



Right to Protection Quarter Digest

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ABOUT US

The Right to Protection Charitable Foundation is one of the leaders of the human rights movement in Ukraine. It has a strong position in protecting the rights of IDPs, refugees and stateless persons. R2P`s mission is to protect people in conflict, disaster, forced displacement, and migration and enable systematic changes to prevent such situations.



1198* SPECIALISTS IN R2P TEAM
at the end of the 1st quarter of 2024



43* ONGOING
PROJECTS



27* PARTNER
ORGANIZATIONS



\$ 43 million BUDGET
for 2024 as of the 1st Qtr.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Two new members joined the Supervisory Board: **Tetiana Pechonchyk** - Chairman of the Board of the Center for Human Rights ZMINA and **Hardin Lang** - Vice President for Programs and Policy at Refugees International.
- A **Management Board** was established, consisting of 5 directors who decide on strategic issues of the organization. The **Regulations on the Management Board** have been updated.
- An **Accountability unit** has been created, within which work has begun on the development and improvement of internal processes and processes of accountability to the affected population.

*Provided numbers reflect situation between January - March 2024, not including previous years.

GENERAL IDP TRENDS



Psychological state of the population

There were more appeals than before about **anxiety and fear about repeated occupation, offensive, shelling**, cases of fatigue from enduring chronic stress. Children are tired and find it difficult to adapt to daily tasks. There are increasing requests from communities for external **supervision of their psychologists and sessions on psychological awareness**.



Internal displacement

The movement of IDPs is characterized by **variability**, individuals and families constantly move between hromadas in search of **comfortable conditions and security**.

- There is a tendency to increase forced displacement due to the **deterioration of the security situation** in Sumska, Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizka, Donetsk, Khersonska and Kharkivska oblasts. The presence of relatives in the host communities mainly influences the decision to choose a place of relocation.
- There are **gaps in the communication between the authorities and the population**. The beneficiaries who were officially evacuated from Sumska oblast were not properly informed, as a result they didn't have the necessary documents.
- Voluntary **evacuation of people from Khersonska and Zaporizka oblasts** by regular free train to Khmelnytska oblast continues. Most of the evacuees from the Zaporizka oblast return home after receiving evacuation funds.



Situation at the border

- Compared to previous months, an **increase in the outflow of population from Ukraine to Poland** was observed. There were also an increase in the number of young men (many of whom turned 18 in a few weeks) leaving Ukraine.
- The number of people **crossing the border from the RF to Ukraine through the humanitarian corridor "Kolotyivka - Pokrovka" increased**. Ukrainian repatriates from the TOT and from the territory of Russia, face serious psychological pressure and physical violence on the part of Russian representatives. There have been cases of seizure of Ukrainian passports when crossing the border, creating problems in access to all types of services on the territory of Ukraine.

GENERAL IDP TRENDS



Access to services

- There are critically **few psychologists**, especially in the eastern and southern regions.
- There are almost **no government social workers** in remote and crisis settlements.
- Access to **entrepreneurial skills** training has expanded due to the increase in available programs.



