

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #114

16 September 2024

Key figures

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

16,407 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

18,221 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

6,928 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



I never realized how crucial it is to talk to people who understand and are willing to listen. Thank you for listening to my story.

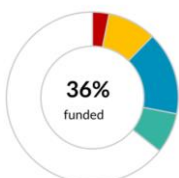
- *Liudmila is 69-year-old hosted in Suceava with her 72-year-old husband.*

Funding Situation

As of 31 August 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



Highlight

On 12 September, the Refugee Inclusion Working Group in Suceava convened its monthly meeting to address various important issues. The meeting agenda primarily focused on planning for winter response preparedness, ensuring smooth school enrolment for refugee children, establishing effective referral



Inclusion Working Group Meeting in Suceava on 12 September .

pathways, and assessing the number of job seekers in Suceava. Additionally, the meeting featured insightful presentations from the World Health Organization (WHO) and BRCT Suceava, enriching the discussions with valuable information and expertise.

Response

Last week, partner World Vision finalized the entrepreneurship courses offered as part of the UNHCR project in Bucharest, Brasov, Constanta, Iasi, Suceava, and Cluj, with a total of 181 persons graduating from the course. The participants received theoretical and practical information on developing a business plan and opening a business in Romania. The training was followed by a business plan competition, from which 30 business plans will be selected and offered grants for start-ups and further developing existing businesses.

On 11 September, UNHCR, in collaboration with Sensiblu, organized an information session in Constanta to prevent and respond to gender-based violence. The session also provided a basic orientation on the [Safe YOU](#) app, a multi-stakeholder mobile application and platform designed to empower and protect women and girls from violence. The session targeted 19 participants identified by the partners. The interactive session focused on gender norms, different type of violence against women, and the functionality of the Safe YOU app recently released in Romania.

Last week, UNHCR, along with the refugee-led organizations EDNAE and AAU, arranged multiple distributions of core relief items in Suceava and Radauti. A total of 39 families, including 43 women and 58 children, were assisted there with 200 items, including sets of cooking utensils, family hygiene kits, blankets, and women's clothes. Likewise, in Galati, 133 core relief items, including body towels, bed linen, pillows, and hygiene kits, were distributed to 19 families - in collaboration with refugee-led organization "Help Ukrainians". So far in 2024, UNHCR has supported 36,655 refugees with 68,571 core relief items.

Last week, UNHCR enrolment team conducted missions to remote locations of Baia Mare and Iasi (northern Romania) and conducted re-assessment exercises. UNHCR has also conducted a deduplication exercise across EU countries and identified around 140 individuals who were enrolled in at least one other country besides Romania. Measures are being taken to avoid duplication of efforts.

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](#).