

Collective Accommodation Site Assessment

From February 24, 2022, to August 31, 2024, millions of refugees have fled Ukraine, with 6,900,866 entering Romania. Approximately 177,000 of these refugees have registered for Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes in the country. To address their immediate needs, particularly for accommodation, the Romanian Government, in collaboration with civil society and local authorities, established several collective centers nationwide.

To monitor the situation and identify the needs of these centers, the Romanian Department for Emergency Situations (DSU), UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, together with the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (IGSU), through the county level inspectorates for emergency situations (ISU), and the Center for the Comparative Study of Migration (CSCM) developed a Site Assessment tool to gain insight into the operational status and needs of collective centers, and to support data-driven decision-making for future longer-term accommodation solutions.

This factsheet summarizes the aggregated findings from the assessment applied in the Asociația "Sfântul Ioan cel Nou de la Suceava" Center. The data presented is indicative of the situation in the monitored site at the time of data collection. The purpose of this factsheet is to provide focused information on the conditions, challenges and opportunities in the collective center. It serves as a reference for central and local authorities, international organizations, NGOs, and other stakeholders, offering insights into the ongoing needs and issues faced by these centers.

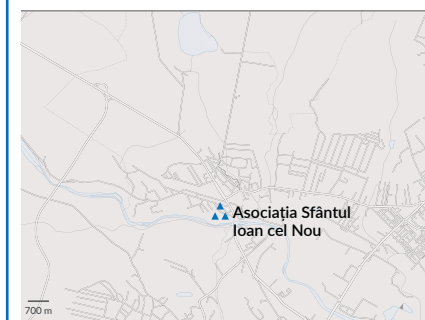
Methodology

The data collection methodology employed in this study was designed to comprehensively assess the collective centers across Romania and comprised both quantitative and qualitative components.

The quantitative component focused on gathering numerical data regarding collective centers. This data was collected by DSU, ISU, and the UNHCR Bucharest Office on August 23, 2024, in Bucharest. The goal was to analyze the conditions, capacity, and challenges faced by the collective centers assessed across Romania.

The qualitative component consists in an interview with the UNHCR staff who visited the centers. These conversations provided valuable context, deepening the understanding of how the centers operate and highlighting the specific challenges and needs observed on the ground, but also opportunities for strengthening them.

SUCEAVA



Collective site profile



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AVERAGE #
PEOPLE HOSTED
PER MONTH

30
TOTAL
CAPACITY

Center is equipped
for persons with
disabilities

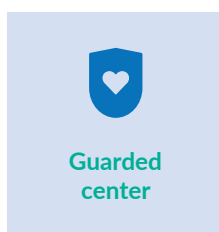
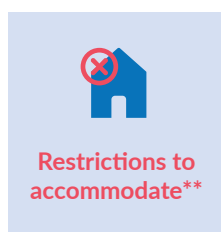
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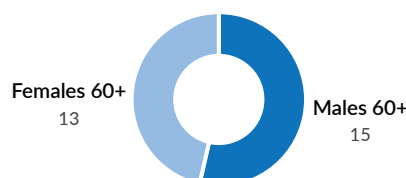
RESIDENTIAL
BUILDING

| TYPE OF MANAGEMENT | SOURCES OF FUNDING | STRUCTURAL ISSUES |
|--|--|-------------------|
| <p>Non-governmental organization</p> <p>The center is currently not hosting any refugees, and is managed by the local church.</p> | <p>Self-sufficiency</p> <p>Future funding is uncertain, with no secured funding moving forward. All expenses are covered by the Episcopate.</p> | <p>NO</p> |

Collective site overview



Indication of the gender and age breakdown of the people accommodated at the time of data collection



*Average calculated based on the data from the past 6 months.
**Only elderly (60+) accommodated.

Services Availability

The center offers essential services, including healthcare support, meals, private showers, and access to a nearby market. It also provides protection services for people with disabilities and maintains effective communication through daily contact and information sessions. The center is self-sustaining financially, with no external funding but operates without a defined closure period, reflecting its stability.

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| WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) | | Health | |
| TOILETS & SHOWERS | PRIVATE GENDER SEPARATION | HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE CENTER | FEMALE DOCTORS AND SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR WOMEN IN THE VICINITY |
| Food Assistance | NFIs (Non-Food Items) | | |
| FOOD ASSISTANCE OFFERED IN THE CENTER | NON-FOOD ITEMS NEEDED | | |
| | HYGIENE KITS | | |
| | | Communication | |
| | | INFORMATION PROVISION SERVICES | NO INTERNET AVAILABLE |
| | | INFORMATION ABOUT RIGHTS AND SERVICES | NO TRANSLATION SERVICES |

KEY CHALLENGES AND NEEDS



Staffing and volunteers: The center has 8 staff members, and they are considered sufficient. However, the center only has 3 volunteers, indicating a potential need for more volunteer support.

Funding and Resource Needs: While self-sustainability is a positive, the center might require support in identifying and accessing additional funding sources, especially if there's an increase in demand for services or capacity.

Protection and Support Services: The center might face challenges in accommodating people with special needs, despite having some services for people with disabilities. Expanding these services and ensuring better accessibility could be necessary.

Stakeholder Mapping

Direcția de Asistență Socială Suceava: Plays a critical role in social support services in the area.

Seminarul Teologic Liceal Ortodox "Mitropolitul Dosoftei": Involved in educational or spiritual services for the center.

Inspectoratul pentru Situații de Urgență Suceava: Responsible for emergency response services in the area.

Scoala Postliceala Sanitara Suceava: Provides medical or health-related educational support.

Recommendations

Expand Volunteer Base: With only 3 volunteers, the center may struggle during emergencies. Recruiting more volunteers, especially from local communities, could enhance service delivery.

Improve Accessibility: Enhance services and infrastructure to better accommodate people with disabilities or other special needs.

Communication and Feedback Mechanism: Establish more robust feedback mechanisms for refugees to express concerns or suggestions, ensuring that services are responsive to their needs.

Secure Long-Term Funding: Explore partnerships with international organizations, private donors, and foundations to secure additional funding.