Supporting Ukrainian refugees within the broader context of UK Government policy

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Overview

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4. British Red Cross Ukraine response
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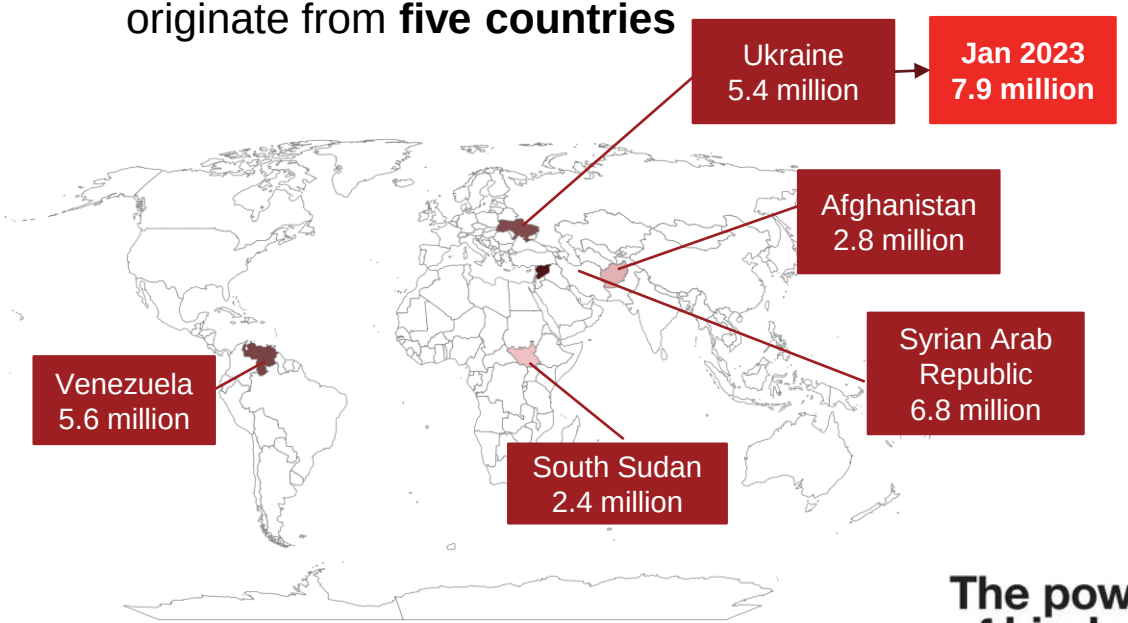
Global forced displacement

103 million forcibly displaced people worldwide

- **53.2 million** are internally displaced people (Source: IDMC, as of end-2021)
- **32.5 million** are refugees (as of mid-2022)
- **4.9 million** are asylum-seekers (as of mid-2022)
- **5.3 million** are other people in need of international protection (as of mid-2022)

[UNHCR - Refugee Statistics]

