

5.91 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN UKRAINE.

17.92 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 24 January 2023, Slovak authorities have reported **1,158,530** arrivals from Ukraine, out of which **1,067,361** were Ukrainian refugees and **57,268** TCNs and EU nationals.

Source of data for the period of 24 Feb. 2022 – 24 Jan. 2023: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic.



SINCE DECEMBER 2022, IOM FRONTLINE TEAM AT THE KOSICE HOTSPOT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTING SOCKS, JACKETS AND HATS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED WHO FLED THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND FACE WINTER CONDITIONS.

KEY FACTS OF IOM RESPONSE:



18,857 PEOPLE

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



631 TRUCKS

with 13,251 tons of humanitarian aid were dispatched through IOM supply chain from Slovakia to Ukraine



826 PARTICIPANTS

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



609 PEOPLE

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



5,388 PEOPLE

in emergency situation have benefited from mental health and psychosocial support



614 BENEFICIARIES

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

NEWS:

WHEELCHAIRS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN WILL HELP PEOPLE IN NEED IN KOSICE HOTSPOT

In January, IOM distributed two wheelchairs for adults and children with disabilities in the Kosice hotspot. Wheelchairs can significantly help people with disabilities with the transfer. Disabled persons can use the wheelchair and keep it as long as needed.

In addition to this donation, IOM delivered another two adult wheelchairs to the Michalovce Registration Centre in December 2022.

[Read more.](#)



TWO WHEELCHAIRS TO HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WITH TRANSFER ARE AVAILABLE FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE KOSICE HOTSPOT.

IOM STAFF MEMBERS ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST PEOPLE WHEN HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS SUSPECTED

IOM new staff members trained in prevention of human trafficking will assist in Bratislava, Trnava, Banska Bystrica, Trencin, Zilina and Gabcikovo Accommodation Facility to people fleeing the war in Ukraine and citizens of other countries.

The main questions leading the participants throughout the full-day training were:

- What is and what isn't human trafficking?
- How does the mechanism of human trafficking work?
- What are some red flags that should arise when speaking to a potential victim?
- What is the situation in Slovakia – are our counter-trafficking efforts sufficient or is there a need to speed up?
- How to report potential cases safely?

Thanks to this interactive training, participants were able to grasp how victims of human trafficking are recruited and rescued, how to approach them, and how sensitive and fragile their situation is.

The information I received during the training will be of great help in my everyday work life as I am working directly with people who fled the war in Ukraine. Now I know that I must be cautious when listening to them as they are one of the most vulnerable groups in our country these days. Also, I see how important it is to inform them about the risks so they do not fall into traffickers' hands.



Natalia, a member of IOM Slovakia team

To date, IOM trained 414 professionals involved in provision of services for refugees and TCNs in twenty-seven trainings about counter-trafficking awareness and prevention.

IOM conducted another 44 trainings for 412 frontline workers, and other professionals about protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, protection from gender balance violence, how to work with clients and about intercultural communication.

[Read more.](#)



IOM BUILDS ITS INTERNAL CAPACITY AND IN JANUARY 2023 IN BRATISLAVA TRAINED ANOTHER STAFF MEMBERS IN COUNTER-TRAFFICKING.

ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVING IN GABCIKOVO RECEIVED BLANKETS FOR WINTER

In January 2023, IOM distributed about 1,000 blankets for Ukrainian refugees living in the humanitarian centre in Gabcikovo. Seniors and elderly people received the blankets first in a row, followed by mothers with children and everyone else.

[Read more about IOM assistance in Gabcikovo.](#)



AID DELIVERY IN THE HUMANITARIAN CENTRE IN GABCIKOVO. BLANKETS ARE PART OF IOM CLOTHING AID THAT HELPS PEOPLE IN NEED TO FACE WINTER CONDITIONS.

IOM AID DELIVERY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

From November 2022 until the beginning of January 2023, IOM in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic delivered non-food items such as beds, blankets, hygienic items and heaters that will serve in case of the activation of the contingency plan of the Ministry of Interior. Based on the plan, adopted by the Slovak government in Autumn 2022, the Ministry of Interior prepares the capacities in order to be able to react on a potential future influx of people fleeing the war in Ukraine.

IOM donated 300 folding beds, 10,080 blankets, 9,926 personal hygienic supplies, 80 electric heaters, 15,000 heatshield aluminum and thermal blankets, and more than 40,000 items of winter clothing. Access to material aid is one of the objectives of the contingency plan.

