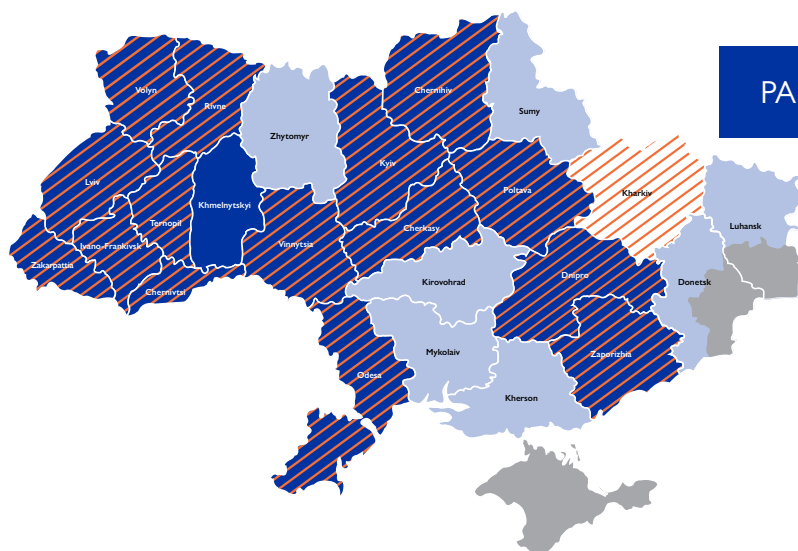


On 24 February 2022, the Russian Federation launched a broad military invasion in Ukraine, which has contributed to significant internal displacement and cross-border movements. To this moment, it is estimated that over **5,597,483 persons** have been forcibly displaced into neighbouring countries, with still more projected to move out of the country¹. **7,707,000 persons** are displaced within Ukraine as a direct result of the war². Women and children fleeing from the Russian military invasion in Ukraine and heading to other countries face risks of human trafficking and gender-based violence (GBV), while men, elderly people, those with movement barriers and those staying in the country can also become a prey for exploiters.



Launch of the nationwide trafficking prevention information campaign on TV morning show "Snidank 1+1" on 2nd of May



PARTNER NGO PRESENCE



IOM and partner NGOs, which are currently operating and providing protection activities, including assistance – **18 NGOs**,

18 regions.

- Awareness raising
- Protection and assistance
- Planning phase

KEY FIGURES (since 24 February 2022)



34,876 consultations were provided in response to **8,078 calls** received through the National Toll-Free Migrant Advice and Counter-Trafficking Hotline.



159,200 leaflets on safe migration and trafficking and GBV awareness raising were developed by IOM Ukraine and distributed in 14 oblasts of Ukraine and in Moldova in the following locations: train and bus stations, collective centres for IDPs, temporary shelters and centres for humanitarian and volunteer assistance, border crossing points, shopping centres and other public places.



Tailored assistance was provided by IOM's partner NGOs to the most vulnerable **internally displaced persons (IDPs)** and conflict-affected population, for which protection concerns were identified, and who have multiple barriers to access services.



10%
elderly people



11%
people with disabilities

15%

other vulnerable IDPs

64%



children

Total 6,436



Over **3,300 individuals** were supported with information, assistance and advocacy for third-country nationals in Ukraine (groups or individuals) and to foreign nationals with family members in Ukraine.



Eighty-four cases with protection concerns received by IOM were assessed in detail, advised, referred and assisted whenever possible (third-country nationals, children, people with disabilities, crisis-affected people who cannot leave their place of residence, etc.).

PROTECTION RISKS MITIGATION AND PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING (weekly updates)



- 21 influencers from different fields joined IOM's campaign on countering child trafficking, sharing safe migration tips for children and adults accompanying them in stories or posts on Instagram, including Doctor Komarovskiy, Jamala, Onuka, Tayanna, Anna Ryzhykova, and others. In total, posts on safe migration on Instagram received 28,000 likes during 22-30 April. Overall audience of the reached influencers on Instagram is almost 10.5 million people.
- On 2 May, IOM in cooperation with the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine launched nationwide trafficking prevention information campaign to raise awareness of Ukrainians fleeing the war. During May, campaign information materials will be distributed through national TV and radio channels, social networks, as well as outdoor advertisements, promoting the 527 Migrant Advice and Counter-Trafficking Hotline. Only during the first day of the campaign, over a million Ukrainians were reached with trafficking prevention messages³.

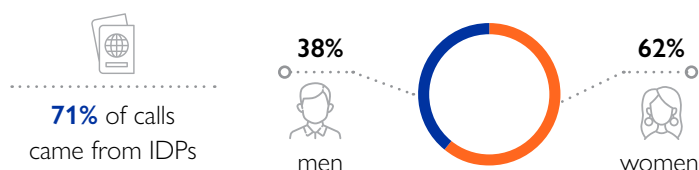
NUMBER OF HOTLINE CALLS AND CONSULTATIONS

22-28 April 2022



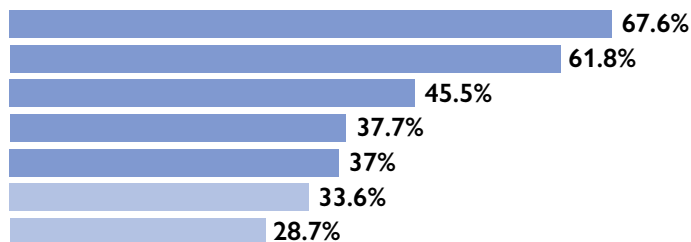
PROFILE OF HOTLINE BENEFICIARIES

National Toll-Free Migrant Advice and Counter-Trafficking Hotline continues working daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with six simultaneous operational lines⁴.



