

Ukrainian Refugees in Poland Survey 2022 - preliminary findings

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Important Note

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- It was presented in the coordination meeting held on 18th Nov 2022
- The content shows some of the key **preliminary findings** to be used as inconclusive for information and orientation pending the launch of the final report.
- The final report and findings of the Ukrainian Refugees' Survey in Poland 2022 will be presented in Warsaw on 13 Dec 2022 at the Statistics Poland (GUS) premises.





Agenda

- Escalation of the conflict need for new approach
- Border Guard data selected aspects
- Pilot survey of refugees
- Survey of refugees





Escalation of the conflict – need for new approach

Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which began on 24 February 2022, has led to a humanitarian and refugee crisis on a massive scale in the region.

Poland hosted one of the largest Ukrainian migrant populations in Europe before 2022.

As of 24 February 2022 Poland transformed into country hosting one of the largest **refugee** populations in the world - **more than 6.8 million** people have entered Poland through the Polish-Ukrainian border to seek asylum.

New approach should cover:

- comprehensive inventory of data sources
- the necessity for modification of current surveys
- new surveys





Escalation of the conflict – need for new approach

From June to August 2022, Statistics Poland (Statistical Offices in Rzeszów and Lublin) together with the **World Health Organisation (WHO)** conducted a survey of refugees.

Statistics Poland developed:

- the survey methodology,
- module I of the questionnaire,
- organisation of the survey,
- IT system.





Escalation of the conflict – need for new approach

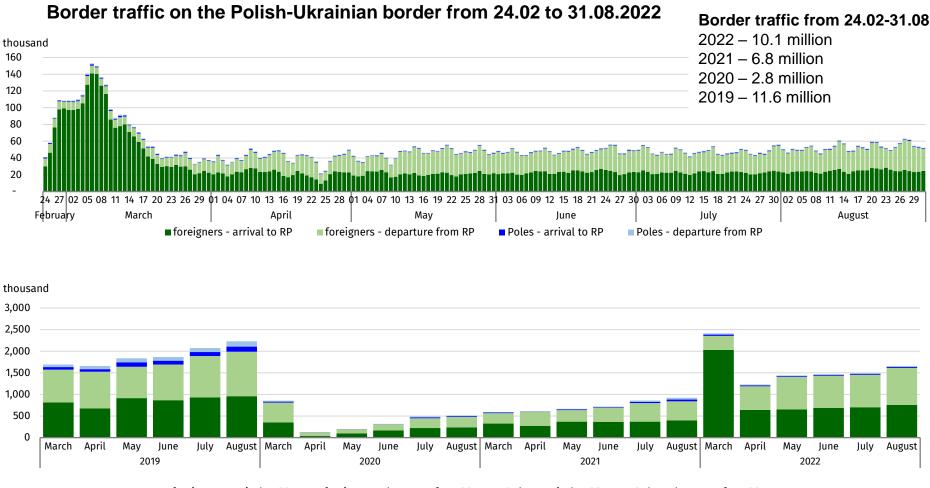
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- Survey of refugees

April - May 2022 June - August 2022





Border Guard data



■ foreigners - arrival to RP

foreigners - departure from RP

Poles - arrival to RP Poles - departure from RP





Border traffic on the Polish-Ukrainian border

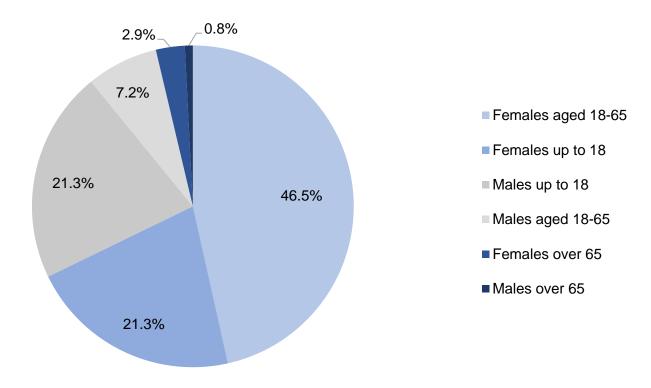
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Poland	15.5	0.6				
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Russia	9.1	0.4				
Uzbekistan	7.7	0.3				
India	6.1	0.3				
Belarus	5.3	0.2				
Azerbaijan	4.9	0.2				
USA	4.8	0.2				
Georgia	4.6	0.2				
Armenia	4.0	0.2				
Others	61.9	2.5				





