

Highlights from April 2024

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In Kyiv UN Migration Chief Urges Greater Support for Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine



The International Organization for Migration's Director General Amy Pope paid her first official visit to Ukraine in April with a plea for greater global solidarity and humanitarian support. Her visit was warmly welcomed by Ukraine's President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy. "We are grateful to IOM for helping Ukrainian families. First of all, with housing. This is a top priority for those whose lives have been shattered by the war," he noted adding that Ukraine counts on IOM's continued support. DG Pope arrived in Kyiv after a journey through heavily damaged areas, including Odesa and Mykolaiv. She paid tribute to the resilience of the Ukrainian people, and the recovery efforts led by local and national authorities, while warning that much more aid was still needed. [Read the press release](#)



"IOM remains committed to supporting Ukraine, to foster an environment that enables recovery and revival," DG Pope. [Watch the wrap up video](#)

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worker advocating for women's rights, an economics student turned counter-trafficking activist, and a junior psychologist committed to fostering social change. The IOM Winter School gathered youth from regions of Ukraine, aiming to empower them with the skills and knowledge needed to drive social change. [Read on](#)

The Rebirth of Kharkiv Maternity Hospital



During the two years of full-scale war in Ukraine, over 1,700 medical facilities have been damaged, with 195 completely destroyed. This exacerbates the already dire situation regarding access to healthcare in a country enduring repeated attacks on civilian and infrastructure targets. One such incident occurred on 1 March 2022, when an air strike affected the Kharkiv Maternity Hospital No. 1. [Read on](#)

Top Three Pieces of Advice for Displaced People

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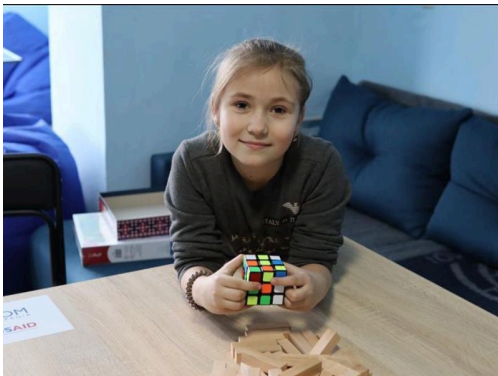
IOM organized the second regional forum "Settled Birds" for displaced people, where participants could share their experiences, find support and make new connections. Educators, artists and entrepreneurs shared their stories of resilience, demonstrating that displacement can bring new opportunities alongside challenges. We have gathered the most valuable tips on how to overcome obstacles, adapt to a new place and change your life for the better in a new location. [Read on](#)

Conversations about Art as Mental Health Support for IDPs



IOM in partnership with the Kharkiv Arts Museum, organized a unique event for internally displaced women at a local college, now serving as their collective center. Among the attendees was Valentyna, a poised former schoolteacher with a passion for literature and poetry, who participated in art discussions and self-reflection activities. [Read on](#)

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A new space for IDPs: The recreation space in a collective centre for internally displaced persons in Myrnohrad, Donetsk region was enhanced with new furniture and board games. Thanks to a cash grant, the building



NFI distribution to frontline communities: IOM provided vital aid to over 850 families in Donetsk region, reaching almost 2,000 people in frontline communities. Essential items like winter clothes, lanterns and blankets were



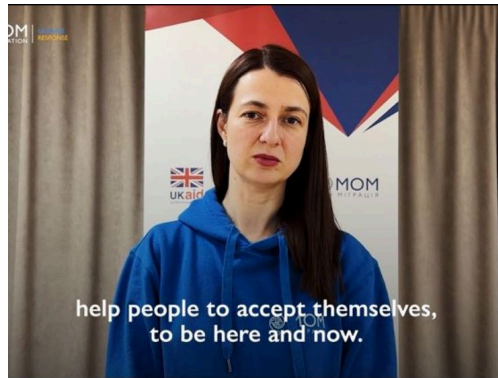
Refurbishing heating plants: One of Mykolaiv's heating plants was in urgent need of pipeline replacement to minimize heat loss during hot water transportation. IOM installed a new heating station that now serves 6,000 residents while also reducing CO2 emissions. [Read on](#)



