

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's MHPSS colleague provides psychological support to kids who fled Ukraine from Transcarpathia. He often organizes recreational activities for them. © IOM 2022

To this moment, it is estimated that over **11,150,639¹** persons have been forcibly displaced into neighboring countries, with still more projected to move out of the country.

1,188,953² persons have arrived to Hungary across the Hungarian-Ukrainian border.

28,289² persons applied for the temporary protection status in Hungary.

6585

 **4000**
 **2585**

PERSONS ASSISTED ON SITE AND REMOTELY THROUGH INFORMATION PROVISION



967

PERSONS PROVIDED WITH SAFE ACCOMMODATION



21,632

NIGHTS OF ACCOMMODATION



338

VULNERABILITY SCREENING ASSESSMENTS



280

PROTECTION CASES IDENTIFIED



44

THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS RECEIVED VHR ASSISTANCE



458

PERSONS PROVIDED WITH HYGIENE ITEMS



358

SNACKS PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY CENTERS



170

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 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 meeting with the beneficiaries to make sure they receive assistance responsive to their needs.

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

² <https://displacementiom.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.

PREVENTION OF TRAFFICKING WITH AWARENESS RAISING

IOM Hungary closely cooperates with the Hungarian authorities in counter trafficking matters not only in direct assistance, but in prevention as well. Together with the Hungarian Police, colleagues of IOM Hungary disseminate information and raise awareness related to trafficking in major public and cultural events, including last week's Sziget festival.



IOM Hungary counter trafficking team raises awareness in cooperation with the authorities. © IOM 2022



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