

6.97 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN UKRAINE.

13.08 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 20 September 2022, Slovak authorities have reported **817,440** arrivals from Ukraine, out of which **754,817** were Ukrainian refugees and **43,380** TCNs and EU nationals.

Source of data for the period of 24 February – 20 Sept. 2022: [IOM](#), [UNHCR](#), Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic.



AN IOM CONSULTANT AT THE VYSNE NEMECKE BORDER CROSSING ACCOMPANYING THIS YOUNG MOTHER WITH A CHILD AND OTHER PEOPLE FROM THE DONETSK REGION ARRIVING FROM UKRAINE TO SLOVAKIA TO GET TO THE BUS TRANSFER.

KEY FACTS OF IOM RESPONSE:



13,270 PEOPLE

benefited from IOM immediate assistance at borders and centres and from IOM remote counselling



474 TRUCKS

with 9,954 tons of humanitarian aid were dispatched through IOM supply chain from Slovakia to Ukraine



553 PARTICIPANTS

of IOM trainings for frontline workers and other professionals involved in services for people from Ukraine



295 PEOPLE

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



652 PEOPLE

in emergency situation have benefited from mental health and psychosocial support



283 BENEFICIARIES

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

NEWS:

IOM TRAINED 41 PROFESSIONALS ON HOW TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN EMERGENCY

From 6 to 9 September 2022 in Bratislava, 27 psychologists and social workers from IOM partner organization IPčko participated in the second round of training on how to provide community-based mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to people in emergency according to IOM guidelines.

Together with the first trained group of 14 professionals in August 2022, IOM has already trained 41 psychologists and social workers that form teams in all eight regions of Slovakia and already provide MHPSS services to people who fled Ukraine and as well to representatives of local community who are assisting refugees.

As part of IOM emergency response since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, IOM has been providing mental health and psychosocial support to people fleeing the war and currently living in Slovakia. Altogether 652 people received this type of emergency assistance. →



IOM SECOND ROUND OF TRAINING FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS FROM IPČKO ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT TO PEOPLE IN EMERGENCY.

Out of this number, IOM provided psychological first aid to 179 adults and 41 children and additional individual psychological counselling to 218 adults and 62 children. War-affected people have also been assisted by participating in group sessions. Ninety-three adults and children participated using this format of support, while 51 adults and children participated in socio-relational activities. Another 8 people received support with referrals to specialized services.

PEOPLE FLEEING THE WAR IN UKRAINE LEARN SLOVAK LANGUAGE TO GET A BETTER CHANCE FOR A NEW LIFE

Since the beginning of the war, more than 1,150 people from Ukraine have taken the opportunity to learn the Slovak language at 50 in-person or online courses organised by the IOM Slovakia.

Learning Slovak language is an important element in the integration process of Ukrainians. It increases their chances to find an adequate job corresponding to their previous work experience and especially, it helps them better cope with everyday situations during the first weeks and months of their stay in Slovakia.

Currently, 30 courses of Slovak language are still ongoing, and they are open to foreigners including Ukrainian citizens.

More than 650 temporary refuge holders from Ukraine have been attending 20 of these courses. There are currently 13 in-person courses, 6 of them in the Bottova Assistance Centre in Bratislava, 2 courses are organized for people at the Gabčíkovo Accommodation Facility, 2 courses take place in Presov and 3 courses in Kosice.

People from Ukraine are also learning Slovak in 7 online courses.



IOM SURVEY: ONE-SEVENTH OF THOSE FLEEING THE WAR IN UKRAINE FOR SLOVAKIA EXPECT TO STAY

Sixty two per cent of the respondents who fled Ukraine for Slovakia indicated they would return to Ukraine once it was safe, while twenty per cent did not know their long-term intentions and fourteen per cent expected to stay in Slovakia, according to IOM Slovakia data published in its [fifth rapid needs assessment report](#) on 5 September 2022.

The report is based on the analysis of 1,298 face-to-face interviews conducted by the IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) team between 9 March and 11 August 2022 with Ukrainian refugees (99 %) and third-country nationals (1 %) arriving in Slovakia.

Profile of interviewees

Women and girls accounted for eighty-four per cent of all respondents in the sample. The average age of the women surveyed was 41 and 45 for men. Over a third of the interviewees were women aged 40-49. The top five regions of origin were Kharkiv (20%), Kyiv (18%), Donetsk (12%), Dnipropetrovsk (9%) and Zakarpattia (6%). Most of the people interviewed were travelling in a group (78%).

TOP FINDINGS

The most urgent needs

Most respondents (71%) reported support in communication with close family and friends as their most urgent need. The other top needs were financial support (66%), transportation (57%), documentation and legal support (55%), food (47%), support with employment (47%), and accommodation (45%).

For those travelling with at least one child or elderly person, the top four most urgent needs were the same as those mentioned above – communication support (71%), financial support (69%), transportation (61%), documentation and legal support (51%), while employment support (50%) was ranked fifth.

This represents a notable change in the order of priorities since the last round of surveys for those travelling with at least one child or elderly person, where food, financial support, communication support, transportation and education were the top five urgent needs.



Intended destination

Slovakia was the most common intended destination for seventy per cent of respondents which is a three per cent increase compared to the previous report. Around twenty-four per cent of interviewees indicated another country in Europe (Germany was indicated by 38% of this group of respondents, followed by Czechia, Poland, Switzerland and Italy). The most common reasons for choosing another European country were having family, friends, accommodation or better protection systems there.

Type of support received in Slovakia

The majority of respondents (69%) reported having received support in communication, followed by documentation and legal services (52%), transportation support (52%), food (51%) and accommodation (28%). Cash remained the preferred form of support (87%), followed by in-kind assistance (12%).

The needs for which there was the least provision were: support to return home, psychological counselling, employment and education.

IOM ACTIVITIES

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

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



IOM TEAM CONTINUES TO PROVIDE LEGAL CONSULTATIONS AND OTHER NECESSARY INFORMATION IN THE MICHALOVCE REGISTRATION CENTRE. AN IOM CONSULTANT HELPED A WOMAN FROM ZAPORIZHZHIA WITH HER QUESTIONS ABOUT ACCOMMODATION, JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND EDUCATION IN SLOVAKIA. THE WOMAN DECIDED TO REGISTER FOR IOM SLOVAK LANGUAGE COURSES.

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 – 20 September 2022:

4,648 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.

8,622 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.

425,368 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.

168 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED IN COUNTER-TRAFFICKING

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

283 BENEFICIARIES OF CASH ASSISTANCE

Since June 2022, 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.

652 PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

People received psychological first aid, individual psychological counselling or specialized referrals, and participated in group sessions or socio-relational activities.

50 CLASSES OF SLOVAK LANGUAGE COURSES

Over 1,150 Ukrainian citizens have learnt Slovak language in 30 classes in an online format and in 20 in-person classes in Bratislava, Gabčíkovo, Presov and Kosice.

9,954 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID

IOM shipped 474 trucks with essential goods from its warehouses to people in need in Ukraine, equating to a volume of 9,954 tons.

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.

5,215 HYGIENE & BABY KITS FOR PEOPLE ON THE RUN

IOM delivered 1,135 kits for people in need in Michalovce, 1,000 kits to Zakovce to be distributed to 5 other spots, 1,180 kits to Nitra, 900 kits to Gabčíkovo and 1,000 kits to 2 centres in Bratislava.

295 BENEFICIARIES OF ACCOMMODATION

IOM assisted persons mainly in vulnerable situation to find and secure temporary accommodation in Airbnb facilities or housing in Slovakia.

1,486 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 **4,648 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

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