



# Global Ministries



## Ukraine: A brief update



***Week of Compassion Board of Stewards***

May 2022

# Ukraine

Russian invasion began on Feb. 24

As of May 20 (UN):

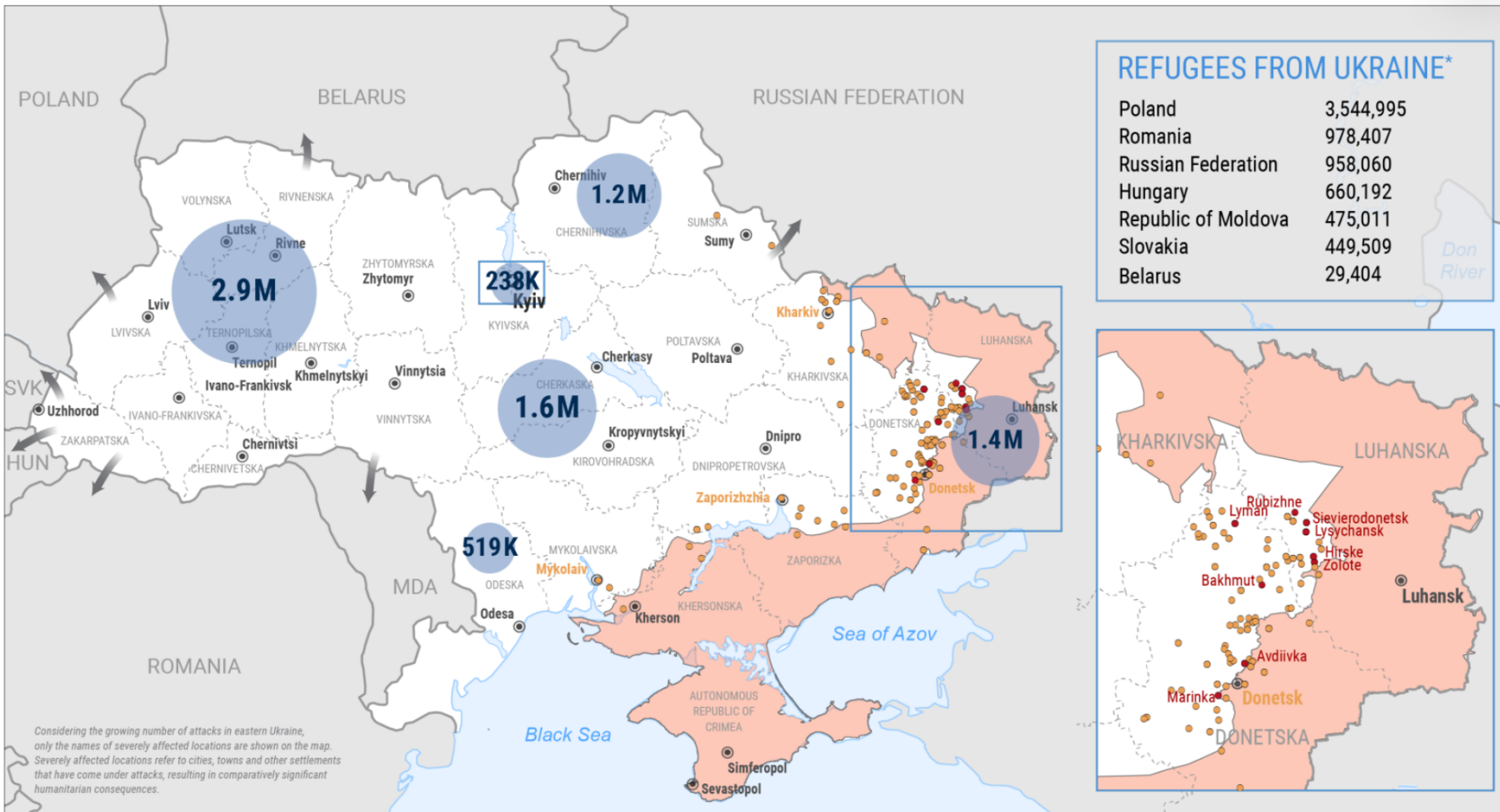
Refugees: 6.67 million (1/6 of pop.)

IDPs: 8 million (1/5 of pop.)



