

Inter-Agency Newsletter

REFUGEE COORDINATION FORUM | ROMANIA

188,188 Temporary Protection holders in Romania
(as of 30 June 2025)



8.98 million border crossings from
Ukraine and Moldova since February 2022

1 million third-country nationals arrived
in Romania from Ukraine and Moldova

7.8 million Ukrainians arrived
in Romania from Ukraine and
Moldova

Current funding level*

42

TOTAL APPEALING PARTNERS

\$82.8 M

TOTAL APPEALED BUDGET



\$16.4 M

TOTAL FUNDING
RECEIVED

\$66.4 M

TOTAL
FUNDING GAP

Livelihoods and Socio-Economic Inclusion
Protection
Basic Needs
Public Health and MHPSS
Education
Child Protection
Gender-based Violence

Received	Appealed
\$3.4M	\$16.5 M
\$5.6M	\$16.2M
\$2M	\$15.7M
\$1.6M	\$10.1M
\$1.1M	\$9.3M
\$1M	\$8.7M
\$0.8M	\$6.3M

*as of end of Q2

2025 Achievements



Support for Public
Authorities

967

personnel trained



Strengthening
Social Cohesion

1,713

participants from both refugee and
host communities in initiatives and
events



Romanian courses
for integration

2,986

people provided with
Romanian languages classes

People reached by sector



Protection
31,888



Education
4,834



Basic Needs
30,542



Child Protection
10,042



Health and Nutrition
64,208



Cash Assistance
7,923



Gender-Based Violence
4,716



MHPSS
9,628



Livelihoods and Socio-
Economic Inclusion
6,624

Operational context

Under the Refugee Response Plan (RRP), UN agencies and NGO partners continue to work closely with national and local authorities through the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) and sectoral working groups. These collaborative mechanisms remain central to ensuring a coherent, effective, and inclusive response to the needs of refugees across Romania.

Since 24 February 2022, more than 5 million people from Ukraine have sought refuge across Europe. As of 30 June 2025, the Romanian General Inspectorate for Immigration (GII) reported that 188,188 Ukrainians and third country nationals obtained temporary protection in Romania, which provides access to healthcare, education, and the labour market.

World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day, celebrated on 20 June, was marked with a full week of events and activities around the country celebrating refugees in Romania. RRP partners organized activities in all locations with refugee communities, including Bucharest, Cluj, Suceava, Brasov, to Timisoara, Constanta and Iasi. Events included the participation of local and national authorities and institutions, media,



humanitarian actors, together with refugees hosted in Romania. UNHCR Representative led the re-inauguration of UNHCR's RomExpo Community Centre, during which he underlined that solidarity with refugees is about listening to their voices and the voices of hosting communities and building an inclusive community together. On 21 June, RRP partners expressed solidarity with refugees worldwide at the first of a series of special events celebrating social

cohesion, multiculturalism, and the power of community taking place in Bucharest over the summer under the label "Together in the Park" in coordination with NGO Green Revolution. The event series aims to promote inclusion and cultural diversity, connect members of minority communities in a safe, relaxed, and positive environment, support non-formal education and community development, provide visibility for activists and stakeholders involved in social inclusion causes creating a collaborative model of urban revitalization through culture

Civil Society Gala

On 24 June, numerous RRP partners attended the 23rd edition of the Civil Society Gala – Romania's annual event celebrating civic engagement.



Initiated in 2002 by The Institute, it seeks to spotlight and reward outstanding nonprofit projects, campaigns, and programmes. RRP partner Project Voyager won the [first prize for social and economic development](#) for its Jobs4Ukraine project. RRP partner Save the Children Romania won the [Hope Away from Home prize](#) for involvement in supporting refugees to for its project in support of childcare for the integration of Ukrainian families into the labour market. A [message of support](#) was delivered at the gala on behalf of the President.