* source: Border Guards, as of 31 August 2022

Demographic structure of persons who have applied for refugee status (UKR) in Poland



Source: General electronic, population register system (Poland)

as of 31 August 2022





Pilot survey of refugees

 A pilot survey was conducted at 5 reception points. These points were opened and organized in border areas so that refugees could take rest after a long and sometimes very stressful journey.

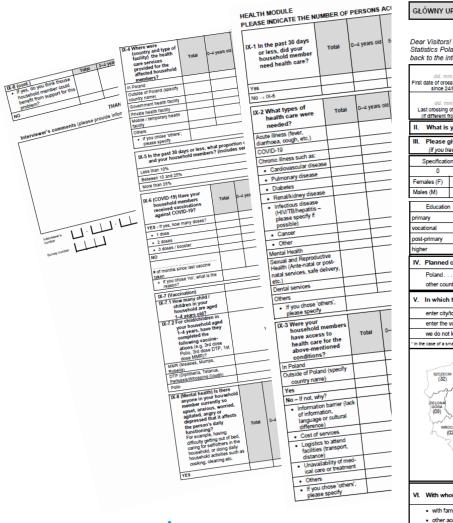


 The pilot refugee survey covered people who left Ukraine via the Polish-Ukrainian border. The target group included both Ukrainian and citizens of other countries who were in Ukraine when the war started and decided to leave its territory because of the war.





New Surveys Survey of refugees – WHO and Statistics Poland



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BU - Survey of refugees

Statistics: Poland is conducting an anonymous survey on arrivals to Poland. Please fill in this questionnaire and hand it back to the interviewer. The information given is used for research purpose only.

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Survey tool

The BU interview questionnaire was prepared in 3 language versions: Ukrainian, English and Polish. It contains 20 questions, both closed and semiopen-ended, which were divided into 2 modules containing sets of questions:

Module I

- characteristics of persons who came to Poland by citizenship, gender, age, level of education,
- previous place of residence in Ukraine,
- planned place of stay in Poland or abroad,
- intention to return to Ukraine after the end of military operations,
- intention to take up employment by refugees in Poland,
- intention to benefit from various forms of education in Poland.





Module II

- health needs of refugees,
- information concerning their state of health, past illnesses,
- access to health care in Poland or outside Poland,
- places in Poland and outside Poland where health care services were provided,
- information on the proportion of income allocated to health care,
- the level of refugee vaccination against COVID-19,
- the level of vaccination of children aged 1-4 years for MMR, DTP, polio,
- mental health needs and the need for support regarding this problem.

The questionnaire was designed to fill in by both an individual as well as a group of people travelling together (e.g. a family).





Methodology – selected aspects

• Sampling

Sample selection is based on a two-stage random sampling with stratification according to border crossings in the first stage.

In the first stage, locations are drawn by simple random sampling, while in the second stage, people residing in these locations are drawn by systematic sampling.

The persons sampled provide answers for all persons who meet the following conditions simultaneously:

- they travel together,
- they have left Ukraine due to the military operations of the Russian Federation,
- they are planning to live together during their stay outside Ukraine.

Estimation

In order to estimate the results of the survey, the following are of key importance:

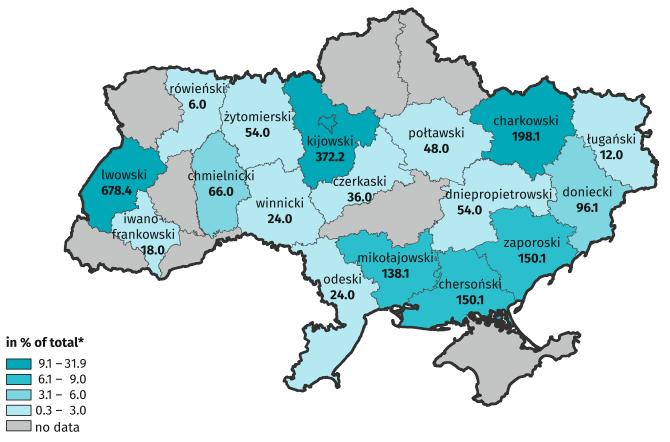
- list of survey locations,
- data from the Border Guard Main Headquarters on the border traffic by directions and border crossings, and data on the number of evacuated persons,
- data from the register of citizens of Ukraine and their family members who have been granted the status of foreigners under the special law.





