

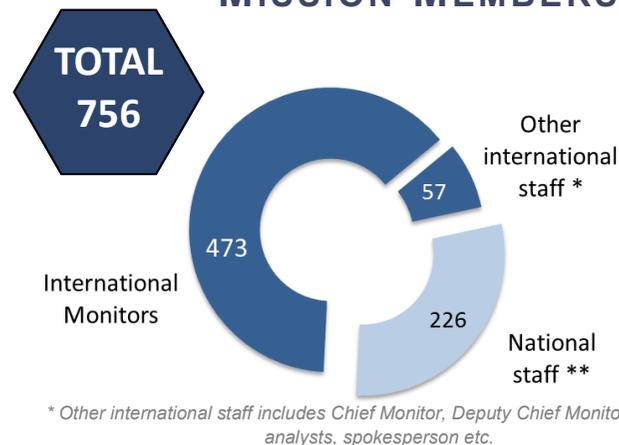


The SMM Chief Monitor visiting a centre for internally displaced people in Sloviansk, May 2015

## LATEST NEWS

- Despite claims by all sides of heavy weapons withdrawal, the SMM observed on a daily basis the presence and/or use of such weapons (e.g. main battle tanks (T-72, T-64), howitzers, anti-aircraft systems (Strela-10 120mm).
- On 10 May an SMM patrol came under machine-gun fire near the government-controlled village of Krymske.
- On 14-15 May SMM Chief Monitor Ambassador Apakan visited Eastern Ukraine. This was his second trip to Kramatorsk and Sievierodonetsk. Apakan met with representatives of minority communities, visited a centre for internally displaced people (IDP), met with the governor of Donetsk Oblast, Oleksandr Kikhtenko and paid a visit to SMM monitoring hubs in Kramatorsk and Sievierodonetsk.
- On 14 May he also attended the "East Ukraine Forum - Reconstruction Through Dialogue" organized by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine.
- The SMM issued its fifth thematic report "Protection of Civilians and their Freedom of Movement in the Donetsk and Luhansk Regions". Read the report in three languages (English, Ukrainian, Russian) here: [www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/156791](http://www.osce.org/ukraine-smm/156791)
- 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 20.05.2015



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

## DE-ESCALATION IN SHYROKYNE

### WHY?

- The sides stand too close against each other in the Ukrainian village Shyrokyne (20km east of Mariupol);
- Civilians are most affected and must be protected.

### ROLE OF THE SIDES

- The sides have made proposals through the Joint Centre for Control and Coordination to de-escalate in and around Shyrokyne;
- Developing a detailed plan for de-escalation and agreeing on all of its aspects as well as its implementation are the sole responsibility of the sides.

### THE PLAN

- De-escalation is not about gaining or losing a control over the village;
- The plan foresees creating a sufficient distance between the positions of the sides from which they will not be able to engage with each other easily;
- The sides have to agree on their defensive positions outside of Shyrokyne;
- Heavy weapons should be withdrawn in accordance with the Minsk agreements - tanks and small calibre mortars should also be pulled back.

### SMM's ROLE

- The SMM is facilitating a dialogue between the sides and will also monitor the implementation of the plan and report on progress.

## MISSION MONITORS

Albania	3	Kazakhstan	3
Armenia	2	Kyrgyzstan	8
Austria	13	Latvia	7
Belarus	1	Lithuania	2
Belgium	2	Moldova	14
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8	Montenegro	1
Bulgaria	9	Netherlands	6
Canada	16	Norway	8
Croatia	12	Poland	24
Czech Republic	16	Portugal	5
Denmark	13	Romania	23
Estonia	7	Russian Federation	24
Finland	23	Serbia	6
France	8	Slovakia	6
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	8	Spain	11
Georgia	4	Sweden	14
Germany	19	Switzerland	10
Greece	10	Tajikistan	2
Hungary	20	Turkey	9
Ireland	8	United Kingdom	19
Italy	20	United States	49
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>473</b>
Male	383	Female	90