

As of 30 September 2023, it is estimated that around **6,203,600<sup>1</sup>** persons have been forcibly displaced into neighboring countries, with still more projected to move out of the country.  
 Around **3,577,339<sup>1</sup>** persons have arrived in Hungary across the Hungarian-Ukrainian border.  
 Around **38,170<sup>1</sup>** persons applied for the temporary protection status in Hungary.

## KEY FACTS - IOM HUNGARY RESPONSE

 <p><b>21,612 SESSIONS</b> of on-site and remote information provision</p>	 <p><b>1,053 SESSIONS</b> of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support counseling</p>	 <p><b>2,103 PEOPLE</b> reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support</p>
 <p><b>1,426 PEOPLE</b> provided with interpretation services</p>	 <p><b>84,408 SAFE NIGHTS</b> of accommodation provided</p>	 <p><b>710 PEOPLE</b> assisted with Protection Support</p>
 <p><b>6,697 SURVEYS</b> conducted by DTM</p>	 <p><b>918 PEOPLE</b> received educational support</p>	 <p><b>207 PEOPLE</b> Benefitted from Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR)</p>

*The indicators represented are cumulative numbers covering the period between March 2022 and September 2023.*

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Launch of the social inclusion project

IOM Hungary launched a 4-month project on September 1, co-funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and the Ministry of Interior of Hungary, to enhance social inclusion opportunities for displaced people fleeing Ukraine. The project's main objective is to support the social, cultural, and economic integration of crisis-affected individuals from Ukraine.

This support includes cash-based allowances, information provision, mental health assistance, job counseling, language classes, and various community-based activities and cultural events. The project emphasizes fostering inclusion based on beneficiaries' skills and values and enabling interactions with the host community, with a goal for long-term self-sufficiency.

### BUDAPEST HELPS! ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In September 2022, the Municipality of Budapest, in collaboration with IOM Hungary and the UNHCR in Hungary, opened the Budapest Helps! Information and Community Centre.

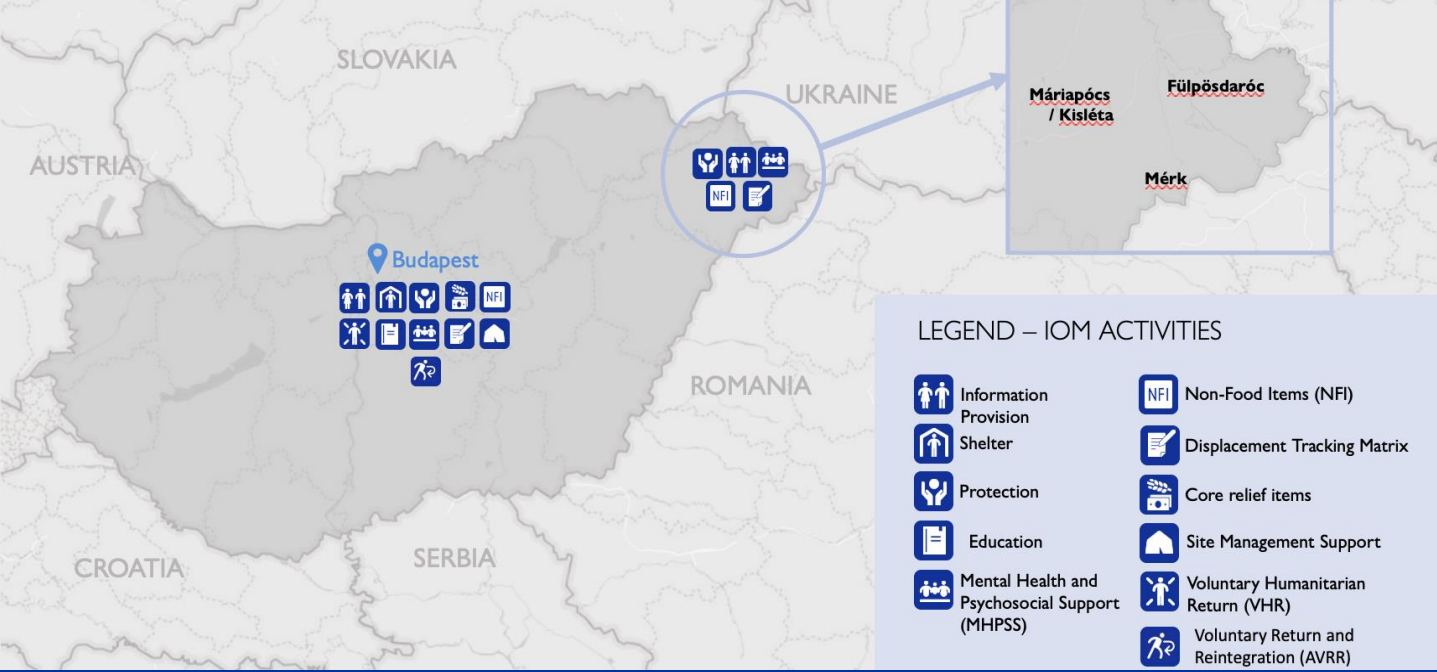
Since its inception, the Budapest Helps! Centre has been a lifeline for thousands of refugees from Ukraine who remain in Hungary. Over the past year, it has provided assistance and support to nearly 12,000 individuals, offering crucial information, counseling, and a sense of community in their temporary home.

The Centre offers a wide array of services, including guidance and support for accessing social services such as education, healthcare, financial aid, accommodation, and mental health services. It also serves as a reliable source of information, addressing questions about life in Hungary for displaced people from Ukraine.



*The representatives of the Municipality of Budapest, UNHCR and IOM Hungary, celebrating the 1-year anniversary of the Budapest Helps! Info and Community Centre © IOM 2023*

## OPERATIONAL PRESENCE MAP



## Operational Activities

IOM Hungary has developed several activities to support crisis-affected people. Increasingly, IOM and its partners are focusing on inclusion-related activities. As of September 2023, the ongoing activities include:

- Information Provision** at the Budapest Helps! Information and Community Centre, the Záhony train station, and via the toll-free hotline service.
- Free phone or in-person **Interpretation Services** in Ukrainian, Russian, English and Hungarian languages.
- Comprehensive **Protection assistance** to beneficiaries and direct case management assistance to people at risk.
- Mental Health and Psychosocial Support** specifically tailored to displaced people from Ukraine.
- Provision of transit **Shelter** to crisis affected people, including support to beneficiaries with providing information, referrals and conducting vulnerability screenings.
- Assistance to Third-Country Nationals from Ukraine through individual counselling on **Voluntary Humanitarian Return (VHR)** to their respective countries of origin.

- Assistance to migrants within the **Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR)** programme.
- Distribution of Core Relief Items**, including food and non-food items and vouchers.
- Support of informal **Education-related activities**, such as informal classes, Hungarian language lessons and school catch-up activities.
- Displacement Tracking Matrix** in order to collect information on displacement patterns through face-to-face interviews based on Needs & Intentions and Crossing back surveys.
- Labour Market Counseling** to provide skills training and information on safe employment in Hungary.
- The **Cash-Based Living Allowance Scheme** aims to help some of the most vulnerable beneficiaries with a monthly financial support.
- Community and cultural events** are organized, such as children’s camps, art and art therapy classes, Hungarian embroidery classes, various children’s programmes, dance and drumming.

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