72% forcibly displaced people originate from **five countries**



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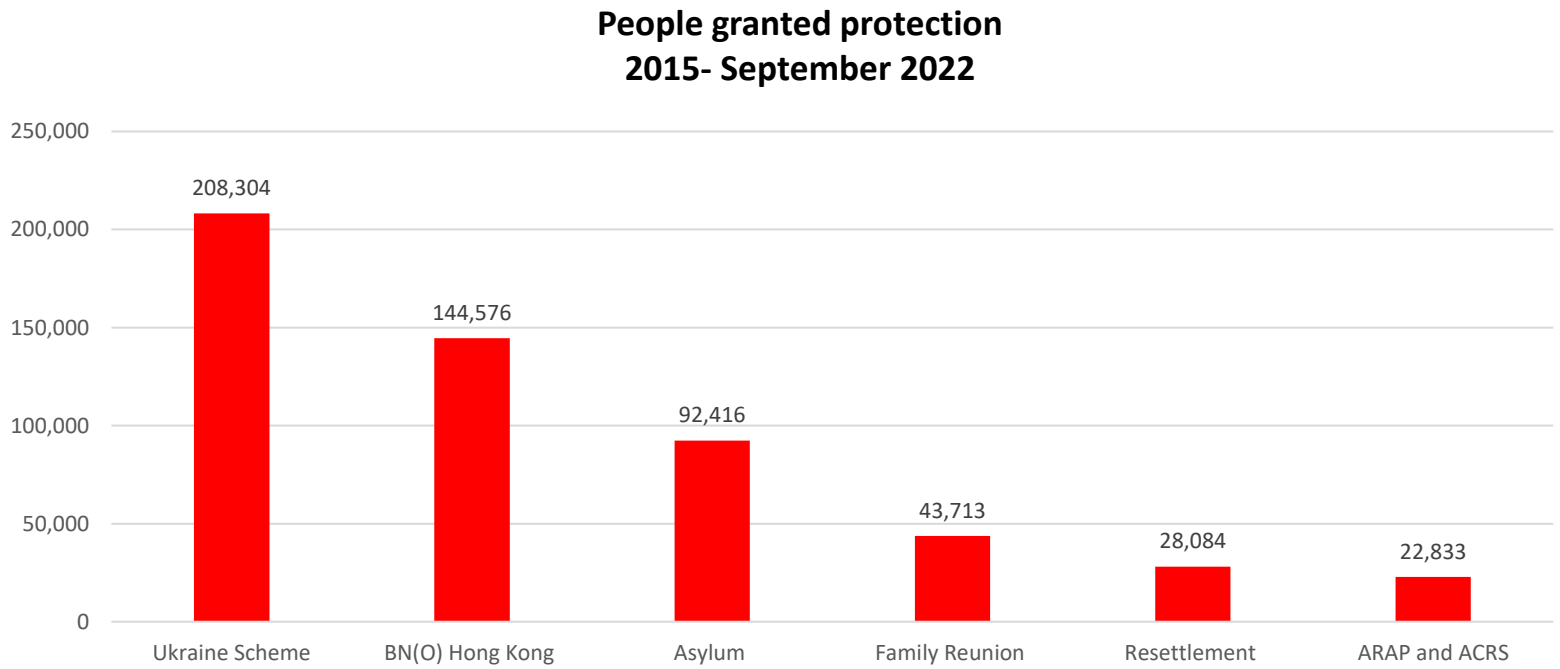
Routes leading to protection in the UK



How many people do we grant protection to? - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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Routes to protection and integration in the UK

Routes		Immigration status			Access to essential services						
		Refugee	Leave to remain	Indefinite leave to remain	Right to work	Employability support	Education	Health	Housing	Welfare benefits	Knowledge of rights and entitlements
Refugee Resettlement Schemes	UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Community Sponsorship			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mandate Resettlement Scheme	✓		✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nationality-specific routes	Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) and ex gratia scheme			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS)	✓*		✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Ukraine Family Scheme		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Hong Kong British National (Overseas) visa		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Arrangements available to all nationalities	Refugee Family Reunion		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Asylum						✓*	✓	✓		

