

ROMANIA

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Key figures

153,703 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania.

77,216 refugees present in Romania.

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

97,570 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2023.

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



Last two years, we are trying to live. We went through different stages, from waiting for everything to end, trying to find the strength to accept the new reality. - Ana Sushko, refugee from Ukraine, hosted in Romania, in the event marking two years of refugee response. .

Highlight

On 23 February, to mark two years of Romania's response to the Ukraine refugee situation and the launching of the [Regional Refugee Response Plan \(RRP\) 2024](#), the Chancellery of the Prime Minister, the Department for Emergency



Remarks by authorities, UNHCR Representative, Ambassadors and refugee representative at the event to mark two years of Romania's response to the Ukraine refugee situation.

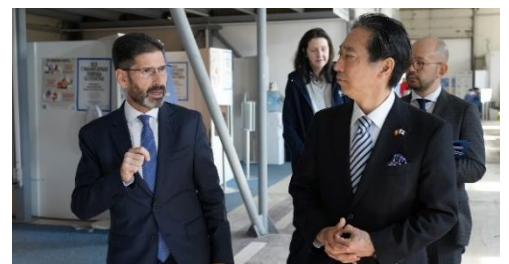
Situations (DSU) and the Inter-Agency Coordination in Romania co-organized an event at the Official Salon of the North Railway Station, Bucharest. Since February 2022, this train station welcomed hundreds of thousands of refugees from Ukraine. More than a hundred participants from authorities, diplomatic community, humanitarian organizations and media attended.

The event counted with messages from the President of Romania, Mr. Klaus Iohannis and the Prime Minister of Romania, H.E. Mr. Marcel Ciolacu, delivered on their behalf. Both messages expressed solidarity with the refugees and commitment to continuous support. Keynote remarks were delivered by the Secretary of State and Head of DSU, and UNHCR Representative and Inter-Agency Refugee Coordinator in Romania. Furthermore, the Ambassadors of the United States of America, Germany, and Ukraine presented remarks at the event reaffirming the support of their countries to refugees. A refugee woman from Ukraine shared her experience in Romania and her work with Ukrainian children in school and the Director of FONPC NGO spoke on behalf of the RRP partners. Nearly 20 participants from Romanian authorities, embassies and humanitarian partners delivered statements outlining support and commitment to supporting refugees towards self-reliance. The event was opened and closed with musical performances by musicians from Romania and Ukraine.

Through the RRP, 37 partners (24 national NGOs, seven INGOs and six UN Agencies) are seeking USD 117 million for their response to refugees from Ukraine in Romania.

Related to the marking of two years of refugee response, the UNHCR Representative was interviewed by TV news, and printed media and participated in TV programmes. The overall message was to highlight the efforts by refugees from Ukraine towards inclusion, the gaps and way forward, as well as to highlight challenges in the social sphere derived from misinformation.

On 20 February, the Ambassador of Japan in Romania, E.S. Katae Takashi visited UNHCR Refugee Hub at RomExpo, Bucharest. UNHCR Representative in Romania, Pablo Zapata welcomed his excellency and presented various programs and services offered to refugees in Ukraine. At this Hub, UNHCR, together with its partners, provides vital support to people who fled the war in Ukraine.



The Ambassador of Japan visiting UNHCR Refugee Hub at RomExpo, Bucharest.

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