

6.27 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN UKRAINE.

9.17 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 19 July 2022, Slovak authorities have reported more than **622,440** arrivals from Ukraine, out of which **575,989** were Ukrainian refugees and **34,168** TCNs and EU nationals.

Source of data for the period of 24 February – 19 July 2022: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic



IOM CONSULTANT AT THE VYSNE NEMECKE BORDER POINT OF ENTRY PROVIDING COUNSELLING ON TRANSPORT AND TEMPORARY SHELTER IN SLOVAKIA FOR A MOTHER WITH A DAUGHTER FROM KHARKIV.

NEWS:

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE AFFECT MORE THAN JUST THEIR VICTIMS. IOM TRAINED 68 FRONTLINE WORKERS

From 11 to 14 July 2022 in Kosice, Michalovce, Presov and in Poprad, IOM conducted combined trainings on Counter-Trafficking and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) for front-line workers – members of the District Directorate of the Fire and Rescue Service in these cities.

The trainings focused on raising awareness about human trafficking – most common myths, when, where and why it happens, how to recognize risky situations that occur at borders and what to do and where to turn if they meet a victim of human trafficking. The second part of the programme was dedicated to the PSEA topic: what is sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment and why it happens. They also learnt how to be vigilant and recognize signs of sexual exploitation and abuse, where to seek help and how to report cases when they encounter sexual exploitation or abuse.



PARTICIPANTS OF PSEA TRAININGS FOR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE FOUND THESE TRAINING SESSIONS IMPORTANT AND USEFUL.

64 PER CENT WOULD RETURN FROM SLOVAKIA TO UKRAINE ONCE IT WAS SAFE, 14 PER CENT EXPECTED TO STAY IN SLOVAKIA: IOM'S 4TH SURVEY

IOM Slovakia published its [fourth rapid report](#) based on 1,027 face-to-face interviews about displacement patterns, needs and intentions of Ukrainian refugees (99 %) and third-country nationals arriving to Slovakia.

IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) team in Slovakia collected data at the two border crossing points, two registration centres and one hotspot between 9 March and 30 June 2022.

Top findings

Regions of origin and demographic profile

The top five regions of refugee's origin were Kharkiv (21 per cent), Kyiv (19 per cent), Donetsk (14 per cent), Dnipropetrovsk (10 per cent) and Odessa (5 per cent). Women and girls account for 85 per cent of all refugees in the sample. The report shows that the average age of women is 41. The largest age cohort is the 40 to 49 years old.

Seventy-nine per cent of the respondents reported travelling in a group. Around 77 per cent of them have been travelling with at least one child, 15 per cent travelling with an elderly and 4 per cent travelling with a person with disability or a serious health condition.

Intended destination

Sixty-seven per cent of respondents indicated Slovakia as their intended destination which is an increase by 3 per cent compared to the previous report. One quarter of respondents indicated another country in Europe with Germany, Czechia, Poland and Italy as the top four destinations.



Intention to return

Same as in the previous report, 64 per cent of respondents indicated they would return to Ukraine once it was safe. Eighteen per cent did not know their long-term intentions and 14 per cent expected to stay in Slovakia.

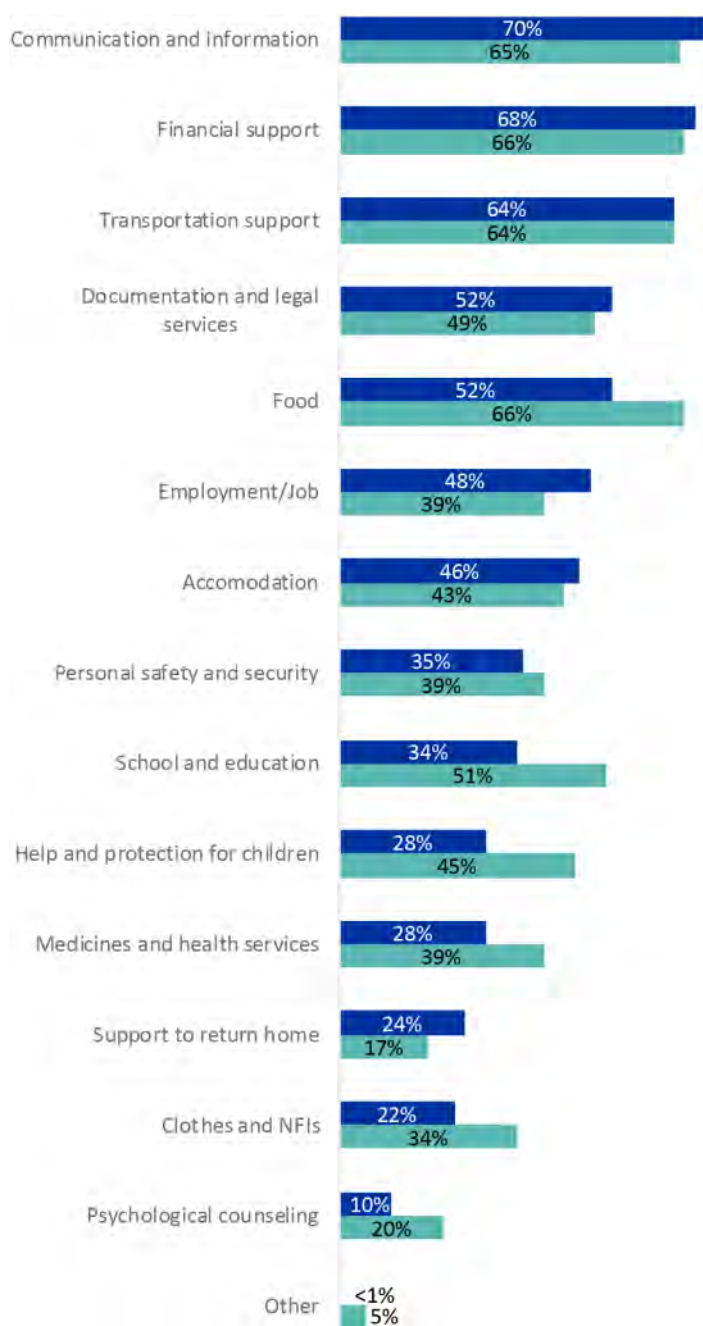
Fifty-six per cent of the respondents do not know how long they plan to stay in Slovakia, 22 per cent plan to stay less than a month, 4 per cent between one and three months, while 18 per cent more than three months.