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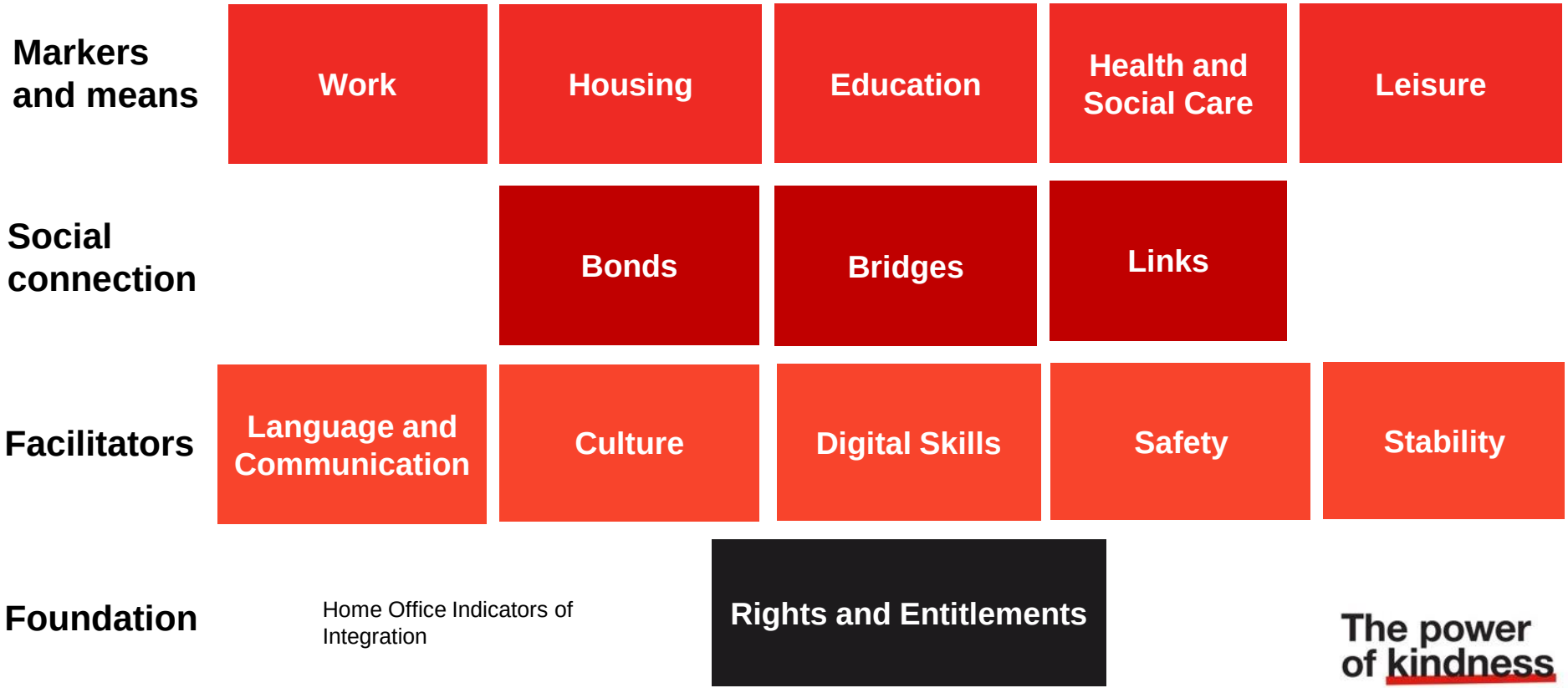
Barriers and integration indicators



Home Office Indicators of Integration

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Ukraine visa schemes

	Homes for Ukraine Scheme	Family Visa Scheme	Ukraine Extension Scheme
Right to work and live in the UK for up to three years	✓	✓	✓
Access to healthcare, education, welfare and other public services	✓	✓	✓
£200 interim payment per person	✓	X*	X*
Wraparound integration support	✓	X†	X
Hosts receive monthly thank you payment	✓	X	X
Council tax discounts protected	✓	X	X

** except in Northern Ireland [where each person receives a £200 interim payment (per person) to help with the cost of food and essentials provided by the local council.]*

† except in Wales where any host who formally takes in a Ukraine Family Scheme family via the local authority will receive monthly thank you payment. Original sponsors of family members through the Family Visa scheme who accommodate guests will not receive the monthly thank you payment.

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Ukraine response: overview

Crisis Response

Source: CR BRM

15,535
No. People Assisted

1,048
No. Incidents

Refugee Support

Source: RS BRM

1336
Main Clients

915
No. Dependents

Support Line Calls

Source: Mitel/MS Forms

68,709
Calls Answered

26,020
Support Line Cash Card requests

56,448
Total people requesting support

Cash Assistance

Source: RedRose

24,519
Approved Applications

£2.7M
Total distributed*

Sim Card Requests**

Source: MS Forms

19,781
SIM card requests

18,678
Actioned SIM cards

*Total = Amount distributed on cash cards + digital cash disbursed (Huggg amount disbursed).
** data sources under testing

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Recommendations

1. Integration should start from day one: people seeking protection in the UK regardless of the arrival route should be provided with integration from day one of arriving in the country.
2. People seeking protection should have equitable access to support and services
3. Ensure a fair allocation of resources and support packages based on the need
4. New arrivals must have a fair opportunity to rebuild their lives and thrive in their communities.
5. Inclusive communities and partnership work are key factors for the successful coordination of the integration support package.
6. Integration strategies and support services should be co-produced with people with lived experience.
7. Compile learning from all different sponsorship models such as Ukraine schemes, super sponsorship, family reunion and wider community sponsorship and apply learning across all nationalities

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