

6.27 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN UKRAINE.

8.4 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 28 June 2022, Slovak authorities have reported more than **558,489** arrivals from Ukraine, out of which **516,781** were Ukrainian refugees and **31,429** TCNs and EU nationals.

Source of data for the period of 24 February – 28 June 2022: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic



IOM CONSULTANTS ARE CONDUCTING FACE-TO-FACE SURVEYS WITH PEOPLE ARRIVING TO SLOVAKIA OR RETURNING TO UKRAINE ABOUT THEIR MOBILITY, NEEDS AND INTENTIONS. IT HELPS IOM TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF CONFLICT-AFFECTED POPULATIONS.

NEWS:

90 PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE WAR IN UKRAINE BENEFIT FROM THE IOM MENTAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

People fleeing war are exposed to highly stressful situations so humane and supportive assistance are of utmost importance. IOM provides mental health and psychosocial support to people fleeing the war and currently living in Slovakia.

During the consultations with war-affected people on what they witnessed, about their experience and fears, IOM consultants strive to create a secure environment and approach people in a very sensitive way without increasing their vulnerabilities.

So far, IOM provided psychological first aid to 16 adults and 9 children and additional individual psychological counselling to 40 adults and 9 children. Crisis-affected people have also been assisted by consulting in group sessions. Eight adults and 8 children participated using this format of support.



BASED ON IOM SURVEYS WITH PEOPLE FLEEING UKRAINE, PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELLING BELONGS TO THE MOST SIGNIFICANT UNMET NEEDS OF PEOPLE INTERVIEWED.

IOM HELPED ACCOMMODATION FACILITY IN MARTIN WITH NEW LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT FOR 140 PEOPLE THAT FLED WAR IN UKRAINE

On 27 June 2022, IOM Slovakia delivered first batch of non-food humanitarian aid to secure hygienic needs and dignified living conditions for people from Ukraine who have found temporary shelter at the Accommodation Facility in the town Martin, in the premises of a high school dormitory.

In response to the vital needs of around 140 people, including many children that are temporarily living at the dormitory with one washing machine left, IOM in coordination with the District Office in Martin handed over three new washing machines and three new clothes dryers to ease their daily life.

In addition, IOM Slovakia equipped all three community rooms with televisions.



DELIVERY OF LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT AND TELEVISIONS TO THE ACCOMMODATION FACILITY IN THE TOWN MARTIN, HOUSING 140 PEOPLE WHO FLED WAR IN UKRAINE.

PROFESSIONALS WORKING WITH UNACCOMPANIED MINORS WERE TRAINED IN PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On 20 and 21 June 2022, IOM Protection Team delivered a training for the workers of the Centre for Children and Families in Medzilaborce, in Eastern Slovakia, working with unaccompanied minors. Altogether 21 different professionals, mostly tutors of unaccompanied minors took part.

On the first day, the participants went through a practical and useful programme, with different types of situations and how to react on them. A professional psychotherapist focused their attention on how to work with clients with trauma, with clients from different cultural background, and on intercultural communication.



THE PARTICIPANTS APPRECIATED THE PRACTICALITY OF THE TRAINING AND ARE READY TO USE THE INFORMATION BOTH IN THEIR WORK AND PRIVATE LIFE.

The second day was dedicated to prevention of human trafficking. The participants learnt about different types of clients from different cultural backgrounds. It helped them understand why the clients behave like they do.

The professionals also learnt about the most common myths about human trafficking, how to recognize risky situations that occur at borders and how to support safe travel of people coming from Ukraine. Moreover, they were informed about what to do and where to turn if they meet a victim of human trafficking.



SO FAR, IOM TRAINED 87 PROFESSIONALS IN THE AWARENESS ABOUT AND PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.



FROM THE FIELD #4:

I HAVE DECIDED TO INVEST MY FREE TIME INTO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL

Igor, IOM Slovakia

I see that my skillset can help solving troubles people are facing, so I have decided to invest my free time into something meaningful: support in the field by legal consulting and providing other relevant information related to living here in Slovakia, translations in English, Russian and Slovak for government and non-governmental entities, data collection.

Being in the field turns you into a kind of accumulator of experience, connection builder, knowledge gatherer - which makes it easier and faster to solve many issues people face. Field work also helps to understand and point out to what works poorly, so that relevant changes can be made.