Spotlight story - RRP partner Civic Rădăuți Association

From January to December 2024, Civic Rădăuți Association offered English language classes twice a week for Ukrainian refugees living in and around Rădăuți. The course was led by Diana Skrypkaru, a Romanian who had lived in Ukraine before the war. Over the year, more than 800 people joined the lessons. Participants ranged in age from 11 to 67. They came from all walks of life and brought different levels of English to the classroom. The course wasn't just about grammar and vocabulary. It also helped people settle in, connect with others, and gain better access to education and jobs.

Yuliia, a 32-year-old from Kharkiv, explained:

“English has always been a passion of mine. After the war began and I had to relocate, I couldn't afford to keep studying. These free courses brought me back to something I love. English helps me talk to people around the world. Even here in Romania, while I'm starting from zero with Romanian, English is a lifeline. Many Romanians speak it. It's also really useful for work. The classes with Diana are always a source of much-needed positivity and essential knowledge.”

Founded in 2018 in Rădăuți, Suceava County, Civic Rădăuți is a civic organization fostering active citizenship, civic engagement, and good governance. It promotes volunteerism, integrity in public administration, and transparency in public spending, as well as community building and social integration.



Since 2022, Civic Rădăuți has been one of the key stakeholders in the region, offering emergency support, cross-border humanitarian shipments, hot meals in the transit camp of integration efforts for more than 170,000 direct beneficiaries. Recognized nationally for its impact, it continues to empower citizens and strengthen local democracy, supporting recently the local Ukrainian community to form its own organization and offering the community centre for integration activities.

Protection

Romanian National Council for Refugees

Working Group co-chairs UNHCR

Appealing sectoral partners

- ADPARE
- City Makers
- East European Institute for Reproductive Health (EIRH)
- FONSS
- HIAS
- IOM
- JRS Romania
- MALVA
- Metropolitan Agency for Durable Development Brasov
- Migrant Integration Centre Brasov
- Necuvinte
- Novapolis
- PATRIR
- Plan International
- RomaJust
- Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR)
- Save the Children Romania
- Sensiblu Foundation
- Sibiu Community Foundation
- Terre des Hommes
- Tineri Pentru Tineri
- UNHCR
- UNICEF
- World Vision Romania

Supporting Refugees Through Information, Access, and Advocacy

As the needs of refugees evolve, humanitarian organizations and public institutions across Romania are adapting. The focus is increasingly on ensuring long-term stability, easier access to services, and smoother integration, especially for those under temporary protection.

Comprehensive Integration Support by Save the Children Romania

Throughout June, Save the Children Romania delivered a wide array of integration support to 1,101 adults, mainly Ukrainian women. These services were offered through counselling hubs and integration centres in Bucharest, Baia Mare, Galați, Iași, and Suceava.

Support covered legal and informational counselling, help accessing social services such as the inclusion wage and disability allowance, and assistance in finding employment. Save the Children also facilitated access to public healthcare, offering translation support and guidance for registering with family doctors and attending medical appointments. Material assistance was provided to help families meet basic needs. All of this formed part of a holistic approach focused on promoting well-being and inclusion.

Brașov Expands Access to Social Benefits

In a positive policy development, the Directorate of Social Assistance (DAS) in Brașov has started accepting applications for child state allowance and the Minimum Inclusion Income (VMI) from temporary protection holders, even if their residence permits list a short-term address. Previously, such applications were often rejected due to concerns about housing stability. This change brings local practice in line with existing legislation and removes an unnecessary barrier for vulnerable families seeking support.

Increasing Interest in Residency Permits Based on Employment

UNHCR and partners observed an increased interest from temporary protection holders in applying for residency permits based on employment contracts. CNRR supported them with creating their profiles on the portal of the General Inspectorate for Immigration (GI) to submit these applications.

For the latest progress against the sector indicators please consult this [dashboard](#).