Changes in the payments of IDPs - Resolution No. 332

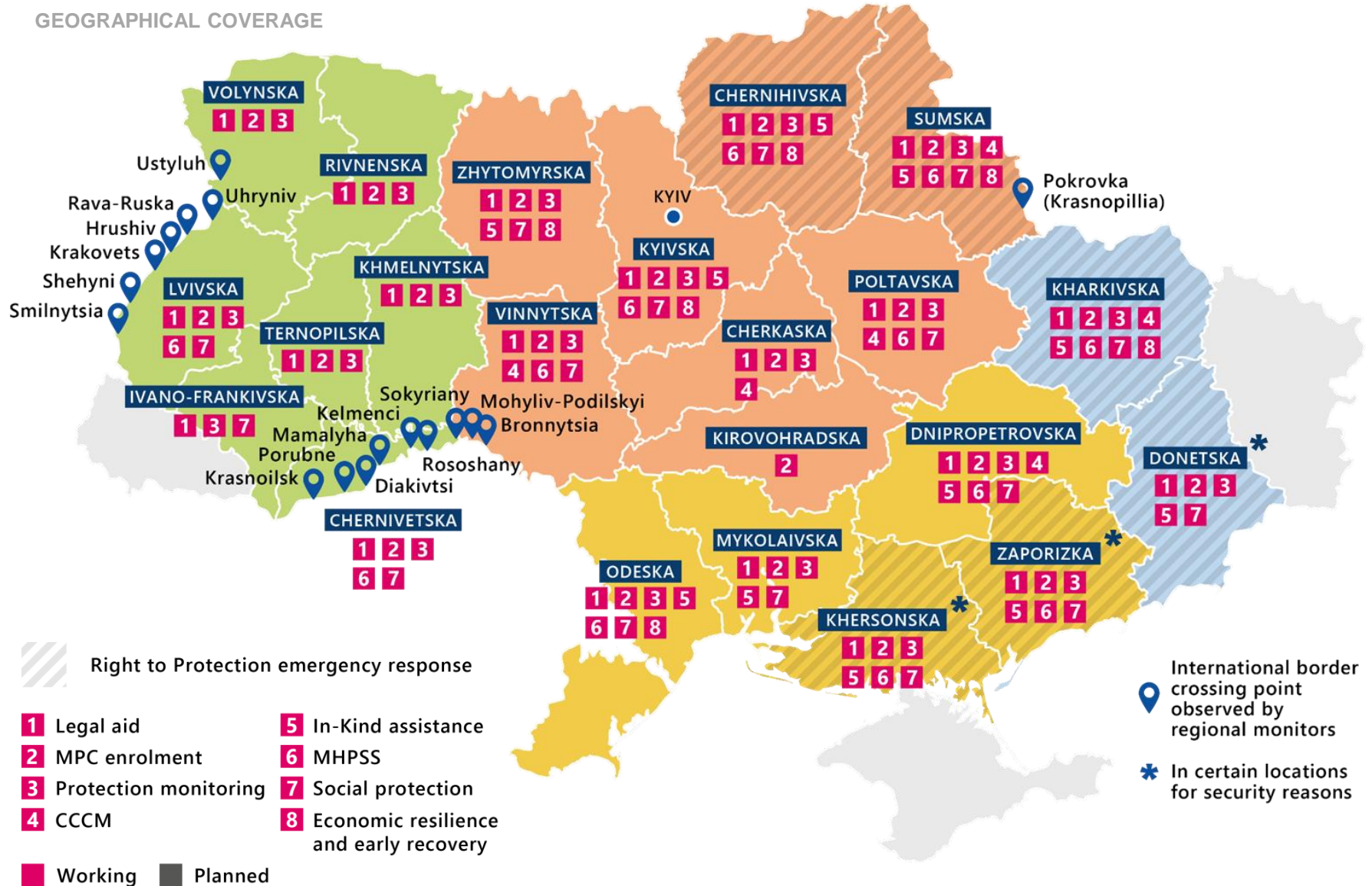
Monitors have **identified many problems related to changes in state benefits for IDPs** in accordance with the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 332 of March 20, 2022. While some IDPs are automatically extended housing benefits, others have to apply again, which leads to delays in receiving payments.

The most frequent requests for legal assistance were regarding the protection of the right to receive payments in the context of these changes, in particular, regarding **appeals against illegal refusals** of social protection institutions to assign assistance.

- The Unified Information System of the Social Sphere (**UISSS**) **failing the verification of IDPs** from Donetsk and Luhanska oblasts.
- **The long queues** are observed in the social protection departments in large cities of Chernivetska, Ivano-Frankivska, Dnipropetrovska, Zaporizka oblasts and the city of Kyiv.
- **Households headed by women face refusals** to submit documents or extend payments. There are women who are not officially divorced from their husbands, who are abroad, on the territory of hostilities or on the TOT; women whose husbands serve in the Armed Forces and cannot provide all the documents required by DoSP.
- IDPs who have **moved from territories where hostilities are taking place and have damaged property** are denied extended IDP payments due to the lack of supporting documents, as it is impossible to inspect destroyed or damaged property for security reasons.

ASSISTANCE TO IDPs AND AFFECTED POPULATION

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



ASSISTANCE TO IDPs AND AFFECTED POPULATION



Yuliia's Journey to Bring Her Family Together

Yuliia turned to the R2P Poland and briefed that her mother had died in Sumska oblast, and her young brother Nazarii had been orphaned and had already been placed in an orphanage. Yuliia needed help in establishing custody over her brother, as well as in arranging for them to travel to Poland together. The case was handed over to the R2P Sumy office.

As soon as Yuliia arrived in Sumy, she approached the village council where Yuliia and Nazarii filed for guardianship. Svitlana Tkachova, an R2P Lawyer, prepared the required documents promptly.

