SITUATION UPDATE: UKRAINE CRISIS

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The number of refugees fleeing the fighting in Ukraine reached 2 million on Tuesday, according to the United Nations. One million were children, UNICEF spokesman James Elder tweeted, calling it “a dark historical first.” Most others were women.¹

Millions more people are displaced within the country, though the exact number is hard to know for sure. The United Nations estimates that ultimately as many as 4 million people may leave Ukraine — roughly 10 percent of the population.²

Romania has taken about 143,000 refugees as of Monday. Foreign minister Bogdan Aurescu has said Romania is “open … to all those in need,” and that the refugees will be provided with “whatever is needed for them to feel safe.” Moldova, one of the poorest countries in Europe, had accepted 82,762 refugees from Ukraine by Sunday, the UNHCR said.³

Heart to Heart International’s Advance/Assessment Team arrived safely in Bucharest, Romania, on March 6, 2022. The team met with partners in Bucharest and also traveled to the border town of Isaccea to determine needs as refugees crossed into Romania. Tomorrow, the team will be traveling to Moldova to meet with more partners on the ground and discern the aid they need.

HHI has also been fielding requests from more than 10 different organizations requesting medicines, medical supplies, and hygiene kits. These organizations include nonprofits and departments in the Moldovan and Ukrainian governments. HHI is evaluating and working to fulfill these requests.

“It is heartbreaking to watch what is happening to the people of Ukraine,” Kim Carroll, HHI CEO, said. “The needs are already so great, and they are just going to continue to increase. This situation is tragic, and we wish these types of situations didn’t happen. But unfortunately they do, and that is why HHI exists. We are here to respond to these types of situations and serve the people affected by them.”

https://www.hearttoheart.org/ukraine-crisis/
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¹ https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-europe-hungary-migration-5afeb902545d7a9acc764eefd2ae472f
² https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2022/03/08/ukraine-refugees-2-million-russia/
³ https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/mar/08/where-in-europe-are-ukraines-refugees-going