Child Protection

Sub-Working Group co-chairs

UNHCR
UNICEF

Appealing sectoral partners

- ADPARE
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- FONSS
- HIAS
- IOM
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Protecting and Supporting Ukrainian Refugee Children in Romania

In June, RRP partners intensified their work to support Ukrainian refugee children in Romania. Child protection interventions focused on mental health, educational inclusion, rights awareness, and strong family engagement. These were delivered through close partnerships among UNHCR, Save the Children, and municipal authorities.

Parenting sessions were also organized to strengthen families' ability to prevent abuse and neglect.

In addition, mobile outreach teams worked in Maramureş and Iaşi counties, identifying at-risk households and delivering support in partnership with local authorities.

Creative Workshops Build Confidence and Awareness on Children's Rights

To mark International Children's Day on 5 June, UNHCR organized two creative workshops at the RomExpo Community Centre in Bucharest. The sessions, held in small groups, aimed to teach children about their rights while building self-esteem and social skills.



In the first workshop, children used origami to explore themes like the right to education, sparking conversations about learning and self-expression. The second session introduced concepts of gender equality and GBV prevention, blending open discussion with informal English practice. These workshops offered a safe space for learning and reflection, helping children recognize and express their rights in everyday settings.

Support through Child Protection Services

Save the Children Romania continued to offer targeted child protection support throughout June, reaching 766 children in Bucharest, Baia Mare, Galaţi, Iaşi, and Suceava. Services included rights-based counselling, case management, and individual intervention plans for children in especially vulnerable situations.

These efforts reflect a community-based approach to protection - one that emphasizes not only physical safety, but also emotional well-being, family stability, and opportunities for displaced children to thrive.

Enhancing Child Protection and Support Services in Bucharest

Efforts to address child protection needs for Ukrainian refugees in Bucharest are ongoing, with a strong focus on overcoming language barriers that limit access to essential psychological and social services. Both General Directorates of Social Assistance and Child Protection (DGASPC) in Sectors 2 and 6 are actively responding to cases of bullying reported in schools, including racially motivated incidents. These responses include providing psychological and educational counselling to affected children and implementing school-based prevention and awareness programs.

Effective coordination between DGASPC Sector 6 and the General Inspectorate for Immigration (GII) strengthens the response through joint social assessments, showcasing a successful model of interagency collaboration. The continued expansion of language support and access to specialized services remains critical to ensure vulnerable children receive the care and assistance they need during their adjustment and healing.

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Gender-Based Violence

Working Group co-chairs

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National Agency for Equal Opportunities between
Women and Men
UNHCR

Appealing sectoral partners

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- Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR)
- City Makers
- East European Institute for Reproductive Health (EIRH)
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- JRS Romania
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Building Safety and Resilience for Refugee Women and Girls in Romania

Empowering Refugee Women Through Self-Defence and Awareness

On 24 June, a one-day "Empowerment through Self-Defence" (ESD) workshop brought together seven Ukrainian refugee women for a transformative session focused on personal safety, confidence, and resilience.



Organized by UNHCR in collaboration with the National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men (ANES) and an independent trainer, the workshop helped participants reflect on their vulnerabilities and reframe them as sources of strength. The session also opened space for meaningful conversations around gender-based violence (GBV). Participants expressed interest in learning more about national protection services and how to access them. In response, UNHCR and ANES are planning a dedicated awareness session later this summer on intimate partner violence - offering guidance on available support, legal protections, and how to seek help.

Raising GBV Awareness in Local Communities

In an effort to raise awareness and prevent GBV in everyday settings, UNHCR and local partners in Constanța and Galați disseminated the "Violencemeter" - a visual and multilingual tool that helps individuals identify early warning signs of abuse and escalating patterns of violence.

The resource, available in Ukrainian, English, and Arabic, was made accessible in counselling rooms and public areas managed by several NGOs, including Help Ukrainians, Inimă de Copil, and Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Romania. It was also displayed in community and collective centres, like Comunitaria Community Centre in Constanța and the M11 collective centre in Galați, where refugee families frequently gather. By sharing this tool widely, partners aim to destigmatize conversations around GBV and ensure that survivors or those at risk can easily access support and emergency contacts.

