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HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE FOR UKRAINE

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MÉDECINS DU MONDE – GREECE

HIGHLIGHTS

1. MdM-Greece initiated operations at the border point of Siret in Romania, on **10.03.2022** and now retains more than a month of continuous operations in the area since then.
2. A Mobile Medical Unit (*MMU*) has been deployed to Suceava and Siret as well as a team of medical and programmes' staff including one GP, one gynecologist and one pediatrician. To date, a total of **39 health volunteers** have taken turns supporting the operation of the MMU.
3. MdM-Greece provides emergency PHC support on Siret border while it also visits and supports 7 hospitality centers for Ukrainian citizens set up in the vicinity of Siret. Up to now, MdM-Greece's field medical team has catered for a total of around **855 patients** in transit. These included cases with mild symptoms (*cold, flu etc*) but also chronic patients in need of more complex treatment and medication.
4. MdM-Greece has collected approx. **60 tons of NFIs** (*mostly medicines and medical consumables*) so far and has already dispatched 5 **humanitarian missions** to Ukraine, escorting the relief items.
5. The largest delivery took place in **24.03.2022** Médecins du Monde – Greece delivered **30 tons of humanitarian aid** to the Ukrainian people in coordination with the **Lviv Region** and **HELPUKRAINE**.
6. MdM-Greece in collaboration with the **Hellenic Aid Department of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs** has supported through humanitarian aid deliveries the southern-eastern region of Odessa as well.
7. MdM-Greece collaborates with Lviv and Chernivtsi local authorities and with **HELPUKRAINE** regarding the dispatching of relief items to hospitals and health centers inside Ukraine.
8. So far, it is estimated that the activities of MdM-Greece for Ukraine have directly benefited more than **11.000 people**, while the number of indirect beneficiaries is estimated at up to **400.000**.



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BACKGROUND

The Russian Federation launched a military offensive against Ukraine on 24 February 2022. In total, due to the extensive military operations, more than **7.1 million people** are estimated to be internally displaced within Ukraine, while **4.5 million** have already fled the country.¹

An estimated **18 million people** have been affected in the areas hardest hit by the war within Ukraine. The escalation of conflict has triggered an immediate and steep rise in humanitarian needs, both within the country as well as in the neighboring countries receiving refugees. **Many people remain trapped in areas of escalating conflict** and, with essential services disrupted, are unable to meet their basic needs including food, water and medicines.

