

# REGIONAL UKRAINE RESPONSE

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## 12 million

PEOPLE IN NEED IN UKRAINE

### 4 million

**CONFLICT-AFFECTED PEOPLE** ARE PROJECTED TO CROSS INTO NEÍGHBORING **COUNTRIES** 

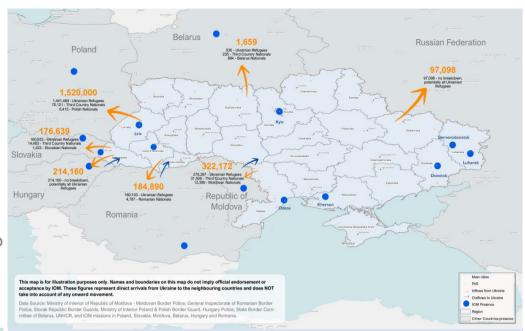
## 2.5 million

CONFLICT-AFFECTED PEOPLE HAVE CROSSED INTO **NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES TO** -DATF

## 350 million USD



RECEIVED: \$45 M\* REQUESTED: \$350 M



Reported movements between Ukraine and the Neighbouring Countries since 24 February 2022

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a military operation in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region on 24 February. Since the start of the military operation, major attacks have been reported across Ukraine, including in the capital, Kyiv. Russian troops have quickly expanded their presence across Ukraine, with military clashes ongoing in other major cities: Chernihiv (north), Kharkiv (north-east), Kherson (south), Mariupol (south -east), Mykolaiv (south), Odessa (south-west), Sumy (north), among other cities.

A 12-hour ceasefire, agreed to by both sides of the conflict on 9 March, failed to facilitate the wide-scale evacuation of people trapped in dire conditions across Ukraine. While evacuations did commence in five of the six cities agreed upon for the safe passage of civilians, including Enerhodar (Zaporizka oblast, south) and Sumy (Sumska oblast, north-east), there was limited movement of people out of the worst-affected areas, such as Mariupol (Donetska oblast, east) and the satellite towns of Kyiv (north).

On 9 March, the maternity and children's wards of a prenatal hospital in the centre of Mariupol were destroyed in an attack. Less than a kilometre away, explosions later that day damaged a university and city council building in the city, increasing the number of civilian centres and critical infrastructure destroyed thus far. Between 24 February and 10 March, the OHCHR reported 1,506 civilian casualties, including 549 people killed, though these figures are likely to be considerably higher (source: OCHA).

The increasing intensity of the conflict has contributed to growing internal displacement and cross-border movement. As of 11 March, over 2.5 million people have left Ukraine and crossed into neighbouring countries. Of concern is the situation of TCNs, as there have been increasing reports of discrimination, xenophobia, and harassment against TCNs while trying to leave Ukraine as well as on the other side of the border. Consular officials and diaspora organizations are becoming increasingly involved in the evacuation of TCNs,, particularly stranded students. On 10 March, for instance, the evacuation of Nigerian students stranded in Sumy began according to the country's Diaspora Commission, with several students aboard evacuation trains to Lviv. Meanwhile, 115 Chinese students, also stranded in Sumy, successfully evacuated to Lviv on 9 March.

Despite the growing operational and security challenges, IOM, UN agencies, and humanitarian partners are preparing to scale -up operations for whenever access and security allow for humanitarian operations to be rolled out in the hardest-hit areas.

**CONTACTS** 

### **IOM RESPONSE**

#### **UKRAINE**

Despite relocation of staff across the country, IOM is committed to remaining in Ukraine and supporting the humanitarian response. To date, IOM has established a presence in Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Uzhorod.. As of 11 March, IOM is also in the process of establishing four warehouses in Ukraine in Lviv, Uzhorod, Berehove, and Chernivtski.



IOM and Red Cross Ukraine provide drinking water in Kyiv. © IOM 2022

Shelling of central infrastructure in and around Kyiv has left many parts of the city without access to clean drinking water. In partnership with Red Cross Ukraine, IOM has installed three water tanks at the central train station in Kyiv with a total capacity of 1,800 litres, which will be replenished regularly.