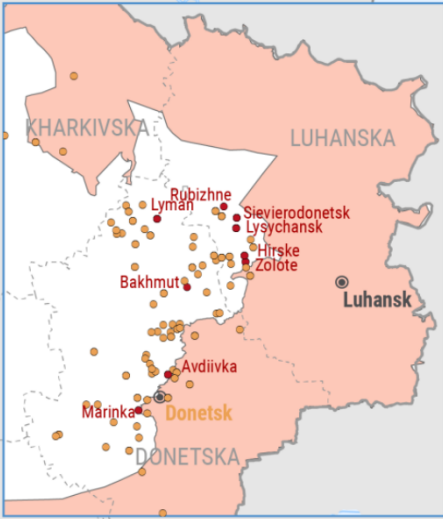
# UKRAINE

SITUATION OVERVIEW MAP - 25 May 2022



### REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE\*

Poland	3,544,995
Romania	978,407
Russian Federation	958,060
Hungary	660,192
Republic of Moldova	475,011
Slovakia	449,509
Belarus	29,404



Considering the growing number of attacks in eastern Ukraine, only the names of severely affected locations are shown on the map. Severely affected locations refer to cities, towns and other settlements that have come under attacks, resulting in comparatively significant humanitarian consequences.

**6.7M** Displaced people who have crossed international borders\*

**8.0M** Internally displaced people

- Internally displaced persons
- New hostility (19 May - 25 May)
- Severely Affected Location
- New hostility (19 May - 25 May)
- Affected Location
- Areas outside the control of the Government of Ukraine
- Refugees from Ukraine
- Country capital
- Oblast/region capital

### Total Strikes by Oblast

Donetska	136	Zaporizka	8	Khersonska	3
Luhanska	48	Dnipropetrovska	5	Sumska	2
Kharkivska	29	Mykolaivska	3		

Sources: Hostilities: public sources, IDPs: IOM, Refugees: UNHCR, Admin boundaries: UNGIS and State Scientific Production Enterprise "Kartographia", Areas outside the control of the Government of Ukraine: Institute for the Study of War and AEI's Critical Threats Project. Inset map omits affected city names to maintain visual clarity.

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

\*The accumulated data in this table is higher than the total number of refugees fleeing Ukraine presented above since it also takes into account people crossing the border between countries.

## Ukraine Working Group



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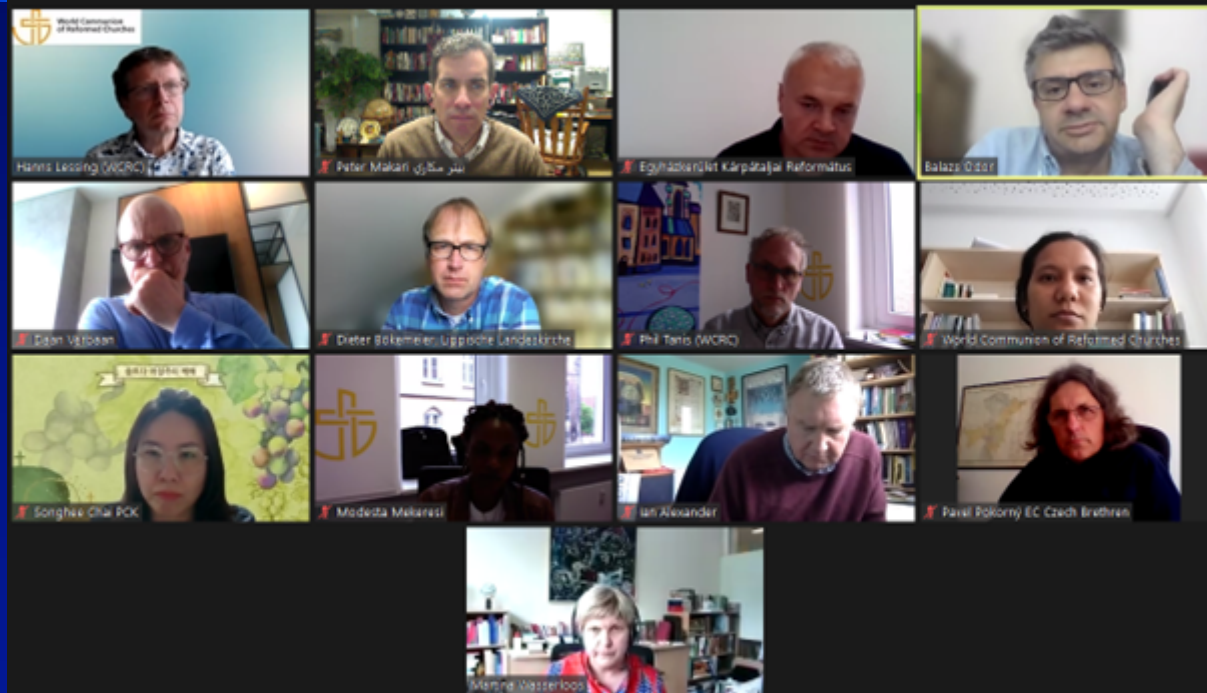
“This doesn’t look like war. It is **terrorism**. Civilians are dying. Children are dying. We have to do everything we can to protect the children. We need protection.”



World Communion  
of Reformed Churches



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Bishop Sándor Zán Fábián,  
Reformed Church in Transcarpathia  
(top row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right)

“What we see is that human life does not matter.”

