

Slovenia

September 2022

The arrival of more than 8,000 refugees from Ukraine coupled with almost 5,000 new asylum applications from other nationalities has **strained reception capacities** in the country.

Afghanistan continues to be among the **top countries of origin for new arrivals**, aside from Ukraine. The recorded numbers of people arriving from India, Burundi and Cuba have also sharply increased.

Slovenia remains a **welcoming environment for refugees**. Access to financial aid and rental subsidies, as well as access to other social rights is being provided to refugees.

POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022*

Refugees	7,570
Asylum-seekers	990

TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	6,652	Afghanistan	229
Syrian Arab Rep.	326	Cuba	86
Eritrea	86	Iraq	84

*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data

UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 30 September, **8,171** refugees from Ukraine are currently present in Slovenia while 7,768 are registered for temporary protection. Among them, 50% are women and 37% are children. In addition, **403** persons fleeing Ukraine have applied for asylum.

Reception monitoring: UNHCR regularly visits reception centres for refugees from Ukraine throughout the country and follows up on the findings with relevant authorities. UNHCR has advocated for decent reception conditions for all asylum seekers.

Education: 39% of refugee children from Ukraine are enrolled in pre-school, primary school, and secondary school education.

Awareness raising: UNHCR is supporting NGO Ključ in organizing awareness raising sessions on human trafficking.

Reception facilities: UNHCR provided furniture for the reception facilities in Logatec and Postojna to improve the living conditions of up to 470 refugees who can be accommodated there.

HIGHLIGHTS

5,519 individuals assisted

by UNHCR and its partners. Temporary Protection seekers/holders, asylum-seekers and refugees had access to legal assistance, psychosocial counselling, call centre, accommodation support and support to improve their access to social, education, housing and labour market rights and opportunities.

1 Mobile Blue Dot

was established, a one-stop safe space to provide protection and support, including information and counselling to refugees across Slovenia.

24 Protection monitoring visits

were conducted to border police stations, as well as to detention centres and accommodation facilities for refugees and asylum-seekers.

UKRAINIAN TEENAGER TOUCHES SLOVENIANS WITH SENSITIVITY AT THE PIANO



13-year-old pianist Vika Fursova was born blind. After leaving her home city of Kharkiv with her family, she now resides in an accommodation center in Logatec, Slovenia. ([Read more](#))

Key Priorities

- **Access to territory:** UNHCR regularly monitors the situation of people in need of international protection seeking access to the territory and the asylum procedure. 11,409 persons were intercepted by border authorities when entering the country irregularly until the end of August 2022, a 93 percent increase as compared to the same period in 2021.
- **Asylum procedures:** The provision of quality legal assistance from the start of their application helps asylum-seekers navigate the complex asylum procedure. To ensure that Temporary Protection applicants and asylum-seekers have access to information, counselling, and legal representation, UNHCR works together with partner organization “Legal centre for the protection of human rights and environment (PIC)”.
- **Capacity-building:** UNHCR collaborates with an umbrella organization responsible for the coordination of Government-facilitated child- and social protection services. Capacity-building is provided to social work centres on human trafficking, gender-based violence, and child protection.
- **Advocacy:** UNHCR is part of the ‘**Consultative Body on Migration**’ that includes line ministries, representatives of NGOs, and international organisations. The group is responsible for strengthening the dialogue with civil society, upgrading the strategy of comprehensive migration management, and reforming relevant legislation.
- **Education:** Teachers, children, and parents face challenges during the process of integrating refugee children into schools. UNHCR’s learning programme “**Teaching About Refugees**” was rolled-out in primary and secondary schools in Slovenia, **reaching 410 teachers** in the first six months of 2022.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR supports the **Legal Information Centre PIC**, an NGO providing information, counselling, and legal representation to asylum-seekers, Temporary Protection seekers/holders, refugees, and stateless persons.
- UNHCR supports the **Slovenian Red Cross**, providing psychosocial counselling, community outreach, and interpretation support to Temporary Protection seekers/holders, asylum-seekers, refugees, and stateless persons with vulnerabilities.
- UNHCR works with **governmental partners**, primarily the Migration Directorate, the Government Office for the Support to and Integration of Migrants, as well as the Border Police Division of the General Police Directorate.
- UNHCR co-facilitates and offers capacity-building to the **working group** providing support to survivors of gender-based violence and vulnerable persons.

Statelessness

- Slovenia succeeded in the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless persons in 1992 but is not a party to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. UNHCR promotes and advocates for accession to the 1961 Convention.

UNHCR Presence in Slovenia

Staff:

1 Liaison Staff

Offices:

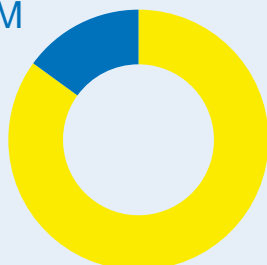
1 Multi-Country Office in Budapest

Financial information* (September 2022)

*Information relates to the Representation for Central Europe, which covers Belarus, Czechia, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia under the Multi-Country Office in Hungary.

Financial requirements USD 67.8 M

Funding gap
15%
10.1 M



Funded
85%
57.7 M

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