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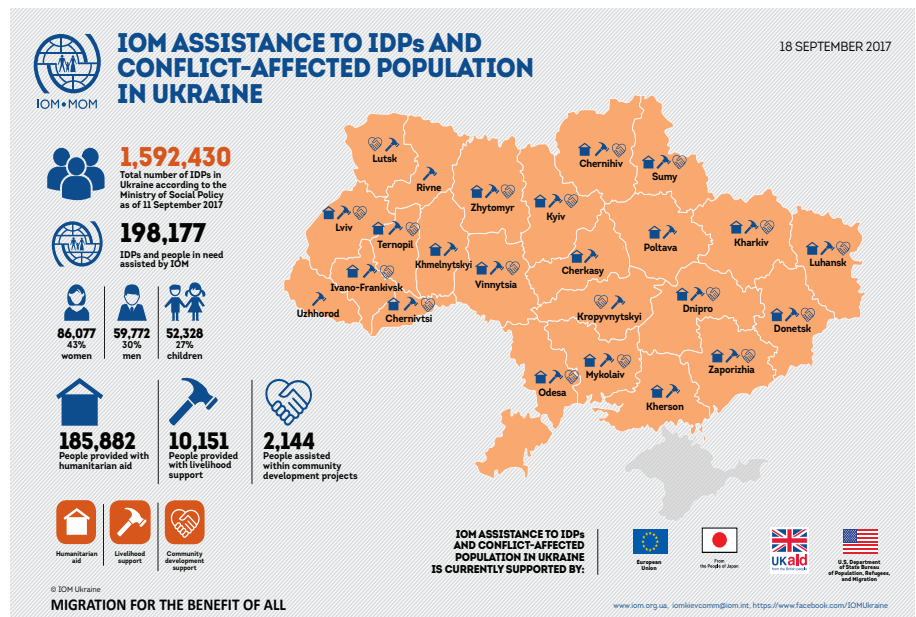
IOM's ASSISTANCE TO CONFLICT-AFFECTED PEOPLE IN UKRAINE

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HIGHLIGHTS

- The total number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Crimea and Eastern Ukraine is **1,592,430** as of 11 September 2017, according to the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine.
- IOM assisted over **198,000** vulnerable IDPs and conflict-affected people in 24 regions of Ukraine.
- Some **2 million people** on both sides of the contact line are exposed to medium or high risk of heating system collapse ahead of the upcoming winter, UN OCHA reports.
- As of mid-September, the 2017 Ukraine Humanitarian Response Plan is funded only at **25%**.



AID FOR ORPHANED BABIES IN MARIUPOL



The youngest residents of the “Mariupol City Council Centre for the Guardianship of Preschool and School Age Children” received diapers from IOM with funding from the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM). Seventy-two per cent of IOM-surveyed vulnerable people, living along the contact line in conflict-affected eastern Ukraine, said that they don’t have enough money to buy hygiene consumables. For state-run social care institutions, such as orphanages, this issue is also crucial. With funds provided by PRM, in the first half of 2017, IOM was able to assist over 13,000 people in the government-controlled area of eastern Ukraine with hygiene supplies.



GRANTS ARE LIKE A GAS PEDAL

MORE IDPs AND HOST COMMUNITY MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM IOM LIVELIHOODS SUPPORT



UK-funded project grantees in Vinnytsia receiving equipment

With funding from the European Union and the United Kingdom's Department of International Development (DFID), IOM continues its targeted livelihoods assistance programme, engaging IDPs and host community members in career development training, self-em-

ployment and micro-enterprise trainings followed by the distribution of grants, based on successfully defended business plans and applications. During the month of September, five trainings on self-employment were conducted in Sumy, Kherson, Khmel-

nytskyi, Zhytomyr and Vinnytsia regions involving a total of 136 individuals. Participants learned about market analysis, marketing, successful business modalities, legalities of entrepreneurial activity, profit and loss margins, among other topics to enable informed decision making on business-related matters. Of the 136 training participants, 62 successfully defended their business plans and were awarded a grant for assets that will contribute towards the successful advancement of their economic activities. Since 2014, the IOM livelihoods programme has supported a total of 10,000 individuals with trainings and/or grants, throughout 24 oblasts of Ukraine. By providing opportunities for economic empowerment, IOM's livelihoods intervention is contributing towards decreasing the isolation and marginalization of those most affected by conflict, especially IDPs and communities in the Donbas, and improving relations between IDPs and host communities. In order to further facilitate interaction and networking to achieve personal