Given the Nazarii's experience, they were accompanied by Lidiia Moiseienko, an R2P child psychologist, during all procedures.

Thanks to R2P, the boy is now with his family and they can build their future together.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Emergency Response is a rapidly developing program.

Currently, the crisis response team consists of **12 emergency teams**, which include:
an emergency response **coordinator**,
7 regional emergency coordination experts,
60 emergency specialists.

374 emergency visits* were made.

More than **40%** of them were in **Kherson and Khersonska oblast**.

An emergency team is a team of appropriately trained specialists who make visit to high-risk locations to provide various assistance to beneficiaries

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention and response

19 trainings on case management, prevention and response to GBV were conducted for **412 social services providers, workers in the field of prevention and countermeasures against violence**.

385 individual consultations were provided by lawyers, social workers and psychologists on GBV issues

32 educational events were held in schools and institutions of higher education,
1,063 students of these institutions participated

A booklet on legal aid for GBV survivors has been prepared and distributed during the aforementioned activities.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Services were provided to more than **9K beneficiaries**, almost **30%** of them are **IDPs**.

More than **70%** of beneficiaries are **women** almost **50%** of beneficiaries are aged **18-59**.

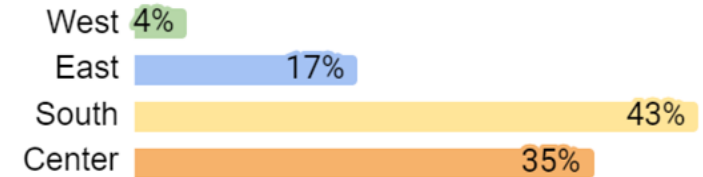
7 646 INDIVIDUAL and 562 GROUP CONSULTATIONS

Coping with the grief of loss is the most requested theme

Conducted **48 TRAININGS ATTENDED by 749 PARTICIPANTS**

There are requests on the following topics: support for families of military personnel, support for guardians of orphans, community cohesion, recovery of public service providers.

GEOGRAPHY OF BENEFICIARIES



Online support covers entire country

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Legal aid was provided to **26K* beneficiaries**, **70%** of them are **IDPs**.

80% of beneficiaries are **women**

more than **60%** of beneficiaries are aged **18-59**.

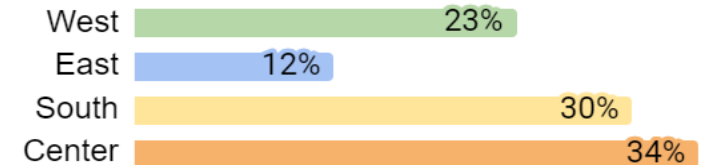
Top legal issues were*:

access to adequate housing and/or HLP (**34%**)

social benefits and/or pensions (**33%**)

- On March 28-29, a legal workshop on "Trends and strategies of judicial protection of the rights of IDPs" was held for R2P lawyers and colleagues from the Danish Refugee Council, the International Rescue Committee, Caritas, the Representative Office of the Norwegian Refugee Council in Ukraine, the Legal Development Network..

GEOGRAPHY OF BENEFICIARIES



LEGAL AID ACTIVITY

29K* LEGAL AID CONSULTATIONS

945 BENEFICIARIES RECEIVED SECONDARY LEGAL AID

373 COURT CASES FINALIZED

155 GROUP CONSULTATIONS CONDUCTED

*General legal assistance, Helpline operators, not including Telegram channel and chat-bot.

CASH ASSISTANCE

Assistance was provided to more than **70K beneficiaries**, almost **40%** of them are **IDPs**.

More than **60%** of beneficiaries are **women** and **40%** are **aged 60+**

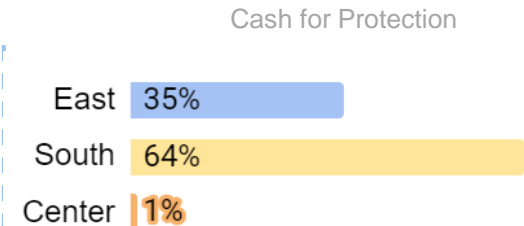
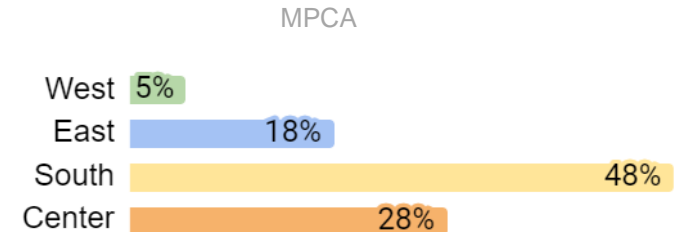
More than **44K HOUSEHOLDS** were assisted.

