

SME BOOST: ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE AND BUSINESS RECOVERY

VIA IOM TO MITIGATE THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Project duration: November 2021–May 2024

Budget: EUR 10,000,000

Funded by: KfW Development Bank on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Implemented by: IOM Ukraine

Government Partners: Ministry of Economy and Ministry for Reintegration of Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine



Project Goal: To contribute to economic adaptation, recovery and growth in Ukraine during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic through targeted support to affected **micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs)** primarily for job retention and creation.

Through the project, IOM will support MSMEs, social enterprises and cooperatives with grants, which will be used for the development of new and innovative business models, enabling to survive the crisis. IDPs and conflict-affected populations who owned their businesses and are at risk of losing the only source of income will be supported with tailored stimulus packages allowing them to sustain the operations. Similar support will be provided to returned migrants and their families, former victims of trafficking and domestic violence who either have started their micro-enterprises with IOM support or seek opportunities to launch a business. In addition to financial assistance, identified businesses will be also supported with trainings to ensure that the best practices, including sustainability standards, are integrated into their operations.

PROJECT TARGETS



Returnees (5% of total investment):

50 returned migrants supported with seed funding matching their own investment (1:1 ratio) to start a new business in Ukraine



Cooperatives (7% of total investment):

10 co-operatives supported with seed funding matching community investment (1:1 ratio) to generate employment in rural areas

Micro-enterprises and self-employed migrants (6% of total investment):



160 micro-businesses run by internally displaced persons (110) and former victims of trafficking (50) are supported with one-off grant (up to EUR 2,500) to survive the crisis, retain existing and create new jobs

Social Enterprises (13% of total investment):



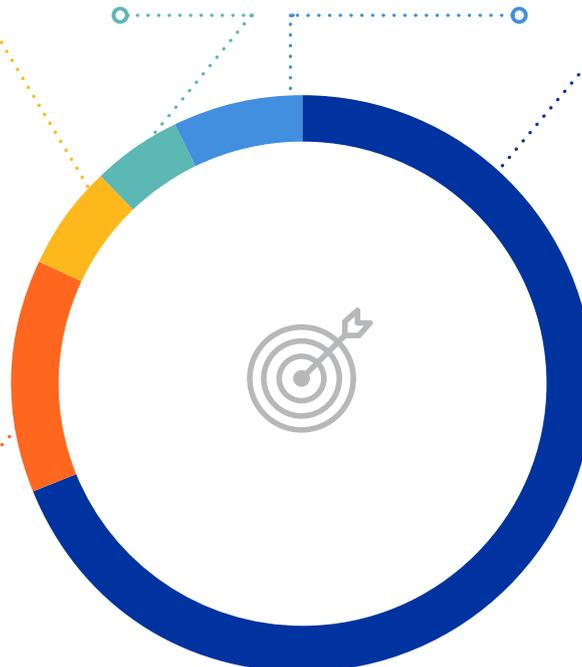
32 social enterprises affected by COVID-19 supported with one-off grant (up to EUR 30,000) to survive the crisis, retain existing and create new jobs



SMEs (69% of total investment):

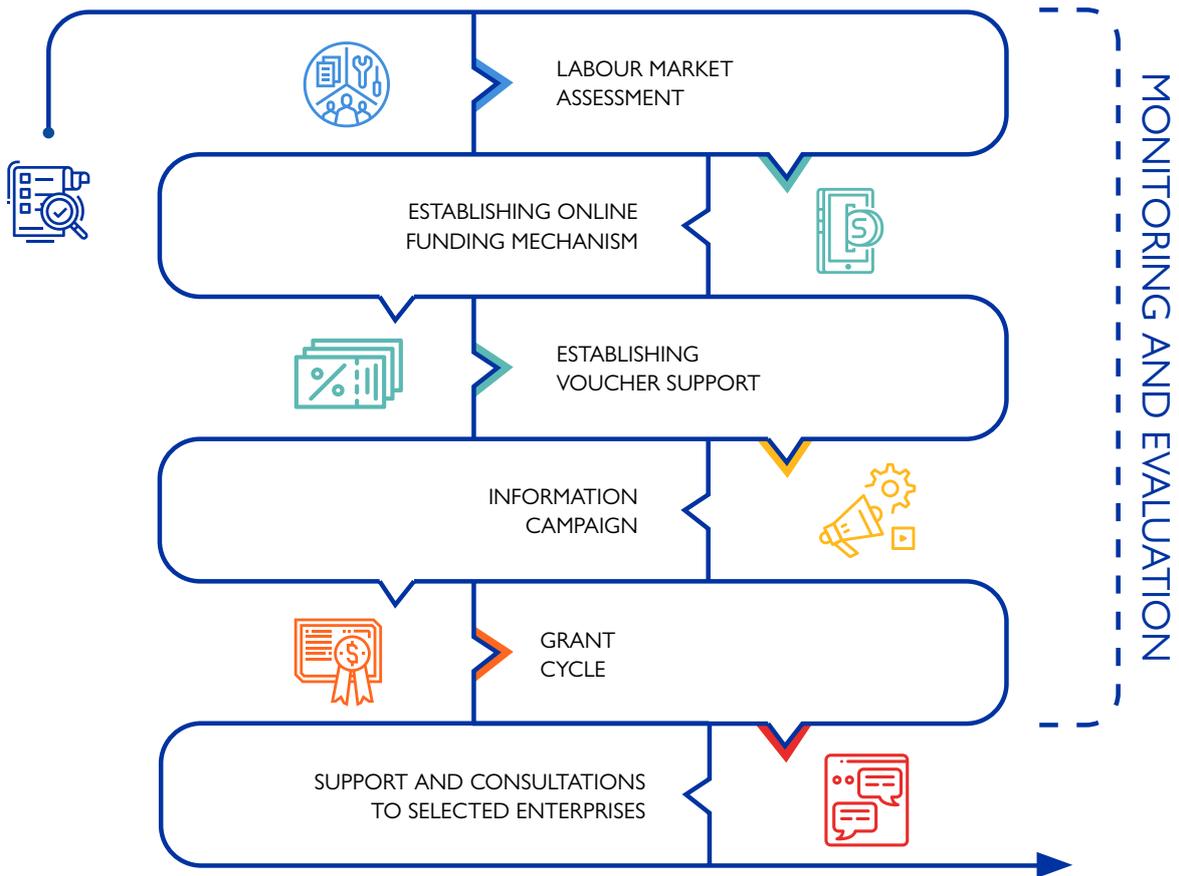
65 small and 15 medium enterprises affected

by COVID-19, supported with Stimulus Package that includes one-off grant (up to EUR 50,000 for small- and up to EUR 100,000 for medium-sized businesses) and consulting services tailored to recover or adapt the business



300 enterprises will receive training support through project's voucher system

PROJECT TIMELINE



PROJECT CROSS-CUTTING THEMES



CONTRIBUTING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)



In partnership with other state and non-state actors, the project will support employment and creation or preservation of decent job opportunities throughout the country focusing on the areas with deep pockets of poverty and targeting the MSMEs that are run by, or employ, women, youth, people with disabilities, returning migrants, IDPs, conflict-affected population and other vulnerable categories.

Since 2016, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) with financing provided through KfW supports IOM efforts to integrate IDPs and alleviate economic and social impact of the conflict in eastern Ukraine.

