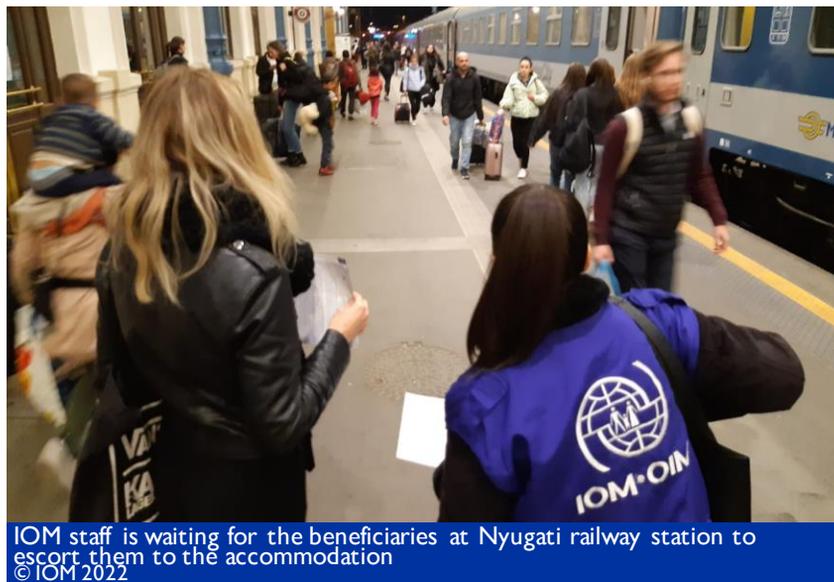


ON 24 FEBRUARY 2022, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION LAUNCHED A BROAD MILITARY INVASION IN UKRAINE, WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SIGNIFICANT INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT AND CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS.

KEY FIGURES SINCE FEBRUARY 24, 2022



IOM staff is waiting for the beneficiaries at Nyugati railway station to escort them to the accommodation
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To this moment, it is estimated that over **5,429,739¹** persons have been forcibly displaced into neighboring countries, with still more projected to move out of the country.

7,707,000² persons are displaced within Ukraine as a direct result of the war.

513,848³ persons have arrived to Hungary across the Hungarian-Ukrainian border.

951  **596**
 **355**

PERSONS HAVE BEEN ASSISTED ON SITE THROUGH INFORMATION PROVISION AND REFERRAL

 **117** PROVIDED WITH SAFE ACCOMMODATION

 **210** VULNERABILITY SCREENINGS ASSESSMENTS

 **128** PROTECTION CASES IDENTIFIED

 **15** 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.

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?dose=true>

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

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

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.

STORY

It took two weeks for Vlad, his wife Nataliia and their two sons to flee Ukraine from Kharkiv. On their way, they realized some buildings were shelled the night before they left. "The first challenge was to believe that actually, in the XXIst century, a war is going on in Europe", he remembers. "Every day we wake up, but we still can't believe the war is in our home". From the very beginning, Vlad's priority has been for his family to be safe, and for his children to "grow in a normal way and have a kid's life". Thanks to IOM's partnership with Airbnb.org, Vlad and his family have now a safe place to stay and recover from their journey.



IOM staff assessing humanitarian and protection needs of the family
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