Mobile response teams made **893 visits**

CASH FOR PROTECTION assistance was provided to **113 beneficiaries**

- Implementation of aid programs together with 2 new partners
- Implementation of the UNHCR Cash for Rent program in the Kyivska oblast and Kyiv
- A crisis response to shelling and evacuation, with aid within a week

GEOGRAPHY OF BENEFICIARIES



IN KIND ASSISTANCE

More than **50K beneficiaries** received assistance

30% are **IDPs**

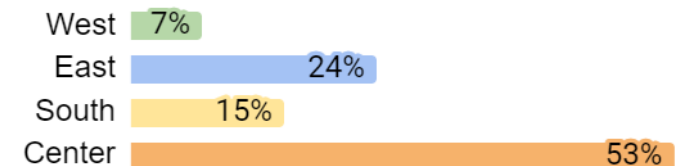
60% are **women**

68% are aged **60+**

2572 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN and **3703** had **DAMAGED HOUSING**

The most common type of assistance were various **items for household arrangement**, which were distributed individually, for CCs and social institutions (**87% of all aid distributed**)

GEOGRAPHY OF BENEFICIARIES



- In 4 weeks, almost 5 million fuel briquettes were distributed to 2.5K households in the front-line areas
- 3 Digital Learning Centers were opened and equipped in Kharkiv

PROTECTION MONITORING

9K beneficiaries were targeted, 67% are IDPs.

The category of **women aged 18-59** was the most represented.

PROTECTION MONITORING ACTIVITIES

4166 MONITORING VISITS were made to the settlements and
404 VISITS TO INTERNATIONAL BORDER CROSSING POINTS

1108 PEOPLE participated in **84 GROUP INFORMATION SESSIONS**

More than 9K CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED IN TOTAL

The most popular **topics of non-legal consultations** were

- humanitarian aid
- social benefits/pensions

Topics of consultations of local authorities and initiative groups of IDPs:

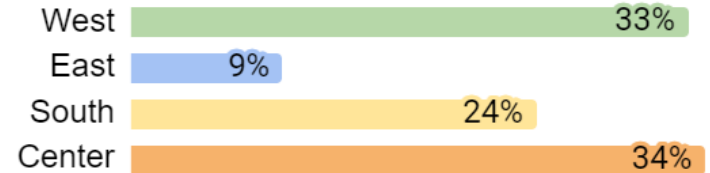
- integration of the IDPs
- possibilities of community development support

Conducted an **INDICATIVE STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF CHANGES TO THE PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENTS TO IDPs** on their financial situation and plans for a possible return to their place of residence.

1,337 respondents were interviewed in 21 oblasts of Ukraine

- More than **70%** of respondents identified payments as **one of the main sources of income**
- Almost half of the respondents reported that they did not receive payments and **67%** of them **lost payments due to the narrowing of the categories of IDPs who are entitled to payments**
- After the cancellation of payments, only **10%** of respondents are **intended to find a job**, and **8%** plan to **return to a permanent place of residence** in a dangerous region

GEOGRAPHY OF BENEFICIARIES



- Participatory study on the Durable solutions in Ukraine was conducted together with IOM in 5 regions.
- To ensure IDP`s access to subsidized dentures, a working group was created in Chernivtsi on the initiative of R2P representatives after detecting such a problem.

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

121K BENEFICIARIES IN TOTAL in **140 COLLECTIVE CENTRES (CCs)**

More than **57%** are **women**
more than **47%** are aged **18-59**.

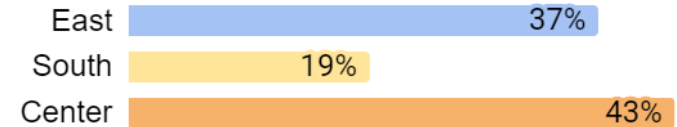
KEY CCCM ACTIVITIES

177 AWARENESS RAISING SESSIONS,
attended by **MORE THAN 2000 PARTICIPANTS**

63 TRAININGS FOR IDPs AND STAKEHOLDERS, attended by **MORE THAN 800 PARTICIPANTS**

Cases are being implemented to support the CCs administrations regarding violations of the terms of the agreement and CCs residence rules, and the implementation of legal measures to influence IDPs who commit such violations

GEOGRAPHY OF BENEFICIARIES



SOCIAL PROTECTION

Services were provided to **5003 BENEFICIARIES**.

