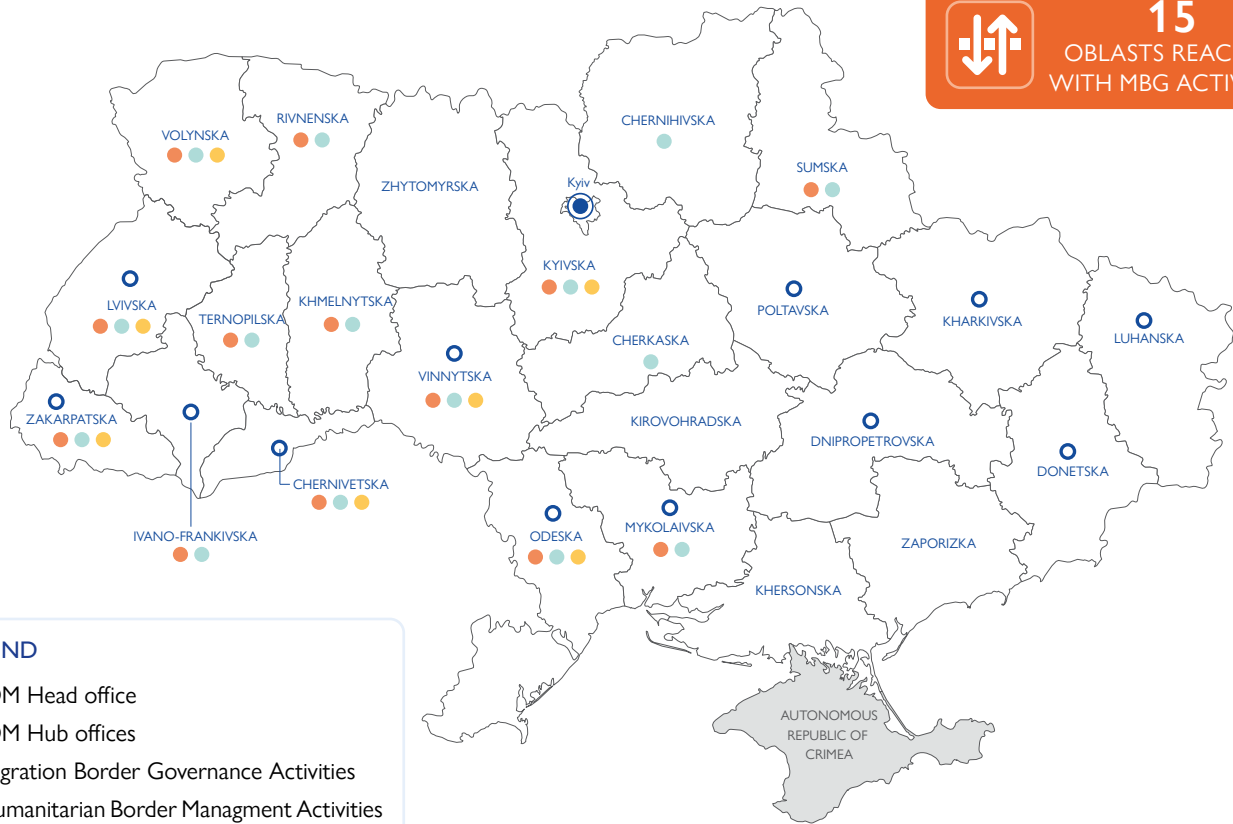


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OBLASTS REACHED
WITH MBG ACTIVITIES



LEGEND

- IOM Head office
- IOM Hub offices
- Migration Border Governance Activities
- Humanitarian Border Management Activities
- Border Infrastructure and Trade Facilitation Support

OVERVIEW

Through its Migration and Border Governance (MBG) Programme, IOM supports the Government of Ukraine in improving the policy, legislation, operational systems, human resources and administrative and technical structures required to respond more effectively to diverse migration and border management challenges. In the context of the ongoing war, and the EU Accession process, IOM has scaled up assistance for migration and border authorities to strengthen their institutional capacities, effectively

responding to the changed mobility context such as an increase in cross-border movements and trade facilitation imperatives, in alignment with international standards and best practices. IOM continues assisting with revisions to the State Migration Policy Strategy. Key stakeholders are the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), the State Border Guard Service (SBGS), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), the State Customs Service (SCS), the State Migration Service (SMS), and the National Police of Ukraine (NPU).

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

81
 Immigration and border officials trained on document authenticity or border control systems, 29 women and 52 men.

9
 Ukrainian government ministries and agencies supported with initiatives.

3
 Border management information systems developed.

PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

- Contributing to the EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes to address bottlenecks at border crossing points and logistics routes and facilitate safe and efficient cross border movement of essential agricultural goods and humanitarian aid. Border infrastructure improvement and pilot initiatives will optimize border and customs procedures.
- Assisting the SBGS in enhancing their core border control systems as well as upgrading the existing automated biometric identification system in line with the EU and international best practices. In 2023, the first line border control system was modernized and tested with the full deployment of the system anticipated in 2024.
- Supporting the MFA in developing a new passport system and digitalization of key consular service processes to improve services for Ukrainians – particularly women and children – displaced outside the country. In 2023, IOM developed and deployed the MFA Unified Platform upon which consular services will be run and managed.
- Supporting SBGS with digitalized tools to manage human resources and implement business processes transparently, as well as revitalizing the existing and constructing new training facilities.
- Helping the NPU to reinforce organizational transformation through supporting infrastructure development efforts in the Patrol Police Academies and increase training capacities.
- Continuing to safeguard critical national data and data infrastructure; supporting solid internet connectivity in bomb shelters and providing hardware and training that enhance capacity in cyber-security.



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SAFER AND WARMER CROSSING POINTS

Every day, thousands of people are travelling through Ukrainian-Polish border. Many Ukrainian refugees visited their families during winter holidays and are now returning to their host countries.

In early 2023, aiming to improve conditions of border crossing during winter, IOM provided assistance to three border crossing points in Lviv Region with the support of the Governments of Germany and the USA. At the busiest Shehyni border crossing point, IOM helped to equip passengers' inspection and waiting rooms by replacing doors and installing air heating curtains and donating a powerful diesel generator for ensuring services work even during power outages. The administration of this border crossing point as well as the one at Krakovets,

were additionally provided with mobile gas heaters. At the Rava-Ruska border crossing point, IOM installed a heating boiler system to ensure non-stop heating for people who are crossing the border and for border guards and customs officers.

Also, the IOM team installed two mobile resting units that will become temporary shelters for people crossing the border through the Shehyni border crossing point.

IOM is continuing its support to the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine and the Customs Service of Ukraine since the first days of the full-scale war, contributing to the creation of dignified and safe conditions during migration.