REGIONAL UKRAINE RESPONSE

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12 million

PEOPLE IN NEED IN UKRAINE

2.8 million

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

127,972

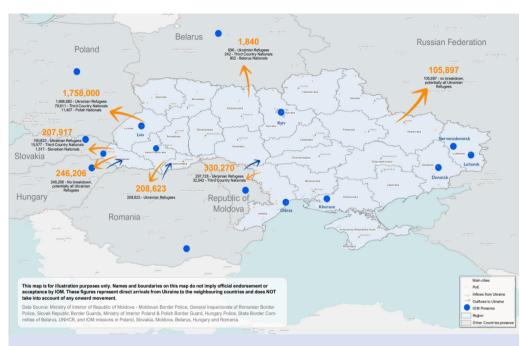
THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS HAVE ARRIVED IN POLAND. SLOVAKIA, AND MOLDOVA

350 million USD

FUNDING REQUIREMENT



RECEIVED: \$49 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 quickly expanded their presence across Ukraine, with military clashes ongoing in many major cities. The unfolding military offensive continues to expand to western Ukraine. Early on 13 March, airstrikes were reported at a military facility in Yavoriv, Lvivska oblast (west) and the airport in Ivano-Frankivska oblast (west) was nearly completely destroyed by a second airstrike in three days.

On 14 March, it was reported that the Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine stated that the government will try to evacuate trapped civilians through 10 humanitarian corridors, including corridors from towns near Kyiv and in the eastern region of Luhansk. Reportedly, the government will try to unblock the movement of the humanitarian convoy carrying food and medicine to Mariupol from Berdiansk. The following corridors have been announced, as of 14 March: Bogdanovka and Nova Bogdanovka - Brovary; Victory - Brovary; Bobrik - Brovary; Gostomel - Belogorodka; Nemishayeve and Vorzel -Belogorodka; Dmytrivka - Belogorodka; Severodonetsk -Slavyansk; Popasna - Sloviansk and Gorske - Sloviansk. While 400 people were evacuated from Severodonetsk, evacuation of Mariupol continues to stall due to shelling.

The increasing intensity of the war has contributed to growing internal displacement and cross-border movement. As of 14 March, over 2.8 million people have left Ukraine and crossed into neighbouring countries. The Protection Cluster estimates that the Ukraine-Russian Federation war will result in the internal displacement of around 6.7 million people. Between 24 and 13 March, the OHCHR recorded 1,663 civilian casualties, including 596 people killed; these figures are likely to be considerably higher (source: OCHA).

The humanitarian consequences of the war continue to mount. Thousands of vulnerable children in Ukraine's network of orphanages and children's homes are stranded in the country as administrators seek to evacuate or relocate them. Before the Ukraine-Russian Federation conflict, an estimated 100,000 children were in the country's network of 700 homes. Many are unable to evacuate due to the extensive care and medical equipment needed. It is estimated that 360 staff and patients, many unable to walk, were hiding in the bomb shelter at the Oskilsky psycho-neurological boarding school as of 11 March 2022. As of 13 March, approximately 2,500 orphans have been evacuated.

IOM RESPONSE

UKRAINE

As operational and security challenges continue to grow, 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.

Despite relocation of staff across the country, IOM is committed to remaining in Ukraine and supporting the humanitarian response. To date, IOM continues to operate from Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Uzhorod. Warehouses are already set up in Uzhhorod and Lviv, as well as in Kosice, Slovakia and approximately 2,000 cubic meters of in-kind support will reach Poland in the coming days while over 260,000 shelter and non-food item (NFI) kits are in the pipeline. Meanwhile, the mission has continued its distribution of 18,000 blankets, donated by USAID's Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance, with implementing partner Caritas. The organizations delivered 2,085 blankets to 10 schools in the Ivano-Frankivsk region that are currently serving as shelters for internally displaced persons and plans to continue to distribute to collective centres in Uzhhorod, Lviv, Dnipro and Mykolaiv.



