

## ISS Operations Brief 07/03/2022

As of today, according to [UNHCR](#), more than 1'735'000 people have fled from Ukraine into neighboring countries. The military offensive in Ukraine has caused destruction of civilian infrastructure and civilian casualties and has forced people to flee their homes seeking safety, protection and assistance. In the first week, more than a million refugees from Ukraine crossed borders into neighboring countries, and many more are on the move both inside and outside the country. They are in need of protection and support. As the situation continues to unfold, an estimated 4 million people may flee Ukraine.

**ISS members are working together to protect families and children crossing the borders in neighboring countries. Here are some examples of what our members are doing as of today:**

### ISS Moldova



Teams are working with Pediatricians without Borders to support refugees in Moldova. ISS Moldova is distributing water, basic subsistence products and medicines at border crossings.

### ISS Romania



ISS Romania is monitoring the situation after a first visit to the border and will develop a Plan of Action as soon as possible.

### ISS Cyprus



Reports they have located a small number of families from Ukraine that are stranded with no possibility of returning home at the moment.

### ISS Slovenia



ISS Slovenia is collecting basic needs materials and preparing their volunteers. They are also gathering information on Slovenian families who can host refugees from Ukraine in coordination with relevant authorities and other NGOs.

### ISS Bulgaria



ISS Bulgaria is providing free consultations and legal assistance to Ukrainian citizens, including unaccompanied children, who want to receive protection in Bulgaria.