## REGIONAL UKRAINE RESPONSE

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## 7.7 million

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS IN UKRAINE

## 5.03 million

**REFUGEES HAVE FLED UKRAINE** 

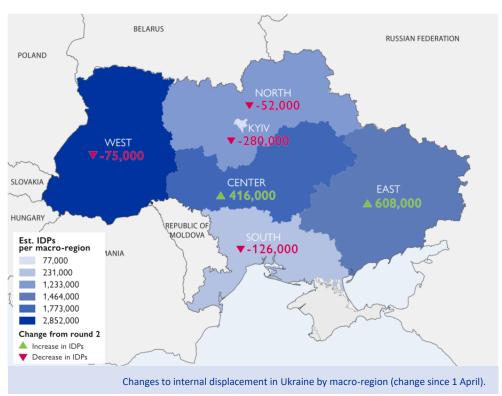
# 224,975

THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS HAVE ARRIVED IN POLAND, SLOVAKIA, ROMANIA, HUNGARY, AND MOLDOVA

# 350 million USD

**FUNDING REQUIREMENT** 





### SITUATION OVERVIEW

Since the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February, major attacks have been reported across the country, including in the capital, Kyiv, resulting in widescale destruction of infrastructure, loss of life, and displacement.

The situation in the country continues to deteriorate, with ongoing clashes in the eastern and southern parts of the country. In Kharkiv, from 13-17 April, active fighting and ongoing airstrikes resulted in the death of 18 civilians, with reports of 106 injured persons and significant damage to civilian infrastructure. Cluster munitions also remain a grave concern in the region as three military engineers were killed, and four others were seriously injured while removing the devices on 17 April. Ukraine's State Emergency Service reported that from 18-19 April, 1,592 explosives were detected, seized and neutralized. Meanwhile, Lviv, a major hub for humanitarian coordination and assistance during the war, was reportedly hit by five missiles, resulting in additional casualties on 18 April. OHCHR is reporting that between 24 February and 18 April, there have been 4,966 civilian casualties, including 2,104 people killed, though these figures are likely to be considerably higher (source: OCHA).

On 16-17 April, evacuations continued by train from Pokrovsk to Chop and from Lozova to Uzhhorod and Khmelnytskiy,

however, from 17-19 April there were no humanitarian corridors in operation, as a ceasefire agreement had not been reached between Ukrainian and Russian Federation authorities.

IOM continues to be particularly concerned about the steadily rising internal and cross-border displacement of persons as a result of the war. Between 11-17 April, IOM conducted the third round of a rapid representative assessment of the general population in Ukraine to gather insights into internal displacement and mobility flows, and to assess local needs. As of 17 April, approximately 7.7 million people have been forcibly displaced within Ukraine — around 17.5 per cent of the country's population — an increase of over 670,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) since April 1.

UN Secretary-General Guterres again called for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Ukraine to allow the delivery of lifesaving aid as well as evacuations. The appeal followed the attacks on Lviv, Dnipro, Kharkiv and Mykolaiv, among others, which resulted in numerous civilian casualties and destruction. IOM's Director General, António Vitorino, in his <u>remarks</u> delivered to the UN Security Council on 19 April, echoed the Secretary-General's call for a ceasefire and called upon the international community to ensure support for all persons fleeing the war, including third country nationals.

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### **IOM RESPONSE**

#### **SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS**

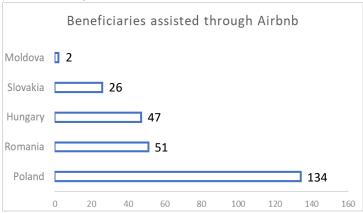
With the objective of providing safe, dignified and sustainable living conditions, IOM provides temporary shelter assistance and non-food items to affected persons.



IOM Ukraine delivers non-food items to internally displaced persons residing in temporary shelters and emergency responders. © IOM 2022

In **Ukraine**, IOM is continuing with the distribution of in-kind assistance to IDPs residing in temporary shelters. The mission distributed 1,800 solar lamps to persons across the Chernihiv region, where shelling has significantly damaged infrastructure and limited access to electricity. IOM also continued distribution of household and kitchen appliances, furniture, utensils, mattresses, home textiles, hygienic items, and food to two displaced persons centres in Zakarpattia.

In Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, and Moldova, IOM and Airbnb have partnered to offer accommodation to 260 persons fleeing the war in Ukraine.



Accommodation is provided to both Ukrainian refugees and third country nationals and due to the high demand in some countries such as Poland, bookings are prioritized based on need and protection risks.

#### **HEALTH**

In response to the lack of access to healthcare during displacement and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, IOM is providing a range of health services, including mental health

and psychosocial support (MHPSS).

In Moldova, IOM's medical team provided pre-departure medical checks and medical referrals for Ukrainian refugees embarking on several types of transit. During the reporting period, IOM provided pre-departure medical checks for 29 refugees (13 males and 16 females) departing on two charter flights to Austria, scheduled for 15 and 18 April. In total, seven applicants received pre-departure hospitalization and treatment. Alongside medical checks and assistance for those departing via charter flight, the mission also provided checks for those transiting the Green Corridor. Approximately 924 refugees and third country nationals (311 males and 613 females) received pre-embarkation health checks before departing to Husi, Romania from Palanca, Moldova at the Ukraine-Moldova border.



IOM Moldova delivers a Psychological First Aid training for psychologists.
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In addition to medical checks for beneficiaries, on 15 April, IOM Moldova delivered a training on Psychological First Aid (PFA) for 25 psychologists (5 male and 20 female) from Moldova's General Inspectorate of Border Police, General Inspectorate of Police, Civil Protection and Emergency Inspectorate. During the reporting period, the mission also provided individual and group counselling for 27 Ukrainian refugees and stranded third country nationals residing in an accommodation centre in Chisinau.

#### **DISPLACEMENT TRACKING**

IOM continues to conduct flow monitoring and rapid needs assessments to collect data on cross-border displacement at key transit and border crossing points.

In Slovakia, IOM's displacement tracking matrix (DTM) team is continuing with data collection for multisectoral needs assessments and intention surveys in the country. To date, IOM has conducted 451 assessments and is currently running displacement tracking activities at Michalovce, Ubla, Vysne Nemecke, Kosice Hotspot, and Bratislava Train Station.

In **Moldova**, since 9 March, IOM has conducted 7,676 surveys with local partners, of which 1,141 were conducted from 14-18 April. Ukrainian refugees represent 97 per cent of the sample, while TCNs and Moldovans the remaining 3 per cent.



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In Romania, IOM continues to collect data as part of multisectoral needs assessments and intention surveys. To date, 21 DTM enumerators have conducted 1,733 questionnaires across eight key sites in the country, including the main BCPs, transit and reception centres, train stations, and the Embassy of Ukraine, among other locations.

#### **PROTECTION**

In **Belarus**, IOM continues to provide information to requesting migrants and refugees on counter trafficking and safe migration through its hotline, run in coordination with the NGO, "Businesswomen Club," located in Brest city. From 24 February to 18 April, the hotline received 168 requests for information on entry to, transit through, and exit from Belarus in connection with the war in Ukraine, approximately 18.5 per cent of all consultations provided during this period.

In **Poland**, IOM continues to deliver counter-trafficking trainings to a variety of actors. From 20-21 April, the mission is delivering three counter-trafficking trainings to actors involved in refugee response at every level, including border guards, volunteers and reception facility staff. The trainings are taking place in person in Przemysl, Chełm and Rzeszow.



IOM Hungary assists a refugee family at Nyugati Information Point. © IOM 2022

In Hungary, IOM conducts rapid vulnerability screening assessments in the border area, including in the shelters provided by local municipalities and at the Budapest information point. From 12-19 April, IOM provided 108 persons (9 males, 42 females, 24 boys and 33 girls) with information, counselling and protection at the border while 84 persons were reached at the Budapest information point. The mission referred 28 persons to accommodation and health services and referred one woman to IOM Ukraine for family reunification. Since 28 March, IOM Hungary has provided information on available services and counselling sessions to 322 persons (23 men, 136 women, 72 boys, and 91 girls) arriving from Ukraine.

