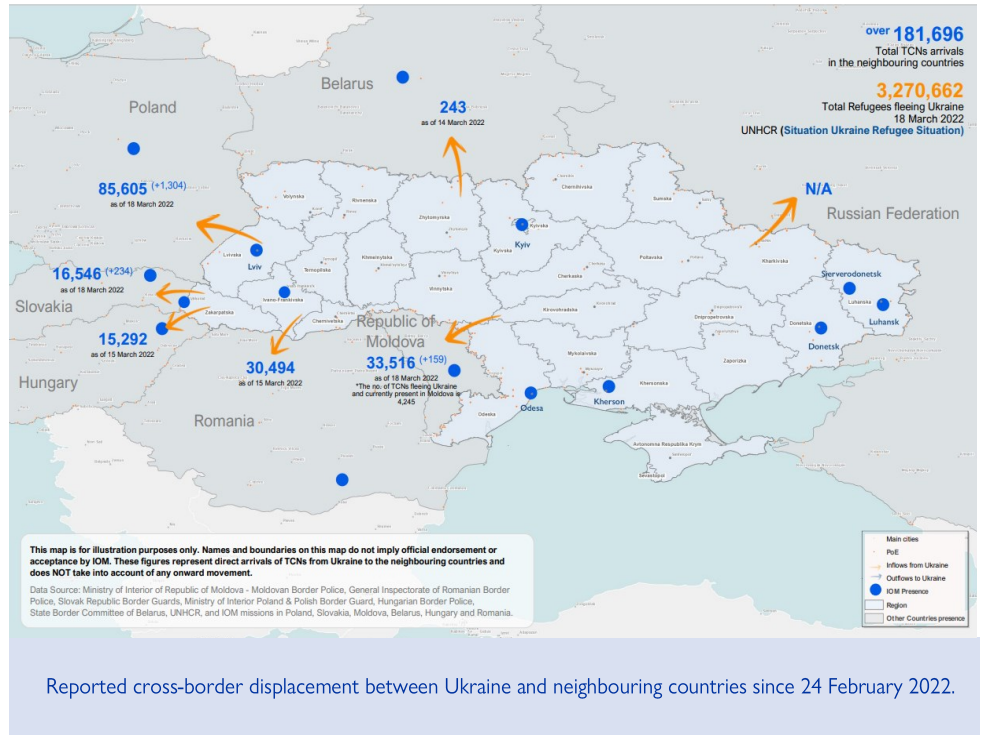


6.4 million
INTERNALLY DISPLACED
PERSONS IN UKRAINE

3.2 million
HAVE CROSSED FROM
UKRAINE INTO NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES

181,696
THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS
HAVE ARRIVED IN POLAND,
SLOVAKIA, AND MOLDOVA

350 million USD
FUNDING REQUIREMENT



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, resulting in widescale destruction of infrastructure, loss of life, and displacement.

The situation in the country continues to deteriorate, with ongoing clashes in Mariupol, Sumy, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Sievierodonetsk and Northern Kyiv. Between 24 and 17 March, the OHCHR recorded 2,032 civilian casualties, including 780 people killed; these figures are likely to be considerably higher (source: OCHA). On 16 March, Mariupol’s Drama Theatre and Neptune sports centre (Donetska oblast, east), where more than 1,000 people sought shelter amid ongoing hostilities, suffered extensive damages after an alleged airstrike. Unconfirmed preliminary reports suggest that the bomb shelter withstood the blast, as people were pulled from the rubble.

As internal displacement in Ukraine continues, health and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) needs are quickly emerging as areas of concern. Access to food and safe drinking water is limited or completely cut off and many civilians remain

trapped in urban centres while those living in crowded shelters have limited access to sanitation facilities and health services, thus increasing their risk of infectious disease transmission. Approximately 35.7% of the population of Ukraine has received two COVID-19 vaccines so a new outbreak could overwhelm the country’s already compromised healthcare capacity. More than 300 healthcare facilities are located in areas experiencing active hostilities or with a significant presence of Russian Federation forces, while 600 facilities are within 10km of ongoing clashes, leaving the health system particularly vulnerable to infrastructural damages and severe interruptions in critical services. Meanwhile, damaged water infrastructure in eastern Ukraine continues to go unrepaired as shelling and fighting continue.