In case the contingency plan is activated, the beds and heaters →



IOM DELIVERED THE MATERIAL AID TO A WAREHOUSE OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC NEAR KOSICE.

will be used in the tents and facilities run or coordinated by the Ministry of Interior. Blankets and clothes will be provided directly to people fleeing the war.

ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE IN POPRAD AND KEZMAROK WHO FLED THE WAR RECEIVE HYGIENE SUPPLIES

Hygiene supplies for babies and children, washing powder or diapers – these simple things of everyday use can make basic living conditions of war-affected Ukrainian families much better.

In December 2022, IOM delivered more than 6,800 personal hygienic supplies – toilet papers, sanitary napkins, tooth pastes, shampoos and other hygiene items – to the Distribution Centrum of Help of Spisska katolicka charita for around 1,400 people from Ukraine who found a refuge nearby Poprad and Kezmarok. They can come and pick up this humanitarian aid personally.

IOM also delivered there a new refrigerator which is vital to keep safe the chain of food supplies from donors to beneficiaries. The old one broke some time ago and milk products from different local donors did not have a place to be stored in. Now, beneficiaries have again a working refrigerator for milk, cheese and yogourts.



A NEW REFRIGERATOR WILL STORE FOOD FOR PEOPLE IN NEED AND ENSURE THAT FOOD SUPPLIES ARRIVE WELL FROM DONORS TO BENEFICIARIES.

FOLDING BEDS WILL HELP VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FROM PRESOV TO ASSIST PEOPLE FLEEING UKRAINE

In January 2023, IOM donated 50 folding beds to Volunteer Firegroup in Presov. Occasionally, big groups of displaced people on the run from Ukraine come at the same time and it can be chal-



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS FROM PRESOV TAKING OVER IOM DELIVERY OF FOLDING BEDS.

lenging to provide all of them a decent place to sleep. In cases like this, folding beds can serve to numerous people at once.

Volunteer Firefighters can now offer people to sleep overnight in decent conditions. These folding beds will be available for people fleeing war in Ukraine in different accommodations in Presov according to the need.

HYGIENE SUPPLIES AND KITCHEN UTILITIES MAKE EVERYDAY LIFE OF PEOPLE WHO FLED THE WAR EASIER

Below-zero temperatures, fresh snow, unstable or no electricity and energetic supplies make people leave war-torn Ukraine for winter. With new people arriving in Slovakia, facilities for these people need to be furnished with basics: kitchen and hygienic utilities. IOM delivered hundreds of these items to Bardejov for people in need living in facilities under the supervision of Presov Self-Governing Region.

In November and December 2022, IOM donated more than 300 kitchen utilities like plates, cups and cutlery. Beneficiaries in facilities will also receive more than 3,000 hygienic and cleaning supplies and 40 appliances such as washers, irons, refrigerator and electric kettles. All these supplies are available to make basic daily needs possible for mostly women with children and elderly people.

[Read more: IOM humanitarian aid in Ukraine and Slovakia.](#)



IOM HUMANITARIAN AID DELIVERY TO BARDEJOV IN THE LAST MONTHS OF 2022.



IOM Slovakia frontline team is helping people fleeing the war in Ukraine also by running a **Housing Assistance Programme in Kosice**. On the photo, an IOM consultant is building a railway with a child who is accommodated there.

IOM ACTIVITIES

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

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



AN IOM CONSULTANT AT THE UBLA BORDER POE IS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO A MAN FLEEING THE WAR IN UKRAINE WHO ARRIVED FROM MUKACHEVO WITH HIS DAUGHTER TO SPEND WINTER SEASON IN SLOVAKIA. HE BENEFITED FROM INFORMATION PROVIDED BY IOM ABOUT REFUGEE STATUS IN SLOVAKIA, HIS RIGHTS AND HOW HE CAN GET ACCOMMODATION IN SLOVAKIA.

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 2022 – 24 January 2023:

6,068 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.

12,789 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.

576,882 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.

414 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED IN COUNTER-TRAFFICKING

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

614 BENEFICIARIES OF CASH ASSISTANCE

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.

5,388 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.

13,251 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID

IOM shipped 631 trucks with essential goods from its warehouses to people in need in Ukraine, equating to a volume of 13,020 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.

16,920 HYGIENE & BABY KITS FOR PEOPLE ON THE RUN

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

609 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 **6,068 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:



U.S. Department of State Bureau
of Population, Refugees, and Migration