

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #86

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Key figures

154,222 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania.

77,347 refugees present in Romania.

2,100 refugees enrolled in the winter cash assistance programme in 2024.

Over 100,000 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2023.

7,220 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2023.



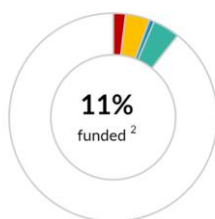
My son and I were forced to flee Ukraine in March 2022. Here in Romania, we have found new friends, and like-minded persons.
 – Tatiana (age 48), A refugee mother from Ukraine, hosted in Romania.

Funding Situation

As of 31 January 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



■ Tightly earmarked
 ■ Earmarked
 ■ Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
 ■ Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
 □ Funding gap (indicative)

Highlight

On 28 February, UNHCR participated in the launching event of seven textbooks in Romanian for Ukrainian children and teenagers published by Terre des Hommes (TdH) in Bucharest, as part of UNHCR's funded TdH project. These books are the first resources of this kind in Romania that contain the translation of texts into Romanian with Cyrillic letters. The UNHCR Representative attended the event and addressed the participants. Since 2022, UNHCR works with TdH and offering child protection services such as tailored information, referral to specialised services, mental health, psychosocial support and educational assistance in different cities in Romania, i.e. Maramures, Brasov, Constanta and Bucharest.



28 February, launching event of textbooks of Terre des hommes (Tdh). Photo © Tdh

Response

UNHCR in coordination with authorities and partners is updating the vulnerability scorecard that will be applied to determine eligibility for the cash for protection programme. On 1 March, UNHCR organised a validation workshop to get the reviewed vulnerability scorecard endorsed. The reviewed scorecard incorporated the feedback received from 47 participants from authorities, UN agencies and NGOs that engaged in the three-day recalibration workshop conducted in January 2024. In addition, other tools are under development to support the enrolment process, such as guidance notes for staff and trainings to administer the questionnaire. These collective efforts by UNHCR and partners are geared towards ensuring that programmes reach those more in need.

Since 15 January 2024, UNHCR has enrolled 2,453 most vulnerable individuals for its winter cash assistance. This adds to the 6,570 refugees enrolled for winter cash assistance between November and December 2023, totalling 9,023 people benefiting during 2023-24 winter. During last week, enrolments for cash assistance were conducted in field locations in Constanta, Tulcea and Iasi. UNHCR is providing one instalment of 720 RON per refugee to cover their pressing needs. According to the most recent post-distribution monitoring, refugees are using cash assistance to cover for food, hygiene items and clothes, among other essentials.

UNHCR's partner Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR) has provided protection services to 3,738 refugees so far in 2024. UNHCR, works with CNRR in 11 counties across Romania to provide protection services, including legal support, assistance to access health services, language course, school enrolment, social protection, accommodation, awareness raising sessions, etc. Teams are also deployed in major border crossings with the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine in order to provide counselling and support to refugees.

UNHCR promotes the self-reliance of refugees from Ukraine in Romania. This year, UNHCR in partnership with Jobs4Ukraine and World Vision undertakes a series of livelihood interventions in Bucharest, Constanta, Cluj, Suceava, Iasi, and Brasov. This includes facilitating sessions to boost candidate's readiness through skill assessment, CV building, interview guidance and thematic workshops to enhance occupational skills. Plans are also ongoing to support refugees with Romanian language classes, linked to job seeking.

UNHCR is grateful to the donors of unearmarked and softly earmarked contributions to the Ukraine situation. UNHCR in Romania is also grateful to donors contributing to its 2023 and 2024 programmes. For more details: [Romania Funding Update - 2024 | Global Focus \(unhcr.org\)](#)