Results of the pilot survey

Number of refugees who arrived in Poland, by region of residence in Ukraine in thousand persons

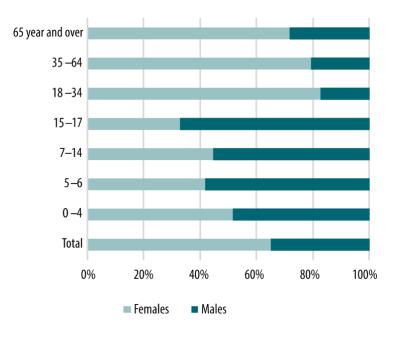


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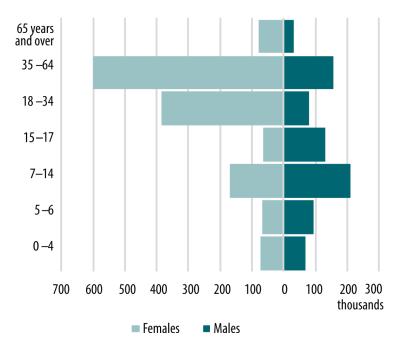


Results of the pilot survey



Demographic structure of refugees

Refugees by sex and age group







During the survey interviewers collected

1.8 thousand questionnaires with information on approximately

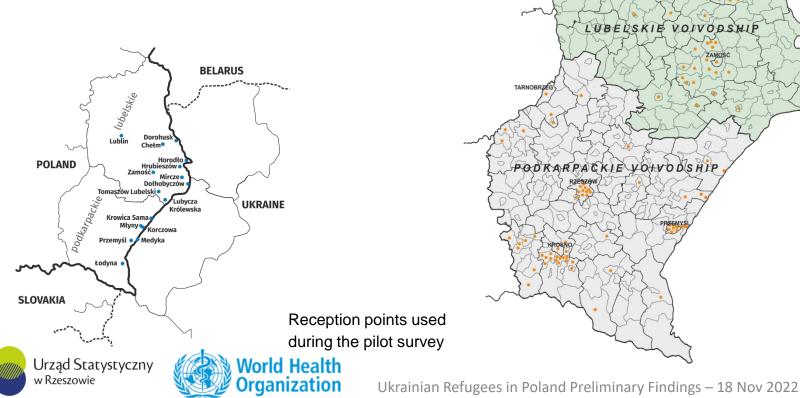
5 thousand persons who found temporary shelter in Poland.





Statistical interviewers carried out the survey in Podkarpackie and Lubelskie Voivodships in 94 localities:

- 41 localities in Lubelskie Voivodship,
- 53 in Podkarpackie Voivodship.





The need to identify new refugee points of residence (new locations) in cooperation with:

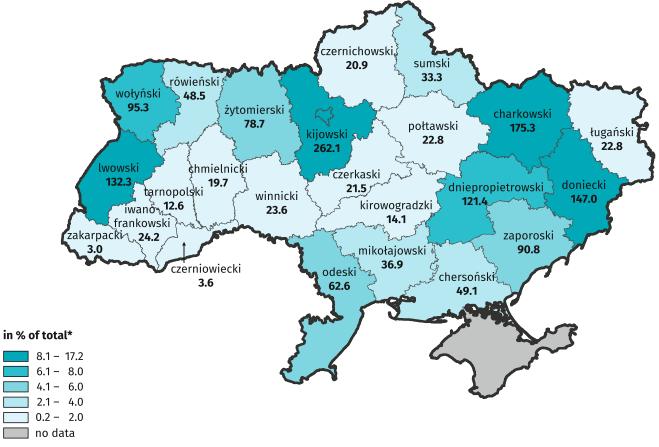
- governmental and self-governmental institutions to find accommodation establishments: hotels, dormitories, student houses, sanatoriums, school dormitories, school hostels, guest rooms, private homes,
- religious associations, e.g. religious houses, nursing homes, charitable organisations,
- the Ukrainian Consulate in Lublin and Przemyśl.

