

ROMANIA

Weekly Update **#109**

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Key figures

162,045 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania (as of 30 June).

15,855 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

16,231 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

5,802 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



My son helps me to do homework on Romanian language courses, as he integrated with the language here fast”.

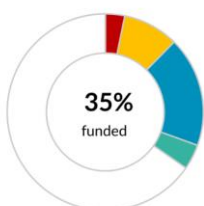
- *Olena, a refugee woman from Ukraine hosted in Romania.*

Funding Situation

As of 10 July 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



Highlight

The Inter-Agency Coordination platform conducted a funding analysis of the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) partners to assess the current level of funding for the refugee response. The [finding](#) of this exercise revealed that out of a total appeal of US\$117.2 million in 2024, RRP partners received US\$14 million until the end of March, which increased to US\$34 million by the end of June representing 29 per cent against the total appeal. All sectors continue to face significant funding shortfalls. Alarming, livelihoods and socio-economic inclusion activities face the most severe funding gap, with only \$1.6 million received against an appeal of \$18.3 million, representing just 9 per cent of its requested funds. In addition, 23 organisations (out of the 37 RRP partners), including 14 National NGOs, 5 International NGOs, and 4 UN agencies participated in a [Programme Criticality Survey](#) to assess the funding effect on programming, identify RRP sectors and activities that are most affected by the decreasing funding, and re-prioritise programming across sectors based on the funding levels.

Since 1 April 2024, following Romania's accession to the Schengen area through air or seaports, the number of refugees present in the country can no longer be calculated due to the freedom of movement within the Schengen area. While UNHCR will continue monitoring the border movements in Romania and adjust its programmes accordingly, a new reporting method has been set to align with the numbers reported by the Government of Romania, Eurostat and the reporting methodologies of the other neighbouring countries hosting refugees from Ukraine. The two key figures available to UNHCR are (1) the cumulative number of temporary protection permits issued: 172,043 (as of 28 July), and (2) the number of unique individuals that have been issued temporary protection: 162,045 as of 30 June.

Response

Last week, UNHCR, in collaboration with its partners, conducted several Participatory Assessments in Sânnicolau Mare, Buzau, Galati, Constanta, and Bucharest. Nearly sixty refugees from Ukraine participated in the Focus Group discussion on livelihoods and economic inclusion, access to documentation and social protection, and child protection.



Focus Group Discussion in Timisoara on 6 August.

Informative presentations on the legal provisions of the new Governmental Programme for Ukrainians, and other services were also conducted.

On 5 August, the UNHCR conducted an awareness-raising session in Bucharest focusing on child protection, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the child protection services available through the national system. Eight teenage participants (5 female and 3 male) participated in discussions addressing risks and challenges and sharing their experiences. The session, hosted by partner Terre des Hommes, highlighted the pressing need for enhanced resources dedicated to professional education and skill development for young adults.

UNHCR is grateful to the donors for 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 \(unhcr.org\)](#)