The increasing intensity of the war has contributed to growing internal displacement and cross-border movement. As of 18 March, over 3.2 million people have left Ukraine and crossed into neighbouring countries. Additionally, IOM has calculated that the war has already led to the internal displacement of over 6.4 million people. In this context, the United Nations is becoming increasingly concerned about the risk of trafficking in persons as well as the well-being of vulnerable persons, such as children.

CONTACTS

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.

From 9-16 March, IOM conducted a representative survey of the general population in Ukraine to gather initial insights into internal displacement and mobility flows. The results of the survey were presented to the Protection Cluster, UNHCR, REACH and OCHA, and following a collective review of the methodology and findings, the group agreed that the figures represent an accurate picture of the scale of internal displacement in Ukraine – calculated to stand at **6.48 million internally displaced persons** as of 16 March. Humanitarian partners in Ukraine have agreed to continue working together and jointly reviewing IDP figures as new data sources become available, to ensure the humanitarian community receives credible and harmonized population figures for IDPs in Ukraine.

Alongside its ongoing assessments, IOM continues to distribute non-food items (NFI) within the country to displaced persons. To date, the mission has distributed more than 12,000 thermal blankets to newly displaced persons in collective centres in Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnipro, Mykolaiv and Zakarpattia Regions. In coordination with the State Migration Service of Ukraine, IOM has distributed much needed food items and kitchenware at two IDP shelters in Zakarpattia region and also provided hygiene kits to four social institutions in Luhansk non-government-controlled area. The mission recently received a USAID-BHA shipment in Uzhhorod with 28 tonnes of critical assistance and intends to distribute 7,900 hygiene kits to the most vulnerable IDPs over the next several days. Since the



IOM Ukraine and NGO "Spring of Hope" distribute food and hygiene kits to families in Vinnytsia. © IOM 2022

start of the war, IOM and partners in Chernivtsi, Poltava, Cherkasy, Vinnytsia, Ternopil, Dnipro, Zaporizhia, Lutsk, Lviv, Kramatorsk, Odesa and Kharkiv have been providing food and hygiene kits, with over 300 families supported in Vinnytsia alone.

As the situation in the country steadily deteriorates, IOM Ukraine has sought to expand a number of protection services. From 24 February to 16 March, the mission provided 12,083 consultations through the national toll-free migrant advice and counter-trafficking hotline ("527"). The largest number of calls (59 per cent) came from internally displaced persons, while female callers were the most prevalent group to use the hotline (61 per cent). The top three most common subjects of the calls included: general information about human trafficking and safe travel; procedures for seeking asylum and obtaining refugee status; and possible support from diplomatic institutions and relevant organizations.



IOM Ukraine and partner "Revival of the Nation" NGO continue to run a national hotline for migrants and internally displaced persons. © IOM 2022

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 Uzhhorod and operates five warehouses (totalling 6,420 square meters), with an additional four under negotiation. On average, IOM receives 17 trucks per week with IOM stock and in-kind donations.

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

MOLDOVA

From 24 February to 18 March, approximately 33,516 third country nationals have entered Moldova from Ukraine according to the Ministry of Interior and the Moldovan Border Guard in coordination with IOM Moldova.

Over the past few days, IOM Moldova's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) team has conducted intentions surveys and needs assessments among third country nationals at reception and transit centres in the country. The surveys are

ongoing in four BCPs and two transit centres in partnership with CBS Research and UN Women. To date, 1,432 surveys have been collected, nearly double the number from the previous reporting period.

IOM Moldova continues to distribute vouchers to Ukrainian refugees and third country nationals arriving in Moldova. On 16 March, vouchers were distributed to 56 refugee families in four centres in Chisinau. To date, 195 MCA vouchers have been distributed in nine centres in Chisinau, benefitting 193 refugee families and two TCN families. The value of each voucher is MDL 1000 and can be redeemed at Linella and Fidesco supermarkets throughout the country.

Finally, the mission recently set up a structure at the MANEJ refugee placement centre to facilitate pre-departure medical check-ups for Ukrainian refugees departing to other countries.

Staff Capacity: 40

POLAND

From 24 February to 18 March, approximately 85,605 third country nationals have entered Poland from Ukraine according to the Ministry of Interior and the Polish Border Guard, in coordination with IOM Poland.

