Context

- Following the recognition of Luhansk and Donetsk as independent states by the President of Russia, Vladimir Putin on 21 February 2022 and Ukraine’s declaration of general state of emergency the next day, Russia launched military operations in Ukraine. The ongoing conflict since then has resulted in mass displacement of people internally and across international borders. As of 26 July 2022, a total of 9,926,884 people have arrived from Ukraine in one of the following countries: Poland, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia, Romania, Russian Federation, Belarus, and other European countries. Based on data collected by UNHCR, the number of refugees who crossed into Romania (not including from Moldova) is reported at 890,168 as of 24 July 2022. Most refugees are female Ukrainian nationals, generally travelling with elderly relatives or minors. In addition, movements of refugees returning to Ukraine have been observed from all neighboring countries – including Romania – with KIs showing that a fifth of respondents only intended to return temporarily.

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