

6.64 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN UKRAINE.

10.32 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 2 August 2022, Slovak authorities have reported more than **662,241** arrivals from Ukraine, out of which **586,767** were Ukrainian refugees and **36,071** TCNs and EU nationals.

Source of data for the period of 24 February – 2 August 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 TO A MOTHER WITH HER DAUGHTER FROM KHARKIV.

NEWS:

IOM DELIVERED 500 HYGIENIC KITS TO THE HUMANITARIAN CENTRE IN AUPARK BRATISLAVA

Since the outbreak of the war, IOM has promptly reacted to the requests of different organisations involved in assisting people fleeing war in Ukraine. During the summer months IOM has continued distributing vital humanitarian aid to war-affected people that were forced to leave their home without personal belongings.

On 25 July 2022, the first part of aid was delivered to the humanitarian assistance distribution centre in the Aupark Shopping Center in Bratislava run by the initiative Who Will Help Ukraine and its partner, humanitarian organisation ADRA Slovakia.

IOM delivered 500 hygienic kits for women, men and kids to ease the daily life of refugees who fled the war in Ukraine. The humanitarian centre works as a free place where Ukrainians can find goods, food, hygienic items, clothes and other necessities, provided free of charge by public, organisations and companies.



DELIVERY OF HYGIENIC KITS TO THE HUMANITARIAN CENTRE IN AUPARK BRATISLAVA IN JULY 2022.

IOM PROVIDED STOCK OF FOOD HUMANITARIAN AID FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS IN THE KOSICE HOTSPOT

On 29 July 2022, IOM delivered 8 palettes of non-perishable food items, water, tea, baby food pouches, coffee, milk, cups and hygienic supplies that will serve people in need who seek assistance, advice and support at the Hotspot Cervena Hviezda in Kosice.

Water and food represent the crucial part of humanitarian assistance in any crisis. The strategic point of the bus and train station in Kosice has become a hotspot for people fleeing war from Ukraine. Since the very first days of the conflict, thousands of people have found a temporary refuge in the relief center.

In the course of one month, this first contact centre helps people in need after a long journey often in high temperatures and gives them out 14,000 bottles of water, 2,800 baby food pouches or 1,600 teas. IOM will deliver another shipment to the Kosice hotspot consisting of food items for further 2 weeks consumption.



DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN FOOD ASSISTANCE TO THE HOTSPOT CERVENA HVIEZDA IN KOSICE IN JULY 2022.

SAFE EMPLOYMENT IS THEIR FIRST STEP IN THE INTEGRATION IN A NEW COUNTRY. IOM PROVIDES LABOUR COUNSELLING TO PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE

IOM continues providing assistance to people who fled war in Ukraine and found a temporary shelter in the Gabcikovo Accommodation Facility, currently hosting 970 people.

IOM has been present in the facility for 5 months already. Since mid-March 2022, it has been providing a broad scale of counselling and information in different areas in order to facilitate the daily life of its residents.

In July, the information that people needed the most was related to the Slovak language courses, labour counselling and employment contracts. Residents of the Gabcikovo facility are eager to work and safe employment is their first step in the integration and taking a new life direction.



IOM CONSULTANTS PROVIDING COUNSELLING AT THE GABCIKOVO ACCOMMODATION FACILITY.

CHILDREN THAT FLED WAR IN UKRAINE EXPERIENCED OLD DANUBE RAFTING TRIP GUIDED BY AN OLYMPIC MEDALLIST

IOM with Vodacke centrum in Bratislava organized a rafting trip for 23 teenagers that were forced to leave their homes due to war in Ukraine and found a temporary refuge in the Gabcikovo Accommodation Facility. One of their guides was a flatwater kayaker Inna Osipenko-Radomska, Olympic champion in canoe sprint.

On 2 August 2022, during the trip on small canoes formed to catamarans, children experienced the unique environment of Old Danube part of the biggest river in Europe.

Teenagers trained their physical endurance, cooperation, active listening, patience, self-control and responsibility. They also had some time for themselves, to have fun with their fellow friends in a different environment as they usually spend their time in the facility.



FOR TEENAGERS FROM UKRAINE, INNA WAS A GREAT NON-FORMAL MODEL OF WHAT PEOPLE CAN ACCOMPLISH WITH HARD WORK, DISCIPLINE AND ENDURANCE.

FROM 24 FEBRUARY IOM ASSISTED REMOTELY 6,847 PEOPLE AND THE NUMBER OF CONTACTS KEEPS GROWING

People from Ukraine with granted temporary refuge status in Slovakia most often most often inquire if they can lose their status, or what to do if they encounter a problem while crossing the border to Ukraine to visit their homes or relatives.

This results from data of the IOM Migration Information Centre (MIC), which provides Ukrainian citizens as well as non-European Union (EU) nationals with remote legal, social and job counselling and referral to relevant services through both email and helplines.

Since the outbreak of the war, with the growing number of war-affected people forced to leave their home and arriving to Slovakia, the number of people who benefited from MIC free services and counselling has multiplied.

From 24 February 2022 to 1 August 2022, IOM provided information and legal counselling to more than 6,847 beneficiaries alone, including Ukrainian refugees and non-EU nationals. To compare, a total of 7,572 clients used MIC's consulting services in 2021.

People also benefit from regularly updated legislative, administrative, and other information, as well as relevant contacts that are available at the IOM MIC website dedicated to the situation in Ukraine. This online support is available in [Ukrainian](#) / [Slovak](#) / [English](#) / [Russian](#) language.

From 24 February 2022 to 2 August 2022, the MIC website was visited by 365,266 users.



Other important areas that MIC consultants assist people in need with most frequently:

- How can I change my temporary refuge to temporary residence for the purpose of employment?
- What do I need if I want to change my employer during the validity of my residence in Slovakia?
- How can I obtain Slovak citizenship?
- What do I need if I want to apply for a residence in Slovakia?

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 SHOWING THE OPPORTUNITIES OF JOB SEARCHING TO A FAMILY FROM CHERSON WHO FLED THE WAR IN UKRAINE. THEY WOULD LIKE TO SETTLE DOWN IN SLOVAKIA FOR A WHILE AND LOOKING FOR A SAFE PLACE.

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 – 2 August 2022:

3,840 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.

6,847 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.

365,266 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.

254 PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

39 people received psychological first aid and 215 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.

9,240 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID

IOM shipped 440 trucks with essential goods from its warehouses to people in need in Ukraine, equating to a volume of 9,240 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.

2,000 HYGIENIC KITS FOR PEOPLE ON THE RUN

IOM delivered 1,000 kits to the Michalovce large scale registration centre, 500 kits to the Gabčíkovo Accommodation Facility and 500 kits to the humanitarian assistance distribution centre at the Aupark Shopping Center in Bratislava.

156 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.

1,219 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 **3,840 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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