres and from
IOM remote counselling.



16,002 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.



1,232 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.



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



1,600 PEOPLE
from Ukraine have learnt the Slovak lan-
guage in 77 classes organised in Bratislava,
Gabčikovo, Trenčín, Presov and Kosice.

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

NEWS:

FINDING WORK AND A HOME TAKES TIME, AND THANKS TO THE IOM, SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

Providing war-affected Ukrainians with accommodation and integration support during the months necessary for them to find employment and housing and to become independent. This has been the goal of the IOM's Housing Assistance Programme, launched in Kosice in September 2022.

"Standing on your own feet in a new country without any support, a job or knowing the local language is extremely difficult," says Martina Varholik, head of the IOM sub-office in Kosice. Since October 2022, almost 120 Ukrainians have benefitted from the accommodation programme in Kosice. "Women with children are given priority, as they are among the most vulnerable," explains IOM Eastern region housing coordinator, Lucia Slosarova.

Job counselling is one of the services provided to people in the IOM housing assistance programme. "We help people with writing CVs, the

job search and communicating with potential employers," says IOM social worker, Veronika Cavisova. Other services include individual legal, social and mental health counselling.

People in dormitory-type accommodations can cook in a shared kitchen and spend time in a common room, where children of different ages usually play. The kitchen is also a space to share the small joys of everyday life that clients experience. Just a few days ago, 13-year-old Artyom returned from a hockey tournament in Slovenia, where he played for the Slovak national team. His mother, Olena, proudly shows the gold medal to the IOM staff and everyone who passes by.

"This accommodation has been our safe zone. We feel protected here, and we always have someone to turn to for help. It's a great start, but after a few months, it's time to move on and try to live a normal life," concludes Tetyana, who is about to see other apartments for rent soon. Thus far, 119 people from Ukraine have benefitted from the IOM Housing Support Programme in Kosice. [Read more.](#)



ARTYOM, A MEMBER OF THE HOCKEY CLUB HK SRŠNE KOŠICE AND A MEMBER OF THE SLOVAK NATIONAL TEAM, BENEFITS FROM THE HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME TOGETHER WITH HIS MOTHER. THANKS TO THE ACCOMMODATION HE HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH, HE CAN CONTINUE HIS TRAINING. HE RECENTLY TOOK PART IN A HOCKEY TOURNAMENT IN SLOVENIA, WHERE HIS TEAM WON THE GOLD MEDAL.

THE MONTH AT A GLANCE:

- As part of a [series of workshops](#) with job counselling and orientation on the labour market, the IOM organised a **course on writing motivation letters** for people in the Humanitarian Centre in Gabčíkovo.
- IPčko, the IOM's implementing partner, has prepared workshops on [self-defence](#) for over 30 women and girls from Ukraine at the Humanitarian Centre in Gabčíkovo. The self-defence techniques are an effective tool in providing women refugees with control over their lives and helping them in the prevention of PTSD, anxiety and depression.
- The IOM [supplied the Equita Civil Association](#) in Bratislava with **incontinence products** and **assistive medical devices** such as wheelchairs and walking aids which they will distribute to people in need.
- In cooperation with IPčko, the IOM organized an **Easter art workshop** to support the community life of people from Ukraine at the Humanitarian Centre in Gabčíkovo.
- The IOM welcomed the [visit of representatives](#) of the **Council of Europe Development Bank** to Slovakia. It presented its activities to help and support people from Ukraine, which it provides, among others, in Kosice in the IOM Housing Support Programme or in the IOM office, at the Vysné Nemecke and Ubla border crossings, and at the Transit Centre in Michalovce.
- The IOM has secured and is now gradually distributing **1,600 pairs of shoes** to people in need from Ukraine, including clients of the IOM Housing Support Programme in Kosice.

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 Gabčíkovo

IOM MIGRATION INFORMATION CENTRE IN:

5. Bratislava, 6. Nitra, 7. Trnava, 8. Trenčín, 9. Zilina,
10. Banská Bystrica, 11. Prešov, 12. Košice

INFO LINES:

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE ARRIVING FROM UKRAINE TO SLOVAKIA

- Info line:** 0850 211 478 (from the territory of the Slovak Republic)
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