Many interviews could be conducted among refugees at points where material aid, food and other essentials of life were distributed.





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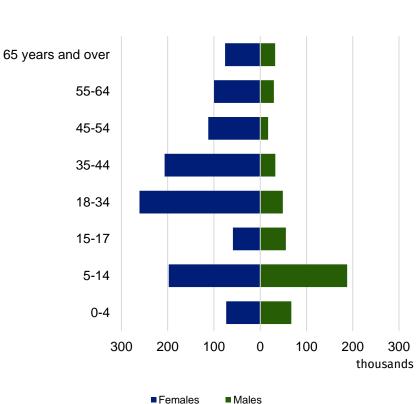


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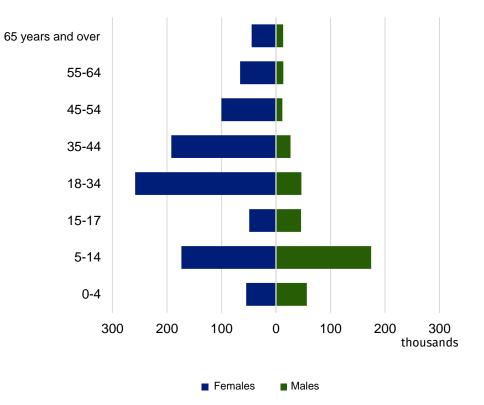


Refugees by sex and age groups



Refugee survey (refugees who crossed the Polish-Ukrainian border)

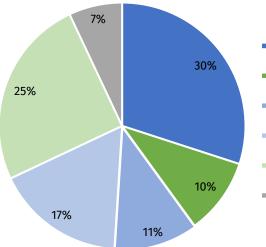
General electronic population register system (Poland)





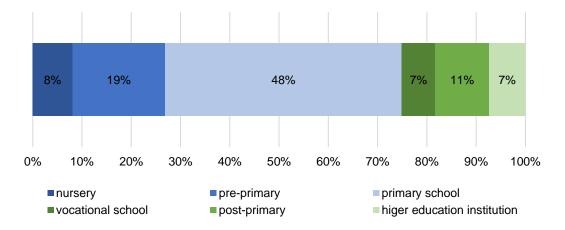


Completed education



- children up 14 years old
- primary
- vocational
- post-primary
- higher
- not filed in

