



Four years of conflict in Ukraine leave 4.4 million people in a dire humanitarian situation

20 April 2018 – United Nations

The UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Ukraine, Neal Walker, briefed Member States and International Organizations on the dire humanitarian situation faced by 4.4 million conflict-affected people in eastern Ukraine. In December 2017, humanitarian agencies launched a highly prioritized USD 187 million appeal to reach over 2.3 million of the most vulnerable people in Ukraine with assistance and protection services. So far, this appeal remains largely unfunded.

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IOM appeals for USD 38 million to help conflict-affected people in Ukraine

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IOM, the UN Migration Agency, is appealing for USD 38 million to assist 340,000 people in critical need this year. “We are working intensively with our partners in the Humanitarian Country Team and the Government of Ukraine to bridge the gap between humanitarian and development interventions. This is critical if we are to address the urgent and longer-term needs,” said Dr. Thomas Lothar Weiss, IOM Ukraine Chief of Mission.

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Germany allocates EUR 9 million for construction of housing for internally displaced persons from Donbas

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The Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, KfW Development Bank and Ukrainian Social Investment Fund have signed an agreement according to which the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development through the KfW Bank provides Ukraine with EUR 9 million for the construction of social housing for about 1,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs).

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President Poroshenko: over 40 countries agreed to take part in peacekeeping operation in the east of Ukraine

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President Petro Poroshenko addressed UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, with a request to send a special assessment mission to the east of Ukraine, which will establish the required headcount of the peacekeeping mission, terms for its deployment, preconditions and costs.

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Ukraine nearly doubles quota on immigrants

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According to the governmental decree on the establishment of the immigration quota for 2018, the maximum number of foreigners and stateless persons, who are supposed to receive an immigration permit during 2018, is 4,388 people. Last year, the quota was 2,223 people.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs starts issuing electronic visas for entering Ukraine

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On 4 April, the Foreign Ministry of Ukraine starts to issue the electronic visas for entry to Ukraine for citizens of 46 countries. The simplified process of obtaining an electronic visa, which also allows for effective migration control, has been elaborated. An e-visa processing time is up to nine working days, the fee is USD 65, and the term of validity is a single entry for up to 30 days.

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Another two joint checkpoints to be opened on Moldova-Ukraine border this summer

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President of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko, signed a law on the establishment of joint control along the whole perimeter of Moldova-Ukraine border in the presence of Prime Minister of Moldova, Pavel Filip, on 12 April. "One of the priorities of the Moldovan authorities is the establishment of control on the central (Transnistrian) section of Moldova-Ukraine border with a length of 453 km... We take all the measures in this direction transparently and under the supervision of the European experts," said Chief of the Border Police of Moldova, Fredolin Lecari.

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Ukraine, Moldova agree on active phase of joint border demarcation

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The Moldovan-Ukrainian Joint Committee for Demarcation has agreed to begin an active phase of demarcation of unmarked segments of the joint border in June this year. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in the Republic of Moldova in the second half of 2018.

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Almost 4 million Ukrainians are labour migrants – study

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Nearly 4 million Ukrainians, or 16% of the working age population, are labour migrants, according to the study conducted by the Center for Economic Strategy (CES). The main reason for Ukrainians to work abroad is the economic one: higher salaries and more jobs available abroad. This migration flow is of a pendulum, short-term nature, as most labour migrants prefer to return to Ukraine.

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Ukrainians to travel to Hainan Province without visas from May

21 April 2018 – Interfax

According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, visa requirement for Ukrainians travelling to the Chinese province of Hainan will be canceled from 1 May. Ukraine is on the list of the countries whose citizens can enter and stay in the territory of China's Hainan without visas for up to 30 days.

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