Medical teams on the move: IOM's mobile medical team operates in Novopetrivka village, Mykolaiv region, providing daily services to 30-40 people. The team conducts basic examinations and tests, and also dispenses medications. [Read on](#)



Rebuilding Kharkiv: Kharkiv has endured continuous attacks in recent months including in residential areas. IOM supports repairing damaged buildings, engaging local construction companies. [Read on](#)



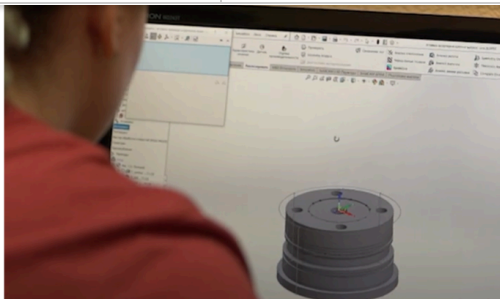
Movement workshops in Zakarpattia: Interactive games and relaxation exercises help to alleviate stress and improve psychosocial well-being. [Watch](#)

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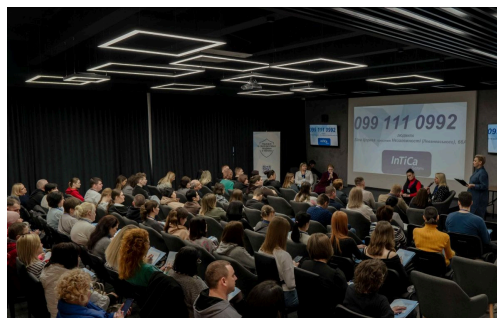
Reviving businesses: With an IOM grant, Olha and her mother purchased a machine that helped save the family's metal press moulds business and enhance its production capacity. [Watch](#)



Support for critical infrastructure: IOM provided four cogeneration plants to heating companies in Khmelnytskyi, Vinnytsia, Ternopil and Mykolaiv. [Watch](#)



Towards efficient waste management: IOM provided Lvivvodokanal with a powerful dehydrator, addressing the utility company's waste processing issue. [Read on](#)



Networking opportunities for everyone: At an ethical business fair in Bila Tservka, job seekers, displaced persons, women and youth, were able to connect with local employers. [Read on](#)

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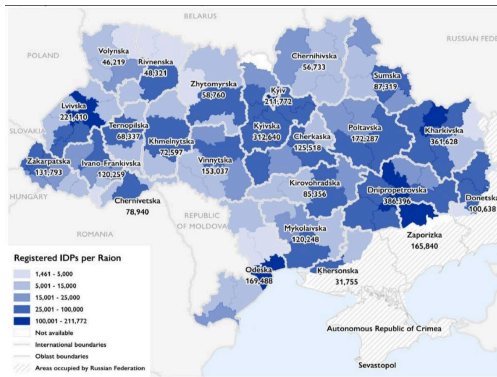
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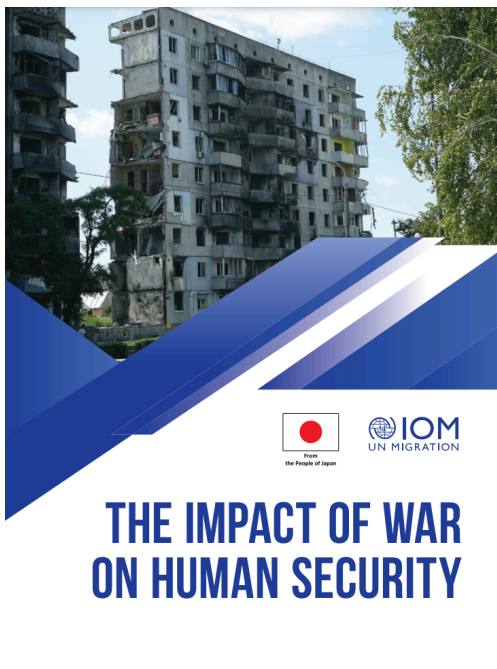
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between community residents,
the project held inclusive dialogues

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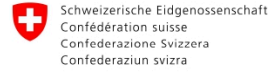
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