

### **UKRAINE RESPONSE 2022 – ROMANIA** PRIORITY 1 – SENTINEL NETWORK

5 JULY - 19 JULY 2022



#### **GENERAL CONTEXT**

More than 1,600,000 people from Ukraine crossed the borders into Romania in the last 5 months. Considering the exceptional situation, in order to facilitate the communication between the people fleeing Ukraine and the authorities and to increase the level of information needed on both sides, IOM Romania developed a network of interpreters available in key locations.

#### **NEW CONTEXT**

The mobility of the flow of people crossing the borders is in continuous development.

A new profile of people fleeing Ukraine is foreseen.

The cargo traffic at the borders tripled in the last

The process of integration for those deciding to stay in Romania is accelerating.





- 3 border crossing points
- 4 transit points
- 5 counties

Trainings and wellbeing sessions were done and will continue to be scheduled for the sentinels.

Between 12-17 July IOM team visited the borders in Sculeni and Siret and the train station in Iasi meeting with the sentinels.

### **OVERALL 9,000 BENEFICIARIES WERE ASSISTED BY 28 SENTINELS**

between 5 - 19 JULY 2022

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## **OVERALL 3,100 HOURS ON DUTY** 1,100 HOURS between 5 - 19 JULY

The sentinels at the borders work in shifts, 24x7 under the supervision of an IOM coordinator.

### KEY LOCATIONS



Border crossing points: Siret, Sculeni, Isaccea



Train stations Suceava, lasi



Collective centers **Bucharest:** Anghel Saligni, Leu Constructii, Ferdinand, Carusel



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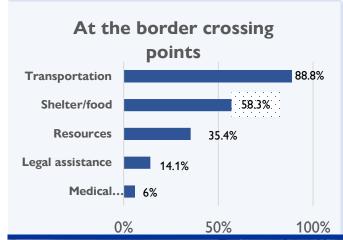
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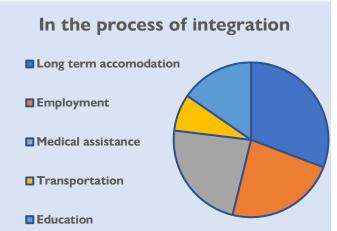
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# Top Priorities and Needs identified by Sentinels

The data was collected between May 31 – July 19 from the sentinels that assisted overall 6,700 people in border crossing points. The figures are based on 205 responses given by sentinels on a daily/weekly report about what information the displaced people from Ukraine asked. It is noticed a slight increase in info regarding transportation from the border to the train stations and a slight decrease for legal rassistance and resources available.

The sentinels offering support in collective centers, hubs like Romexpo or hospitals reported different priorities and necessities coming from beneficiaries that are already enrolled on the path of integration. In this situation, most of the questions are regarding long term accommodation, how to speed up getting a job and as autumn is coming, regarding education.







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### **New Trends**

A socio-economic wave of migration from Ukraine is foreseen as reported by the sentinel network. Two different types of profiles are developing, although based on the same motivation: poverty, lack of resources, impossibility to earn their living and support their families, limited access to healthcare.

# **New Profiles determined by poverty**

People internally displaced in Ukraine continue to leave their country as they cannot return to their place of origin. This type of new comings is well informed and planned.

The sentinels noticed there are developing two new types of profiles for people fleeing Ukraine:



- 1. Single men that left their families in Ukraine and transited Romania on their way to Western Europe in search of employment. The reported destination is generally Germany. The men are travelling alone or in a small groups. The poverty, lack of jobs and impossibility to support their families motivate the departure. This decision is a burden for them, and they feel guilt and remorse. They don't want to be categorized as they have left because of fear.
- 2. Mothers with children whose only provider of the family was the father, and he is on battlefront and old people, sick or with disabilities. They feel trapped, being unable to meet their basic needs including for food, water and medicines. They cross the borders and settle in the first camp that can accommodate them and provide basic needs. Access to safe, private and dignified WASH services is essential to prevent disease outbreaks.





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## **Challenges and Observations**

The Sentinel Network needs to be extended, as the need for interpreters is growing.

- The border workers are overwhelmed with the tripled cargo flow. They asked for help with interpreters to speed up the flow.
- The School Inspectorates are facing an increase of requests for kindergarten/school enrolling as autumn is coming. They asked for interpreters to speed up the process as most requests are written in Ukrainian language.
- The hospitals and medical units are asking constantly for help with translators as the number of people needing medical care is increasing.
- The Governmental Agency for Employment asked for help with translation at Romexpo hub.

- The sentinels provide counselling and protection information on issues including social services, access to humanitarian assistance and referral to legal assistance.
- The sentinels support authorities with translation in case of car accidents, issues in the border, papers etc.
- The sentinels are regularly receiving updated, vetted information on the services available for them across the country.
- It was noticed an increase of people coming from Ukraine suffering from different trauma and disorders, requiring mental health and psychosocial support.

IOM Team is scheduling regular field trips to engage with the Sentinels and Enumerators to tell them about IOM, role, mandate, objectives but also to talk about IOM's past interventions and provide a more comprehensive background.

