

As of 31 October 2023, it is estimated that around **6,232,000¹** persons have been forcibly displaced into neighboring countries, with still more projected to move out of the country.

Around **3,807,957¹** persons have arrived in Hungary across the Hungarian-Ukrainian border.

Around **38,185¹** persons applied for the temporary protection status in Hungary.

KEY FACTS - IOM HUNGARY RESPONSE



21,763 SESSIONS

of on-site and remote information provision



6,749 SURVEYS

conducted by DTM



2,131 PEOPLE

reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support



1,591 PEOPLE

provided with interpretation services



84,437 SAFE NIGHTS

of accommodation provided



2,746 PEOPLE

provided with safe accommodation



12 PEOPLE

assisted with labour market counseling



957 PEOPLE

received educational support



218 PEOPLE

benefitted from Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR)

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Mental Health Trainings as part of social inclusion

In October, IOM Hungary conducted five Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) trainings for Ukrainian refugees, engaging a total of 31 participants. The sessions included both theoretical and practical components, focusing on empowering individuals to recognize their mental well-being and to effectively manage emotions,

particularly during times of war. The aim of these trainings was to provide participants with a set of specific methods to be able to assess their own mental health and navigate their emotions amidst challenging circumstances, providing valuable support to those affected by the ongoing war in Ukraine.

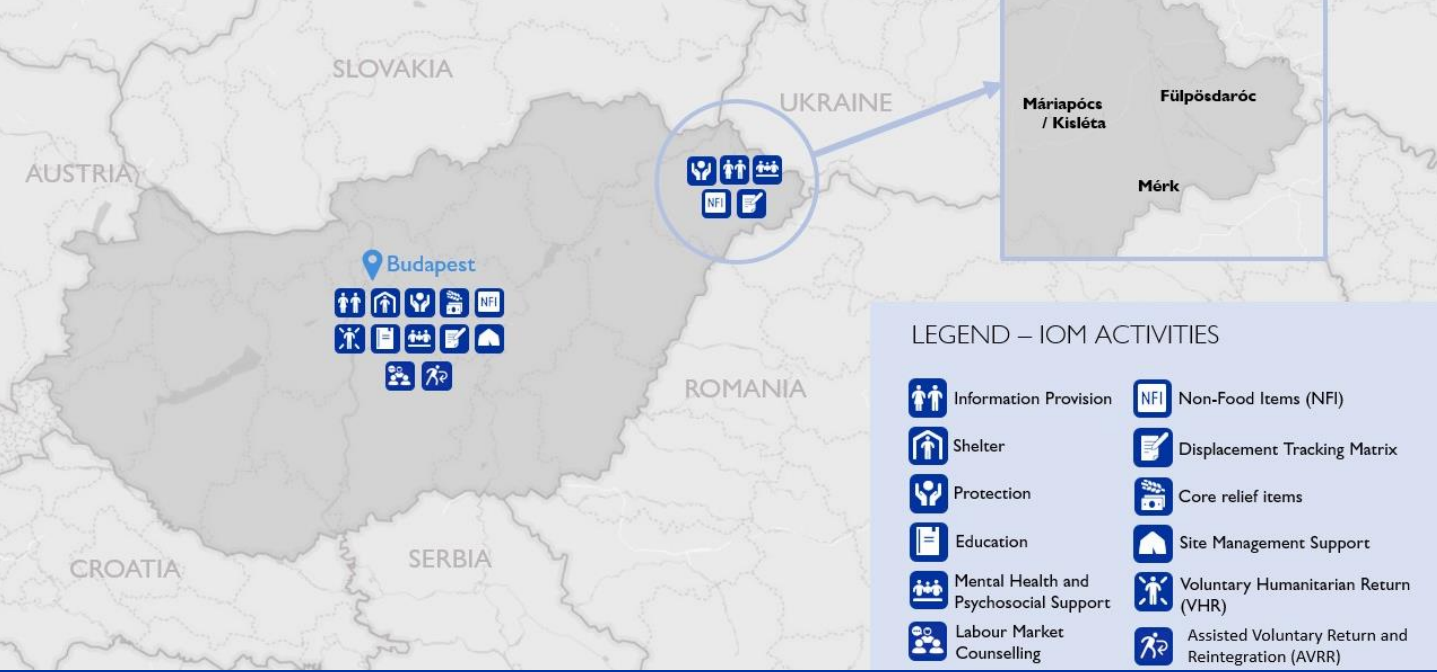
FOODBANK HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Halloween edition of the Tuesday café, hosted by the Foodbank Aid Foundation for Ukrainian refugees and supported by the U.S. Department of State and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, provided a joyful escape for attendees, including IOM staff members. The event aimed to create a space of happiness amid the fears of displacement, recognizing the importance of supporting the mental well-being of refugees. The initiative showcased the positive impact of community support in bringing moments of joy to those facing challenging circumstances.



Kids are standing in line to show their Halloween costumes and outfits © 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 October 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.