Almost **60%** of them are **IDPs**.

More than **70%** are **women** and almost **60%** are aged **60+**.

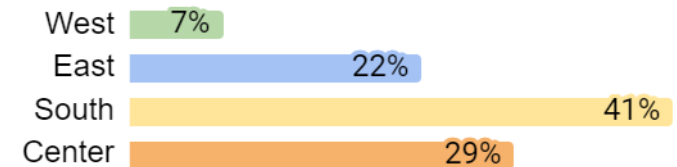
210 SOCIAL PROTECTION CASES were processed.

GROUP EVENTS

153 GROUP EVENTS for more than **2K PARTICIPANTS**

Among them, **16 trainings** were held for specialists of social institutions as part of the **Social Change Workshop**, in which **308 specialists of state institutions** took part.

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- Implementation and development of the activity "Setting up safe spaces for women and girls" had started.

ECONOMIC RESILIENCE AND EARLY RECOVERY

Services were provided to **830 beneficiaries**,
65% are **IDPs**.
80% are **women**
90% are aged **18-59**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

101 BENEFICIARIES RECEIVED
CAREER CONSULTATIONS

180 RECEIVED LEGAL CONSULTATIONS

75 PARTICIPATED IN GROUP PSYCHOLOGICAL
CONSULTATIONS

549 PARTICIPATED IN TRAINING PROGRAM

17 RECEIVED BUSINESS CONSULTATIONS

- Training to improve business skills of war-affected population
- R2P is represented in working groups on the durable solutions in Kharkivska, Lvivska, Dnipropetrovska, and Kyivska oblasts and at the national level
- Started work with the Sambirska hromada on the creation of a Project Office.

ADVOCACY

- Organized **5 national and international events** and participated in **2 international conferences**
- Developed **Proposals and recommendations for the Alternative Report to the Report of the European Commission on Ukraine in 2023** in terms of compensation for housing, regarding the restoration of ownership rights and about citizenship issues.
- Took part in the **development of mechanisms for compensation of damage to persons who suffered from armed aggression against Ukraine**, within the framework of the working group on the preparation of proposals for compensation and an international conference "Compensation of damages, losses and injuries caused by the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine" in Warsaw, Republic of Poland.

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

ANALYTICAL MATERIALS

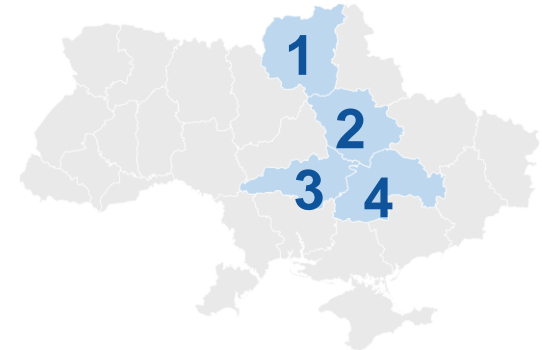
[A study of shelters in educational institutions for children with special educational needs](#) was conducted.

It made it possible to:

- summarize the existing problems,
- develop recommendations for improving the situation,
- identify performers at each stage

The research was conducted in 3 regions and covered 9 educational institutions (Poltava, Dnipropetrovsk, Kirovohrad regions)

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



1. Chernihivska oblast
2. Poltavaska oblast
3. Kirovohradska oblast
4. Dnipropetrovska oblast

PROJECTS ACTIVITIES

A project has been launched to support sustainable development and increase the resilience of the Novhorod-Siverska hromada in Chernihivska oblas.



2 meetings with representatives of local authorities were successfully held to define cooperation algorithms and discuss community needs



A survey for a detailed assessment of the security situation and environmental risks in the territory of the Novhorod-Siverska hromada has been launched



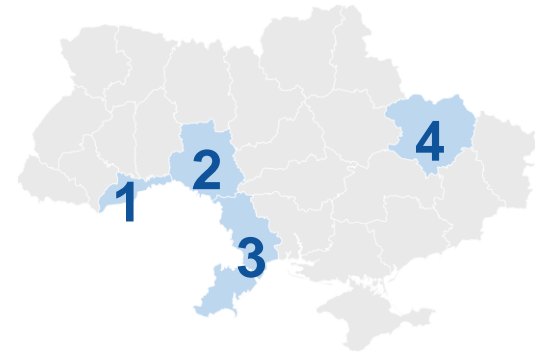
Focus group discussions with representatives of the Novhorod-Siverska hromada were organized to increase understanding of the problems and needs and involve participants in the decision-making process.

