



5.35 MILLION
internally displaced people in Ukraine.



8.11 MILLION
people fled Ukraine.



1.27 MILLION
people arrived in Slovakia from Ukraine, over **1.17 million** of whom were Ukrainian refugees and over **62 thousand** third-country nationals and EU nationals.

Source of data for the period 24 Feb. 2022 – 15 March 2023: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic.



IOM SLOVAKIA PROVIDES A TRANSPORT SERVICE TO VARIOUS TOWNS FOR PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE LIVING IN THE HUMANITARIAN CENTRE IN GABCIKOVO. EVERY DAY IT MAKES ACCESS TO SERVICES AND HEALTH CARE EASIER FOR APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE.

KEY FACTS OF IOM RESPONSE:



21,375 PEOPLE
benefited from the IOM's immediate assistance at the borders and its centres and from the IOM's remote counselling



716 TRUCKS
with 15,036 tonnes of humanitarian aid were dispatched through the IOM supply chain from Slovakia to Ukraine



1,070 PARTICIPANTS
of IOM training sessions for frontline workers and other professionals involved in services for people from Ukraine



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



9,748 PEOPLE
in an emergency situation have benefited from mental health and psychosocial support



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

NEWS:

MUSIC THERAPY AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH IN THE HUMANITARIAN CENTRE IN GABCIKOVO

IOM Slovakia is putting a strong emphasis on the mental health and psychosocial support of people arriving in Slovakia from Ukraine. In this regard, IPčko, IOM's implementing partner, has been working with Ukrainian refugees in the Humanitarian Centre in Gabcikovo for several months. One of the recent activities for refugees has been a group music therapy session with drums, bongos and percussions, called "Bubnovačka". [Read more about music therapy.](#)



MUSIC THERAPY AND PLAYING THE DRUMS HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON ELIMINATING TRAUMA SYMPTOMS AND REDUCING ANXIETY.

Furthermore, the IOM team in this centre in Gabcikovo has strongly encouraged the formation of community activities. The participation of the people living in the centre in different activities can positively impact their health, psychosocial well-being and safety. As a result, an informal group of women of different ages has been established, gradually gaining their interest. Olga, one of the talented and highly skilled Ukrainians living and working in this centre →

Painted a poster of a Ukrainian woman. The painting will be sent, as a gesture of support, to Bakhmut, which has been a target of shelling and bombing. [Read more about the art session.](#)



THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF ANY ART-THERAPY GROUP PROCESS IS POSITIVE GROUP COMMUNICATION AND MUTUAL EMOTIONAL ENRICHMENT.

THANKS TO THE IOM, MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF GETTING A DECENT JOB

For years, IOM Slovakia has been committed to supporting the labour inclusion of migrants and the use of their full professional potential. In response to people fleeing the war in Ukraine, the IOM launched a new series of workshops that empower Ukrainian refugees and migrants in securing decent jobs in Slovakia. The IOM holds these workshops in various cities in Slovakia and also in an online format.

Furthermore, the IOM is rolling out a labour counselling programme for people from Ukraine living in the Humanitarian Centre in Gabčíkovo. The programme, consisting of workshops, consultations and materials, will focus on building and enhancing the job search skills of Ukrainian people and facilitate their successful inclusion in the labour market.

In February 2023, the IOM in Gabčíkovo delivered its first workshop on writing a CV.

- "I am very grateful for this opportunity which has increased my ability to find a job. I am very much looking forward to the next parts of this initiative," said one of the workshop participants.



PARTICIPANTS OF THE IOM WORKSHOP IN GABČIKOVO COULD USE AN IOM COMPUTER TO PREPARE THEIR CVS AND DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR A SUCCESSFUL JOB APPLICATION.

[Read about the programme at the Humanitarian Centre in Gabčíkovo](#) and workshops in [Trencin, Nitra, and Topolčany](#).

DIARY FROM THE BORDERS:

SVETLANA IS ON THE WAY TO STARTING A NEW LIFE IN SLOVAKIA

Svetlana came to the Michalovce Transit Centre for registration a couple of days ago. The decision to move to Slovakia for permanent residence was not easy for her.

"I want to start a new life here, learn the language, look for work, and integrate into Slovak society," Svetlana told IOM frontline workers when they met her in the centre. They provided her with information on the Slovak language courses that the IOM organises and conducts, information on finding housing and employment, and on social guarantees in Slovakia for Ukrainian refugees.



Her adult daughter is living in the Czech Republic and Svetlana was used to living and working on her own in Kremenchuk, Ukraine. As the owner of a small shop that made a small but steady profit, she had her life under control.

