



IOM FRONTLINE WORKERS IN PRESOV HAVE BEEN PROVIDING THEIR SUPPORT, INFORMATION AND MATERIAL AID TO PEOPLE ARRIVING FROM UKRAINE.



5.08 MILLION
internally displaced
people in Ukraine



6.26 MILLION
people fled Ukraine



1.69 MILLION
people came to Slovakia from
Ukraine of which 1.55 were
Ukrainian refugees

Source of data 24 February 2022 – 16 August 2023: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of SR.

OVERVIEW OF OUR ASSISTANCE:



28,209 PEOPLE
benefited from IOM immediate assistance at
borders and centres and from IOM remote
counselling.



21,021 TONS
of humanitarian aid were dispatched
through the IOM supply chain from Slovakia
to Ukraine. The IOM delivered another
270,445 items of material and food
humanitarian aid to people in need who
found refuge in Slovakia.



1,309 PARTICIPANTS
of IOM training workshops and awareness
sessions for 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
support.



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



2,810 PEOPLE
from Ukraine studied the Slovak language in
143 courses in Bratislava, Gabčíkovo, Nitra,
Trenčín, Presov, Žilina, Košice, and other.

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

NEWS:

PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE ARE STRONGLY MOTIVATED TO LEARN SLOVAK TO MAKE THEIR LIVES EASIER IN A NEW COUNTRY

“Ako sa máš? Mám sa dobre. A ty?” [How are you? I'm well. And you?]. We hear people chatting as we enter a fully packed classroom in the Humanitarian Centre in Gabčíkovo, southern Slovakia, during a summer course.

The centre harbours more than 700 hundred temporary protection holders from Ukraine. The IOM has been organising free, open Slovak language courses here since April 2022. More than 170 people from Ukraine have participated in them in 2023 alone.

In summer 2023, the IOM team opened an intensive two-month course to strengthen and advance the participants' Slovak language skills. What drives their motivation?

“I want to find work,” says Svitlana, 47, one of almost 50 students of the summer course. “I'm learning Slovak to further integrate into Slovak society,” adds Marina, 55. “I wish to know more about the legislation,” says Nataliia, 70, surprisingly.

Better understanding the country and the culture, connecting with people, and overcoming the language barrier at the doctor's, in the shop, at the pharmacy, in transport, and other everyday situations is a strong motivation for many. Iryna, 53, and Oksana, 42, want to be role models for children from Ukraine in the school where they both work and help them with Slovak from an early age. “It's crucial,” Iryna says, gesticulating passionately.

Innovatively, the IOM introduced protective elements into language learning. This equipped people fleeing from the war in Ukraine with examples of how to react when found in a vulnerable situation.

About 3,000 people who fled Ukraine participated in the free open Slovak language courses organised by the IOM Migration Information Centre across Slovakia. To learn more about free and open Slovak language courses, online resources and, in general, about the free advice and services for migrants provided by the IOM MIC, please visit www.mic.iom.sk.

[➤ Read more about the Slovak language courses in Gabčíkovo.](#)



THE SUMMER SLOVAK LANGUAGE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE IOM IN THE HUMANITARIAN CENTRE IN GABČIKOVO.

THE MONTH AT A GLANCE:

- Around 250 displaced people in need from Ukraine received **material aid and vital information** about free counselling and services provided by the IOM Migration Information Centre during meetings with IOM in the towns of Kosická Bela, Prešov, Zilina, Uhrovec, Liptovský Mikuláš, and Michalovce.
- The IOM has been continuously **collecting data** in Slovak cities through its official Displacement Tracking Matrix mechanism to assess the mobility, needs, and intentions of Ukrainian people living in Slovakia and those crossing back to Ukraine.
- Since the beginning of August, the IOM, in collaboration with its implementation partner, the Slovak civic society EQUITA, has been supporting the accessibility of **health care for people from Ukraine**. Mobile health care teams from EQUITA, field coordinators, helpline operators and a network of trusted partners will provide medical consultations with general practitioners and specialists, informational support, promotion and translation services, access to basic medicines and assistive devices, visits to mobile clinics and medical transport.

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

CENTRES:

2. Humanitarian centre in Gabčíkovo
10. Transit centre in Košice

MIGRATION INFORMATION CENTRE IN:

3. Bratislava, 4. Nitra, 5. Trnava, 6. Trenčín,
7. Zilina, 8. Banská Bystrica, 9. Prešov, 10. 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)
- 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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