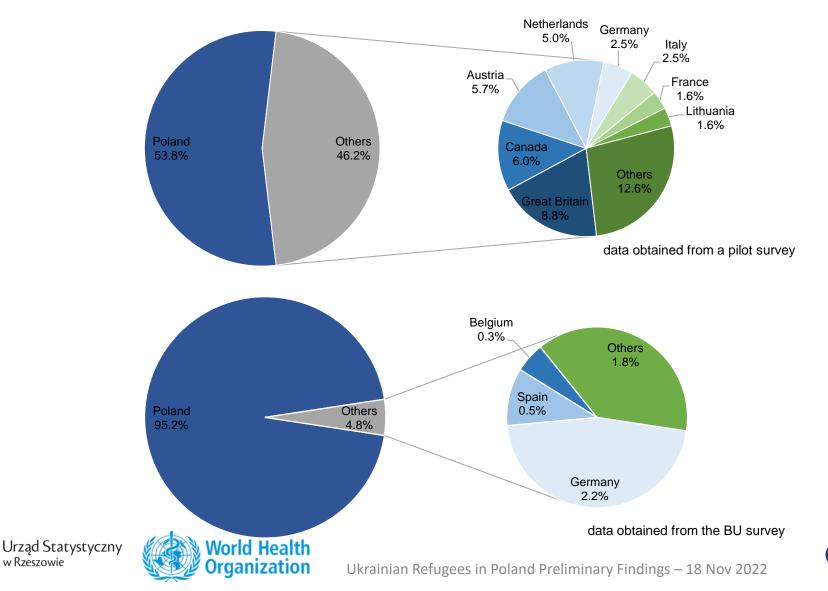


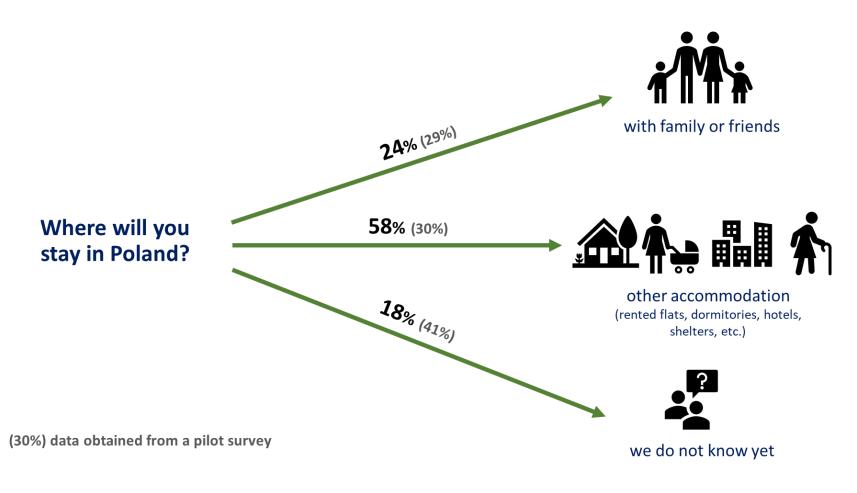






Planned country of stay

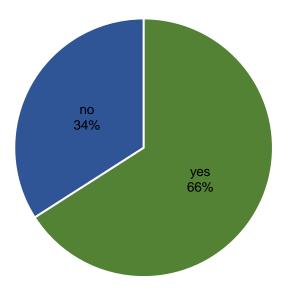




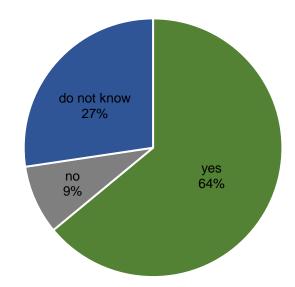




Do you intend to work in Poland?



Do you intend to return to Ukraine?

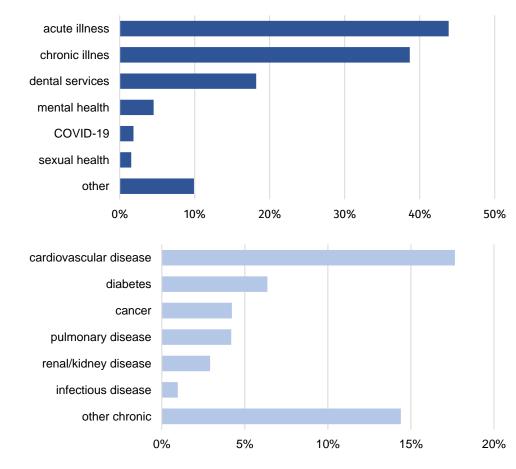


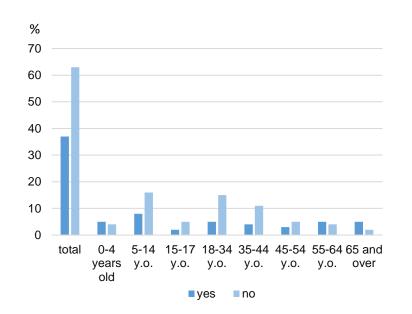




IX-1 In the past 30 days or less, did your household member need health care?







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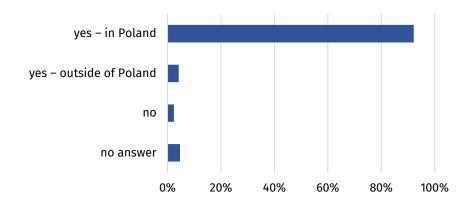


Concerns persons who needed health care in the last 30 days. Respondent could have given more than one answer. Ukrainian Refugees in Poland Preliminary Findings – 18 Nov 2022

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IX-3 Were your household members have access to health care for the above-mentioned conditions?