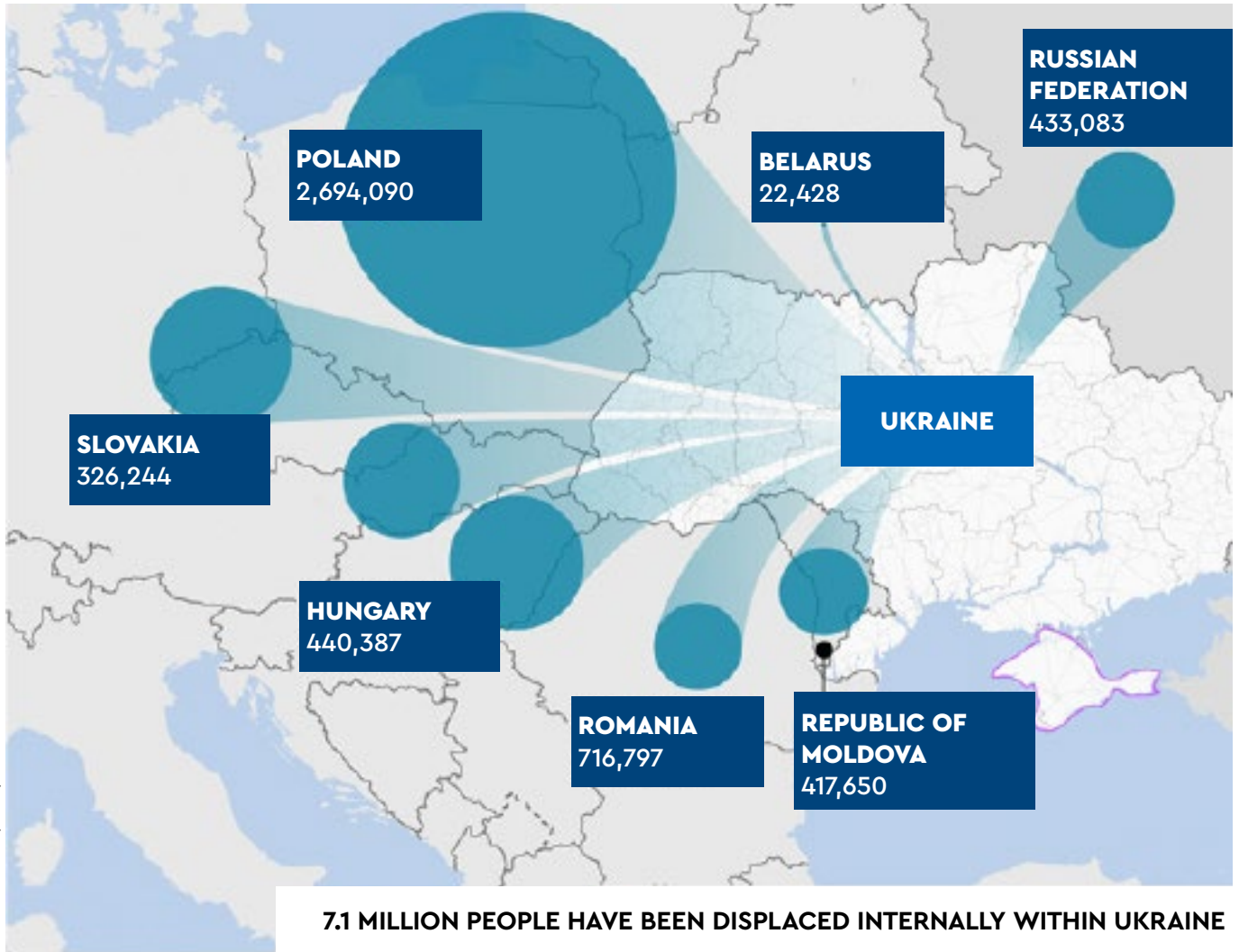
During the first two weeks of April, hostilities intensified in eastern Donetsk, Kharkiv and Luhansk regions and in southern Khersonsk region. The security situation in the northern part of the country is reportedly improving following the withdrawal of the Russian Federation forces.

Fighting is resulting in civilian casualties and significant damage to infrastructure and buildings, especially in Mariupol and Chernihiv cities. The civilian toll of the ongoing military offensive continues to grow. As of 7 April, the number of civilian casualties stands at **3.893** – including **1.626 killed** – according to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).²

¹ UNHCR, 2022 (Source: <https://www.unhcr.org/ukraine-emergency.html>)

² UNHCR, Flash Update #7, 2022 (Source: <https://reliefweb.int/report/ukraine/ukraine-situation-flash-update-7-6-april-2022>)

WHICH COUNTRIES ARE UKRAINIANS FLEEING TO?



RECEPTION COUNTRIES

As of **April 13th 2022**, more than **4.6 million refugees** have fled Ukraine with the vast majority seeking protection in the neighboring EU countries: **Poland** (2,694,090) **Romania** (716,797), **Hungary** (440,387) and **Slovakia** (326,244), while a significant number of refugees has moved to the **Republic of Moldova** (417,650) to **Russian Federation** (433,083) and to **Belarus** (22,428), while an additional **7.1 million people** have been displaced internally within the country³.

The majority of Ukrainians fleeing their country are vulnerable cases such as elderly people, mothers traveling with their children, people with disabilities, since the Ukrainian parliament declared martial law, prohibiting men aged 18 to 60 from leaving the country.

³ <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine>

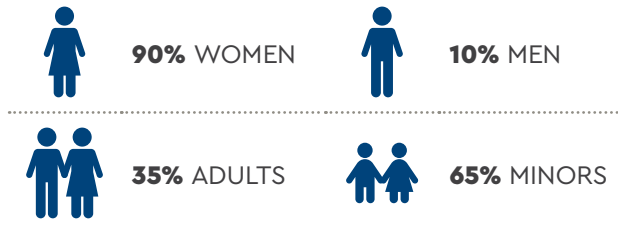
ROMANIA: SUCEAVA, RADAUTI, MILISAUTI & SIRET

So far, the situation in Northern Romania remains well organized and the border area is functioning as a crossing point. A significant number of cases among the travelling population need emergency psychological support (PFA) due to stress and panic attacks. As days go by, MHPSS related needs, challenges and gaps become more acute. Priority needs expressed by people on the move include subsequent transportation, transit accommodation, first aid and the provision of personal protective equipment. These needs are currently being met by humanitarian actors present at the borders and in the temporary transit center.

