To strengthen and promote an evidence-based protection response, UNHCR and its partner in Slovakia have been implementing a Protection Profiling and Monitoring exercise to regularly collect and analyze data about the profiles, protection risks and needs of refugees from Ukraine and monitor changes over time. In October 2022 a revised questionnaire was rolled out. This fact sheet, automatically extracted from the regional dashboard, presents the main findings based on 223 interviews conducted between July 2023 and September 2023.

**Methodology**

Individual interviews are carried out in different locations, including border and transit locations, reception and transit centres, collective sites, assistance points and community centers. Trained enumerators digitally collect the data through Kobo Toolbox, which is safely stored in UNHCR server.

While respondents are randomly selected to reduce bias, non-probability sampling is used and results cannot necessarily be extrapolated to the population of refugees from Ukraine as a whole.

**Key findings**

**Nationality**

- 96% of respondents were Ukrainian nationals

**Gender**

- 73% of respondents were females

**Age**

- 52 average age of the respondent

**Household size**

- 2.2 average size of the household

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HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

**Household members by age group and gender**

- Female
- Male

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Note: including the respondent

**Separated children**

5% of households indicated having children who are separated from both parents

**Specific needs**

44% of households indicated having at least one family with specific needs such as disabilities or serious medical conditions

Note: disability includes difficulties walking, seeing, hearing, remembering, communicating or self-care

RESPONDENT PROFILE

**Date of departure from Ukraine**

- 2022 Qtr 2: 26%
- 2022 Qtr 3: 24%
- 2022 Qtr 4: 28%
- 2023 Qtr 1: 9%
- 2023 Qtr 2: 12%
- 2023 Qtr 3: 1%

**Date of arrival to the current host country**

- 2022 Qtr 1: 26%
- 2022 Qtr 2: 14%
- 2022 Qtr 3: 9%
- 2022 Qtr 4: 9%
- 2023 Qtr 1: 5%
- 2023 Qtr 2: 3%
- 2023 Qtr 3: 34%

Note: Q1 includes Feb 24th - March 31st 2022

**Education level**

- Master or higher: 12%
- Specialist: 28%
- Bachelor: 9%
- Vocational: 24%
- Secondary: 26%
- Primary: 1%

**Main activity in Ukraine**

- Employed: 46%
- Retired: 29%
- Self-employed: 8%
- Family care: 8%
- Student: 4%
- Unemployed: 4%
- Other: 2%

**Top languages spoken**

- Ukrainian: 96%
- Russian: 80%
- English: 24%
- Slovak: 23%
- German: 4%
- Other: 3%
- Polish: 3%
- Czech: 1%
- Italian: 1%

**Top oblasts of origin**

- Kharkivska: 22%
- Dnipropetrovska: 16%
- Donetska: 13%
- Kyivska: 13%
- Zakarpatska: 8%
- Cherkaska: 6%
- Odeska: 6%
- Kirovohradska: 5%
- Zaporizka: 4%
- Mykolaivska: 4%

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Plans of temporary visit
9% of respondents are planning a temporary visit to Ukraine in the next 3 months

Number of times visited Ukraine

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Temporary visit
42% of respondents visited Ukraine at least once since their initial departure

Main reasons for temporary visit

- Visiting relatives: 50%
- Obtain documents: 30%
- Access healthcare: 25%
- Check on property: 24%
- Check on situation: 23%
- Get supplies: 8%
- Help evacuate: 4%

Difficulties returning to host country
5% of respondents faced issues returning to their current host country

Difficulties faced when returning from Ukraine

- Other: 80%
- Difficulty crossing: 20%

Note: out of those who indicated they experienced difficulties when returning to Ukraine

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Key findings

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LEGAL STATUS & DOCUMENTATION

Temporary Protection

92 % of respondents have applied for Temporary Protection in the host country

Top reasons for not applying**

- Not staying here: 50%
- Applied for residence: 25%
- Applied for asylum: 13%

Application status

92 % of respondents who applied for Temporary Protection have received a positive decision

Top application challenges*

- Long queue: 68%
- Language barrier: 21%
- Lack of information: 16%

Top missing documents*

- Biometric passport: 5%
- Internal passport: 2%
- Nonbiometric passport: 2%

Ability to replace documents in the host country**

- Yes: 75%
- No: 19%
- Do not know: 6%

Households with school-aged children

37 % of households include children between 5 to 17 years old

Children education

43 % of households with school-aged children reported at least one child not registered for education in host country

Main reasons not enrolled in host country*

- Prefer online: 44%
- No space: 12%
- Lack special educ.: 6%
- Language barrier: 6%
- Not staying here: 6%

Note: out of those who indicated at least one child not attending school in host country

Main difficulties accessing healthcare system*

- Cannot afford: 52%
- Denied access: 46%
- Long wait: 42%
- Not available: 34%
- Documentation: 14%
- Lack of information: 8%
- Language barrier: 8%

Access to healthcare

44 % of respondents in need of healthcare experienced difficulties

Temporary Protection Directive

UNHCR has a particular interest in the implementation of the Temporary Protection Directive (TPD) in view of the specific role afforded to it under the Directive, and its mandate to provide international protection to refugees. In 2022 UNHCR carried out research in 26 countries applying the TPD and surveyed refugees about their experiences in accessing their rights under the Directive. National authorities, local municipalities, partner organizations and NGOs assisting refugees from Ukraine were also consulted for the research, leading to the report The implementation of the Temporary Protection Directive – six months on. Findings highlight the often interdependent administrative, practical, and legal barriers to refugees’ enjoyment of rights under the Directive. Persons with specific needs were found to face increased obstacles in accessing their rights, with a lack of systematic identification processes a root cause.

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#### Main reasons of unemployment*

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Note: out of those who indicated being unemployed

### Top 10 urgent needs*

1. **Accommodation**
   - 39%
2. **Healthcare**
   - 37%
3. **Material assistance**
   - 36%
4. **Food**
   - 29%
5. **Education**
   - 30%
6. **Employment**
   - 27%
7. **Information**
   - 13%
8. **Childcare**
   - 10%
9. **Legal advice**
   - 7%

### Information needs*

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### Preferred information channel*

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