



Piles of stones are all that remain from the house of Valentyna and her family after the war came to Kalyta town in Kyiv Region. ©IOM 2022

KEY FIGURES



17.7M

PEOPLE IN NEED
(14 October 2022, OCHA)



6.2M

INTERNALLY
DISPLACED PEOPLE
(26 September 2022, IOM DTM)



7.7M

REFUGEES
(25 October 2022, UNHCR)



517k

THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS*
entered Moldova, Romania,
Slovakia, Hungary, and Poland
(21 October 2022, IOM DTM)

Note: *The significant increase in TCN figures are due to availability of data and changes to the methodology, rather than a noteworthy trend. Indications are that the majority of TCNs fled Ukraine soon after the start of the war.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Initially marked by Ukrainian advances that allowed humanitarian access to areas cut off since February, October saw Russia stepping up its attacks on civilian areas and infrastructure across the country. Since 10 October, **Russian attacks have destroyed 30 per cent of Ukraine's power stations** and damaged other key infrastructure, resulting in blackouts and shortages of clean water across many major cities and towns. The renewed focus of the Russian attacks on civilian areas and infrastructure are a grim reminder of the uncertainty and challenges lying ahead with winter in Ukraine.

With many spending time in basements and bunkers, "the destruction of houses and lack of access to fuel or electricity due to the damaged infrastructure could become a matter of life or death if people are unable to heat their homes" said [Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge](#), World Health Organization Regional Director for Europe. Winterization support remains a high priority across the humanitarian response as IOM delivers on preparedness support, including procurement, distribution, light repairs, support for basic needs, and prepositioning of goods for continued assistance throughout the winter months. Provision of fuel and heating devices,

Speaking to Ukrainian refugees: "I will ask you not to return, we need to survive the winter. Unfortunately, the networks will not hold, [...] If you have the opportunity - stay, spend the winter abroad."

- [Iryna Vereshchuk](#),
[Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine](#)

The Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine verified that, as of 9 October, there have been **at least 15,592 civilian casualties – with 6,221 people having been killed and 9,371 injured since the start of the full-scale invasion**. OHCHR also recorded 680 casualties in Ukraine just from 1 to 16 October.

including for communal spaces, will also provide acute support including to those affected by damaged infrastructure. Areas in which the government of Ukraine recently gained control are in particular need, and IOM has been amongst the first on the ground to many of these areas to assess the situation and provide acute, life-saving support.

The [Internal Displacement Report](#) released by IOM on 2 October reported that **the total number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ukraine decreased from 6,975,000 million to 6,243,000 million**, or 732,000 since 23 August. The surveyed population indicated cash as their most pressing need, followed by medicine and health services – 43% of IDPs countrywide also indicated a need for heating appliances for the winter. Another [recent report by IOM](#) indicated more than 6 million people who, after being displaced, were back in their place of habitual residence as of 26 September. It remains unclear how recent developments in the war are affecting this group and whether their being in habitual residences is temporary or more long-lasting.

In the difficult context currently facing Ukraine, including the damage to its infrastructure and coming winter weather, the Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine, Iryna Vereshchuk, [advised Ukrainian refugees](#) to stay abroad until spring to avoid overburdening the already overwhelmed energy system.

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\$ 342 MILLION
received to date out of

\$ 514 MILLION
required

IOM is deeply grateful to the governments, organizations, and individuals who have contributed to the [IOM Flash Appeal](#) for the Ukraine response. Continued flexibility of resources, on a horizon suited to the long-term needs of affected populations, is crucial to ensure adequate response to acute humanitarian needs throughout the winter as well as sustainable recovery, inclusion, and rehabilitation. A full list of donors is available on the [IOM Ukraine Response web page](#).

OVERVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS

INSIDE UKRAINE

In collaboration with more than
50 implementing partners, and
through its **10 offices**, IOM reaches people
in need across **24 oblasts** in Ukraine

TOTAL:
935,071*
individuals reached with IOM support



NON-FOOD ITEMS
368,378
individuals reached

SITE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT
32,928
individuals reached

HEALTH
45,619
individuals reached

FOOD SECURITY, LIVELIHOODS, AND RESILIENCE
78,101
individuals reached

PROTECTION
48,239
individuals reached through direct assistance

314,800
individuals reached through information provision

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT
12,634
services provided

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE
181,736
individuals reached

MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE
104,479
individuals reached

SHELTER
62,957
individuals reached

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OVERVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS

IN SELECTED NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES



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OVERVIEW BY IOM COUNTRY OPERATIONS

	Number of Refugees*	Refugees as a % of the Population**	Active Sectors		Number of Refugees*	Refugees as a % of the Population**	Active Sectors
POLAND	1,449,214	3.84%		CZECH REPUBLIC	448,807	4.19%	
ROMANIA	83,748	0.44%		BULGARIA	54,878	0.80%	
HUNGARY	30,000	0.31%		WESTERN BALKANS***	51,396	0.37%	
SLOVAKIA	97,935	1.80%		AZERBAIJAN	3,925	0.04%	
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	94,535	3.67%		TÜRKIYE	145,000	0.17%	
BELARUS	15,853	0.17%		IRELAND	51,904	1.03%	
LATVIA	39,584	2.10%		GERMANY	1,002,668	1.21%	
LITHUANIA	68,396	2.45%		BELGIUM	58,019	0.50%	
ESTONIA	60,302	4.54%					

* Refugees from Ukraine recorded in Country, [UNHCR Operational Data Portal](#) (24 October 2022)

** Refugee percentage calculated using country population data from [World Bank](#)

***Western Balkans include: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro North Macedonia, Serbia, and Kosovo (References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 - 1999)

NOT JUST SURVIVING BUT THRIVING: INNOVATIONS HELP BUSINESS IN UKRAINE TO STAY AFLOAT DURING THE WAR



The brothers build their business based on the principles of responsible production. ©IOM 2022/Daria Dovzhenko

When the war came to their home city, Kharkiv, in Ukraine, two brothers, Vadym and Pylyp, decided to relocate to save their small business. Just a year before the war, their company Prime Snack stormed the biggest supermarket chains with an innovative product – dried cheese snacks. After the relocation to the western region of Zakarpattia, they had to start again.

Vadym and Pylyp organized the transportation of equipment, as their top priority was to save the special machinery that dries cheese. Shortly afterward, the brothers received an offer to move abroad and start production in the European Union (EU). After weighing all the pros and cons, they decided to stay in Ukraine.

“Ukraine is our motherland and it is necessary to rebuild the country when the war ends. We would like to be part of these efforts and contribute to the economic recovery. In Zakarpattia, we see great possibilities for export and are planning to enter the European market in a few weeks. We will conquer the world with our snacks!” Pylyp jokes.

The business owners are proud of their 100 per cent natural products. Their snacks are created with a special technology used by NASA to prepare meals for astronauts. The recipe is simple: water is removed from cheese, therefore all the nutrients are kept in the dried product.

A crucial step towards conquering the European market is the adoption of an eco-friendly production strategy. Pylyp and Vadym decided to install a solar power station, thus adopting energy-efficient practices and also cutting production costs and ensuring uninterrupted power supply. Their innovative plan was supported by IOM which provided a grant to purchase solar panels. Thanks to their creative thinking and IOM support, all electricity needs for production are covered by renewable energy sources.

With the total assistance of EUR 20,000 through IOM’s SME Boost Project, Pylyp and Vadym will be also able to buy premium types of cheese to produce high-quality products. Over one and a half months, Prime Snack produced 30,000 packages of dried cheese. The inspired entrepreneurs are now planning to expand the team, providing employment opportunities to other displaced persons hosted in Zakarpattia.