Barriers indicated among those who did not have access to health care



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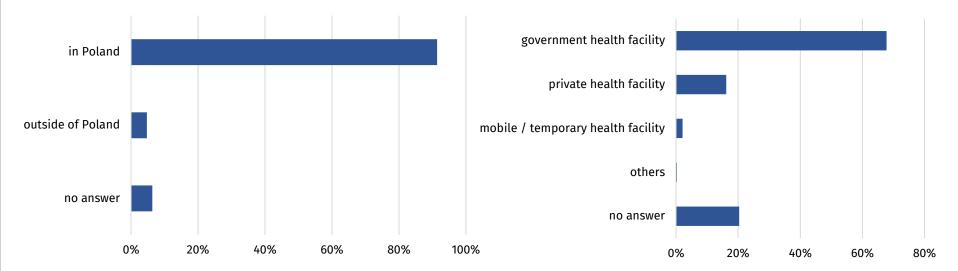
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IX-4 Where were (country and type of facility) the health care services provided for the affected household members?

Type of facility for persons provided with health care services in Poland or outside Poland

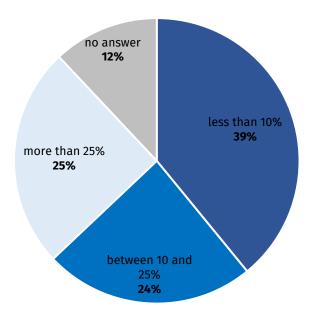


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IX-5 What proportion of your income/savings did you need to spend on healthcare-related costs?



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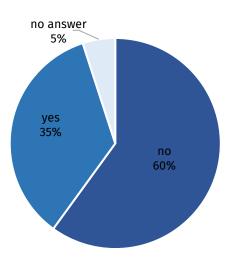


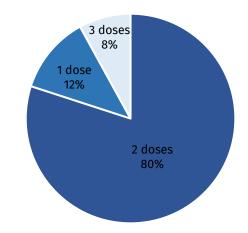


IX 6 Have your household members received vaccinations against COVID-19?

Number of doses received for persons vaccinated against COVID-19

(concerning people vaccinated against COVID-19)

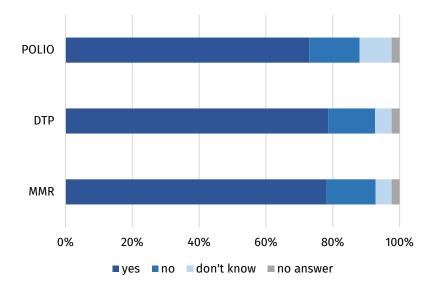




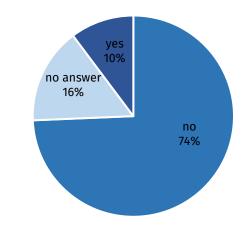




IX-7 Vaccination of children aged 1-4 years



IX-8 Is there anyone in your household member currently so upset, anxious, worried, agitated, angry or depressed that it affects the person's daily functioning?



56% of those who answered "yes" would simultaneously benefit from support for this problem





In addition to the 1,800 interviews descried above, There were also 35 in-depth interviews conducted focusing on **Behavioural insights on health service needs and access:** *Qualitative study among Ukrainian refugees in Poland*

- Soon after war started, the WHO Regional Office for Europe designed a qualitative study protocol focusing on Ukrainian refugees in neighbouring countries.
- The study was conducted in Poland in August and September 2022 with the WHO Country Office for Poland, Statistics Poland and researchers based in Ukraine.
- Results provide detailed insights into participant's perceived health needs and actual experiences accessing health services.
- Careful sampling and data saturation ensure confidence in qualitative findings, although not quantifiable.

Study design

- In-depth interviews with Ukrainian adults over 18 years who left Ukraine due to war and had been in Poland at least 2 weeks.
- Recruitment through GUS enumerators and social media.
- Purposive maximum variation sampling by gender, age, housing type, caregiver status.
- Data saturation reached at 35 interviews (no new insights).







Conclusions and next steps



- Integration of new data sources (smart systems, MNO, satellite pictures)
- Prototype of coherent research system with innovative micro-services
- Real-time data analysis and flash estimates





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