The most urgent needs

When it comes to the most pressing needs at the time of interview, 70 per cent of respondents reported they needed support in communication with their close ones. The other top urgent needs were financial support (68 per cent), transportation within Slovakia (64 per cent), documentation and legal support (53 per cent), food

Infograph. Main needs

■ All respondents ■ Travelling with children and/or elderly



(52 per cent), support with employment (48 per cent) and accommodation (46 per cent).

For the respondents travelling with at least one child or elderly person, food, financial support, communication support, transportation and education support were in the top five urgent needs.

Type of support received in Slovakia

Types of support received by the respondents at the moment of the interviews match those from the previous report with transportation, food and communication support in the top three. Preferred form of support stayed cash (86 per cent), followed by in-kind assistance (14 per cent).

As for the most significant unmet needs, upwards of 95 per cent of respondents indicated that they had not received support with employment, psychological counselling along with support for returning home.



FROM THE FIELD #6:

UKRAINIANS NEED TO HAVE ACCESS TO VITAL INFORMATION WITH WHICH THEY CAN TAKE ACTION TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES

Yelyzaveta, IOM Slovakia

I used to be an English teacher before the war, and I lost my job on 24 February. When I arrived in Slovakia, I really felt that I needed to help Ukrainians who could face some problems during their stay in a new country.

I am attached to everything that is happening in Ukraine at this moment. I started to search for different opportunities and one of them was IOM. There was an announcement about joining the Emergency Response Team and I decided to apply for this position because I am a native speaker of the languages that are necessary for delivering information.

People have different problems in the new country. Working in the field can be difficult, but I am really pleased to see smiles of people who I managed to assist. One of the most significant resources is information that they can obtain through legal counselling by IOM.

I provide information about temporary refuge in Slovakia and its conditions. I try to reach out as many people as possible in order to ask questions regarding their issues as they can feel shy.

This help is really important, because people are confused with this special temporary refuge status, and they don't know exactly if they are able to come back to Ukraine when they are registered at the police. It is one of the most frequent questions that I come across in the field.

If you have enough information, it means that you can take action to improve your life. I am here because Ukrainians need to have access to this information.

IOM ACTIVITIES

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

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



IOM CONSULTANT AT THE MICHALOVCE REGISTRATION CENTRE PROVIDING COUNSELLING TO A GRANDMOTHER AND HER GRANDDAUGHTER FROM KHERSON ABOUT DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES TO BE TAKEN TO GET THE GIRL ADMITTED TO A SCHOOL, HOW TO GET HEALTH INSURANCE AND TEMPORARY REFUGE IN SLOVAKIA. THE GRANDMOTHER TAKES CARE OF THE GIRL BECAUSE HER MOTHER WORKS IN UKRAINE AND COULD NOT LEAVE WITH THEM.

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 – 19 July 2022:

3,557 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.

6,126 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.

343,152 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.

221 PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

25 people received psychological first aid and 196 people received individual psychological counselling or participated in group sessions.

26 CLASSES OF SLOVAK LANGUAGE COURSES

Ukrainian citizens can learn Slovak in 15 classes in an online format and in 11 in-person classes in Bottova Assistance Centre in Bratislava, Gabčíkovo Accommodation Facility, Presov and Kosice.

8,631 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID

IOM shipped 411 trucks with essential goods from its warehouses to people in need in Ukraine, equating to a volume of 8,631 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.

1,635 HYGIENIC KITS FOR PEOPLE ON THE RUN

IOM delivered kits to the Michalovce large scale registration centre which daily assist dozens of people in need from Ukraine and to the Gabčíkovo Accommodation Facility currently hosting 970 people.

137 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.

1,121 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 **3,550 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.

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