

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



To this moment, it is estimated that over **6,659,220**¹ persons have been forcibly displaced into neighboring countries, with still more projected to move out of the country.

8,029,000² persons are displaced within Ukraine as a direct result of the war.

660,192³ persons have arrived to Hungary across the Hungarian-Ukrainian border.

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274 PROVIDED WITH SAFE ACCOMMODATION



277 VULNERABILITY SCREENING ASSESSMENTS



203 PROTECTION CASES IDENTIFIED



25 THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS RECEIVED VHR ASSISTANCE

PERSONS HAVE BEEN ASSISTED ON SITE THROUGH INFORMATION PROVISION AND REFERRAL

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>

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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

At the beginning of April, the Khoziainov family fled from Kharkiv. The assistance provided by IOM Hungary and local agencies was relevant for them to reach Budapest. However, they are originally from Kyrgyzstan and Hungary was not their last stop. Once in Budapest, along with the Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic to Hungary, IOM Hungary organized their homecoming to Kyrgyzstan and coordinated with IOM Turkey for the transit process in Istanbul. The whole journey has been calm and the family received all the necessary support. Now they are at home and safe.



Family Khoziainov went back to Kyrgyzstan. Finally, they could enjoy a good moment together.

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