



NEW CONTEXT

As the conflict approaches on six months, FEAR is the main motivation for fleeing Ukraine. People coming from the south of Ukraine declare that the hostilities have increased and are worse now than in March.

A noticeable increase of women with medical backgrounds are fleeing due to fear of being registered in the army.

Sentinels in all borders noticed: an increase of people deciding to stay in Romania until the conflict ends; an increase of elderly people; people afraid they cannot survive the winter in Ukraine.

LOCATIONS:



- 3 border crossing points: SIRET, SCULENI, ISACCEA
- 2 transit points: SUCEAVA and IASI train station
- 1 HUB – ROMEXPO BUCHAREST
- 5 COUNTIES: BUCHAREST, TULCEA, IASI, SUCEAVA, CLUJ

GENERAL CONTEXT

According to the border police official numbers, approximately 1,900,000 Ukrainian citizens and TCNs have crossed the borders in Romania since pre-conflict time until now. At the beginning of August there were about 86,000 Ukrainian citizens in Romania, of which 4,372 citizens applied for International Protection whilst 55,668 citizens received Temporary Protection. Considering the exceptional situation, to facilitate the communication between the people fleeing Ukraine and the authorities, IOM Romania developed a network of interpreters available in key locations.

OVERALL 13,200 BENEFICIARIES
1-14 AUGUST 2,200 BENEFICIARIES

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OVERALL 4,800 HOURS ON DUTY
1-14 AUGUST 900 HOURS

The sentinels at the borders work in shifts, 24x7

KEY LOCATIONS



Border crossing points:
 Siret, Sculeni, Isaccea



Train stations:
 Suceava, Iasi



Collective centers



Hospitals



Hubs: Romexpo



Immigration Offices

New Trends

Increase inflow foreseen by the end of August

AUGUST 25 was mentioned as the new date for a potentially increase inflow of people, as this date marks the deadline for the existing Martial Law in Ukraine. The extension of the Martial Law, which was already announced, might generate an increase of people fleeing Ukraine.

Women obliged to register for military

The law regarding women's registration for military was registered last autumn. Women of certain professions can voluntarily register for the military until 1 October 2022 with registration mandatory after this date. For some women this was their reason for fleeing since the beginning. Therefore, many Ukrainians are secretive about what they previously did and what plans they have. A potential increase of inflow in the next weeks is possible, as starting 1 October, the law will prohibit the departure of conscripted women outside of Ukraine during the period of mobilization and Martial Law. According to the law, women who are fit for health and age (18-60), with a related relevant military accounting profession cannot refuse to register for military service. If by the end of 2022 they fail to register, they will be fined for violating military rules. Exceptions: mothers of 3 or more, single mothers, mothers having a child with disabilities.

List of women's occupations that must be registered for military service:

- Chemistry, chemical technology and engineering, biology
- Telecommunications and radio engineering
- Software engineering, computer science, information systems and technology, computer engineering, systems analysis, cybersecurity, micro and nano systems engineering
- Metrology and information and measurement technology
- Earth sciences, geography, physics, and astronomy
- Food technology, development of production and processing of animal products
- Supply of troops, weapons and military equipment, light industrial technology
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy, medical and psychological rehabilitation, public health, physical rehabilitation, industrial pharmacy, sanitation, and expertise
- Dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, medical diagnosis, and treatment technology
- Biomedical engineering, biotechnology, and bioengineering
- Veterinary medicine, veterinary hygiene
- Accounting and taxation, marketing, management, entrepreneurship, economics, money, banking, and insurance
- Publishing and printing
- Psychology, social work, social security



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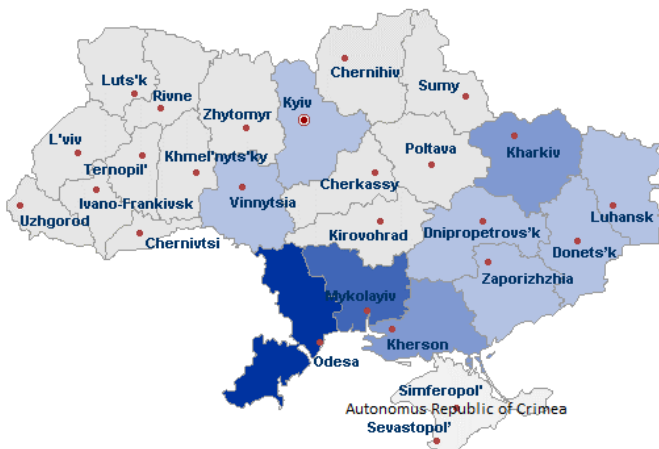
During the last two weeks, the sentinels at the borders noticed an increase of people deciding to stay in Romania and to wait for the end of the conflict. Many of the Ukrainian citizens who are already settled in Romania are bringing their belongings from Ukraine, preparing for a longer term stay.

The sentinels noticed an increase of older people coming into Romania. At the same time, young people are now searching for jobs to send money to their parents in Ukraine as their parents have lost their source of income due to the conflict situation.

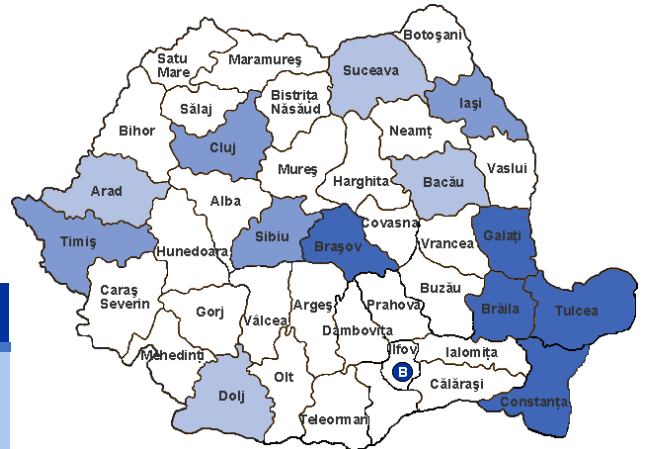
All sentinels reported that arriving Ukrainian citizens are afraid they will not be able to survive the winter in Ukraine.