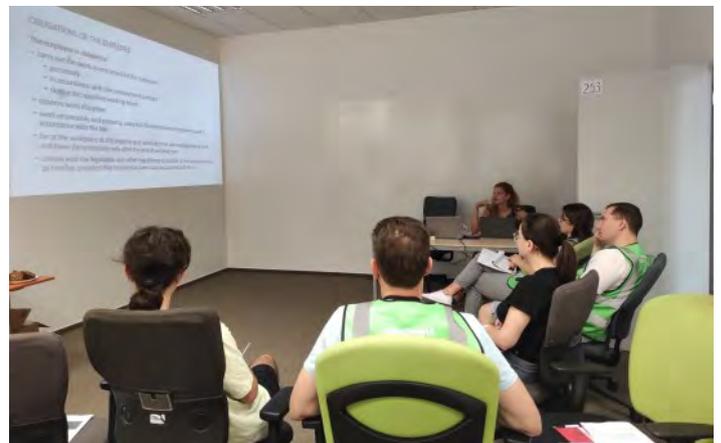
Secondly, it is important for me that Slovakia is perceived as a good and supportive neighbour and I gladly invest my time into such activities. And why IOM? Because it is part of the UN, I wanted to see how it operates from inside and what projects and initiatives are being done. I hope that by doing so there will be someone there for me, if I ever need help.

IOM BUILT CAPACITIES OF LAWYERS TO ASSIST REFUGEES WITH THEIR EMPLOYMENT LAW QUERIES

On 28 June 2022, senior lawyers of the IOM Slovakia Migration Information Centre trained six lawyers of the Slovak NGO Human Rights League (HRL) who provide legal counselling to Ukrainian refugees at the Bottova Assistance Centre in Bratislava.

This training session will help participants to advise their clients on:

- the kinds of contracts under which they may or may not be employed in Slovakia,
- practical aspects of employment, such as probationary period, maximum working time, right to rest and pay entitlements,
- what to do when the employer fails to pay them wages, or
- how they may terminate their employment.



TRAINING ON THE BASICS OF SLOVAK LABOUR LAW WAS PART OF A SERIES OF IOM TRAININGS FOR LAWYERS AND EMPLOYEES OF HRL ASSISTING PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE.

IOM ACTIVITIES

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

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

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, 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.



PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT TRAVELLING TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC CROSSED THE SLOVAK BORDER WITH THEIR DOMESTIC PASSPORTS. IOM CONSULTANT AT THE MICHALOVCE REGISTRATION CENTRE ADVISED THEM ABOUT A BORDER CROSSING CERTIFICATE, ISSUED IN BRATISLAVA, AND HELPED THEIR ASSISTANT ON THE TRAVEL INFORMATION.

IOM RESPONSE IN NUMBERS:

Results are for the period of 24 February – 28 June 2022:

3,197 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.

5,403 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.

315,463 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.

87 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED IN COUNTER-TRAFFICKING

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

90 PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

25 people received psychological first aid and 65 people received individual psychological counselling or participated in group sessions.

25 CLASSES OF SLOVAK LANGUAGE COURSES

Ukrainian citizens can learn Slovak in 15 classes in an online format and in 10 in-person classes in Slovak-Ukrainian Community House in Bratislava, Bottova Assistance Centre in Bratislava and in Gabčíkovo Accommodation Facility.

7,665 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID

IOM shipped 365 trucks with essential goods from its warehouses to people in need in Ukraine, equating to a volume of 7,665 tons.

1,200 BLANKETS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

IOM delivered blankets for people in need in the Kosice municipality and Michalovce Registration Centre for immediate distribution across temporary accommodation sites.

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.

1,135 HYGIENIC KITS FOR PEOPLE ON THE RUN

IOM delivered kits from its warehouse in Kosice to the Michalovce large scale registration centre which daily assist dozens of people in need from Ukraine.

108 BENEFICIARIES OF ACCOMMODATION

IOM assisted persons mainly in vulnerable situation – single mothers, elderly people and those with chronic illnesses – to find and secure temporary accommodation in Airbnb facilities in Slovakia.

1,011 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 **3,197 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. Registraton Centre in Humenne
4. Registration Centre in Michalovce
5. IOM Migration Information Centre in Kosice
Hotspot Cervena Hviezda in Kosice
6. Accomodation Facility in Gabcikovo
7. 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

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