When asked about their recipe for success for relocated businesses, Vadym and Pylyp advise their peers to look into the future without any fear: “You have to start again. Do not think that everything is gone and that this is the end. No matter what, you must gather your strength and work. We are Ukrainians and we are unbreakable!”

[See full story here](#)



Thanks to IOM’s support, relocated business is able to cover all energy production needs with solar panels. ©IOM 2022/Daria Dovzhenko

BOOSTING SMALL BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY WAR

From Iraq to Türkiye, Kosovo, and more recently in Ukraine, IOM has accumulated vast experience with initiatives focused on business recovery and asset recuperation to support war-affected and post-crisis countries achieve economic stabilization and improve livelihood conditions.

Since November 2021, IOM Ukraine has been collaborating with the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry for Reintegration of Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine to support economic adaptation and recovery of small and “micro” enterprises affected by multiple crises through its project: SME Boost: Economic Integration of Internally Displaced Persons and Business Recovery. This project, funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the KfW Development Bank, became all the more critical following the full-scale invasion.

In April to May 2022, a [study](#) carried out by IOM as part of this project indicated that the majority of small and micro-enterprises in Ukraine were both directly and indirectly affected by the war:

“Key findings revealed that businesses suffered from the loss of labour power, destruction of logistical and transport infrastructure, and the deficit of financial resources. The continuous blockade of Ukrainian sea ports created an additional blow for Ukrainian export, in particular for the agriculture sector, which contributes to at least 10 per cent of Ukraine’s GDP.”

In this context of clear need, **IOM has already supported over 100 micro- and small enterprises since the start of the war.** Grants were provided to war-affected businesses to support their activities, retain existing jobs, as well as strengthen business capacity to provide critically needed goods and services for internally displaced people and host communities.

To ensure efficient use of funding, the selection process for SME Boost focuses on identifying businesses that are most likely to achieve impact in a sustainable manner, specifically in generating employment and contributing to economic recovery in the targeted communities.

In addition, the project engages Ukrainian diaspora to support the recovery of the country and targeted enterprises, including through skills development, business support, and access to funds, networks and markets. IOM is working to generate demand for Ukrainian goods and services through diaspora communities and to link small Ukrainian producers to the global market.

INTEGRATING AND INCLUDING REFUGEES THROUGH A WOMEN-CENTERED APPROACH

In a small town in the outskirts of Warsaw, a project led by a group of women is paving the way for integration programs that focus on the needs and role of women in the community. The “Piaseczno Welcomes You!” project started with a pilot in 2021 when a group of women who advise the local government in Piaseczno, Poland, realized that not all refugee and migrant women were being integrated in their community. One of the leaders of the project described that back then, they started noticing that while migrant men were being supported to find work, and children were being integrated in schools, migrant and refugee women, especially mothers, were overlooked. According to them, they felt that these women were being excluded from the community, and that they needed to do something about it.

“Piaseczno Welcomes You!” is one of 10 pilots selected across Europe under the Share SIRA project, co-funded by the European Union’s Asylum, Migration and Integration fund and supported by IOM. This project aims at supporting the social orientation and early integration needs of newcomers living in rural areas. In Piaseczno, the pilot is led by EduNowa Foundation and run by Polish women in cooperation with the Piaseczno Women Initiative and supported by the Piaseczno Municipality. IOM Poland supports the project with financing, in-kind contributions, and technical guidance.

“We target migrant women living in Piaseczno because we believe that the well-being of women impacts the general well-being of the entire family” says Magdalena Boguslawska, Director of EduNowa. “We offer them Polish language classes, history and culture lessons, along with day trips. We also help them with job counselling and improving their CV.” Magdalena continues: “Very often these women are traumatized, requiring significant psychological support.” The project supports the referral of women to specialized mental health services, if needed.