Fostering Inclusion and Emotional Well-Being

Throughout June, the Dr. Max Foundation continued its outreach across refugee centres, conducting 19 group sessions that welcomed more than 280 participants, including 112 newcomers. These activities provided essential emotional support and safe spaces for connection, reflection, and self-expression. In parallel, 21 individual counselling sessions were offered, totalling over 30 hours of personalized support.

On 20 June, to mark World Refugee Day, the Foundation hosted a vibrant community event at the athletics hall of the Suceava Municipal Sports Club. With over 140 Ukrainian and Romanian children, families, and educators in attendance, the event celebrated inclusion, unity, and resilience through dance, sports, and creative workshops, nurturing a sense of belonging and community spirit.

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Education

Working Group co-chairs

Jesuit Refugee Service Romania
UNICEF

Appealing sectoral partners

- ADPARE
- Association of Ukrainian Teachers in Romania
- City Makers
- Civic Rădăuți Association
- Help Ukrainians
- IOM
- JRS Romania
- MALVA
- Metropolitan Agency for Durable Development Brasov
- National Youth Foundation
- Necuvinte
- Novapolis
- PATRIR
- Plan International
- Roma Education Fund
- RomaJust
- Save the Children Romania
- SECS
- SERA
- Sibiu Community Foundation
- Terre des Hommes
- Tineri Pentru Tineri
- UNICEF
- YMCA Romania

Supporting the Inclusion of Refugee and Vulnerable Children Across Romania

Boosting School Enrolment in Bucharest

In Bucharest, UNICEF partnered with the School Inspectorate and the Education Desk at the RomExpo Community Centre to facilitate school enrolment for Ukrainian refugee children. Through targeted information sessions, legal counselling, and translation assistance, 187 children were enrolled as audient students and 291 as fully registered pupils in Romanian schools. This support helped reduce administrative barriers and encouraged families to participate in the national education system.

Expanding Access to Early Childhood Education

In response to growing needs across cities with large refugee populations - including Braşov, Cluj, Constanţa, Tulcea, Vâlcea, and Bucharest - UNICEF continued working with Step-by-Step, HOLTIS, and Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Romania to provide early education and parental support. Sixteen early education hubs, managed in partnership with the Step-by-Step Centre, are now serving approximately 375 children - 90% of whom are Ukrainian. These hubs focus on early literacy, numeracy, and socioemotional development, with a strong emphasis on language acquisition and school readiness.

JRS Promotes Inclusive Education and Cultural Heritage

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Romania maintained a comprehensive education programme aimed at integration and inclusion.

In collaboration with UNICEF, JRS provided after-school learning activities for 277 children at six centres in Bucharest, Constanţa, and Braşov. An additional 200 children were reached at the Pipera Hub and RomExpo playground. A dedicated team of 22 Ukrainian and Romanian teachers and two psychologists delivered academic support and psychosocial care, while also working closely with school counsellors to strengthen home-school communication.

With AMIF funding, JRS expanded services in Constanţa and Galaţi to include counselling, enrolment support, access to social benefits, and daily Romanian language classes. In June, these services benefitted 356 children and 454 adults. Meanwhile, through support from Intercultures and Caritas, JRS facilitated online Romanian classes for 500 children and continued early childhood learning for 60 preschoolers in Bucharest through the One Proposal initiative.

As part of workforce integration efforts under the EBRD project, JRS is preparing to launch intensive Romanian and English language courses for at least 75 adults in Bucharest and Constanţa.

To celebrate refugee children's cultural identity, JRS - together with UNESCO - hosted a series of Ukrainian arts and crafts masterclasses, culminating in the "Children Are Children After All" exhibition on 12 June in Bucharest. Attended by over 250 visitors, the event featured children's creative work and emphasized the importance of preserving cultural heritage in displacement contexts. A bilingual educational guide, From Home to Heart, was also distributed.

