

6.24 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN UKRAINE.

14.32 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 18 October 2022, Slovak authorities have reported **889,518** arrivals from Ukraine, out of which **820,548** were Ukrainian refugees and **46,556** TCNs and EU nationals.

Source of data for the period of 24 February – 18 Oct. 2022: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic.



AN IOM CONSULTANT AT THE MICHALOVCE REGISTRATION CENTRE PROVIDES VITAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FIRST STEPS IN SLOVAKIA FOR YOUNG ADULTS WHO FLED THE WAR FROM KHARKIV.

KEY FACTS OF IOM RESPONSE:



14,853 PEOPLE

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



502 TRUCKS

with 10,542 tons of humanitarian aid were dispatched through IOM supply chain from Slovakia to Ukraine



490 PARTICIPANTS

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



341 PEOPLE

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



1,118 PEOPLE

in emergency situation have benefited from mental health and psychosocial support



428 BENEFICIARIES

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

NEWS:

PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE RECEIVE PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT, THANKS TO THE IOM AND IPČKO

Since August 2022, IPčko as the IOM's implementing partner has provided psychosocial assistance and counselling to 1,118 people who fled the war in Ukraine, mostly women and children, in 20 towns in Slovakia. Many of them are assisted repeatedly.

Psychologists and social workers of IPčko have been providing their counselling and assistance in all eight regions of Slovakia. The help is anonymous, free of charge and nonstop, people in need can call to the crisis helpline operated in the Ukrainian language **0800 500 888** or send an email to ukrajina@ipcko.sk.

Ukrainians, employees of municipalities and helping organizations, operators of accommodation facilities for refugees, and also individuals who help people in need from Ukraine can address their need to one of the Káčko – crisis intervention centres in regional towns, or also request the help of one of the eight mobile teams that will visit them.



IOM AND IPČKO PROMOTED THEIR PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT AT THE JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE ON 19 OCTOBER 2022 IN BRATISLAVA.

IOM DONATED DINNER- AND COOKWARE TO A CENTRE IN BRATISLAVA FOR PEOPLE FLEEING THE WAR IN UKRAINE

On 7 October 2022, IOM delivered another batch of vital assistance – 1,400 kitchen items to the humanitarian assistance distribution centre in the shopping mall Aupark in Bratislava run by the initiative Who will help Ukraine and its partner, humanitarian organisation ADRA Slovakia.

People are forced to flee the war in Ukraine, and they often leave their homes with a few belongings and without basic accessories. Those of mostly women with children and elderly persons who found a temporary shelter in Slovakia can find kitchen and dining accessories at this centre in Bratislava that will enable them to prepare and serve their own food.

This IOM delivery included 500 soup plates, 500 glasses for water, 200 pans, 200 knives, 400 pots and 100 slicing wooden boards.

This assistance followed the [previous cooperation](#) with these helping organisations operating the centre in Bratislava which consisted in providing hygienic kits in July 2022.



IOM HUMANITARIAN AID DELIVERY TO THE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE DISTRIBUTION CENTRE IN THE SHOPPING MALL AUPARK IN BRATISLAVA.

PEOPLE IN NEED AND WITHOUT PROPER INFORMATION ARE AT HIGHER RISKS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

IOM responds to this significant alert and continues training frontline workers at the border, assistance centres and accommodation facilities who can warn about the risks of human trafficking and know what to do if they meet a potential victim of human trafficking.

On 6 October 2022, IOM trained another group of professionals from organisations working with people fleeing the war in Ukraine. Among 12 participants there were representatives of Bottova Assistance Centre and interpreters from the Human Rights League, operating at this Centre.

Since the first days of the war to mid-October, IOM has trained in the counter-trafficking 144 frontline workers and volunteers.

As in the previous trainings, the participants learnt about mechanisms of human trafficking, how to recognize risky situations and how to safely refer a potential victim of human trafficking. IOM trainers also directed attention to safe travel of people coming from Ukraine and to a free mobile app [Safe Travel & Work Abroad](#) that can reduce the risks of human trafficking.



TRAININGS ON COUNTER-TRAFFICKING ARE AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF THE IOM RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE. IOM TRAINING IN SEPTEMBER 2022 IN BRATISLAVA.

2ND REPORT ON CROSSING BACK TO UKRAINE: THE MAIN REASON TO REMAIN IS THAT THE SITUATION IMPROVED

IOM Slovakia published its [second report](#) based on the analysis of interviews with 324 refugees from Ukraine and third-country nationals crossing back to Ukraine from Slovakia. These surveys were collected between 19 April and 30 September 2022.

Most of the interviewed (92%) were women with an average age of 40 compared to 59 for men. The top five regions of respondents' habitual residence before leaving Ukraine were Kyivska (25%), Kharkivska (14%), Zakarpatska (13%), Donetsk (8%) and Dnipropetrovska (7%).

Crossing back to Ukraine

Forty-two per cent of the respondents were crossing back to Ukraine with the same group of persons they fled with. A large majority of them (84%) did so with their immediate family. The others travelled with their friends, neighbours and other relatives.

Seventy-seven per cent of the respondents spent most of their time outside Ukraine in Slovakia, 8 per cent in Germany and 6 per cent in Czechia.

Main intentions and reasons

Seventy-five per cent of the respondents planned to go back to their oblast of habitual residence.

Kharkivska (8%), Donetsk (7%) and Dnipropetrovska (2%) 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: the location of origin was unsafe (27%), damaged or destroyed house (20%), their family was displaced to another location (18%) and their house/property was occupied by others (10%).

Forty-three per cent of the respondents were planning to stay in Ukraine. As in the previous report, the main reported reason was that the situation in their place of origin or habitual residence had improved. Other reasons included not having enough resources to cover the living costs, desire to reunite with family members, but also the difficulty in getting a job.

Thirty-three per cent were travelling for a short visit.

IOM ACTIVITIES

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

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



A FAMILY FROM KREMENCHUK CAME TO SLOVAKIA TO REUNITE WITH THEIR RELATIVES WHO ARE LIVING IN KOSICE. THEY WERE WORRIED THAT IT WOULD BE HARD FOR THEM TO ADAPT TO LIFE IN SLOVAKIA. AN IOM CONSULTANT AT THE MICHALOVCE REGISTRATION CENTRE ANSWERED THEIR QUESTIONS TO HELP THEM WITH THEIR ADAPTATION IN SLOVAKIA AND PROVIDED THEM WITH NECESSARY CONTACTS.

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 – 18 October 2022:

5,023 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.

9,830 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.

457,551 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.

144 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED IN COUNTER-TRAFFICKING

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

428 BENEFICIARIES OF CASH ASSISTANCE

Since June 2022, 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.

1,118 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.

10,542 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID

IOM shipped 502 trucks with essential goods from its warehouses to people in need in Ukraine, equating to a volume of 10,542 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.

5,215 HYGIENE & BABY 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, 1,180 kits to Nitra, 900 kits to Gabčíkovo and 1,000 kits to 2 centres in Bratislava.

341 BENEFICIARIES OF ACCOMMODATION

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

1,672 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 **5,023 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.

CONTACT US:

International Organization for Migration
Office in the Slovak Republic

Grösslingová 35, 811 09 Bratislava, Slovak Republic
bratislavainfo@iom.int

www.iom.sk/ukraine

     IOM Slovakia

IOM SLOVAKIA RESPONSE HAS BEEN GENEROUSLY FUNDED BY:



Norwegian Ministry
of Foreign Affairs



Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

Swiss Confederation