Tatiana Dabrowska, a 39-year-old women from Berdyczow, Ukraine, arrived in Poland on March 2022. Her husband used to work in Poland a few years back and felt more prepared for this adjustment, but for Tatiana it was a significant culture shock. Through the project, Tatiana was supported with Polish lessons and job counselling, and was able to engage with several activities aimed at building social cohesion.

Trust became a key component of this process, through which participants in the program felt welcomed and part of a support network of local women. “I met very good, kind people and went with them on many excursions. It helped me psychologically to distract myself from all the problems from the war in Ukraine. Overall, it has been a very supportive project for me” said Tatiana.

Tatiana has gained a lot of confidence and she is about to start her own business making dolls for children. Magdalena gave her sewing machine to Tatiana to help her get her business off the ground. With her two children already attending a Polish school, where they too feel welcome and included, Tatiana can now focus on setting up her business in Poland.

The pilot’s success in supporting women’s integration is due to its progressive approach to gender inclusion. By bringing social cohesion principles to the core of interventions, the project was able to carry out activities and provide support services that were sensitive and targeted to the needs and capacities of women. The pilot carried out several integration trips, women-oriented retreats, festive intercultural meetings, and has also supported individual women with psychological consultations and referrals, as well as accompanied them to gynecological consultations. Through meetings in schools in Piaseczno with refugee children and parents, participants were able to identify several issues, such as the lack of computers for children in schooling age to continue their Ukrainian education online. In response, IOM Poland provided the schools in Piaseczno with 100 laptops for the children.

To ensure an effective and accountable humanitarian response, it is important to recognize migrant and refugees’ needs, capacities, and priorities, and work with them to pursue and design solutions. IOM has long been an advocate of these principles, which are key components of its integration approach around the world. Whether through integration centers run by IOM, such as the ones in Romania and Slovakia, or by partnering and supporting initiatives led local civil society and government, IOM strives to take a “whole-of-community” approach to ensure maximum effectiveness and sustainability for migrant and refugee integration.

Today, Piaseczno is facing a monumental challenge. Since the escalation of the war in February this year, **Piaseczno community welcomed over nine thousand new Ukrainian refugees, who altogether currently represent over 20% of the town’s population.** Demands on the project became much greater than originally expected, and the first dedicated integration center in the town center is about to open to expand capacity. The women leading the project plan to bring the many lessons and good practices learned from their previous work on women integration to the activities in this new center. As part of IOM’s response to the Ukraine crisis, IOM will continue to support this initiative as well as many others across the country, encouraging collaboration and sharing of good practices to support integration of all migrants and refugees alike.



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*- Magdalena Boguslawska,
Director of EduNowa foundation*

Tatiana with Magdalena and Katarzyna from EduNowa Foundation.
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REACHING PEOPLE NEAR THE FRONTLINE

IOM works with local NGOs to deliver its assistance to communities as well as to especially vulnerable people. © NGO Source of Revival 2022

Since the full-scale war in Ukraine began in February 2022, hundreds of communities occupied or located close to fighting lines have been cut off from services, supplies, or humanitarian aid. These communities have also endured violence and widespread damage to civilian infrastructure, causing acute stress on the populations that remain in them.

With the recent advance of Ukraine's armed forces into many of these previously inaccessible areas, both the Ukrainian government and the international community were able to witness the scope and scale of the impact of the war in these communities. [According to OCHA's spokesperson Jens Laerke](#), "nearly 140,000 people are believed to remain in the towns, villages and settlement in areas where control has changed, but they have extremely limited access to food, water, gas, electricity and medical services." Several needs assessments and direct field observation by IOM staff, as well as requests for support from local authorities, indicate urgent need to restore access to critical services – particularly water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), healthcare, and heating. Affected communities are also in need of assistance to meet basic needs, including food and essential non-food items (NFI).

