

# ROMANIA

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### Key figures

**153,248 refugees** obtained temporary protection in Romania.

**78,743 refugees** present in Romania.

**1,622 refugees** enrolled in the winter cash assistance programme in 2024.

**97,406 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2023.

**6,974 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2023.

“ I departed from home in Ukraine with my sole possession, my dog. Romanians demonstrated kindness not only towards humans but also towards animals.”  
**Volodymir, 62 years-old refugee from Donetsk, hosted in Romania.**

### Highlights

On 12 February, UNHCR submitted comments to the Ministry of Justice concerning the [new proposed amendments to the Romanian Citizenship Law](#). UNHCR expressed satisfaction with new dispositions, inter alia, the proposal to reduce the time to acquire Romanian citizenship for those granted subsidiary protection. Other comments of UNHCR are mainly focusing on adoption of a complete safeguard against statelessness for children born in Romania and special considerations concerning documentation for beneficiaries of international protection. Last November, UNHCR and JRS hosted a statelessness roundtable, which also discussed steps for Romania to eradicate statelessness.

### Response

Last week, UNHCR together representatives from the Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group released the “[Employment Agency Guide](#)” published on the [National Employment Agency](#). The guide provides job seekers from Ukraine, Romania and elsewhere with an overview of the employment assistance services offered by ANOFM, as well as the processes and requirements for accessing them. In addition, UNHCR, with Jobs for Ukraine and World Vision, organized an awareness session for refugees from Ukraine in Cluj on 14 February to gather insights on their employment journey in Romania and introduce them to resources like the [Jobs4Ukraine platform](#), [Employment Agency Guide](#), and [Services Advisor Tool](#).

UNHCR conducted field missions for cash enrolment to Targu Mures, Cluj-Napoca and Baia Mare, reaching over 200 vulnerable refugees from Ukraine. In addition, UNHCR coordinated the delivery of cash assistance and the de-duplication of beneficiaries with partners such as the Romanian Red Cross. According to the most recent post-distribution monitoring [report](#), refugees from Ukraine are spending the assistance to cover rent, food, and healthcare necessities. [UNHCR continues supporting vulnerable refugees from Ukraine with winter cash assistance, enrolling over 1,600 individuals since 15 January.](#)

On 13 February, a delegation of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), visited UNHCR’s integrated service hub at RomExpo, Bucharest. During the visit, UNHCR Representative briefed the delegation on the refugee situation and presented the services provided by partners.

On February 8, UNHCR took part in the Final Conference of the Safe and Inclusive Education for Refugees, Children, and Adolescents (SIERCAR) in Romania with key stakeholders, including the Ukrainian Ambassador, Ministry of Education representatives, and UNICEF. The conference highlighted project outcomes, involving 30 stakeholders, focusing on inclusive educational hubs for Ukrainian children in Romania. Discussions emphasized integration methods and pathways for their inclusion in the educational system.

UNHCR, in collaboration with its partners, delivered 485 core relief items (CRIs), including hygiene kits, bed linen, blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, and towels, to 96 individuals in Romania. The distributions targeted 52 refugees from Ukraine in Braila, Tulcea, and Constanta as part of the winterization programme, and assisted another 44 asylum-seekers residing in the Regional Centre for Asylum Procedures and Accommodation in Galati. [Since January 2024, UNHCR and partners distributed 9,380 winter assistance to 2,668 individuals.](#)

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13 February, visit of IFRC delegation to UNHCR’s refugee hub at RomExpo, Bucharest.