Since the onset of the war in Ukraine, a number of people fleeing from Ukraine to neighboring countries has been observed. This report presents findings based on cumulative and daily registrations, by the General Inspectorate for Border Police (GIBP), since 24 February 2022 onwards, of movement flows of Ukrainian refugees and third-country nationals (TCNs) entering from Ukraine to the Republic of Moldova from all Border Crossing Points (BCPs) and exiting the country from all BCPs, towards Romania and towards Ukraine, as well as via flights. In addition, it presents data on those who entered since 24 February and are still present in the country.

34 Border Crossing Points (BCPs) including:
- BCPs with Ukraine and Romania
- 1 Airport

Between 24 February and 6 June 2022, Ukrainian refugees represent 92 per cent (447,526) of all individuals registered at entry from Ukraine (UKR) to the Republic of Moldova (MDA). The remaining eight per cent (40,573) are TCNs. Similarly, Ukrainian refugees represent 90 per cent (274,202) of all individuals registered while leaving the Republic of Moldova towards Romania during the reporting period and the remaining 10 per cent (31,554) are TCNs.

This report focuses on trends of TCNs from Ukraine to the Republic of Moldova, analyzing data about their stay or their subsequent movement out of the country.

Third country nationals represent 8% of all entries to the Republic of Moldova from Ukraine

Mode of entry from Ukraine

The administrative data of the national authorities reveals that 37 per cent of all persons registered at BCPs upon entry into the Republic of Moldova from Ukraine have entered by foot, while the remaining 63 per cent entered by vehicles.

The share of those entering by foot was represented by 90 per cent Ukrainian refugees and 10 per cent TCNs.
Some 40,573 TCNs of 150 different countries of origin and nationalities were registered while entering from Ukraine so far: the majority were men (60%) followed by women (27%) and children* (13%). The top countries of origin of those entering the Republic of Moldova so far were Azerbaijan (18%), Russian Federation (11%), China (9%), Turkey (7%), Romania (6%), Israel and Georgia (5% each), and Bulgaria, Viet Nam, United States of America and Armenia (3% each).

Entries from Ukraine to the Republic of Moldova

Among those registered upon exit by national authorities from the Republic of Moldova towards Romania, 11 per cent, or 48,184, were TCNs of 150 different countries of origin. Of those 11 per cent, the reported top countries of origin (excluding Romania) were Azerbaijan (12%), Bulgaria (9%), Turkey and China (7% each), Russian Federation, Italy and Germany (6% each), Israel and Georgia (4% each). Among the TCNs exiting towards Romania, 63 per cent were men, 26 per cent were women and the remaining 11 per cent were children.

The highest shares of children were among TCNs of the United States (27%), Israel (24%) and Belarus (17%), while the lowest shares were among TCNs of Turkey (5%) and Romania (6%).

The highest shares of women were among TCNs of Russian Federation (46%), Armenia (44%), and Viet Nam (40%), while the lowest shares of women were among TCNs from Turkey (6%) and Bulgaria (17%).

Exits from the Republic of Moldova to Ukraine, Romania and via flights

Among those registered upon exit by national authorities from the Republic of Moldova towards Romania, 11 per cent, or 48,184, were TCNs of 150 different countries of origin. Of those 11 per cent, the reported top countries of origin (excluding Romania) were Azerbaijan (12%), Bulgaria (9%), Turkey and China (7% each), Russian Federation, Italy and Germany (6% each), Israel and Georgia (4% each). Among the TCNs exiting towards Romania, 63 per cent were men, 26 per cent were women and the remaining 11 per cent were children.

Additionally, among the total number of people who entered the Republic of Moldova from Ukraine since 24 February, 18,004 TCNs were reported to have left the country by flight and 8,484 TCNs were registered at exit BCPs towards Ukraine.

The reported top countries of origin of TCNs who have left the Republic of Moldova towards Romania, or went to their countries of origin via flights, since entering the country from Ukraine, are Angola, Dominican Republic, Panama, Brunei Darussalam, Paraguay, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Hong Kong SAR, China and Uganda. Overall, it is reported that nationals of 90 different countries travelled from Ukraine through Moldova towards other destinations.

* Children are 18 years of age or below

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Presence in the country

Stock of TCNs present in the Republic of Moldova

As of 6 June 2022, around 78,295 Ukrainian Refugees and TCNs who entered through the BCPs from Ukraine to the Republic of Moldova on or after 24 February 2022, are reported to currently be present in the country. The vast majority of those still in the country (78,295 individuals or 95%) are Ukrainian refugees and the remaining five per cent, or 3,711 individuals, are TCNs. Among the 3,711 TCNs, 53 per cent were men, 26 per cent were women and the remaining 21 per cent were children.

Among TCNs currently in the Republic of Moldova, the reported top countries of origin were Azerbaijan (20%), Russian Federation (20%), Romania (19%), Bulgaria (5%), Georgia and Turkey (4% each).

Figure 5: TCNs entered from UKR and present in MDA, by country of origin or nationality

Figure 6: TCNs entered from UKR and present in MDA as of 06.06.2022

Figure 7: TCNs present in MDA as of 06.06.2022, by nationality, age and sex

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