



USD 316 million requested to assist 3.2 million vulnerable people in Ukraine

24 February 2015 – UN in Ukraine

The Humanitarian Community launched the Humanitarian Response Plan 2015 for Ukraine. The plan targets 3.2 million of the most vulnerable people of the five million estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance across the country. The plan appeals to the international community to generously fund the USD 316 million required to carry out a wide range of life-saving interventions including food and household item distribution, healthcare, psychosocial care, shelter, warm clothing, and basic education.

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Over one million displaced persons officially registered in Ukraine

18 February 2015 – Interfax Ukraine

The Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine has reported the registration of over one million internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Donetsk and Luhansk regions and Crimea. As of 17 February, the authorities have registered 1 million and 42 thousand IDPs.

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EU provides EUR 1.5 million to assist internally displaced persons in Dnipropetrovs'k Region

26 February 2015 – European Neighbourhood Info Centre

The European Commission is funding the project of EUR 1.5 million to provide housing, social, medical and legal support to thousands of IDPs from Luhansk and Donetsk Regions, as well as Autonomous Republic of Crimea, who have taken shelter in Dnipropetrovs'k Region. This project is part of the EUR 17 million support package aimed at assisting IDPs in 18 regions of Ukraine

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Ukraine's Border Guard Service to tighten border crossing rules for Russian citizens

19 February 2015 – National Radio Company of Ukraine

The State Border Guard Service (SBGS) of Ukraine is planning to tighten border crossing rules for Russian citizens living in border areas, the SBGS press service announced. They will be able to cross the Ukraine – Russia state border only through interstate and international checkpoints and will have to show their passports. The Russian citizens' stay on Ukraine's territory will be limited to 90 days within 180 days since the date of their first entry to the country. The Government of Ukraine announced in early February that starting from 1 March, Russian citizens will be required to carry passports for travel abroad to cross into Ukraine rather than their internal documents. Russians who arrived in Ukraine before 1 March will be able to leave based on documents that they had shown.

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Moldovan and Ukrainian security services step up cooperation

27 February 2015 – European Neighbourhood Info Centre

The Intelligence and Security Service of Moldova (ISS) and the Security Service of Ukraine (SSU) yesterday agreed to step up cooperation in view of increasing risks to regional security. Joint efforts to carry out assessments of security threats at the Moldova-Ukraine border and to tackle cross-border crime were identified as priorities during a meeting of the security services and the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM).

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13 thousand Ukrainians received biometric passports

2 February 2015 – National Radio Company of Ukraine

This was reported by the press service of the State Migration Service. Overall, over 100 thousand people have applied to get biometric passports. The State Migration Service has already installed 426 of the 610 units of equipment designed to process biometric passports.

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UNHCR, IOM offices in Belarus to draft joint project on Ukrainian migrants

19 February 2015 – Belarusian News

The offices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Organization for Migration in Belarus will work out a joint project to aid displaced persons from Ukraine, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Belarus Jean-Yves Bouchardy told media on 19 February.

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The Visa-free Europe Coalition presented a Visa Guide

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The Visa-free Europe Coalition has prepared a Visa Guide. You can learn about your duties and rights when applying for Schengen Visa. The Visa Guide will make it easier and cheaper.

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Ukraine, Slovakia to simplify border traffic

6 February 2015 – Ukrinform

Prime Minister of Ukraine Arsenii Yatsenyuk and Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic Robert Fico have signed a number of agreements providing for simplification of border traffic.

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Ukraine introduces visa free regime for Macedonian citizens

10 February 2015 – Kyivpost

Ukraine has introduced a new visa free regime for Macedonian citizens, for a stay in Ukraine of less than 90 days. The regime will run from 16 March 2015 until 15 March 2018.

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Bulgaria simplifies tourist visa procedures for Ukrainians

8 February 2015 – Visa-free Europe Coalition

Bulgarian Tourism Minister Nikolina Angelkova and Foreign Minister Daniel Mitov agreed to simplify tourist visa procedures for citizens of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia, and Georgia. The measure is aimed at boosting visitor numbers from traditional markets such as Russia and Ukraine, according to the press office of Bulgaria's Tourism Ministry.

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