"This grant is a gas pedal," says Anatolii, an internally displaced person from Crimea, who now owns a coffee shop in Kyiv Region. Anatolii was supported in the framework of the IOM livelihoods project funded by the European Union. "Thanks to the equipment received, we managed to hire two more people, improved the quality of our products, increased our product line, and therefore increased profits. We can now give more to our customers." IOM project manager, Maksym Osavoliuk, is sure that the beneficiaries change their lives on their own: "We only provide them with a little assistance on the way. A small push, maybe, and some motivation so that they can finally make their dreams a reality!"



To watch the video about Anatolii and his experience with IOM, please visit our YouTube channel <http://bit.ly/2hziGO>



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business and wider community goals, IOM has supported the launch of the 'National Business Exchange Platform', an innovative online and offline resource for networking, webinars and events on business development, a vacancy board and a hub to exchange ideas. By the end of September, nearly 1,300 individuals were registered and using the Platform's resources. **The official presentation of the National Business Exchange Platform in Kyiv will take place on 24 October.**



Training participants in Sumy brainstorming marketing strategies



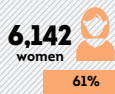
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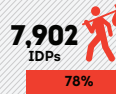


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IDPs and local community members have been supported by IOM with micro-business and self-employment training



6,142 women (61%)
4,009 men (39%)

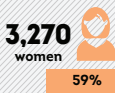


7,902 IDPs (78%)
2,249 local community members (22%)

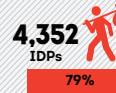


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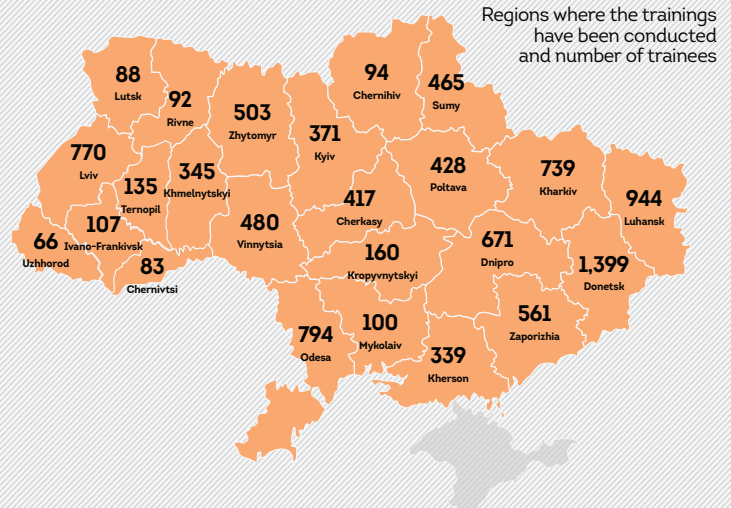
beneficiaries have been supported with grants for micro-business, self-employment or vocational training



3,270 women (59%)
2,264 men (41%)

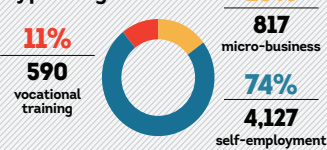


4,352 IDPs (79%)
1,182 local community members (21%)

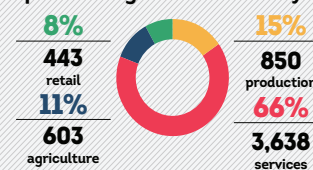


Regions where the trainings have been conducted and number of trainees

Types of grants



Spheres of grantees' activity



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BOILERS, PUMPS, AND A WATER TOWER

IOM IMPROVES SANITATION CONDITIONS FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN NGCA



Unloading the new water tower at the Amvrosievka psycho-neurological boarding house

IOM, through its local implementing partner, assisted in rehabilitating water, sanitation and hygiene-related (WASH) facilities in 20 social institutions, such as hospitals, IDP centres, territorial centers for social services, psycho-neurological and prenatal centres, in the non-government controlled area (NGCA) of the Donetsk Region. In total, approximately 5,000 people benefitted from this intervention, which was made possible through funding from the European Commission Directorate-General for Eu-

ropean Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO).