The mission is currently coordinating closely with the Mayor of Lviv on the provision of support for over 200,000 internally displaced persons (IDP) in the city, particularly in terms of shelter and accommodation as daily arrivals continue.

**Staff Capacity: 289** (Kyiv-based staff have mostly relocated to other parts of Ukraine)

#### **POLAND**

From 24 February to 11 March, approximately 1,520,000 persons have entered Poland from Ukraine (1,441,464 Ukrainians, 8,415 nationals, and 70,121 third country nationals) according to the Ministry of Interior and the Polish Border Guard, in coordination with IOM Poland.

IOM's Director General, António Vitorino, is currently on a fact-finding mission in Poland. He visited the border to assess the situation and met with relevant government counterparts and partners, and will later travel onwards to Moldova, as the situation allows.

IOM Poland took part in the first Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Working Group meeting with WHO, UNHCR, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), the Polish

Centre for International Aid (PCPM), and International Medical Corps (IMC). Participants discussed such topics as joint service mapping, needs assessments, and capacity building, particularly at the border.



The IOM Director General visits the Poland-Ukraine border. © IOM 2022

From 24 February to 10 March, IOM Poland's Infoline team provided 431 consultations, of which 275 were for women and 146 were for men, including a total of 287 consultations provided to Ukrainian nationals. The most frequent subjects of the consultations were residency (129 consultations), crossing the border (90), and work (70). The IOM Poland and IOM Ukraine Infoline teams are in regular contact to exchange information on needs and capacity.

On 9 March, IOM's border team successfully set-up information tents at Hrebenne, Budomierz, and Medyka border crossing points (BCPs), and Przemyśl Train Station. IOM also provided non-food items (NFI) to Mlyny Reception Center, including garbage bins and hygiene kits. The large heated tents in the three BCPs were mounted by a private company and installed in coordination with the local authorities. The team also made contact with volunteers and NGOs to support the provision of information to conflict-affected people fleeing Ukraine. Meanwhile, at the Mlyny Reception Center, the team continued to map services, prepare an orientation map, meet with partners, and establish the information point.

On 10 March, Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) enumerators received IT equipment and were trained on the kobo questionnaire before commencing with interviews.

Staff Capacity: 30

#### **ROMANIA**

From 24 February to 11 March, approximately 184,890 persons have entered Romania from Ukraine (180,103 Ukrainians and 4,787 nationals) according to the General



Inspectorate of Romanian Border Police in coordination with IOM Romania. It was also reported that approximately 75% of Ukrainians who entered Romania have already left the country.

UNHCR and IOM Romania provided eight buses to transfer conflict-affected persons from Ukraine nationals between Palanca BCP in Moldova and Albiţa BCP in Romania. The intervention is being coordinated by the relevant authorities of Romania and Moldova.

Staff Capacity: 28 (with an additional 25 consultants)



UNHCR and IOM Romania facilitated a humanitarian "Green Corridor."

#### **MOLDOVA**

From 24 February to 11 March, approximately 322,172 persons have entered Moldova from Ukraine (278,267 Ukrainians, 12,399 nationals, and 31,506 TCNs) according to the Ministry of Interior and the Moldovan Border Guard in coordination with IOM Moldova. It was also reported that approximately 202,369 persons (173,338 Ukrainians and 29,031 Third Country Nationals) who entered Moldova from Ukraine have departed the country to Romania.

IOM Moldova facilitated the delivery of food and basic hygiene items provided by Kaufland Moldova to the Single Crisis Management Centre's warehouse, authorised by the Government of Moldova. All donated items will be distributed to conflict-affected persons that are currently being accommodated in Moldova's temporary placement centres.