The cases that we have encountered mostly concern the immediate pain-relief of simple symptoms, but also patients with chronic diseases. On the patients' part, it is increasingly common to approach our MHU and ask only for medicines that they either haven't been able to find on the market or cannot afford to buy.

During last week, there was a further decrease in the flows entering from Ukrainian territory to Siret, now the number is around **1.000 to 1.500 persons per day**. There are new building facilities that have now been established in close proximity to the border station, but remain vacant/underutilized for the time being.

However, MdM-Greece is currently the only organization/agency that has a doctor in the field, with the consistency of **7 days/week**. All the remaining organizations that offer medical services (*Hellenic Red Cross, Vital Solutions, and Volunteers for Life*) do so without doctors, but with 1-2 paramedics. Up to now, MdM-Greece's MHU team has supported a total of **855 people**.



INSIDE UKRAINE: CHERNIVTSI

Chernivtsi is the largest city in the south of Ukraine, with a permanent population of **250.000 people** located 45 km away from the border point of Siret/Romania. Currently it is estimated that around 300.000 IDPs have relocated to Chernivtsi, while the long convoys of the previous weeks has reduced significantly. Now the waiting time to enter Romania **can last 15–20 minutes when at the end of March was estimated up to 3 hours.**

Following the bombing of a convoy on 18 March, which resulted in **2 deaths**, shelling also took place as near as 40 km from the town of Chernivtsi. The road network has been heavily damaged, blocking large vehicles and trucks from delivering humanitarian aid. It is therefore necessary to split humanitarian loads into smaller vehicles in order to reach the most inaccessible and remote areas.

The current people on the move seem to belong to the poorer social strata while economic hardship is now more evident as the price of diesel inside Ukraine has reached **8 euro per liter**. In addition, travel bans have been stepped up, while the Ukrainian authorities are also banning the wounded and those without passports from leaving the country.

These conditions have led to the overcrowding of **thousands of displaced** in the city of Chernivtsi, who are expected to cross the Siret border within the next weeks.

Problems across the country remain, in terms of infrastructure, administrative procedures and delays in movement, including in the Ukrainian south. As long as the armed conflict in the west continues, further challenges for people on the move are expected. Registration offices have been set up inside the city of Chernivtsi, in charge of registering IDPs arriving from other cities. It is also reported that there are shortages of medicines, injectables and insulin, primarily in the north of Ukraine.

MdM-Greece's field team has established a communication channel with the city of Chernivtsi assessing the internally displaced population's needs as well as the expected refugee flows to Romania from the Siret border point.



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MDM-GREECE RESPONSE PLAN

As of **11th April 2022**, about **18.600 refugees** from Ukraine have fled to Greece, with most of them being temporarily hosted by relatives and members of the local Ukrainian community in Greece, whose capacity to support the families of Ukrainian refugees in the medium and long term is uncertain.

For the most part, the families that have been recorded and seen by MdM-Greece, face significant material deprivation, stress and anxiety, precarious housing conditions and a significant risk of social exclusion and poverty.

THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES EXTEND TO A 3-FOLD RESPONSE:

1. Health & Protection at the border-crossings:

MdM-Greece has remained and wishes to maintain its presence and health operations (First aid, essential primary healthcare and information) at the border point of Siret, while continuing to assess other border crossings in north-eastern Romania and Moldova in view of scaling up their presence and support.

2. Cross-border operations:

MdM-Greece has already successfully delivered **5 shipments of humanitarian material assistance** for the people in need inside Ukraine, in collaboration with Lviv local authorities (*in the north*) and Chernivtsi local authorities (*in the south*). In collaboration with other chapters of MdM International network, MdM-Greece also plans to scale up (*material*) support to hospitals in need inside Ukraine. The 5th shipment, consisting of **25 tons of material aid** has dispatched on **12th of April**, and the delivery took place on 14th of April.

