

TEMPORARY SPECIAL COMMISSION

on the protection of property and non-property rights of internally displaced persons and other persons affected by the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine

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DECISION

On the Activities of the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration and Local Government Bodies in Protecting the Rights and Meeting the Basic Needs of Internally Displaced Persons and Others Affected by Russian Aggression

Due to the full-scale invasion in Ukraine, many people were forced to leave their homes and change their place of residence. Since the onset of hostilities, the western regions of Ukraine have sheltered hundreds of thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs), including families with children, the elderly, socially vulnerable groups, and employees of relocated enterprises.

As of May 1, 2024, the Unified Information Database of Internally Displaced Persons in the Ivano-Frankivsk Region registered 117,285 IDPs (83,930 families). Among them:

- Individuals of working age: 53,770;
- Individuals seeking employment: 4,849;
- People with disabilities: 4,103;
- Pensioners: 16,858;
- Children: 33,971;
- Other persons: 3,734.

However, due to some people's reluctance to register and obtain status, the actual number of IDPs in the region may be significantly higher.

Given the ongoing hostilities in the country, there is a high probability that a substantial number of evacuees will remain in the region for an extended period. Consequently, one of the primary tasks of the regional military administration during martial law is to create suitable conditions for the comfortable stay of IDPs in the region. This includes assistance in employment, social protection, housing, and meeting other needs.

The Temporary Special Commission of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the Protection of Property and Non-Property Rights of Internally Displaced Persons and

Others Affected by the Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), in a letter dated April 22, 2024, No. 04-82/6-2024/87939, requested the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration to provide information by May 2, 2024, for the preparation for the Commission's meeting. This information should include data on funds spent in 2023 and the first quarter of 2024 on all programs related to IDP support, details on existing support programs for IDPs in the region, and more.

According to the letter from the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration dated May 2, 2024, the support programs for IDPs include the following:

- 1. Housing Assistance Payments. In April 2024, housing assistance payments were received by 12,527 individuals, totaling 48.3 million UAH. Since the start of the full-scale invasion, over 4,064.9 million UAH has been disbursed.
 - 2. Accommodation through the "Shelter" Program. This program provides compensation for temporary accommodation costs for IDPs. In 2023, such compensation amounted to 51.9 million UAH. As of January 1, 2023, housing was provided by 3,082 owners for 9,475 IDPs. As of January 1, 2024, housing was provided by 1,855 owners for 5,131 IDPs. In March 2024, housing was provided by 1,732 owners for 4,788 IDPs.
 - 3. Compensation for Utility Costs. As of May 1, 2024, institutions were compensated 68.0 million UAH for utilities used between March 2022 and December 2023 for housing IDPs in state, communal, and private properties during martial law. Unreimbursed compensation for January-February 2024 stands at 3.5 million UAH. Compensation for 2023 alone amounted to 17.2 million UAH.
 - 4. Funding for IDP Support. In 2023, 295.3 million UAH was allocated for IDP support:
 - 1) From the regional budget: 56.3 million UAH;
 - 2) From other local budgets: 101.8 million UAH;
 - 3) Through state budget subventions: 137.2 million UAH.

For the first quarter of 2024, 7.8 million UAH was allocated:

- 1) From the regional budget: 0.10 million UAH;
- 2) From other local budgets: 7.7 million UAH;
- 3) Through state budget subventions: 137.2 million UAH.

59 temporary accommodation sites were approved in the region:

- 1) Communal ownership: 37 sites;
- 2) State ownership: 7 sites;
- 3) Private ownership: 15 sites;

These are located in the following districts:

- 1) Verkhovyna: 3 sites;
- 2) Ivano-Frankivsk: 25 sites;
- 3) Kalush: 8 sites;
- 4) Kolomyia: 12 sites;

- 5) Kosiv: 4 sites:
- 6) Nadvirna: 7 sites;

As of May 1, 2024, 2,091 IDPs have applied for temporary housing in the region. The Ivano-Frankivsk City Council has approved a local program for forming housing funds for temporary accommodation, with a budget of 1.25 million UAH, including 0.375 million UAH from the local budget.