Promoting Academic Inclusion and Language Support

Save the Children Romania provided critical educational support to refugee and vulnerable children in Bucharest, Baia Mare, Galați, Iași, and Suceava. Through afterschool and remedial programs, language classes, and school-based integration support, the organization reached 134 school-age children, 47 preschoolers, and delivered Romanian and English language instruction to 295 children. Save the Children also played a key role in facilitating school enrolment and ensuring cultural inclusion through direct engagement with families and school staff.

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Support for Learning and Family Well-Being

The Roma Education Fund (REF) continued to operate its One-Stop-Shop Centre in Bucharest with support from the Council of Europe Development Bank's Migrants and Refugees Fund. In June, the centre assisted 74 individuals, including 59 children and 15 parents. Services included Romanian language courses, remedial tutoring in mathematics and Ukrainian, and creative arts sessions. Counselling was also provided to address emotional well-being.

In addition to education-focused services, vocational training - such as a makeup course for 10 women and girls - offered pathways for skill-building and self-sufficiency. Social vouchers and clothing support were distributed to 30 enrolled children, helping ease their transition into the school system.

Health and nutrition

Working Group co-chairs

WHO

Romanian Red Cross

Appealing sectoral partners

- Asociația Moșelor Independente
- Ateliere Fără Frontiere
- City Makers
- East European Institute for Reproductive Health (EIRH)
- FONSS
- IOM
- Metropolitan Agency for Durable Development Brasov
- Migrant Integration Centre Brasov
- Necuvinte
- Novapolis
- PATRIR
- ParentIS
- Plan International
- RomaJust
- SECS
- SERA
- UNFPA
- UNICEF
- WHO
- YMCA Romania

Scaling Up Access to Primary Healthcare Services

Strengthening Crisis Response and Health System Resilience

Throughout June, WHO Romania advanced efforts to build a more crisis-resilient health system. On 10 June, at a Romanian Red Cross event under the #EU4Health initiative, WHO highlighted the importance of integrating psychological first aid into emergency response, emphasizing that emotional trauma warrants the same urgent attention as physical injuries.

Further reinforcing this message, WHO, in collaboration with IOM Romania and the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, hosted a workshop on 17 June focused on strengthening health system resilience. Key institutional stakeholders exchanged lessons learned, including the value of interoperable services, responsive infrastructure, and inclusive decision-making in crisis preparedness.

Community Engagement for Vaccination and Health Awareness

WHO Romania continued its work to improve immunization uptake through roundtable discussions with the National Institute of Public Health (INSP) and local Public Health Directorates in Braşov, Timișoara, and Covasna. Held on 11, 13, and 26 June, the events brought together family doctors, community nurses, health mediators, and local leaders to identify barriers to childhood vaccination and promote trust in immunization.

In Constanța, WHO's Ukrainian-speaking cultural mediator provided individual support to 25 refugees and led a health information session focused on the national vaccination schedule, HPV vaccines, and the use of WHO's free translation hotline.

Supporting Healthcare Access Through Infrastructure and Personnel

WHO Romania provided medical equipment with a value of US\$ 25,000 - including glucometers, defibrillators, otoscopes, and walking frames - to family doctors in Sibiu, Braşov, Cluj-Napoca, Bucharest, Constanța, and to the Public Health Directorates in Timiș and Covasna. The initiative is enhancing service availability for both Romanian and refugee patients.

Additionally, WHO continued financing selected family doctor clinics in Braşov, Bucharest, Cluj, Constanța, Galați, Sibiu, and Suceava. In June, these clinics delivered 580 medical consultations to Ukrainian refugees, including 68 routine childhood vaccinations.