SUBJECT OF CALLS

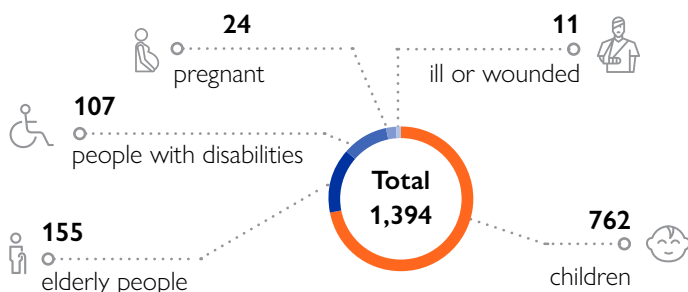
information on services provided by different organizations / embassies
general information about human trafficking and safe migration
receiving social support
procedure of seeking asylum / obtaining refugee status
work of border crossing points
border crossing by men subjected to conscription
border crossing by children



PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE MIGRANTS (weekly updates)

Regions in which assistance information was available for this weekly update were Chernihiv, Lviv, Vinnytsia, Ternopil, Dnipro, Odesa, Uzhhorod, Chernivtsi, Poltava. Assistance was provided based on multiple criteria and assessed exposure to protection risks, and not just age, ability, health status etc.

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES PER WEEK



TYPES OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED⁵



A mother, who raises her 9-year-old son with a intellectual disability on her own, fled from Kharkiv to Lviv Region. They found shelter in one of the schools in Sambor. They live with other IDPs, receive basic food and hygiene items, provided by the local authorities. However, the boy urgently needs enhanced medical examination and corrections of treatment. The local IOM's partner NGO helped the mother to prepare all necessary documents (copies of medical records, prescriptions, etc.) and referred them to the Lviv Regional Children's Neurological Hospital to receive the necessary medical care.

OPERATIONAL UPDATES

- IOM delivered a presentation to the Child Protection Sub-Cluster, whose members include, UNICEF, Save the Children, UNHCR and other protection actors in Ukraine, on 29 April. IOM referred in particular to the assistance of child protection cases since the start of the war; general protection assistance delivered by IOM which include child beneficiaries, and shared observations on referral mechanisms on available services in Ukraine for vulnerable group of IDPs, including children. IOM also highlighted the continued relevance of protection mainstreaming in humanitarian settings. Follow-up actions include contribution to the nationwide service mapping of the Sub-Cluster.
- A refresher on GBV, which included reference to conflict-related sexual violence, was delivered to IOM's partner NGO on 28 April. This was done through two identical sessions to ensure accessibility, and all 18 current NGO partners attended. Topics included programmatic approaches to mitigate, respond and prevent GBV, core concepts, and community based mechanism, but also the basics of responding to GBV disclosure.
- IOM was able to reshift its community socioeconomic development work with amalgamated territorial communities, started in 2021 in Boryslav (Lviv Region). The public centre for community development, initially designed for tourist information and recreation, educational, business and cultural public space, was turned into humanitarian assistance coordination point. Boryslav with the population of 37,000 welcomed more than 5,000 internally displaced people and provided them with much-needed shelter, emergency goods and support from local citizens. The centre still has its functional areas – now with a new meaning: medical supplies and hygiene items are stored in one corner, while children products and clothes are distributed in a separate area. Furthermore, it is the meeting point for volunteers, veterans, social workers and all community residents who provide various kinds of support for affected population.



Work of Boryslav community centre supported by IOM



IOM's NGO partner staff provides consultation for the newly arrived IDPs

IOM PROTECTION PROGRAMMING IN UKRAINE

IOM is implementing different types of protection activities: direct services delivery; mapping and partner identification services; protection assessments, data analysis and research; protection information dissemination and awareness raising; system-strengthening and capacity development; protection mainstreaming and advocacy. IOM has a network of over 30 protection actors (local NGOs with strong community outreach and close relationship with local social services) in all oblasts of Ukraine, out of which 18 are fully operational at the moment.

IOM is an active member of the Protection Cluster, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Sub-Cluster and the Child Protection Sub-Cluster. IOM has recently started to act as co-chair of the Counter-Trafficking Task Force in Ukraine.

Integrating protection into the organizational humanitarian response, IOM and its NGO partners continue to coordinate with the local and regional authorities as well as with new protection actors at the regional level, including international NGOs and UN agencies to further develop and strengthen referral pathways for protection cases.



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

² Source: Ukraine — Internal Displacement Report — General Population Survey Round 3 (17 April 2022)

³ <https://ukraine.iom.int/news/eu-and-iom-launch-all-ukrainian-awareness-raising-campaign-prevention-human-trafficking-during-war>

⁴ For detailed infographs on calls since the start of the war see: KEY STATISTICS: NATIONAL TOLL-FREE MIGRANT ADVICE AND COUNTER-TRAFFICKING HOTLINE

⁵ These are major types of assistance, other types were also provided on a case-by-case basis (access to documentation, transportation, etc.)