IOM Poland is particularly concerned about the risk of human trafficking and sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) among incoming Ukrainian refugees and third country nationals. IOM and UNHCR recently facilitated a training on counter trafficking and PSEA for volunteers at the Medyka border control point, one of the primary BCPs receiving persons fleeing Ukraine. The mission continues to collaborate with all implementing partners, donors, and the Polish authorities on the provision of life-saving assistance, including counter-trafficking and PSEA support, to all displaced persons, regardless of nationality.



IOM Poland and UNHCR hold a joint training for volunteers on counter trafficking and PSEA at Medyka BCP. © IOM 2022

The mission received six inflatable shelters and heaters from UKAID on 16 March and the first items departed for Lviv, Ukraine on 17 March. The mission also received shipments from four USAID-BHA flights.

Staff Capacity: 30

SLOVAKIA

From 24 February to 18 March, approximately 16,546 third country nationals have entered Slovakia from Ukraine according to the Slovak Republic Border Guards in coordination with IOM Slovakia.

To address the increasing risk of human trafficking and sexual exploitation and abuse among incoming refugees and third country nationals, IOM Slovakia is managing information desks and hotlines to provide displaced persons with legal advice and up to date information on where to access support. The mission intends to provide further training to information desk staff, in coordination with local partners, to increase their capacity to deliver, disseminate, refer, and manage increasing caseloads.

Staff Capacity: 31

ROMANIA

From 24 February to 15 March, approximately 30,494 third country nationals have crossed into Romania from Ukraine according to the General Inspectorate of Romanian Border Police in coordination, IOM Romania, and UNHCR.

IOM's DTM team continues to engage in rapid needs assessments to determine emerging needs and challenges as the crisis unfolds. The team adapted a questionnaire to fit the context in Romania and began recruitment of enumerators fluent in Romanian and Ukrainian. Field visits to the main arrival station in Bucharest were conducted on 16 March and the team visited the airport on 17 March to collect additional information.

Staff Capacity: 28 (with an additional 25 consultants)

HUNGARY

From 24 February to 15 March, a total of 15,292 third country nationals have crossed the border from Ukraine into Hungary according to the Hungary Police in coordination with IOM Hungary.

The mission is currently scaling up its protection activities to meet the needs of Ukrainian refugees and displaced third country nationals in the country. One mobile team has begun operations at two primary railway stations in the country and one additional team will be deployed full time to the land border on 21 March to support the humanitarian response. To address concerns of human trafficking and sexual exploitation and abuse, the team is in the process of setting up a counter trafficking hotline to provide callers with information

on services, referrals, and legal aid. Over the past few days, IOM has provided information on legal status and assisted with referrals for a number of individuals, as well as helped to reunite a temporarily separated girl with her family. While the hotline is being set up, IOM is printing information leaflets for beneficiaries on the risks of human trafficking (available in three languages). During the reporting period, IOM provided seven NGOs with information on IOM activities, including future counter trafficking and protection-related activities.

The mission is also active in coordinating the provision of temporary shelter for displaced persons. The team is currently finalizing the identification of additional accommodation for 7,200 nights over the next six months for both third country nationals and Ukrainian refugees.

Finally, IOM Hungary is currently securing warehousing facilities totalling 1,400 square meters in Debrecen which, once established, will be able to supply IOM Ukraine with 200 metric tonnes of supplies per week. This will open an additional southern humanitarian corridor. Debrecen is approximately two hours from the existing warehousing facilities in Ukraine (Berehove).

Staff Capacity: 13

BELARUS

From 24 February to 14 March, approximately 243 third country nationals have crossed the border from Ukraine to Belarus according to the State Border Committee of Belarus in coordination with IOM Belarus.

On 16 March, IOM visited Gomel and Gden village, Bragin district, near the Belarus-Ukraine border, to conduct a needs assessment to inform potential response activities. The mission also visited the Belarusian Red Cross (BRC), who currently work at the border and operate two tents to provide first aid to displaced persons.



IOM representatives visiting the tents installed by the BRC to provide assistance to refugees and migrants from Ukraine © 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 18 March, IOM has received approximately USD 107.8 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.

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