The people fleeing Ukraine describe the situation of poor Ukrainians who are still in Ukraine because they don't have money to pay the transportation up to the borders, as it seems transportation in Ukraine has become very expensive.

Oblasts of origin:



Preferred destinations in Romania:



Other countries:

Germany, Bulgaria, France, Poland, Türkiye, Czechia, Belgium, Serbia, Croatia, United Kingdom, Canada

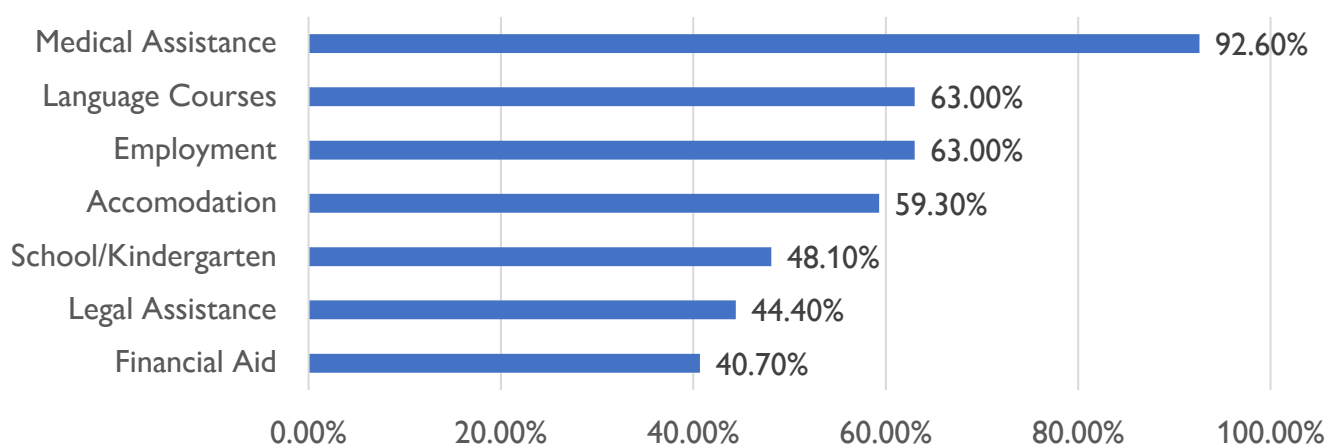


Top Priorities and Needs identified by Sentinels

Romexpo hub:

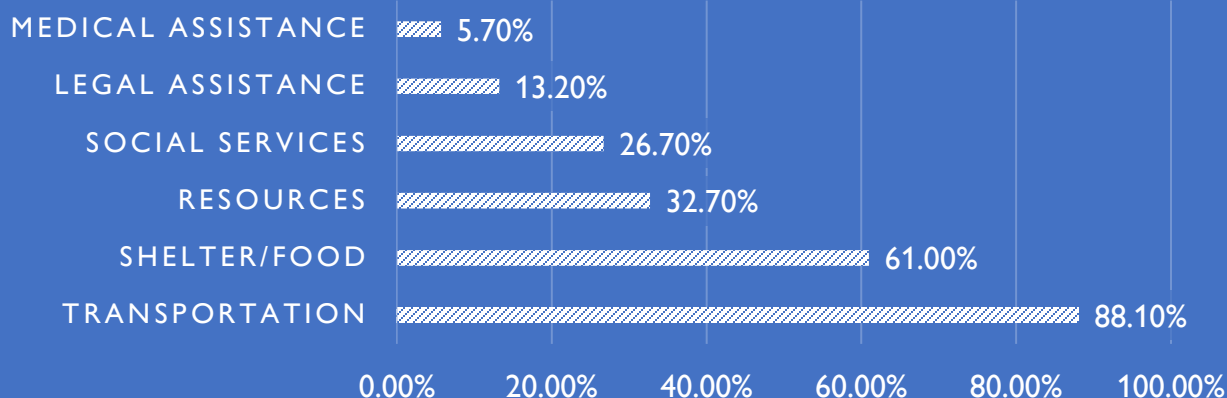
Between 1-14 August, the sentinels at Romexpo Hub in Bucharest assisted about 500 people, offering information and help to Ukrainian citizens for enrolling in the IOM programs of inclusion and integration. According to the sentinels' reports, the requests for medical assistance considerably increased, now being the top priority. IOM doctors refer the medical cases to a medical clinic where the sentinels provide the translation.

The major change of the last two weeks is the increased request for language courses and for enrolling children to school and kindergarten. The need for longer term accommodation is as high as before, but the requests for financial assistance and legal advice have decreased.



At the borders:

The data was collected between May 31 – August 14 from the sentinels that assisted overall about 10,000 people at border crossing points. The figures are based on 323 responses given by sentinels on a daily/weekly report about what information the displaced people from Ukraine asked. The increased requests for legal assistance is related to the TCNs that cannot cross the border without a visa. Social services are also needed (e.g., domestic violence that happened in Ukraine).



Plans

IOM will schedule mobile teams to visit on a weekly base all points covered by the network of sentinels. New trainings on Protection, and CT and wellbeing sessions are scheduled for the coming weeks.