With the start of the war, running the store became difficult; Svetlana did not have enough financial resources to buy goods and supply lines were interrupted. What's more, Kremenchuk became unsafe because of regular shelling and bombing. War in Ukraine has changed everything. Eventually, she had to find the courage to leave her hometown and move to a safer place. [Read the rest of Svetlana's story.](#)



IN RESPONSE TO THE VITAL NEEDS OF VULNERABLE PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE FACING WINTER CONDITIONS AND A LACK OF BASIC NEEDS, IOM SLOVAKIA, ALONG WITH ITS PARTNERS, HAS DELIVERED 700 PERSONAL KITS THAT CONSISTED OF HYGIENIC SUPPLIES AND WARM CLOTHES. IN THE PHOTO, FIREFIGHTERS FROM THE VOLUNTARY FIRE BRIGADE OF THE CITY OF PRESOV DISTRIBUTE THIS HUMANITARIAN AID TO PEOPLE FROM UKRAINE.

IOM ACTIVITIES & RESULTS:

Results are for the period 24 February 2022 – 15 March 2023:

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

6,520 people assisted onsite

The IOM has provided direct assistance and a response to immediate refugee needs at border points of entry and dedicated centres in the form of referrals, information on temporary refuge and different aspects of life in Slovakia.

REMOTE ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT OF INCLUSION IN SLOVAKIA

14,855 people assisted remotely

The IOM's Migration Information Centre (MIC) has provided information and legal, social and job counselling to Ukrainians and non-EU nationals through its Infoline, email and other channels.

642,775 website visitors

People searched for useful information on entering and staying in Slovakia available in Ukrainian, Slovak, English and Russian at the MIC website www.mic.iom.sk.

Workshops & webinars

The IOM has organised workshops and webinars to advise at its info points at job fairs to help people from Ukraine get useful information about residence in Slovakia and navigate the Slovak labour market to find a job.

77 classes of Slovak language courses

Over 1,600 Ukrainian citizens have learnt the Slovak language in 35 classes in an online format and 42 in-person classes in Bratislava, Gabčíkovo, Trenčín, Prešov and Košice.

PROTECTION

The IOM conducts training courses on counter-trafficking, prevention of sexual exploitation, gender-based violence and other topics for frontline workers, healthcare professionals, volunteers and others involved in the provision of services for people from Ukraine.

537 professionals trained in counter-trafficking

The IOM has conducted thirty-four training sessions about human trafficking awareness and prevention. It has also conducted another 54 training sessions for 553 professionals in other key areas.

Awareness raising

The IOM has also raised awareness of the risks of trafficking in human beings through IOM-managed spaces at borders and dedicated centres and continues disseminating information leaflets and information cards with preventive information and contact details.

HUMANITARIAN AID

15,036 tonnes of humanitarian aid for Ukraine

The IOM operates a large-scale warehousing facility in Košice (3,500 square metres) and another one in Michalovce (5,814 square metres) to secure critical cross-border lifesaving humanitarian supplies to vulnerable Ukrainian people.

Since the beginning of the war, the IOM Supply Chain Hub in Slovakia has received 862 trucks, equating to 18,102 metric tonnes of goods.

From these and pre-existing supplies in the IOM Supply Chain Hub in Slovakia, the IOM managed to ship 716 trucks of goods to Ukraine, equal to a volume of 15,036 metric tonnes.

221,140 items of humanitarian aid delivered in Slovakia

In response to the vital needs of people arriving from Ukraine in Slovakia, the IOM has provided material and food aid for assistance and dedicated centres in dozens of towns that assist people in need. The IOM has donated 221,140 blankets, hygiene kits, cleaning items, clothing, medical items, kitchen kits, appliances and other items.

EMERGENCY MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE

615 people received cash assistance

The IOM has 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 in Slovakia.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

The IOM with its partners provides mental health and psychosocial support to people fleeing the war and currently living in Slovakia. The support is also provided thanks to cooperation with the NGO IPčko as the IOM's implementing partner.

9,748 people were provided with psychological support

People have received psychological first aid, individual and group counselling or specialised referrals. Adults and children have also participated in socio-relational and psychoeducational activities.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

713 beneficiaries of accommodation

The IOM has assisted people mainly in vulnerable situations with finding and securing temporary accommodation in Airbnb facilities or the Housing Assistance Programme in Košice, offering accommodation, psychosocial assistance, job counselling and help with school.

DATA COLLECTION

The IOM collects and analyses data on displacement, people's needs and intentions to better understand mobility dynamics in the region and strengthen the response to the crisis.

2,792 surveys

The IOM Slovakia team has been collecting data through its official Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) mechanism across border crossing points and key sites. The IOM has thus far analysed 2,005 interviews with refugees from Ukraine and third country nationals arriving in Slovakia and 787 interviews with people crossing back to Ukraine. [↗ Read the reports.](#)

MORE ABOUT THE IOM SLOVAKIA RESPONSE

[↗ www.iom.sk/ukraine](http://www.iom.sk/ukraine)

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 dedicated centres to people fleeing Ukraine and arriving in Slovakia. The IOM is actively present at the following sites:



POINTS OF ENTRY:

1. Ubla
2. Vysne Nemecke

CENTRES:

3. Transit Centre in Michalovce
4. IOM Migration Information Centre in Kosice Hotspot in Kosice
5. Humanitarian Centre 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)
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- Website:** www.mic.iom.sk

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