IOM's distribution of USAID-BHA blankets continued, in coordination with partner Caritas. © IOM 2022

IOM continues to conduct border assessments at various Border Control Points (BCP) and is considering the provision of relevant equipment for border officials, the improvement of queue management on the Ukrainian side, and the facilitation of cross border movements of humanitarian goods and services. To facilitate smooth transit across the border, thus far, IOM has provided the State Border Guard Service with 450 individual first aid medical kits, 2,000 daily nutrition rations, 343 heat fans, and equipment for the enhancement of border infrastructure.

In Kreminna, Luhansk oblast, an IOM-supported local NGO has distributed food parcels to 506 vulnerable displaced

persons in educational facilities set up as collective accommodation centres.

IOM continues to coordinate closely with local authorities in Ukraine. On 12 March, the Chief of Mission of IOM Ukraine, Anh Nguyen, met with the Mayor of Lviv to discuss options to support over 200,000 internally displaced persons (IDP) in Lviv, which is currently facing approximately 10,000 to 44,000 arrivals per day. There are over 500 IDP centres across the city and IOM is currently looking into additional forms of shelter.

According to IOM surveys of collective centres, the most common needs include: medical equipment and medication, food supplies, and hygiene items. Other needs identified include drinking water, clothing, and transportation. IOM is creating a data baseline to start deploying its Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) in key border regions to continue to collect information on needs, mobility intentions, and flow monitoring.

Staff Capacity: 289 (Kyiv-based staff have been relocated to other parts of the country)

POLAND

From 24 February to 14 March, approximately 1,758,000 persons have entered Poland from Ukraine (1,666,982 Ukrainians, 11,407 nationals, and 79,611 third country nationals) according to the Ministry of Interior and the Polish Border Guard, in coordination with IOM Poland.

The mission recently conducted a monitoring visit on the Ukrainian side of the border (Medyka – Szeginie) and identified several pressing needs. Long queues of vehicles and persons continue to cause congestion at the BCP, while many individuals wait hours in low temperatures. Moreover, third country nationals (TCNs) do not have access to basic information on required documentation or options for the journey onwards and basic humanitarian services. The first general coordination meeting in Medyka took place on 14 March to discuss the situation and coordinate a response.

IOM delivered 48 hygiene kits to Medyka on 12 March, with 20 donated to the United Sikhs Organization and the rest dispatched and distributed as spare hygiene items from the IOM help desk. An assessment with site managers, volunteers and NGOs identified the following needs at the site: fuel for generators, garbage collection, hand washing points, blankets, folded beds, mattresses, chairs, tables, and bags/backpacks.

The second BHA charter flight landed at Rzeszow Airport on 13 March and goods were transported to the Logistics Cluster warehouse. Approximately 1,500 cubic meters of support have arrived in Poland and deliveries of water purifiers, water storage items, thermal blankets, generators, and other NFIs will continue over the next few days.



The mission is currently in the process of hiring 15 staff members to support with ongoing activities and expand data collection through surveys along the border and at reception centres. IOM Poland is also looking into expanding counter trafficking activities and related information campaigns, in coordination with local authorities and partners.

Staff Capacity: 30

MOLDOVA

From 24 February to 14 March, approximately 330,270 persons have entered Moldova from Ukraine (297,728 Ukrainians and 32,542 TCNs) according to the Ministry of Interior and the Moldovan Border Guard in coordination with IOM Moldova. It was reported that 221,705 persons (190,734 Ukrainian refugees and 30,971 third country nationals) have already left Moldova to Romania.



IOM's Director General meets with partners at Palanca BCP in Moldova. © Safa Msehli/ IOM 2022

IOM Director General, Antonio Vitorino, continued his factfinding mission in Moldova over the weekend. He met with IOM Moldova Chief of Mission, Lars Johan Lönnback, and spoke with the Moldovan Border Guard and other partners at the border. The Director General later attended a briefing with the Moldovan Prime Minister, Natalia Gavriliţa, on IOM's work and its response to the humanitarian needs of people fleeing Ukraine.



