

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



IOM case worker enjoying playtime with children who are provided accommodation by the local municipalities.
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To this moment, it is estimated that over **8,402,336¹** persons have been forcibly displaced into neighboring countries, with still more projected to move out of the country.

6,275,000² persons are displaced within Ukraine as a direct result of the war.

860,908³ persons have arrived to Hungary across the Hungarian-Ukrainian border.

4971  **3106**
 **1865**

PERSONS HAVE BEEN ASSISTED ON SITE AND REMOTELY THROUGH INFORMATION PROVISION AND REFERRAL



552 PERSONS PROVIDED WITH SAFE ACCOMMODATION



338 VULNERABILITY SCREENING ASSESSMENTS



275 PROTECTION CASES IDENTIFIED



36 THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS RECEIVED VHR ASSISTANCE



71 PERSONS PROVIDED WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

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.

Accommodation: IOM is running an accommodation facility and managing short term bookings through its partnership with Airbnb.org for Ukrainian citizens and TCNs in need. Another accommodation is available to support urgent cases and late arrivals. In the **Szatmar county (border area)**, IOM mobile teams are also visiting the shelters provided by the municipalities and meeting 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>

³ <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine>

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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. 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 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.

DONATION FROM COUNCIL OF EUROPE DEVELOPMENT BANK (CEB)

IOM efforts to respond to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine were supported by the Council of Europe Development Bank through the Migrant and Refugee Fund, allowing IOM to address the needs of people affected by the crisis, both Ukrainians and Third Country Nationals (TCNs), who have reached Hungary. Main focus of the assistance was on providing mental health and psychosocial support, information provision and outreach, non-food items such as Hygiene kits and personal protection items, as well as access to Voluntary Humanitarian Return options for Third country nationals.

