

Slovakia

September 2022

UNHCR provides **assistance and protection** to individuals fleeing Ukraine under temporary protection (provided by the Government of Slovakia).

To identify **vulnerable individuals**, UNHCR and partners carry out monitoring and profiling at border crossing points and registration centres to identify issues, provide support, and make referrals.

UNHCR is leading the coordination of the **Refugee Response Plan (RRP)** in support of refugees from Ukraine as well as the people and governments of host countries.

KEY FIGURES

(as of 31 August)

733,130 total arrivals of non-Slovaks from Ukraine since 24 February.

499,736 total non-Slovak departures to Ukraine since 24 February.

84% of the Ukrainian arrivals to Slovakia are women and children.

91,445 applications for temporary protection status in Slovakia.

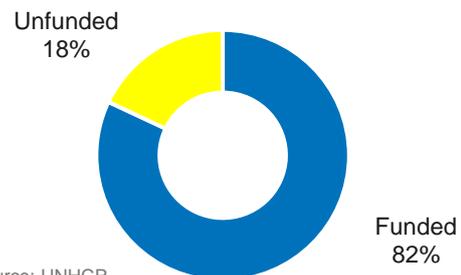
52,735 Refugees and vulnerable Third Country Nationals have enrolled for interagency cash assistance.

2022 FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

(as of 31 August)

USD 67.8 million

Information relates to the Representation for Central Europe, which covers the Czech Republic, Hungary, Republic of Slovakia, and Slovenia.



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OVERVIEW

Since war broke out in Ukraine, Slovakia has been quickly transformed from a transit country to a country of destination, with more than 700,000 arrivals as of end of August, and over 90,000 individuals applying for temporary protection status here.

While the initial influx has stabilized, the volatile security situation in Ukraine leaves open the possibility of a large exodus in the future. Some refugees have moved on to other countries in Europe and elsewhere, but many have remained in Slovakia.

UNHCR has boosted its presence to support coordination for the response, provide protection, life-saving cash assistance, and other support in line with the Government-led efforts.



Children at the World Refugee Day event in Bratislava.

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Main Activities

Access to territory and protection: Monitoring the situation of people in need of international protection seeking access to the territory, and to asylum, at Slovakia's border with Ukraine.

Coordination: UNHCR leads and coordinates humanitarian actors via the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) for the Slovak Republic in support of Government-led efforts.

Legal Assistance: Provision of legal counselling for seekers of temporary protection to ensure they have access to information and legal support.

Community-based protection: Support to refugee-led organizations and other community structures and enhancing their capacity.

Child Protection: Working to enhance and strengthen the national system to better serve the best interest of refugee children.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV): Advocacy for the inclusion of persons under temporary protection in national health, legal, and protection systems, and seeking to support them in strengthening the capacity to prevent, mitigate and provide a comprehensive adequate and safe response to GBV.

Integration: UNHCR champions and supports community-based approaches, promotes social cohesion and integration objectives through projects that involve both refugee and local communities, and advocates for long-term integration.

Education: Advocacy for the inclusion of displaced learners from Ukraine into the national school system, expanding access to quality tertiary and higher education for refugees, and building the capacity of the national education system to accommodate displaced learners.

Cash-Based Assistance: Supports the Government by providing short-term emergency cash assistance to meet the material needs of people who had to flee Ukraine.

Blue Dots – Safe Spaces, Protection and Support Hubs: Blue Dots are support hubs that bring together critical protection services and information for those fleeing the war in Ukraine, with a particular focus on supporting those at greatest risk. UNHCR, jointly with UNICEF, has established three Blue Dots in Slovakia: at Bottova in Bratislava, in Kosice, and in Michalovce.

Working with Partners

UNHCR works with five Partners to respond to the most pressing needs of individuals fleeing Ukraine under temporary protection in Slovakia: **the Slovak Humanitarian Council, Human Rights League, People in Need, Mareena, and SME SPOLU (“We are together”)**, and leads the refugee coordination structure in Slovakia, in support of the response.

Financial Information

The total recorded contributions for the UNHCR Multi-Country Office (covering the Czech Republic, Hungary, Republic of Slovakia, and Slovenia) as of 23 August 2022 amount to US\$ 55.5 million. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with broadly earmarked and unearmarked funds.

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Earmarked contributions for the Slovakia operation amount to some US\$ 6.92 million:

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