

Slovakia

September 2022

UNHCR provides assistance and protection to refugees, asylum-seekers, and stateless individuals - including individuals fleeing Ukraine under temporary protection.

UNHCR provides quality support and referral to relevant services available – through Blue Dots, partners, and complaint and feedback mechanisms.

Inter-Agency Coordination: UNHCR leads the coordination of the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) for Slovakia to support refugees from Ukraine and the host country.

POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022*

Refugees	84,885
Asylum-seekers	50
Stateless persons	2,940

TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	83,297	Bangladesh	18
Afghanistan	366	Russian Federation	9
Russian Federation	273	Ukraine	8

*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data

UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 30 September, 95,375 refugees from Ukraine are currently present in Slovakia and **95,179** are registered for temporary protection.

Border Monitoring: UNHCR and partners carry out monitoring and profiling at border crossing points and registration centres to identify needs, provide services, and make referrals. Ten protection desks have been set up to share crucial information with refugees and to provide counselling.

Blue Dots: 21,404 individuals have been provided with services and referrals at the three Blue Dots established, jointly with UNICEF in Bratislava, Kosice, and Michalovce.

Support to the most vulnerable: UNHCR has scaled up the protection response, identifying and referring children at risk, risk mitigation of gender-based violence, and communicating with refugee communities – through the Help pages, helpline, and the recently launched Telegram channel.

Cash-Based Intervention: Cash assistance has been provided by UNHCR to 26,997 individuals from Ukraine, and vulnerable third-country nationals. UNHCR is one of four agencies providing short-term emergency cash assistance in support of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family.

HIGHLIGHTS

Coordination: Within the Refugee Response Plan (RRP), UNHCR supports the Government to coordinate humanitarian actors via the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) which includes sector-specific working groups aligned with the national response.

Asylum Legislation

To promote international refugee law standards, UNHCR regularly comments on amendments to the asylum law – most recently resulting in strengthening the role of legal counsel in the asylum procedure.

Legislation related to Ukraine

Various favorable legislative changes have been adopted such as the Lex Ukraine 3 package which, among other components, regulates data sharing with international organizations to facilitate the provision of assistance to those most in need. Such data sharing is of particular importance for the cash-based intervention (CBI) programme.

REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE ARRIVING IN SLOVAKIA



In this [video](#), Ukrainian refugees arrive to Slovakia, where they are welcomed by UNHCR and partners. They share their uncertainty about what their future holds, but also their hope.
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Key Priorities

- **Access to territory and protection:** UNHCR monitors the situation of people in need of international protection seeking access to the territory, the asylum procedure and temporary protection, at Slovakia's border with Ukraine and across the country. UNHCR also advocates for the inclusion of persons under temporary protection in national health, legal, and protection systems.
- **Coordination:** UNHCR supports the Government to coordinate humanitarian actors via the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) for the Slovak Republic.
- **Legal Assistance:** UNHCR provides legal counselling for asylum-seekers and people applying for temporary protection.
- **Community-based protection:** UNHCR supports refugee-led organizations and other community structures to help them respond to protection and inclusion challenges.
- **Child Protection:** UNHCR enhances and strengthens the national systems to better serve the best interest of refugee children.
- **Gender-Based Violence (GBV):** UNHCR supports national systems 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; it promotes social cohesion and integration objectives through projects that involve both refugee and local communities; and it advocates for long-term integration.
- **Education:** UNHCR advocates for the inclusion of displaced pupils from Ukraine into the national school system, expands access to quality tertiary and higher education for refugees, and builds the

capacity of the national education system to accommodate displaced students.

- **Cash-Based Assistance:** UNHCR supports the Government by providing short-term emergency cash assistance to meet the material needs of refugees from Ukraine.
- **Supporting the national frameworks:** UNHCR aims to strengthen national frameworks and government protection structures by offering technical support and expertise.
- **Capacity Building:** UNHCR is bolstering capacity-building and training on refugee-specific needs for partners and state authorities.

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.

Statelessness

- Slovakia is a party to both Statelessness Conventions. UNHCR advocates with the government to develop a statelessness determination procedure.

UNHCR Presence in Slovakia

Staff:

17 National Staff
 31 International Staff

Offices:

1 National Office in Bratislava
 1 Field Office in Kosice

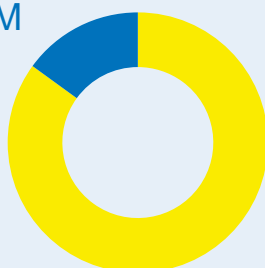
Financial information* (September 2022)

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

Financial requirements

USD 67.8 M

Funding gap
 15%
 10.1 M



Funded
 85%
 57.7 M

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