To provide a better understanding of the movements and evolving needs of displaced populations, IOM Moldova is conducting Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) analysis to track migration flows to and out of Moldova. The first phase of DTM is being carried out between 9 March and 8 April, with CBS-Research collecting data through face-to-face interviews at the five primary border crossing points (three Ukraine-Moldova BCPs and two Moldova-Romanian BCPs) and within four major temporary placement centres (Palanca, MoldExpo, Manej Sport Arena, and Sports Lyceum). The



IOM Moldova and Kaufland Moldova at the Single Crisis Management Centre's warehouse. © IOM 2022

collected data will include information relevant to various humanitarian sectors, such as WASH, Health, Nutrition and Protection.

The authorities of Moldova and Romania are cooperating to create a "Green Corridor" to facilitate the movement of refugees from Ukraine, with temporary stations established at several BCPs to transport refugees. For instance, people may move from Palanca, Moldova to five cities in Romania (Lasi, Hus, Oancea, Sculeni and Galati), to two cities in Moldova (Chisinau and Causeni) or to a city in Poland. On 8 March, 56 routes were organised from a temporary bus station and over 2,000 persons were taken to eight destinations (five cities in Romania, one in Poland and two in Moldova). On 12 March, the mission will begin conducting pre-departure checks and vulnerability assessments for those departing via the Corridor. To complement the Corridor, the Moldovan Railway has set up a Causeni-Chisinau-Lasi train route, running twice a day, to transport Ukrainian refugees free of charge.

IOM Moldova's Migration Health Department team, together



IOM Moldova and UNHCR facilitate a humanitarian "Green Corridor" to transport Ukrainian refugees. © IOM 2022



IOM has donated 12 mobile phones to the General Border Police Inspectorate, along with medical supplies and food items. Two trucks have arrived with NFIs and WASH items from in-kind donations from NGO SOS Attitude and two additional trucks are scheduled to arrived on 10 March.



Finally, the Chief of Mission of IOM Moldova gave an interview with BBC News on the current situation in Moldova and the mission's support to Ukrainian refugees. The interview and news segment can be viewed here.

#### Staff Capacity: 40

#### **SLOVAKIA**

From 24 February to 11 March, approximately 176,639 persons have entered Slovakia from Ukraine (160,933 Ukrainians, 1,223 nationals, and 14,483 TCNs) according to the Slovak Republic Border Guards in coordination with IOM Slovakia.

The mission is currently moving forward with DTM activities in the country and has begun launching surveys to identify mobility patterns, including such information as the oblast of origin of persons crossing the border, needs, and onward

movement intentions. The mission has completed approximately 300 surveys and is working to scale up activities and continue with rapid assessments. IOM is now participating in the Information Management Working Group and is working with the office of the Resident Coordinator on preparedness planning for a potential escalation of conflict.

Four trucks from Greece departed on 10 March with 2,500 hygiene kits, which will be delivered to the IOM warehouse in Kosice, Slovakia. IOM has hired daily workers and ordered supplies to complete the kitting of the warehouse.

#### Staff Capacity: 31

#### **BELARUS**

From 24 February to 11 March, approximately 1,659 persons have entered Belarus from Ukraine (530 Ukrainians, 894 nationals, and 235 third country nationals) according to the State Border Committee of Belarus in coordination with IOM Belarus.

The first charter flight for third country nationals from Iraq is schedule for 14 March, with the second flight now scheduled for 23 March. Alongside TCN support, the mission conducted a mapping exercise in coordination with NGOs and local partners.

#### Staff Capacity: 24

#### **HUNGARY**

From 24 February to 9 March, a total of 203,222 persons have crossed from Ukraine into Hungary according to the Hungary Police in coordination with IOM.

The mission is currently exploring warehousing and logistics capacities to establish a potential route for stocks to enter Ukraine. For the response in Hungary, IOM continues to work closely with the Ministry of the Interior.

### 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), 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 inter-agency appeal.

As of 9 March, IOM has received approximately USD 45 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.\*

Intervention areas include: water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), shelter/non-food items (NFI), health (including mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)), cash-based interventions, food security and livelihoods (including integration support), protection (including humanitarian transport), humanitarian border management (HBM), camp coordination and camp management (CCCM), the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), and logistics. IOM has also created a separate Flash Appeal for Ukraine based on its inputs into the inter-agency appeal.