Enhancing Communication and Interpretation Services

To address language barriers, WHO maintained its free telephone translation hotline, which supported 49 translation sessions in June, including 11 related to emergency care. The service continues to support Ukrainian refugees during both medical and psychological consultations.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

Expanding Access to Mental Health Support

In June, WHO Romania continued its support for the mental health and emotional well-being of Ukrainian refugees by providing culturally appropriate psychosocial services. Mental health-trained cultural mediators facilitated both individual and group counselling sessions, as well as art therapy activities, reaching 179 beneficiaries. These services were complemented by community engagement activities, including a child-focused event led by WHO's national mental health consultant to mark International Children's Day on 1 June.

WHO also addressed adolescent mental health through an interactive workshop for high school students on 6 June. The session focused on recognizing early signs of depression and anxiety and offered practical coping strategies to help

Fostering Public Health Education and Youth Safety

WHO Romania actively participated in 1uniFEST in Bucharest with interactive activities promoting child safety. The event focused on the importance of helmet use during biking or skating, emphasizing a habit that can reduce head injuries by up to 85 per cent. WHO's Ukrainian cultural mediator also helped facilitate participation by Ukrainian families, ensuring accessibility and inclusion.

Health Services provided for Refugees

The Romanian Red Cross continued providing health services for Ukrainian refugees across its Health Promotion Centres in Braşov, Bucharest, Constanța, Iași, Satu Mare, and Sălaj. In June, 892 individuals received care, including general and specialist consultations, lab testing, and participated in health education sessions on topics such as first aid, nutrition, and reproductive health.

Collaborating with Academia for Health Education Reform

On 12 June, WHO Romania met with leadership from Cluj University "Iuliu Hațieganu" to explore collaborative opportunities in medical education. Discussions focused on enhancing communication skills, addressing gender-based violence, preventing burnout, and strengthening public health programming. The meeting marked a step forward in developing a more empathetic and resilient healthcare workforce.

Improved Primary Healthcare Access in Braşov

In Braşov, longstanding access barriers to primary care were eased through the identification of a Russian-speaking family doctor willing to take on Ukrainian patients. This development, facilitated with the support of CNRR, marks a significant improvement in healthcare access for refugee communities in the region.

adolescents build emotional resilience, particularly during exam periods and major life transitions.

Building Emotional Resilience Through Creative Engagement

Structured mental health and psychosocial support activities also continued through the Romanian Red Cross, which reached 305 Ukrainian refugees during the reporting period. Services combined recreational programming, creative workshops, and skill-building through sports and team-based activities. Designed for all age groups, these sessions offered safe and supportive spaces for emotional expression, stress relief, and community building.

Promoting Inclusion and Emotional Growth for Children and Families

Save the Children Romania remained a key actor in advancing psychosocial well-being and social inclusion for Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian communities. MHPSS activities were implemented across Bucharest, Baia Mare, Galați, Iași, and Suceava, with a strong focus on fostering peer relationships, respect, and intercultural understanding. These included expressive and creative workshops, leisure and socializing events, TeamUp

sessions, psychological counselling, and targeted anti-bullying and intercultural initiatives.

In June alone, Save the Children reached 551 Ukrainian and 261 non-Ukrainian children, along with 247 Ukrainian and 15 non-Ukrainian adults through MHPSS services. Among them, 12 Ukrainian children and 70 adults received individual psychological counselling. The organization also ran dedicated spaces for youth engagement, such as the Teenagers Club (attended by 132 adolescents), and organized enriching experiences including a summer camp and educational daytrips for 79 children.

For the latest progress against the sector indicators please consult the [Health dashboard](#) and the [MHPSS dashboard](#).

