



MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

- IOM has signed an agreement with the EU to implement **EUR 27.2 mln** project, establishing an integrated migration management information system for the State Migration and State Border Guard Services of Ukraine (IMMIS).
- Over the last three months of 2016, IOM Ukraine provided departure assistance to **1,228** migrants moving to the EU states and the U.S.

IOM provides cash assistance to some 7,000 IDPs to help them cover urgent needs

Approximately 7,000 vulnerable IDPs in 13 regions of Ukraine received cash assistance from IOM in 2016 within a project funded by the Government of Germany. Elderly people, families with three or more children, disabled people, and single-headed IDP families were provided with UAH 1,980 (USD 70) per person. The cash assistance was provided in two rounds and the second one was completed in December 2016. According to the IOM post distribution monitoring report, 40% of the surveyed project beneficiaries could not afford visiting a doctor or buying medicines they needed; 16% did not have proper meals in order to save money.



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EU and IOM assist Ukraine and Belarus to make their joint border more secure

The equipment and vehicles worth two million euros were officially presented in Zhytomyr to the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine on 22 November. This technical assistance is a part of the *SURCAP Phase 2* project, strengthening the capacity of border agencies of Ukraine and Belarus on protection of the joint border. The project is funded by the European Union and implemented by IOM.

“The modern equipment and vehicles purchased within this project will allow the North Regional Department of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine to ensure availability of mobile units at the Ukraine – Belarus border,” stated Lieutenant-General Vasyl Servatyuk, First Deputy Head of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine.

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IOM Director General visits Kyiv



IOM Director General William Lacy Swing travelled to Kyiv on 6-7 October to meet high level Ukrainian officials. His visit marked the 20th anniversary of the IOM Mission in Ukraine – currently the biggest IOM mission in Europe.

“We are looking forward to further fostering cooperation with our Ukrainian counterparts. Our common goal is to maximize migration-related opportunities and minimize the challenges inherent in migratory movements,” said Ambassador Swing at a meeting with

Ukraine’s Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Regional Development Hennadii Zubko.

In the [exclusive interview](#) with the Ukrainian online media *Apostrophe*, IOM Director General explained the reasons of the current migration crisis, noting that the anti-migrant policies that are cultivated in many countries will cause only more deaths.

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IOM’s public installation calls on Ukrainians to combat human trafficking

On the occasion of the International Day for Abolition of Slavery, 2 December, the International Organization for Migration has opened in Kyiv a public installation *DIMENSIONS³* to educate public on risks of human trafficking and motivate Ukrainian communities to join in the fight against human trafficking – a form of modern slavery. *DIMENSIONS³* installation provides people with useful information about the nature of trafficking in people, real stories of victims, safe travel and safe employment advice, and dedicated counter-trafficking hotlines.

The installation has been produced by IOM in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, with funding from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). It will travel throughout Ukraine in 2017, raising awareness of the dangers of trafficking in human beings.

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Minorities’ situation in focus of Government, civil society and international organizations

The Office of Ukraine’s Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and IOM gathered more than one hundred representatives of the Ukrainian Government, international organizations and civil society at a conference organized in Kyiv on 3 November. The aim of the conference was to discuss and analyze how two-and-a-half years of conflict influenced tolerance and perception of minorities in Ukraine.

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IOM presents updated overview of migration trends in Ukraine

IOM Ukraine published the third edition of its ‘*Migration in Ukraine: Facts and Figures*’ brochure, which provides the readers with an updated compilation of statistics and an overview of the most prevailing migration trends. The brochure was edited by Olena Malynovska, Senior Researcher at the National Institute for Strategic Studies, Kyiv, Ukraine.



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