Ukraine: Insights and Implications

FMR 72 Call for article proposals

About Forced Migration Review (FMR)

One of the leading global publications on forced migration, FMR is widely read by practitioners, researchers and students across the world. With subscribers spread across every continent, the magazine reaches audiences in key positions in the field, enabling best practice to be shared and debated. Our goal is to deliver high-quality content that engages, informs and changes policy and practice in the forced migration field.

We cover a wide range of themes, most recently publishing features on externalisation, the climate crisis, and issues of knowledge, voice and power in the forced migration space. Our next issue is on the theme of ‘Sustainable socio-economic integration’, to be published in February 2023.

About the FMR 72 issue

The war in Ukraine has caused forced displacement on a scale and at a speed not witnessed in Europe since World War II. The crisis has overturned long-held assumptions that forced displacement is a challenge of the ‘Global South’, and drawn many new actors into responding to the needs of displaced people, both within Ukraine and in refugee-hosting countries. This has generated a great deal of learning and necessitated innovation and adaptation, as well as the development of new kinds of partnerships and funding models.

This issue of FMR seeks to address questions that have arisen out of the crisis, reflecting on both the insights and lessons learned from the immediate response, and on the profound implications of the Ukraine crisis for the international refugee and asylum system.

Call for article proposals

In this issue of FMR the Editors are looking for practice/policy-oriented submissions, including case studies, reflecting a diverse range of experience and opinions. We seek to provide an open forum to share ideas, experience and good practice. To this end, we consider article proposals from authors of any nationality, gender or professional background, and seek to encourage diverse perspectives in order to enrich discussion.

Insights and lessons

We welcome submissions from displaced people, practitioners and researchers working in and on the response to displacement related to the war in Ukraine, which focus on insights gained and lessons learned.
Articles should seek to answer the following broad questions: What insights have you gained from your work responding to forced displacement (internal or cross-border) or from experiencing displacement yourself? What lessons might there be for future displacement responses in this same region and/or beyond? Authors may choose to focus on a specific case study, or on a thematic or geographical area.

Areas of interest include:

- the role of local civil society organisations and self-organised volunteers in responding to displacement (internal and cross-border)
- inclusion of displaced people in decision-making, and accountability to affected populations
- fundraising and financing mechanisms, including non-traditional/private donors and corporations
- the role of diverse actors including the private sector, local and regional government, media and diaspora groups, and coordination between these groups
- the emergence of new forms of partnership between actors
- the role of the Ukrainian government and the political considerations involved in the humanitarian response
- the role of women within the displacement response
- the contribution and needs of young people
- protection of vulnerable people (including older age groups, children, people living with disabilities, ethnic minorities, including Roma) and barriers these groups may face in accessing assistance
- socio-economic integration of both IDPs and refugees
- provision of housing, education and language support for displaced people
- mental health and psycho-social support
- sexual and gender-based violence, sexual exploitation and abuse, and trafficking
- the role of faith-based organisations and religious leaders
- the use of digital technologies, including social media
- monitoring and evaluation, data collection and analysis

Wider implications

We also welcome articles that offer reflections from a broader perspective on the implications of the war in Ukraine for forced migration policy and practice, including areas of protection and solutions, discrimination and international refugee law.

These discussions may include:

- host country responses (short-, mid- and long-term)
- the role of new legal frameworks governing asylum, including the EU Temporary Protection Directive
- legal/policy development at country and regional level
- funding flows and donor priorities
- the application of humanitarian principles (such as neutrality and impartiality)
- the role played by international organisations and alliances

Please note: We ask all authors to give appropriate consideration to the particular relevance of their responses to persons with disabilities, to LGBTIQ+ persons, to older persons, and to other groups with specific vulnerabilities and characteristics, and to seek to include a gendered approach as part of their articles.
Partnership opportunities

We are seeking partners to contribute financially to this issue of FMR. We hope to publish the issue in English, Spanish, Ukrainian and Russian, funds permitting. Please contact the FMR team if you would like to explore this opportunity.

Mentoring scheme

Following the success of our mentoring scheme for FMR 70, we will open a fresh cohort for this issue of FMR. People who have lived experience of displacement, in any region of the world, will be eligible to apply for the scheme. When you submit your article proposal through our form linked to below, please indicate if you would like to be considered for mentoring. All applications will be considered according to the strength of the article proposal and mentors allocated to as many authors from forced migration backgrounds as possible.

Submitting your article proposal

All article proposals must be submitted via this form by 16th January 2023. You should outline what you hope to cover in your article and why you think it will be of interest to readers of FMR. This proposal should not exceed 300 words.

We will review all proposals in early February 2023 and select a number of articles for development into full articles of up to 2,300 words. These will then be reviewed and final articles selected to be edited and published in the FMR 72 issue in June/July 2023.

If you have any queries, please contact the FMR Editors: fmr@qeh.ox.ac.uk