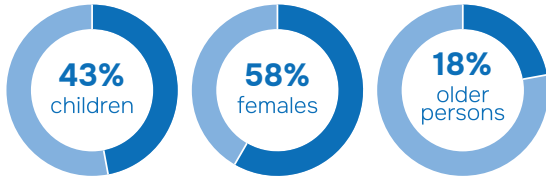


Population figures

~120,500 refugees from Ukraine in Moldova:



~ 1.5 M arrivals since 24 February 2022

Legal status in the country

~ 49,000 refugees have been granted Temporary Protection.

~ 7,000 citizens of Ukraine have been granted resident permits, either permanent or temporary.

~ 2,350 individuals are in the asylum system:

208 persons with refugee status	421 humanitarian protection beneficiaries	1,721 asylum seekers under examination
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~ 46,600

refugees received
cash assistance



~ 12,000

refugees supported
with legal assistance



~ 20,100

refugees provided
with information by
UNHCR



~ 650

frontline responders
trained on core
protection principles

*Figures as of 31 May 2024

Highlights of the month



Children celebrating the inauguration of Otaci's first playground and a new sports facility. A collaborative effort of the Municipality of Otaci, UNHCR, and local organizations in their commitment to inclusivity and support for all residents.

Otaci, a Moldovan city of solidarity and inclusion

On May 29, 2024, UNHCR in partnership with the Municipality of Otaci, partner organization Charity Centre for Refugees (CCR), and Bahtalo Ker, a local Roma-led organization held a small opening ceremony of a communal playground in Otaci. The project was part of the social cohesion initiatives aiming to improve the living conditions of refugees and host communities and empower them to work together. Additionally, UNHCR signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Municipality of Otaci, focusing on implementing the Cities of Solidarity initiative. This collaboration strengthens local communities, authorities, and civil society organizations in responding to the refugee situation and opens more opportunities for inclusion of refugees in the key border town in the Republic of Moldova.

Optimizing cash assistance for refugees

In May, UNHCR, in collaboration with partner organizations Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Diaconia, and Caritas Moldova, completed around 5,600 household interviews as part of the cash assistance targeting exercises. UNHCR is adjusting the criteria for qualifying refugees to receive cash assistance to ensure better support reaches those most in need.

“Everyone is welcome here. I'm proud Otaci is part of the Cities of Solidarity initiative. We understand the responsibility it comes with it.”

Dmitrii Zavrotchii, Mayor of Otaci

Strengthening local actors' capacities to combat gender-based violence

UNHCR supported a consultation involving several actors working in the field of gender-based violence in the district of Rezina to understand the barriers to the disclosure of gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse. Local authorities and civil society organizations reinforced their commitment to work with women-led organizations to prevent, reduce risks of and respond to gender-based violence. The consultation is part of a broader study conducted by the [National Coalition Life Without Violence](#), with the support of UNHCR, to understand the socio-economic, religious, institutional, and individual aspects that work as barriers to the safe disclosure of gender based violence cases, preventing women from accessing life-saving services.

Enhancing social protection systems and emergency preparedness in Moldova

To contribute to the Moldovan social protection systems so everyone has equal access to social benefits and services, UNHCR has provided the Moldovan Ministry of Labour and Social Protection with four vehicles. These vehicles will be assigned to the regional social assistance offices in Orhei, Rezina, Edineț, and Rîșcani, enabling the Regional Structure of Social Assistance to reach vulnerable populations and ensure they receive social services more effectively. Additionally, UNHCR has supplied the Moldovan Ministry of Internal Affairs with 41 prefabricated units to serve as offices and life support for the ministry's outposted staff. These prefabricated units will enhance Moldovan emergency preparedness. These initiatives follow UNHCR's commitment to strengthening Moldova's capacity to support those in need.

Supporting educational inclusion roadmap and action plan

UNHCR and UNICEF are assisting the Ministry of Education and Research in developing a roadmap and action plan to ensure the full inclusion of refugee children in Moldovan schools. The Education Working Group partners collaborate on this initiative by contributing to the document's development, budgeting for necessary activities, and fundraising to support the plan's implementation. This collective effort aims to create a supportive and inclusive educational environment for all refugee children in Moldova.



Children in the village of Popeasca, celebrating the Children's Day a day earlier. Refugee and Moldovan children enjoyed a day of recreational activities organized at the Refugees Accommodation Centre. On May 30 and 31, UNHCR in collaboration with partner organizations and local authorities organized a series of activities in celebration of Children's Day for Moldovan and refugee children.

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