

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 assisting a beneficiary at the Red Star Hotel.  
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To this moment, it is estimated that over **6,983,041**<sup>1</sup> persons have been forcibly displaced into neighboring countries, with still more projected to move out of the country.

**7,134,000**<sup>2</sup> persons are displaced within Ukraine as a direct result of the war.

**698,420**<sup>3</sup> persons have arrived to Hungary across the Hungarian-Ukrainian border.


**3447**  **2216**  
 **1231**

PERSONS HAVE BEEN ASSISTED ON SITE THROUGH INFORMATION PROVISION AND REFERRAL

 **357** PROVIDED WITH SAFE ACCOMMODATION

 **292** VULNERABILITY SCREENING ASSESSMENTS

 **203** PROTECTION CASES IDENTIFIED

 **30** 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.

**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. IOM mobile teams are also visiting the shelters provided by the municipalities in the Szatmar county (border area) and meeting with the beneficiaries to make sure they are provided assistance responsive to their needs.

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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).

## STORY

As IOM Hungary's mobile teams were visiting the shelters in the border area to conduct needs assessments and provide information to the beneficiaries, they met with Lukács Erzsébet – « Erzsike ». Together with three other volunteers, she was baking home-made donuts for the persons accommodated. Erzsike is volunteering in the shelter provided by the municipality of Uszka where around 50 beneficiaries are currently living, after they had to flee from Transcarpathia, in Ukraine. IOM also raises awareness among volunteers on issues relating to trafficking in persons and exploitation.



Erzsike is baking for 47 beneficiaries in a shelter in the municipality of Uszka.

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