STRENGTHENING OF RESILIENCE AND COHESION IN UKRAINE

ACTIVITIES

- **6 integration events** for elderly and people with disabilities were carried out
- Within the framework of the project "Promoting the participation of community residents in the reconstruction processes of Ukraine", **working groups were created in 3 territorial communities**, which formed a **Platform for dialogue and mutual understanding**.
The purpose of the working groups is to analyze the available social services, the community's needs for them, and to develop gender and social passports.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



1. Chernivetska oblast
2. Vinnytska oblast
3. Odeska oblast
4. Kharkivska oblast

- Right to Protection **provided support to 4 communities in creating working groups** for the updating the local **Strategy for the Development of Municipal Social Services** involving IDPs in the planning and decision-making process. It will help to take into account the needs, interests and opportunities of IDPs in community development, such as access to basic services, housing, work, etc. **8 meetings** were held.
- In cooperation with the journalistic initiative of Dmytro Lytvynenko's JurComClub, with the support of International Finance Corporation (IFC), **training for local self-government bodies on anti-stigma communication on the subject of IDP integration in host communities was supplemented**.
- On March 14, an **online training was held on the topic "Cooperation with the mass media: Preparing stories about immigrants for the development of communities"** together with the journalistic initiative of Dmytro Lytvynenko's JurComClub, with support from IFC.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO STATELESS PERSONS

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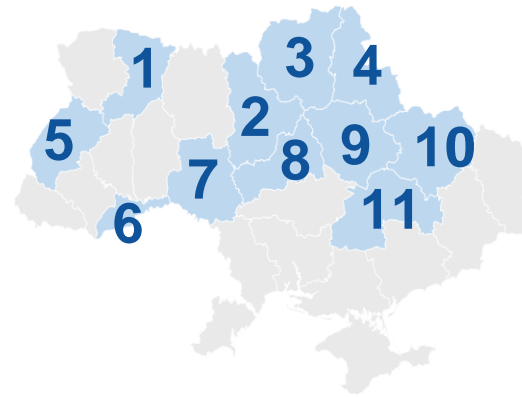
2518 CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED TO **557** BENEFICIARIES

42 PERSONS OBTAINED PASSPORTS AS A RESULT OF NATIONALITY CONFIRMATION

161 COURT CASES THAT ATTORNEYS TOOK PART IN ACTIVITIES

- On March 8, The Supreme Court of Ukraine, based on an application of an R2P lawyer, **annulled the decision of the State Migration Service of Ukraine to refuse to issue a temporary residence permit to a stateless person recognized in Ukraine**, which is an extremely important decision that should allow all persons without citizenship to regulate their status on the territory of Ukraine.
- At the end of January, the **"Basic course of social, legal and digital literacy for stateless persons in the Kyivska oblast"** was completed. The course was conducted by R2P specialists for stateless persons with the aim of supporting such persons, helping them learn more about their rights and learn how to implement them.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



1. Rivnenska oblast
2. Kyivska oblast
3. Chernihivska oblast
4. Sumska oblast
5. Lvivska oblast
6. Chernivetska oblast
7. Vinnytska oblast.
8. Cherkaska oblast
9. Poltavksa oblast
10. Kharkivska oblast
11. Dnipropetrovska oblast

- The European Network on Statelessness published an article by experts on the topic **"Rights of stateless persons in Ukraine during martial law"** which was prepared by R2P's specialists of the Legal Assistance to Stateless Persons direction.
- The presentation of the study **"The position of stateless persons and the possibility of realizing their rights, in particular in the conditions of a full-scale war in Ukraine"** was held in Kyiv for representatives of the Coordination Center for the provision of legal assistance, the State Employment Center, the Human Rights Commissioner of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, representatives of the Ministries of Ukraine and non-governmental organizations.