Basic Needs and Cash

Working Group co-chairs

Save the Children Romania
Romanian Red Cross
UNHCR

Appealing sectoral partners

- ADPARE
- ASSOC
- HIAS
- Habitat for Humanity Romania
- IOM
- JRS Romania
- Necuvinte
- Novapolis
- RomaJust
- Save the Children Romania
- Sensiblu Foundation
- SERA
- Sibiu Community Foundation
- UNHCR

Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordination

From 21–25 June, Basic Needs sector partners took part in Romania’s national disaster simulation exercise “SEISM 2025,” coordinated by the Department for Emergency Situations (DSU). The exercise simulated the impact of a combined earthquake and nuclear incident, testing emergency response systems across multiple sectors. Participating actors included line ministries, the Romanian Red Cross, DGASMB, Save the Children, Habitat for Humanity, IOM, WHO, and UNHCR. Basic Needs actors ensured essential services were delivered at simulated transit sites. In a significant contribution to national readiness, UNHCR completed the transfer of an emergency stock of relief items with a value of US\$ 6.65 million to DSU at the end of June. The stock, including generators, tents, and blankets, bolsters Romania’s ability



to respond to large-scale emergencies and reflects a strong commitment to protecting both displaced and host communities.

Supporting Refugees through Integrated Services, Emergency Aid, and Local Coordination

Supporting Housing Transitions for Vulnerable Families

On 25 June, the Edmond Nicolau collective centre - Bucharest's last major shelter facility for refugees - formally closed. UNHCR, in coordination with DGASPC Sector 2, DGASMB, Necuvinte Association, Estuar, and Concordia Humanitarian Organization, supported the relocation of remaining residents to longer-term housing options. The effort marked a key milestone in transitioning from emergency accommodation to more durable and dignified solutions.

Expanding Assistance to Meet Basic Needs

In June, UNHCR and partners distributed 9,487 core relief items (CRIs) to 2,524 beneficiaries across Bucharest, Constanța, Galați, Giurgiu, Iași, Maramureș, Sibiu, and Timiș. Distributed items included essential non-food items such as diapers, mattresses, bedding, and children's clothing. Since January, over 100,120 CRIs have been delivered to more than 35,554 individuals.

Save the Children also continued addressing urgent needs by distributing 937 CRIs to 827 individuals. The organization further supported educational inclusion through daily lunches for 101 children and transportation assistance for 25 students, reinforcing both nutritional and learning continuity.

Cash Assistance for Stability and Self-Reliance

To address immediate financial needs, UNHCR concluded its targeted cash assistance programme in June, providing one-time payments of RON 630 (US\$146) to 191 refugees with specific vulnerabilities. An additional 54 individuals received emergency cash support through UNHCR's partner AIDRom, helping families cover essential expenses and strengthen self-reliance.

Healthcare and Hygiene Support for Refugees

IOM Romania remained active in addressing the essential needs of displaced populations. In June, IOM distributed hygiene kits to 50 individuals in Bucharest, reimbursed health services for 57 persons, and provided guidance on healthcare access to 59 individuals. In addition, 44 people were accompanied to medical appointments, and rent support was provided to a vulnerable family of four in Galați, helping ensure housing stability during a challenging time.

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Livelihoods and Socio-Economic Inclusion

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World Vision Romania

UNHCR

Appealing sectoral partners

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- City Makers
- Civic Rădăuți Association
- Commit Global
- Drumul Vieții
- HIAS
- Help Ukrainians
- IOM
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Promoting Refugee Inclusion Through Education, Employment, and Recognition of Qualifications

Jobs4Ukraine Advances Refugee Employment and Entrepreneurship

In June, Jobs4Ukraine held a practical [workshop](#) on using AI for job searching and conducted a session on [launching businesses in Romania](#), attended by over 30 participants. A new [video story](#) was also released, highlighting key moments from the recent job fair at RomExpo, where 14 employers connected with more than 150 job seekers.

Economic Inclusion Programme with Entrepreneurial Inspiration

BeWise launched its economic inclusion programme with a business visit to Visus Clinic, a Romanian medical centre established by a Ukrainian doctor. Nineteen refugee participants - primarily women - took part in this hands-on event, gaining insights from the clinic's founder, who shared lessons from more than 30 years of entrepreneurial experience. The session encouraged open dialogue around practical challenges such as navigating legal frameworks, client engagement, and establishing partnerships, helping participants take first steps toward self-employment and peer support networks in Romania.