Inter alia, IOM replaced the water tower and a submersible pump in the Amvrosievka psycho-neurological boarding house. The facility assists people with psycho-neurological conditions from all over the district; an area which is especially isolated and underserved. The boarding house does not have a central water supply but has access to water from its own well. A submersible pump was used for filling the building's

water tower from the well, but the pump had broken and the pipes and water tower were corroded beyond repair, resulting in leaks. "Our staff had to retrieve water from the nearby village located five km away, it required much effort and spent our already limited resources," said the Director of the boarding house.

In addition to the replacement of the water tower and the pump, IOM supported the construction of a new well and rehabilitation of the pump ►



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room roof. Now the staff and patients of the boarding house are ensured constant access to clean water.

IOM also assisted Dormitory № 4 of the Yasynuvata Technical School for Transport and Construction. It was turned into a temporary accommodation facility for IDPs and conflict-affected households in 2014, however its water supply and disposal systems were not in compliance with sanitary standards. IDPs staying in the dormitory, most of whom had lost their homes during the conflict, had neither proper access to cold and hot water nor proper functioning toilets and showers. IOM helped to rehabilitate the dormitory's water supply and disposal systems, including the renovation of toilets. In addition, new taps, shower stalls and boilers were installed.

The three years of ongoing conflict in Eastern Ukraine has played a substantial role in the degradation of the economic situation within the region and particularly in the NGCA, with large industrial enterprises having partially or completely closed. The shortage of



Renovated toilets in a dormitory in Yasynuvata

local budgets severely impacts the ability of the self-proclaimed authorities to support the necessary rehabilitation needs of social institutions. At the same time, water and gas infrastructure has been frequently damaged during hostilities. The high number of returnees and vulnerability of individuals residing in the NGCA has placed a significant

strain on the already limited resources and overstretched services of social institutions. Poor water, sanitation and hygiene conditions increase the exposure of individuals to various health and protection concerns. IOM Ukraine is committed to further providing WASH assistance to the most vulnerable populations in the conflict zone.



ON THE EDGE

Stories of humanitarian relief in Eastern Ukraine

НА МЕЖІ

Історії гуманітарної допомоги на сході України

2016-2017

Photos by Volodymyr Shuvayev
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BACKGROUND ON THE CRISIS

In April 2014, armed groups in the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine (Donetsk and Luhansk) began to seize buildings and arms. As a result of ongoing fighting between armed groups and government forces, as well as the events which occurred in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (ARC) in March 2014, many people have been forced to flee their homes and have become increasingly vulnerable. Most leave with few belongings and are in need of shelter, food and non-food assistance, as their savings are often meager, social benefits take time to re-register, and livelihoods options may be restricted. Concurrently, while grassroots volunteer organizations, civil society and host communities have provided a robust response to the immediate needs of IDPs, the economic crisis in Ukraine has hampered opportunities for more durable solutions, in part through employment and community stabilization. Those staying in the Donbas, particularly in areas affected by fighting along the contact line, face imminent security threats. The provision of basic services has been disrupted, supplies are increasingly limited, and economic activity has been crippled. Ongoing daily ceasefire violations continue to be reported.

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In line with IOM's global strategy, the IOM Mission in Ukraine aims at advancing the understanding of the opportunities and challenges of migration in the Ukrainian context. Maximizing those opportunities and minimizing the challenges presented by migratory movements are the guiding principles of all activities and programmes the Mission engages in.

IOM Ukraine fights trafficking in human beings, assists the Government in addressing the needs of internally displaced persons and dealing with irregular migration, improving its migration management system, and creating migrant-inclusive health practices and policies. At the same time, IOM Ukraine engages in harnessing the development potential of migration, disseminating migration information and managing migration movements and integration of ethnic minorities, promoting the benefits of cultural diversity, and counteracting xenophobia and intolerance.

During the 20 years of its presence in Ukraine, IOM has assisted about 500,000 migrants (Ukrainians and other nationalities), IDPs, potential migrants, victims of trafficking and other vulnerable groups, directly or through its project partners.

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