

ROMANIA

Weekly Update **#104**

8 July 2024

Key figures

167,947 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania.

13,598 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

13,759 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

4,993 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



After two years of living in Romania, I am grateful to humanitarian organizations for their continuous support and provision of services and solutions.

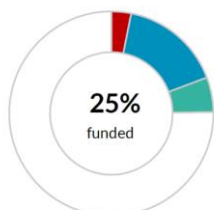
- *A refugee from Ukraine hosted in Medias, Romania.*

Funding Situation

As of 30 June 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)

Highlights

From 28 June to 5 July, the Regional Refugee Coordinator of the US Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration for Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and the South Caucasus, Ms. Robyn Prinz visited UNHCR's activities in Bucharest, Brasov, Cluj, Timisoara, and Constanta. During the mission, she met with refugees, local authorities, and partners providing various services to refugees. The partners shared the needs and challenges and highlighted the importance of US contributions to ensure a sustainable response.



28 June to 5 July – Various consultations during the Visit of Ms. Robyn Prinz, US Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

On 3 July, at the initiative of H.E. Willemijn van Haaften, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, UNHCR Representative Mr. Pablo Zapata participated in an ambassadorial briefing on the humanitarian response for the refugees from Ukraine in Romania and shared an overview of current implementation of the Refugee Response Plan and challenges. The event was attended by 25 participants including 17 embassies. Mrs. Victoria Stoiciu, State Counsellor, Chancellery of the Prime Minister, Government of Romania briefed the participants on the new Emergency Ordinance. Dr. Raed Arafat, State Secretary, Head of the Department for Emergency Situations (DSU) outlined the role of the DSU in supporting refugees towards inclusion.

Response

On 2 July, UNHCR in Romania conducted a joint cross-border monitoring mission with UNHCR in the Republic of Moldova to the Albita - Leuseni border crossing points (BCPs) between Romania and Moldova. During the mission, the Romanian and Moldovan Border Police shared with UNHCR the good practices and experiences on legal procedures, current border crossing trends and operational needs at the BCPs. This mission is part of the joint border monitoring efforts carried out with UNHCR offices in neighbouring countries, in particular with the Republic of Moldova given the operational synergies between these Offices. This exercise helped to develop a better understanding on the reasons for the increased number of Temporary Protection permits issuance, the profile of the newly arrived refugees and their protection needs.

On 3 July, UNHCR Suceava conducted a focus group discussion with 13 members (including 11 women) from the refugee community in Cluj. During the meeting, participants shared their current challenges in accessing education, including finding the school allocated for their respective areas of residence, transferring a child from audient to the student status, learning about school enrolment schedule, and enrolling students in the first year of high school.

Last week, UNHCR conducted home visits and missions to Bistria and Cluj to enrol vulnerable individuals in the cash assistance program for refugees with specific needs. UNHCR has covered 28 locations through mobile missions and home visits since the beginning of the programme. Through the five enrolment centres across Romania and the mobile missions, as of 1 July, UNHCR has enrolled a total of 13,358 refugees, including 10,349 refugees for cash assistance programme for refugees with specific needs. Eligible refugees will receive four instalments of RON 630 (US\$136) per person per month to cover their most pressing needs in Romania. As of 8 July, 4,849 refugees have received cash assistance.

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 \(unhcr.org\)](#)