

ON 24 FEBRUARY 2022, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION LAUNCHED A BROAD MILITARY INVASION IN UKRAINE, WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SIGNIFICANT INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT AND CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS.

KEY FIGURES SINCE FEBRUARY 24, 2022



Ola Henrikson and IOM Hungary exchanging views about the management of crisis-affected people at Zahony station.

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To this moment, it is estimated that over **11,536,470¹** persons have been forcibly displaced into neighboring countries, with still more projected to move out of the country.

1,242,452² persons have arrived to Hungary across the Hungarian-Ukrainian border.

28,640² persons applied for the temporary protection status in Hungary.

6,832

4,134
2,698

PERSONS ASSISTED ON SITE AND REMOTELY THROUGH INFORMATION PROVISION



1,019

PERSONS PROVIDED WITH SAFE ACCOMMODATION



22,696

NIGHTS OF ACCOMMODATION



338

VULNERABILITY SCREENING ASSESSMENTS



460

PERSONS PROVIDED WITH HYGIENE ITEMS



358

SNACKS PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY CENTERS



280

PROTECTION CASES IDENTIFIED



175

PERSONS PROVIDED WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT



44

THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS RECEIVED VHR ASSISTANCE

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

Direct assistance: IOM operates an information point at Nyugati railway station in Budapest, in cooperation with the Municipality of Budapest where people can receive legal counselling on status, residence permit and temporary protection, as well as information on accommodation and available services. Information provision is also ensured at the border through IOM's permanent presence at Záhony railway station and by the mobile teams in the region.

Accommodation: IOM is running multiple accommodation facilities and managing short term bookings through its partnership with Airbnb.org for Ukrainian citizens and TCNs in need in Budapest. Short and mid-term accommodation is provided. In the **Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county (border area)**, IOM mobile teams regularly visit the shelters provided by the municipalities and meet with the beneficiaries to make sure they receive assistance responsive to their needs.

¹ <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine>

² <https://displacement.iom.int/reports/ukraine-internal-displacement-report-general-population-survey-round-3-11-17-april-2022?close=true>

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Counter trafficking: IOM Hungary is scaling up the counter-trafficking component of its emergency response through the development of communication materials, especially information and awareness-raising leaflets. Social media channels are also being used to disseminate messages on safe migration and raise awareness on protection risks.

Protection: Vulnerability screening assessments are being conducted by IOM staff in the border area, including in the shelters provided by local municipalities and at IOM Hungary's desk in Záhony with referrals being made to specialized services according to identified needs. IOM staff is raising awareness on protection risks and identifying unaccompanied and separated minors as well as TCNs and refugees with indicators of vulnerability and/or human trafficking.

Assistance to Third Country Nationals: TCNs are provided with individual counselling on humanitarian voluntary return to their country of origin, together with direct assistance before and during departure. IOM Hungary's mobile teams are also conducting a mapping exercise in Budapest, especially in the different universities, to identify Third Country Nationals fleeing from Ukraine and provide them with relevant information and support.

Emergency hotline: IOM provides information remotely on legal status and accommodation, together with MHPSS, services. IOM also raises awareness on and responds to emergency situations involving trafficking and exploitation. IOM Emergency hotline: **0680 984 544** (free of charge).

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Service (MHPSS): IOM provides direct MHPSS to migrants, emergency affected persons and host communities. IOM has designed and improved capacity-building initiatives in various aspect of MHPSS and population mobility.

Provision of non-food items and snacks: IOM provides non-food items directly to beneficiaries in cooperation with partners, such as hygiene products and kits. IOM also provides snacks to community spaces for children in Budapest upon demand.

VISIT FROM GENERAL DIRECTOR OF IOM REGIONAL OFFICE BRUSSELS

This week, IOM Hungary was pleased to host Ola Henrikson, IOM's Regional Director for the European Economic Area, the European Union and Nato. Mr. Henrikson held consultations with IOM's most important interlocutors at central government, local municipality and UN levels. The Regional Director met with all staff members of IOM Hungary and visited some of the key sites of our operations, including the Information and Community Center, the Nyugati Info Point and Zahony train station.



Ola Henrikson visiting IOM Hungary staff members in Budapest.
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