IOM Moldova provides food packages to Ukrainian refugees prior to transit to Romania © IOM 2022

IOM Moldova's Migration Health Division together with IOM Ukraine facilitated the safe movement of Ukrainian refugees to Romania and performed pre-departure health check-ups. The missions identified health needs and provided refugees with medications and food packages.



Refugees arriving to Planaca BCP in Moldova. © Safa Msehli/ IOM 2022

IOM Moldova also proceeded with the first round of cash-based interventions (CBI). On 13 March, the mission distributed supermarket vouchers worth MDL 1,000 each to around 80 households. Beneficiaries were mostly Ukrainians, with some TCNs also receiving support in one of the centres. The mission plans to extend the next round of CBI to more people, based on several previously conducted needs assessments.

IOM has developed a contextualised version of the DTM site assessment form, to be used for both rapid and multisectoral assessments for the response to conflict-affected people in Moldova. The form has been developed in consultation with IOM teams across the thematic areas of health, protection, humanitarian border management, CBI, DTM, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). IOM has already conducted initial assessments in six reception centres and two spontaneous settlement sites.

Finally, IOM Moldova's emergency coordination team initiated a review of sectoral activities and adapted the current staffing structure to fit the needs expressed by local authorities. The first sectoral meeting for the Accommodation and Transport Working Group took place on 14 March.

Staff Capacity: 40

SLOVAKIA

From 24 February to 14 March, approximately 207,917 persons have entered Slovakia from Ukraine (190,823 Ukrainians, 1,517 nationals, and 15,577 third country nationals) according to the Slovak Republic Border Guards in coordination with IOM Slovakia.

At the government's request, IOM will provide support for a program that trains Ukrainian students in eastern Slovakia to provide information to persons crossing the border to prevent human trafficking and provide additional support, where necessary. To this end, the mission is also actively recruiting lawyers to provide legal advice and referrals through IOM's

specialised team which will set up information points at Slovak-Ukrainian border crossings to provide humanitarian assistance to Ukrainian citizens and TCNs fleeing Ukraine based on their individual needs. The program will aim to meet basic needs and provide medical care, legal support, safe transport, and critical information.

On 14 March, the mission received its first shipments to the Kosice warehouse from IOM Greece, which included four truckloads of hygiene kits (130 total pallets). The goods will be loaded on 15 March for export to Uzhhorod, Ukraine. IOM is currently securing a second warehouse in Kosice to increase the square footage in Kosice from 2,200 sqft to 7,200 sqft.

Staff Capacity: 31

ROMANIA

From 24 February to 14 March, approximately 208,623 persons have entered Romania from Ukraine according to the General Inspectorate of Romanian Border Police in coordination with IOM Romania. It was also reported that approximately 80% of Ukrainians who entered Romania have already left the country.

IOM Romania's DTM team assisted with an assessment of the Romanian-Ukrainian border and received an additional staff member on 13 March to strengthen flow monitoring and mobility mapping activities.

Staff Capacity: 28 (with an additional 25 consultants)

BELARUS

From 24 February to 14 March, approximately 1,840 persons have entered Belarus from Ukraine (696 Ukrainians, 902 nationals, and 242 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 took place on 14 March, with the second flight now scheduled for 23 March. Alongside support for third country nationals,, the mission conducted a mapping exercise in coordination with NGOs and local partners.

Staff Capacity: 24

HUNGARY

From 24 February to 14 March, a total of 246,206 persons have crossed from Ukraine into Hungary according to the Hungary Police in coordination with IOM.

The mission continues to support border authorities and people affected by the war in Ukraine through the provision of information, translation services, and counselling.

Staff Capacity: 13



IOM Hungary provides information and support to third country nationals and Ukrainian refugees at the border. © IOM 2022

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 14 March, IOM has received approximately USD 49 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.