Notably, the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration continuously collaborates with local governments, international charitable organizations, and all interested parties to provide housing for IDPs. A database of communal housing properties suitable for temporary accommodation, pending necessary repairs, has been created. Local communities have proposed 21 communal properties that could be converted into social housing for IDPs, subject to renovations.

However, it was noted that the region was not selected for the pilot project on purchasing and constructing housing for IDPs as outlined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Resolution No. 495 dated April 29, 2024, "On Some Measures for Forming Housing Funds for Temporary Accommodation of Internally Displaced Persons".

During the Commission meeting on May 17, 2024, Deputy Head of the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration L.I. Sirko reported on the employment of IDPs in the region. In 2022, 4,200 individuals contacted the employment center (2,100 obtained status, including 1,066 employed, 106 trained, and 16 engaged in community work). In 2023, 1,328 IDPs received status, with 560 employed. As of May 1, 2024, 1,296 IDPs contacted the employment centers and obtained status (353 employed, over 100 sent for retraining and skills improvement, and 291 involved in socially useful work). Currently, 3,300 people are registered at the employment center, including 814 IDPs, with 1,300 vacancies available.

Additionally, it was emphasized that there are no specific housing credit programs for IDPs in the region. However, the regional Department of Social Policy operates a program aimed at improving living conditions.

The Commission stressed the need for regional military administrations to report on the implementation of previous Commission decisions, specifically the decision from February 9, 2024 "On the state of implementation by the regional, Kyiv city military (state) administrations, local self-government bodies of the Operational Action Plan for the implementation in 2023-2025 of the State Policy Strategy on Internal Displacement for the period up to 2025, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 312-p dated April 07, 2023". This decision requires regional military administrations, including Ivano-Frankivsk RMA, to:

• Conduct a systematic audit and inventory of all potentially suitable housing for IDPs with regional branches of the State Property Fund of Ukraine, local government leaders, communal property funds, international and national humanitarian organizations, public and charitable organizations, and the *Commission's* working group. Establish the usage, readiness, and cost of bringing each property to a habitable condition and create an information database for each region and Kyiv (point 3);

• Conduct an unscheduled inspection of call center ("hotline") operations and take measures to improve their performance, reporting to the Commission within a month (point 4).

It is worth noting that the Ivano-Frankivsk region, due to its distance from the combat zones, remains attractive for IDPs considering relocation. Therefore, the need to increase temporary housing capacity, improve living conditions, and create additional housing funds for IDPs remains urgent.

After considering the issue, the Commission **d** e c i d e d:

- 1. To take the information provided by the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration into account.
- 2. To propose that the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration:
 - 1) Enhance efforts to form housing funds for temporary accommodation of IDPs, conduct property inventories, identify premises suitable for renovation and habitation, and ensure IDPs have access to affordable housing, considering needs, capacities, and vulnerability criteria, including using public-private partnerships.
 - 2) Report to the Commission on the implementation of points 3-4 of the Commission's decision from February 9, 2024 "On the state of implementation by the regional, Kyiv city military (state) administrations, local self-government bodies of the Operational Action Plan for the implementation in 2023-2025 of the State Policy Strategy on Internal Displacement for the period up to 2025, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 312-p dated April 07, 2023".
 - 3) Intensify efforts to upgrade facilities that do not meet the criteria established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine's Resolution No. 930 dated September 1, 2023, "Some Issues of the Functioning of Temporary Accommodation for Internally Displaced Persons," to ensure they meet the set criteria.
 - 4) Enhance the dissemination of information to Ukrainian citizens about temporary accommodation for internally displaced persons, including the location of these facilities, the number of available spaces, and the condition of the facilities. This includes updating and expanding information on the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration's website through an interactive map detailing these facilities.

- 5) Initiate regional-level programs to support housing loan programs for internally displaced persons.
- 3. To send the Commission's decision to the Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine Minister for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories and the Head of the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration.

The Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration is to report to the Commission within a month on the outcomes of the implementation of this decision.

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