STATELESS PERSONS Trends

- There is an **increasing flow of undocumented people** in need of assistance due to internal migration processes and the activism of aid providers.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO STATELESS PERSONS

Oleksandr's Battle for Belonging

Oleksandr was born in 1961 in the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia, Georgia. The war forced him to flee his home and move to Kyiv, where he worked for two years in the Kyiv Metro.

Later, a problem arose: Oleksandr had a USSR passport, which allowed to work officially until 2005. It was the deadline for exchanging it for a Ukrainian passport. However, he was denied the exchange because he could not prove his Ukrainian citizenship. Unfortunately, over time, the man developed severe health problems, and both of his legs were partially amputated. Unable to work and not having documents, he did not know what to do next.

In 2022, Oleksandr turned to R2P. Serhii Mykhailov, a lawyer of the Assistance to Stateless Population in Ukraine programme direction, took up the case. He collected documents from the man's place of residence and work. After engaging witnesses to establish his identity, the lawyer applied for recognition of Oleksandr as a stateless person with the Migration Service. The man waited for Ukraine's SMS decision for a whole year. Finally, in February, he received a temporary residence permit. Now, Oleksandr has all the opportunities and rights available to any Ukrainian citizen. Now, he legally EXISTS.



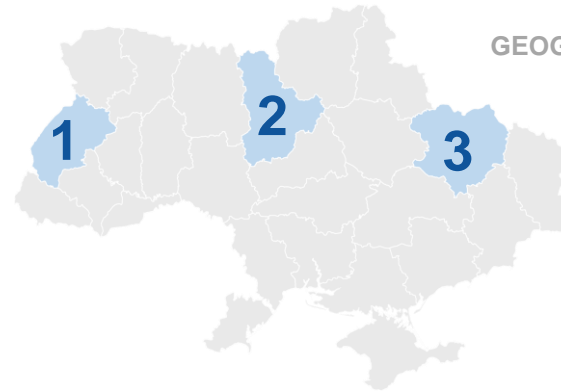
LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

GENERAL INFORMATION

201 BENEFICIARIES RECEIVED LEGAL OR SOCIAL AID

533 CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED

71 COURT CASES THAT ATTORNEYS TOOK PART IN



GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

1. Lvivska oblast
2. Kyivska oblast
3. Kharkivska oblast

ACTIVITIES

- An article was published in NV “**Labor migrants can save the economy of Ukraine. What is needed for this?**”
- **Advocacy campaign against the draft law of Ukraine No. 10425** ("On some issues in the field of migration regarding the grounds and procedure for acquiring and terminating Ukrainian citizenship") in the aspect of protecting the rights of children of protection seekers and persons in need of additional protection
- **A meeting of leaders of refugee and migrant communities in Ukraine was organized in Lviv.** Representatives of 9 communities took part in the event. These are the organizations and groups that are reflected in the study of PnZ, UNHCR and partners "Communities as a resource for supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Ukraine"



REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS Trends

- High-ranking officials openly discuss the **topic of attracting migrant workers** as a necessity for survival and include it in long-term state strategies.
- **Jurisprudence in favor of beneficiaries** on the issue of access to international protection is becoming more important. On the other hand, the executive authorities do not change their approaches to the problem
- **European integration processes** affect the issue of international protection, where the R2P's expertise is in demand.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

The Inspiring Journey of Issa Sadio Diallo

The Foundation works with communities to further assist refugees and asylum seekers, including in the process of integration and self-reliance.

Issa Sadio Diallo is a leader of one of the refugee communities. He came to Ukraine in 1986 from the Republic of Guinea to study at university. Here, he met his future wife, and his daughters were born. Ukraine has become Issa's second home. He says the most challenging part was getting used to the food. Ukrainian Christmas carols remind him of a similar African tradition.

Today, he heads the NGO African Council in Ukraine, which promotes cultural dialogue between the peoples of the African continent and Ukraine and supports migrants and refugees from there. The organisation's activities include sports, education, and trade and economic relations.

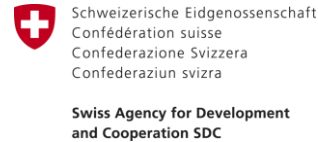
Representatives of the organisation take part in various events dedicated to protecting the rights of foreigners, including refugees, and their integration. An essential area of the NGO's work is fighting racism and xenophobia and promoting tolerance towards representatives of different cultures and races.

Issa Sadio Diallo is also the head of the Guinean diaspora in Ukraine. Since the consulate here is closed, all questions are addressed to him as a former vice-consul.





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