“I feel pain and sorry for losses, for victims, for the suffering, and those who have fled.”

“I am enraged to see injustice and corruption that rule in a time of war”

# Our response to the crisis with partners

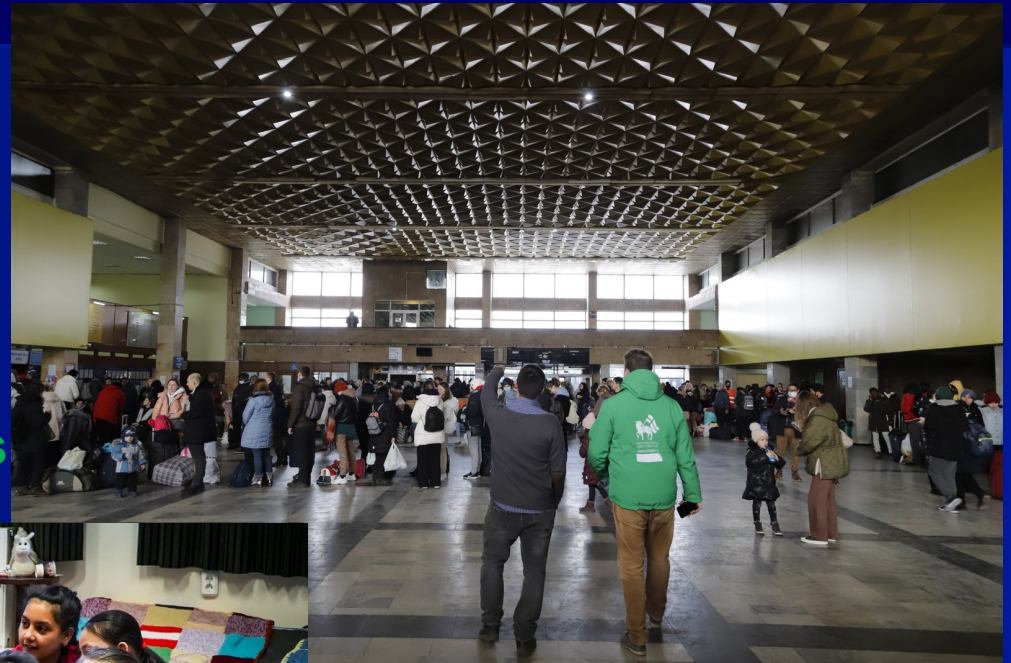


- Reformed Church in Hungary
  - Hungarian Reformed Church Aid
  - Reformed Church in Transcarpathia
- Mediterranean Hope
- Perichoresis (Evangelical Church of Greece)
- ACTAlliance – Hungarian Interchurch Aid, Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, Lutheran World Federation
  - Ukraine
  - Hungary
  - Poland
  - Romania
  - Slovakia
- Appeals and prayers
- Action alerts



# Hungarian Reformed Church Aid

- Transportation
- Accommodations
- Mental health assistance
- Medical care
- Meals, drinks
- Hygiene and childcare products
- Blankets





# Perichoresis

Support for Ukrainian families – 6 months at a time:

- Rent and utilities for an apartment
- Provision of food supplies
- Provision of cleaning, hygiene, and COVID supplies
- Provision of medical care
- Provision of language lessons (English and Greek)
- Provision of computer lessons
- Provision of sewing lessons
- Psychosocial support for children
- Group meetings with families
- Individual sessions for monitoring needs
- \$13,660/half-year







## **Disciples and UCC joint leadership statement on the invasion of Ukraine (March 8)**

- condemned in the Russian initiative to occupy and annex Ukrainian lands and populations, in contradiction to principles of international law
- lamented that diplomacy was so swiftly dismissed as a viable option to resolve differing claims and assertions, and that human rights are so callously violated
- opposed any further militarization of the conflict by Russia, as well as by NATO, the United States, and other parties
- concern that sanctions could have a disproportionate impact on the general population
- inspired by the outpouring of care, support, and generosity toward refugees
- condemned the racism and discrimination being evidenced [by the] denial of access to safety and shelter for Africans, Middle Easterners, and others
- recognized the widespread impact of this conflict on other regions knowing if the crisis is not resolved, the global poor will be most directly affected (grain and fuel imports, especially)
- appealed to world leaders to work diligently and immediately to bring this conflict to an end...recognizing and applying international law justly to the many situations of conflict around the world

# Regional impact of war



**MENA in 'critical' food security position with Ukraine war: World Bank official**



**Russian military and weapons have been used to destroy lives and communities in Ukraine...**



**...and in Syria**



# Refugees and vulnerable populations



“They left in a rush with one suitcase, thinking it is only a matter of days before things calm down and they go home. Where have I heard that before?” (A Palestinian commenting on the displacement of Ukrainians)

