ROMANIA

Weekly Update #131 **27 January 2025**

Key figures

179,737 refugees
obtained temporary protection in Romania (as of 31 December 2024).

17,596 refugees
enrolled for cash assistance in 2024 and 2025.

24,915 refugees
provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2024 and 2025.

9,548 refugees
supported with livelihood and employment services in 2024 and 2025.

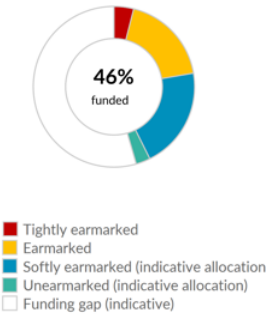
"When I arrived in Romania, I was scared and did not know what to do. But the people here welcomed me with kindness and offered me support, which made me feel safe."– Mykola, refugee teenager from Ukraine residing in Romania.

Funding Situation

as of 31 December 2024

$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



Highlights

Last week, UNHCR Romania, together with national authorities and UN Agencies from Romania and the Republic of Moldova, took part in the Green Corridor Tabletop Exercise in Chișinău. The exercise aimed at evaluating the emergency preparedness of both countries, identifying existing gaps in the operating procedures while exploring potential solutions during a refugee response. As part of the exercise, delegations visited the Palanca border crossing between the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. The visit at the border crossing aimed at addressing the border's capacity to receive large population movements and strengthening the coordination among different authorities and stakeholders.

On 26 January, UNHCR partner Project Voyager organized a community engagement event in Bucharest. Over 25 refugee women from Ukraine participated at the event and discussed about media monitoring technologies and social media skills. Seven Ukrainian women spoke at the event, who are currently working in different industries in Romania and their stories served as an inspiration for other participants. In addition, UNHCR and Project Voyager supported participants with practical ideas on how refugees can access the local labour market in Romania.

UNHCR's partner Project Voyager organized a community engagement event in Bucharest, January 2025. © UNHCR

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 22 January, UNHCR participated in the fourth edition of the Stakeholders Meeting on Socio-Economic Integration of Refugees and Migrants in Baia Mare, as part of the EU-funded project Interreg Europe 2021-2027.The event was organised by the County Council in Maramureș and brought together over 15 participants from public institutions and NGOs in the county. Discussions revolved around sharing of good practices and encouraging cooperation among different actors in order to support integration of refugees and migrants, including through livelihood and economic inclusion opportunites focusing on entrepreneurship.

During the week, UNHCR's partner, Sensiblu Foundation, organised an awareness session for refugee women in Constanța, which was attended by seven women. The session focused on providing mental health and psycho-social support (MHPSS) and offered the women the possibility to interact with each other, creating a safe space where they can reflect on their past experiences and their daily emotions. The session also provided participants with various methods of managing challenging situations and dealing with negative emotions. Participants provided UNHCR with positive feedback and suggested conducting such sessions for other vulnerable categories, such as youth and adolescents. Last year, UNHCR and partners provided MHPSS to over 8,500 refugees from Ukraine.

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 2024 and 2025 programmes. For more details: Romania Funding Update – 2024.