3. Emergency Support of Ukrainian refugees arriving in Greece:

MdM-Greece has already set up a Help Desk inside its premises in Athens and Thessaloniki. The desk is manned by experienced social workers and psychologists and tasked to provide urgent, needs-tailored support to Ukrainians arriving in Greece. So far more than **700 Ukrainian displaced citizens** have received services from MdM-Greece's facilities in Athens and Thessaloniki, including:

- Primary healthcare and treatment
- Information and administrative guidance to public services: Issuance of social security number, tax number, unemployment card, disability certification, etc.
- Social counselling: briefing/orientation, housing support, employment promotion
- Interpretation from Ukrainian or Russian to Greek and vice versa.
- Health awareness and promotion of routine immunization
- Covid-19 protection, vaccination and support
- Provision of material assistance (*Food and NFIs*).
- Provision of accommodation



In the months to come, MDM-Greece will strive to scale up operations inside Greece by:

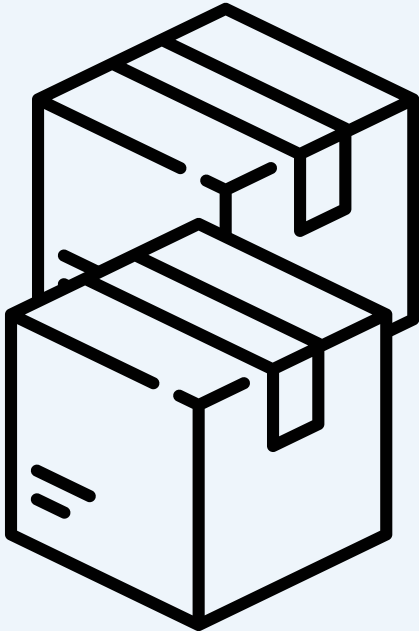
1. Sustaining and expanding the operation of the Helpdesk
2. Operating specialized health care services for displaced Ukrainian citizens in the regions of Attica and central Macedonia (*including health care and epidemiological surveillance of patients suffering from chronic and non-communicable diseases, pediatric check-ups, comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services, neo-natal and ante-natal care, health promotion and health education through community awareness and information activities*)
3. Providing needs-tailored psychological support and case management services, including psychological first aid, individualized psychological assistance and psychoeducation sessions, awareness raising and information on mental health issues, (*social*) empowerment & resilience building.
4. Covering the need for immunization and protection against Covid-19 of the refugees, through the MDM facilities in Athens, Thessaloniki and Kavala.

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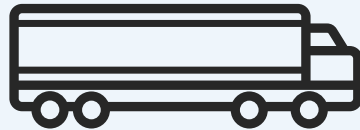
EMERGENCY RESPONSE

FOR THE NEEDS OF DISPLACED POPULATION



COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION
OF MATERIAL HUMANITARIAN AID

60 TONS



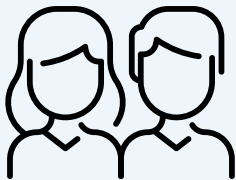
5 SHIPMENTS OF MATERIAL

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DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

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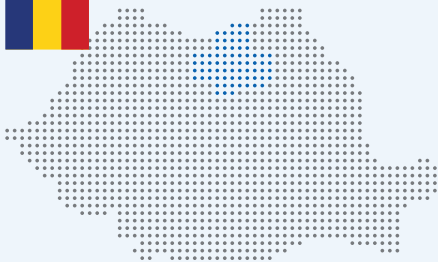
INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES



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VOLUNTEERS AT
THE BORDERS OF ROMANIA
IN MISSION WITH
A MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT

MEDICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



AREAS OF INTERVENTION

ROMANIA: SUCEAVA, SIRET, RĂDĂUȚI, MILIȘĂUȚI UKRAINE: CHERNIVTSI, LVIV
GREECE: ATTICA, CENTRAL MACEDONIA, REGION OF EASTERN MACEDONIA & THRACE

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DAYS OF OPERATION AND COUNTING...

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