

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 in partnership with ADRA provide food packages for the vulnerable families living in the IOM accommodation facility.
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To this moment, it is estimated that over **5,757,014**¹ 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.

551,010³ persons have arrived to Hungary across the Hungarian-Ukrainian border.

1198  **739**
 **459**

PERSONS HAVE BEEN ASSISTED ON SITE THROUGH INFORMATION PROVISION AND REFERRAL

	152	PROVIDED WITH SAFE ACCOMMODATION
	210	VULNERABILITY SCREENINGS ASSESSMENTS
	154	PROTECTION CASES IDENTIFIED
	23	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 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.

STORY

A month ago, Valeriy left Ukraine with his wife Tatiana and 2 family members to go back to Argentine where Tatiana is a dual citizen. “We were fearing for our lives, that’s it” he recalls. Today on his birthday, Valeriy is happy, “not everyone gets to spend their birthday in the sky” he says. Although he hopes to go back to Ukraine one day, Valeriy is now looking forward to meeting with his daughter and 3 grandchildren, waiting for him



IOM staff is providing assistance with documentation and departure procedures. © IOM 2022

in Argentine. Thanks to the support and assistance of IOM Hungary, Valeriy and his family were able to return to safety via Voluntary Humanitarian Return. “We carry home the best memories with you and are already looking forward to visiting your country again” he concludes.

