

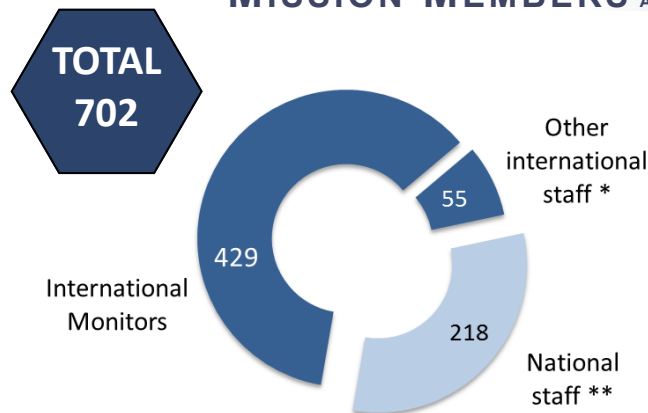


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## LATEST NEWS

- The Deputy Chief Monitor of the SMM, Alexander Hug, visited southeast Ukraine on 9-10 April to encourage parties to further disengage in Shyrokyne and to work towards normalization and demilitarization in the town and surrounding areas.
- On 12 April Chief Monitor of the SMM, Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan, expressed his dismay at the resumed violence in Shyrokyne following three days of calm in Shyrokyne facilitated by the SMM. He called upon all sides to exercise maximum restraint and to honour the commitments enshrined in the Minsk agreements.
- Following the escalation of violence in Shyrokyne over the Orthodox Easter weekend, SMM Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug and his team travelled back to Mariupol on 13 April to spearhead efforts for a localised ceasefire. Since 13 April the SMM has visited Shyrokyne on a daily basis, engaging the two sides in a dialogue aimed at the cessation of hostilities.
- On 16 April the SMM resumed facilitating access for MH17 investigators to the crash site.
- On 17-18 April the SMM conducted its first overnight observation in Shyrokyne. Please see spot report: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/151796](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/151796)
- On 19 April, the SMM assisted in the recovery of the corpse of a Ukrainian Armed Forces soldier from the west of the village.
- On 23 April the SMM Chief Monitor reported to the Permanent Council in Vienna on the Mission's activities and general situation in Ukraine.
- The SMM is restrained in fulfilling its monitoring functions by restrictions imposed by third parties and security considerations.
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian, Russian) on the OSCE website: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm)

## MISSION MEMBERS AS OF 23/04



\* Other international staff includes Chief Monitor, Deputy Chief Monitor, advisors, analysts, spokesperson etc.

\*\* National staff includes assistants, advisors and other administrative personnel.

## THEMATIC REPORT

### Findings on Formerly State-Financed Institutions in the Donetsk and Luhansk Regions

#### Short outline

- Monitoring conducted from December 2014 to January 2015;
- Monitors visited 55 hospitals, first aid centres, children's hospitals, orphanages, among other locations.

#### General findings

- There is an urgent and generalized lack of medical supplies;
- Patients are forced to purchase medication themselves while money is scarce due to the relocation of banks and the discontinuation of pensions and social welfare payments;
- Older persons are at particular risk because they are dependent on pensions and are less mobile;
- There is a generalized lack of food supplies;
- There is a generalized reduction in staff numbers which impacts the capacity of hospitals and clinics to treat patients;
- The situation remains precarious.

Read the report here: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/148326](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/148326)

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	3	Kazakhstan	1
Armenia	2	Kyrgyzstan	7
Austria	14	Latvia	6
Belarus	1	Lithuania	2
Belgium	2	Moldova	14
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8	Montenegro	1
Bulgaria	9	Netherlands	6
Canada	11	Norway	9
Croatia	12	Poland	19
Czech Republic	16	Portugal	5
Denmark	13	Romania	21
Estonia	5	Russian Federation	23
Finland	12	Serbia	6
France	8	Slovakia	6
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	6	Spain	9
Georgia	4	Sweden	14
Germany	16	Switzerland	9
Greece	7	Tajikistan	1
Hungary	18	Turkey	10
Ireland	6	United Kingdom	20
Italy	19	United States	48
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>429</b>
Male	352	Female	77