In **Slovakia**, IOM is actively providing assistance and legal, social and job counselling, and referrals to Ukrainian refugees as well as to third country nationals. From 24 February to 19 April, IOM provided information and legal counselling to 1,822



IOM Slovakia provides information to people fleeing the war in Ukraine at Vyšné Německé BCP. © IOM 2022

beneficiaries through its Migration Information Center (MIC) email and hotlines, of which 945 persons were Ukrainian refugees and 541 were stranded third country nationals (the rest being calls unrelated to Ukraine). The mission also regularly updates the Migration Information Centre website with information and relevant contacts. As of 19 April, the website has had 185,095 users and 484,008 page views. Meanwhile, the mission remains active at information points near border crossing points and provided direct legal assistance, information, and referrals to 167 persons (124 female and 43 male) transiting the border.

#### **SUPPORT TO THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS**

In **Poland**, IOM provides direct assistance to stranded third country nationals through the provision of information and facilitation of voluntary return, in coordination with relevant embassies and consular authorities. To date, the mission provided assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) services to 44 applicants and facilitated the humanitarian voluntary return of an additional 192 persons.

In Romania, IOM has received a total of 56 requests for assistance from third country nationals and provided direct information and AVRR assistance to 43 persons. The top three requesting nationalities from Ghana (30 persons), Armenia (11 persons), and Egypt (four persons).

### **CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS**

In Moldova, IOM distributed 1,103 vouchers to refugee families in Balti, Chisinau, Drochia, Glodeni, Falesti, Roscani, Sangerei, and Ungheni from 12-18 April. During the CBI distribution, IOM also provided protection leaflets, focused on safe migration, the risks of trafficking in persons and on how to claim asylum in Moldova. To date, 2,333 vouchers have been distributed to 2,318 refugee and 15 TCN families across thirteen districts in Moldova. The value of each voucher is MDL 1000 and can be redeemed at Linella and Fidesco supermarkets throughout the country.

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### **IOM SUPPLY CHAIN**

# **USD 4.9 million**

**IN-KIND DONATIONS RECEIVED** 

## **USD 27.2 million**

**WORTH OF ORDERS TO-DATE** 

## 12 warehouses

IN OPERATION ACROSS THE REGION

# 29 partners

**CONTRACTED TO DATE** 

In **Slovakia**, from 13-19 April, IOM received 38 trucks of goods totalling 300 metric tonnes (including blankets, mattresses, and solar lamps). From this new shipment and pre-existing stock in the IOM Kosice warehouse, IOM shipped 33 trucks of goods to Ukraine, totalling 257 metric tonnes.

In Romania, IOM moved one truck of non-food items provided by SOS Attitude to Chernivtsi, Ukraine on 16 April.



In **Moldova**, the last batch of 51 pallets was handed over to the Ukrainian NGO, "Faith, Hope, Love", following coordination with Moldovan and Ukrainian border authorities. On the **global level**, the first four flights of the 20 total planned

On the **global level**, the first four flights of the 20 total planned flights as part of the consignment generously donated by the government of Canada arrived at Budapest Airport with 59,391 items, which are now bound for IOM's warehouses.

### **IOM APPEAL STATUS**

IOM's Flash Appeal for Ukraine and Neighbouring Countries, which was launched on 02 March 2022, requests USD 350 million over the course of six months to meet the needs of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP), refugees, migrants, third country nationals (TCN) and other vulnerable populations, as well as hosting communities in Ukraine and its neighbouring countries, including Belarus, Hungary, Moldova, Poland,

Romania, and Slovakia. IOM has also created a separate Flash Appeal solely for Ukraine based on its inputs into the interagency appeal. As of 14 April, IOM has received approximately USD 166.5 million, which represents confirmed funding and is exclusive of USD 1 million from the Migration Emergency Funding Mechanism (MEFM) and USD 0.3 million in reallocated funds.





























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