

SEMINAR ON SAFE TRAVEL AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE FOR PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE AT THE HUMANITARIAN CENTRE IN GABCIKOVO IN JULY 2023.



5.08 MILLION
internally displaced
people in Ukraine



6.3 MILLION
people fled Ukraine



1.59 MILLION
people came to Slovakia from
Ukraine of which 1.45 were
Ukrainian refugees

Source of data 24 February 2022 – 14 July 2023: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of SR.

OVERVIEW OF OUR ASSISTANCE:



26,446 PEOPLE
benefited from IOM immediate assistance at
borders and centres and from IOM remote
counselling.



19,572 TONS
of humanitarian aid were dispatched
through the IOM supply chain from Slovakia
to Ukraine. The IOM delivered another
270,163 items of material and food humani-
tarian aid to people in need who found ref-
uge in Slovakia.



1,294 PARTICIPANTS
of IOM training sessions for professionals
involved in services for people from Ukraine
and awareness-raising sessions.



718 PEOPLE
fleeing the war in Ukraine have benefited
from temporary accommodation or the
housing assistance programme in Slovakia.



10,984 PEOPLE
in an emergency situation have benefited
from mental health and psychosocial sup-
port.



737 PEOPLE
received IOM cash assistance for carers of
adults with disabilities and for adults with
specific needs.



2,333 PEOPLE
from Ukraine studied the Slovak language in
117 courses in Bratislava, Gabčíkovo, Nitra,
Trenčín, Prievidza, Zilina, Košice, and other.

[Click here for more detailed statistics.](#)

NEWS:

MARIA: HERE, I CAN GIVE MY CHILDREN WHAT I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IN UKRAINE

Maria (33) works 12-hour shifts as a dishwasher in an Italian restaurant. This afternoon, on her day off, she is spending time with her four sons. As we talk, the boys come home from their activities and unpack their school bags in their modest rooms. Maria welcomed us into their new apartment in Kosice, which they managed to rent after spending 8 months in the IOM's interim Housing Assistance Programme.

They arrived in Slovakia three days after the war in Ukraine broke out. "No one knew what would happen back then. I was scared, so I packed up the bags for kids and fled to the nearest border," Maria says.

After leaving Ukraine, Maria and the boys initially stayed in emergency accommodation – a shipping container converted for housing. Later, they were provided with one room for the whole family. When Maria learned about the IOM Housing Assistance Programme, she took the opportunity to accommodate there.

The family regularly used the support services of the IOM housing programme. Thanks to the financial support from the Japanese government, the IOM's Programme provided social and legal counselling, job search assistance, rental assistance, psychosocial support and Slovak language classes.

After Maria received social and legal counselling, her self-confidence and sense of stability improved, and she took the next step to rent her own apartment. IOM social workers assisted her in communicating with the authorities and went to every apartment viewing with her.

Maria has been on her own with the children for a long time, so the boys have had to learn to be independent and to take care of themselves, at least in part. "My boys are amazing. I feel that here, I can give them what I couldn't provide in Ukraine," Maria says with tears in her eyes. "This is our new home, and I finally feel like I belong here. Everything we have, we fought for ourselves, and we will continue to fight for what we cherish," concludes Maria. [➤ Read more about the help for Maria and her sons.](#)



MARIA AND HER SONS MAXIM (13), MICHAL (11), ROMAN (10), AND EDUARD (7) ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE PRIVACY AND THEIR OWN KITCHEN IN THE NEW APARTMENT.

THE MONTH AT A GLANCE:

- IOM staff at the Humanitarian Centre in Gabčíkovo organised a [workshop](#) for people from Ukraine about **safe travelling in Slovakia**. Participants also received tips on where to go, what to visit in Slovakia, and how to find the best transportation options.
- In the transit centre in Kosice, **more than 300 people** from Ukraine received new shoes, hygiene kits, blankets, and kitchen sets provided by IOM Slovakia.
- On July 12, the IOM Slovakia [welcomed and accompanied](#) a **delegation from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Slovakia**. IOM staff members guided the delegation around the border-crossing point in Vysné Nemecké and presented the programmes and achievements funded by the Government of the Republic of Korea.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND US:

Since the start of the invasion, the IOM has been providing help every day at the Slovak-Ukrainian border and in the dedicated centres to people fleeing Ukraine and arriving in Slovakia. The IOM is actively present at the following sites:



POINTS OF ENTRY:

1. Ubla

CENTRES:

2. Humanitarian centre in Gabčíkovo
10. Transit centre in Košice

MIGRATION INFORMATION CENTRE IN:

3. Bratislava, 4. Nitra, 5. Trnava, 6. Trenčín,
7. Žilina, 8. Banská Bystrica, 9. Prešov, 10. Košice

INFO LINES:

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)
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- Website:** www.mic.iom.sk

Online support available in Ukrainian, Slovak, English, and Russian.

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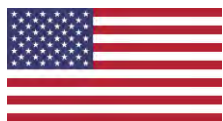
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