IOM has been quick to work in coordination with the humanitarian community to deliver relief items to newly accessible areas, sometimes reaching these communities within hours of the arrival of the Ukrainian forces. Less than three days after parts of the Kharkiv region became accessible, IOM delivered over 30,000 relief items in 23 trucks to five municipalities that host an estimated 400,000 internally displaced persons. Deliveries included WASH and NFI items (such as solid fuel, radiators, and generators), and emergency shelter kits. IOM teams have also carried out assessments to start conducting light and medium repairs of nearly one thousand damaged houses. In collaboration with its local partners, IOM is supporting the deployment of several mobile health clinics to provide primary health care and psychological support to war-affected populations.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories, IOM has also been delivering multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) for individuals in newly accessible areas, and is appealing for funding to reach additional individuals still living in affected territories of Kherson, Kharkiv, and Donetsk through April 2023. In remote areas and communities where limited electricity and infrastructure impede IOM's ability to deliver MPCA via the banking system, the organization distributes MPCA through the mobile Ukraposta (post-office) teams, which can more easily access these zones.

Mykolaiv is a city in the southern part of Ukraine that was once home to half a million people, it has been a target of frequent shelling and attacks and is located only 60km from Russian occupied Kherson. Since mid-April, the city has gone without fresh municipal water since major pipelines were ruptured by missile attacks and, despite the General Director of the Water Supply Company of Mykolaiv stating that the fix is relatively straightforward, security and lack of access hinders maintenance workers from entering the zone.

In a partnership with Watermission, IOM is providing potable and safe water to conflict affected areas through mobile water treatment systems. Four water treatment units have been installed in affected communities in Mykolaiv as part of IOM's work to ensure access to safe water and sanitation, whilst also promoting good hygiene practices. IOM is also partnering with Vodacanal and local authorities to support repairs to damaged heating and water supply systems.

Such work on long-term infrastructure is complemented with plans to provide emergency support to frontline communities in the form of solid fuel and heating solutions. This duality – the need for sustainable support to infrastructure and long-term solutions while continuing to address the acute, lifesaving needs of communities in the short to medium term, particularly in face of the upcoming winter months – is present throughout the Ukraine crisis response.

WATER TREATMENT TO ALLEVIATE BASIC NEEDS IN WAR TORN COMMUNITIES

Piles of stones are all that remain from the house of Valentyna and her family after the war came to Kalyta, a town in Kyiv Region, on 7 March. With others from her community, Valentyna survived the occupation, hiding in a cellar for 10 days.

"In a moment, all our life was ruined. I have nothing now, no home, no drinking water, even the clothes I'm wearing are not mine, it is humanitarian aid. So, we are very grateful for any critical support from organizations like IOM," says the woman.

In Kalyta, IOM is supporting IDPs and other affected people whose houses were damaged or destroyed by providing them with modern water treatment filters to alleviate risks of diseases associated with unsafe drinking water.



WASH beneficiaries in a war-affected town of Kalyta in Kyiv Region. ©IOM 2022

WAREHOUSING AND SUPPLY CHAIN



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- \$ 8.6 MILLION** worth of in-kind donations (goods and transport) received
- \$ 54 MILLION** worth of signed orders
- 18 WAREHOUSES** being used by IOM across the region
- 32 PARTNERS** contracted for distributions
- 917 TRUCKS** transported to Ukraine (since March 2022)

IOM continues to scale up the delivery of goods into Ukraine, recently **delivering on average more than 40 trucks per week** from suppliers in Türkiye, Poland, The Netherlands, and India. Items being delivered include household goods, emergency shelter kits, bedding kits, hygiene kits, and other items, many of which will be distributed as part of IOM's winterization response. **IOM has now delivered over 10,000 tonnes of relief items into Ukraine since March 2022.** IOM also continues to receive and facilitate the distribution of in-kind donations of non-food items in support of winterization activities.

IOM continues to participate in inter-agency convoys from Dnipro which allows IOM to reach areas in the East which have been most affected by the conflict. In October, IOM has delivered 47 tonnes of relief items through UN inter-agency convoys to the oblasts of Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, and Kherson.



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