



## OVERVIEW

IOM team registering refugees to receive cash assistance.  
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As of 1 January, Moldova has seen 739,680 people entering from Ukraine (15% of whom are Third Country Nationals) since 24 February. Of those, according to Border Police figures, 89,593 remain in the country (7% of whom are Third Country Nationals). IOM Moldova, together with our implementing partner ADRA, continued to register and distribute essential multi-purpose cash assistance to Ukrainian refugees located in the Transnistria region. During the month of December, 981 individuals received cash assistance and will continue to receive it on a monthly basis to assist in meeting basic needs, in line with the Cash Working Group strategy. In December, IOM organized a charter flight from Moldova to Germany for vulnerable Ukrainians eligible for temporary protection there.

During the month of December, IOM Moldova provided assistance to over **8,000** refugees, third-country nationals that fled Ukraine due to the crisis and affected communities.

## ACHIEVEMENTS DURING DECEMBER (AND CUMULATIVE SINCE 24 FEBRUARY)

### HUMANITARIAN TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE

AIR TRANSFER OF REFUGEES TO EU MEMBER STATES OR ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES



**24**  
 In December

**1,959**  
 Total

GROUND TRANSPORT FOR REFUGEES TO ROMANIA



**627**  
 In December

**14,455**  
 Total

ASSISTED RETURN BY AIR TO HOME COUNTRIES FOR TCNS



**124**  
 In December

**1,010**  
 Total

### SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS



**981**  
 In December

**6,209**  
 Total

RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS:



**470**  
 In December

**470**  
 Total

HYGIENE AND NON-FOOD ITEMS KITS DISTRIBUTED TO AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS



**1,066**  
 In December

**9,642**  
 Total

### MIGRATION HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS) - INDIVIDUAL COUNSELLING, GROUP SESSIONS, SOCIO-RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, TRAINING AND REFERRALS



**3,516**  
 In December

**17,600**  
 Total

PRE-DEPARTURE HEALTH CHECKS FOR TRAVELLERS



**775**  
 In December

**17,450**  
 Total

PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS STABILIZED PRIOR TO TRAVEL



**80**  
 In December

**838**  
 Total

EXCEPTIONAL MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT (CANCER AND DIALYSIS)



**66**  
 In December

**503**  
 Total

### PROTECTION

SOCIAL, LEGAL, MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE AND REFERRALS



**939**  
 In December

**6,213**  
 Total

REFUGEES RECEIVING INFORMATION AND REFERRALS THROUGH PROTECTION MOBILE TEAMS



**184**  
 In December

**2,617**  
 Total



Chief of Mission, Lars Lonnback and Otilia Babara at the documentary premiere. © IOM Moldova



IOM Moldova celebrated the International Migrants Day, which is observed annually on 18 December by all UN Member States. To mark this day, IOM Moldova launched a short documentary titled “The long way” by Victor Lacken, highlighting the long way Ukrainian refugees must travel from the Moldovan border with Ukraine to reach Romania and other EU member states. Additionally, IOM Moldova supported the premiere of the documentary “Love is not an orange” by Otilia Babara, which talks about the migration of women during the early 90’ and early 00’ from Moldova to Italy.

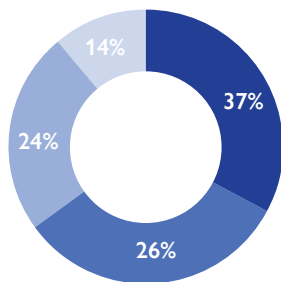
In terms of migration flows, the situation remained stable in the country throughout the month of December, with steady numbers of daily crossings both ways at the border crossing points with Ukraine. People coming from Ukraine who needed transportation continued to use the available transport options into Europe and beyond, and the assistance options available in Moldova.

In December 2022, Moldova has seen 30,287 people enter from Ukraine (of whom 85% are Ukrainians and 15% are third-country nationals).

There is an increase of 4 per cent of people entering as compared to the month of November 2022. In December alone, 14,749 people exited Moldova towards Ukraine and Romania through border crossing points and 11,952 exited by flight to EU Member States or to their country of origin.

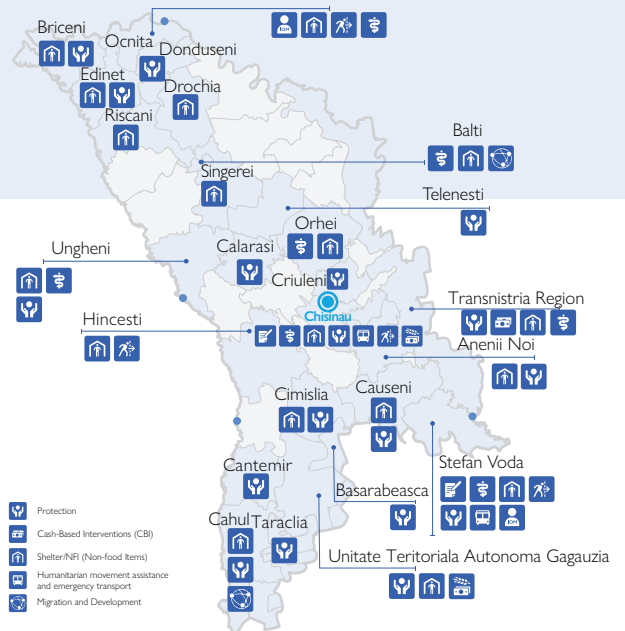
**BORDER CROSSING POINTS USED BY PEOPLE WHO CROSSED FROM UKRAINE INTO MOLDOVA DURING DECEMBER**

- Other
- Otaci
- Palanca
- Tudora



**IOM'S OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA (AS OF 01 JANUARY 2023)**

As the leading UN agency working on migration, IOM is committed to protecting and assisting those displaced or stranded by crisis and supporting populations and their communities to recover. We work to mitigate adverse drivers that force people from their homes, help build resilience and focus on reducing disaster risk so that movement and migration can be a choice. IOM in Moldova provides a comprehensive response to the humanitarian needs of migrants, refugees and other people affected by the conflict in Ukraine, returnees, and Moldovan host communities.



**LEGEND**

- IOM Country office
- IOM activity at border crossing point (BCP)
- IOM Field Presence
- Health
- Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)
- Humanitarian Border Management (HBM)
- Livelihood and Inclusion
- Protection
- Cash-Based Interventions (CBI)
- Shelter/NFI (Non-food Items)
- Humanitarian movement assistance and emergency transport
- Migration and Development

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