Innovation Cons Promotes Integration Through Language and Qualification

Innovation Cons made significant strides in supporting refugee integration through its platform, www.mydigitalconstruct.ro. In June, 140 Ukrainian refugees underwent Romanian language proficiency testing, receiving official certification aligned with national standards, while 60 began an intensive language course scheduled to run through mid-September.

A major achievement was the launch of an accredited School Mediator course, financed through an EU grant and recognized by the Romanian Ministries of Education and Labour. Thirty-three Ukrainian educators enrolled, gaining a pathway to legal employment in Romanian schools. In parallel, Innovation Cons sustained its broader support to legal residents through employment counselling and small business development assistance.

Supporting Language and Labour Market Access

Save the Children continued its integrated support model aimed at enhancing refugee access to employment while addressing the broader needs of families. In June, the organization provided Romanian language classes for 201 adults and English classes for 21. Twelve refugees participated in group counselling sessions focused on employment pathways and public service access. This multi-dimensional approach helps parents balance work and caregiving responsibilities, building toward greater economic independence and social stability.

Supporting Socio-Economic Inclusion through Migrant Resource Centres

Throughout June 2025, IOM's Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) continued to play a vital role in promoting the socio-economic inclusion of diverse communities across Romania. Targeting displaced Ukrainians, individuals under international protection, and migrants, MRCs offer a comprehensive package of services designed to foster integration, empowerment, and resilience.

MRCs provided individual legal counselling and job guidance for 62 individuals, including information on labour rights and safe employment practices. Thirteen adults also participated in labour market inclusion activities, such as CV-building and job readiness training. Tailored Romanian language classes began for two adults, reinforcing integration through language acquisition.

To support civic engagement and community belonging, 15 individuals took part in socio-cultural orientation activities, fostering dialogue and mutual understanding. IOM also continued offering mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) through one-on-one counselling, group sessions, and innovative formats like improv shows, creating safe spaces for healing and emotional well-being.

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Cross-Cutting Priorities

Protection and Inclusion Challenges for Refugees: Advocacy and Action Needed

Access to Social Assistance: Persistent Gaps and Emerging Barriers

Despite continued efforts to support displaced communities, systemic delays and evolving administrative requirements are hindering access to essential social assistance for temporary protection holders. One ongoing concern is the delayed disbursement of state lump sum payments, with some applicants still awaiting funds many months after submitting their documentation.

In Constanța, a new requirement has emerged where the local Directorate for Social Assistance (DAS) is requesting VMI (Minimum Inclusion Income) recipients to provide a certificate from their homeowners' association confirming the legality of their residence. This follows increased inspections by the County Agency for Payments and Social Inspection (AJPIS), aimed at verifying beneficiaries' presence in Romania. While this documentation can be secured by those with formal rental agreements, it presents significant challenges for individuals in informal housing arrangements.

Another unresolved issue relates to access to minimum income support for single Ukrainian mothers, particularly those who were never married. Romanian legal frameworks do not consistently recognize Ukrainian civil status documents, and previous efforts to use translated or notarized declarations have not resulted in systematic solutions. This is likely to remain a pressing concern as more applications are submitted for single-parent support.

Integration, Belonging, and Emotional Wellbeing Needs for Children

The need for tailored child protection and mental health services remains high. In June, Save the Children Romania conducted a needs assessment with Ukrainian children and adolescents. Findings show that 60 per cent of children have limited support networks, with just one close contact. Only 38 per cent feel part of the local community, a number significantly lower among adolescents. While 59 per cent express a desire to return to Ukraine, nearly half are also afraid to do so due to safety concerns and the traumatic impact of war.

These findings underscore the need for a nationally coordinated integration approach - one that unites institutional actors, civil society, and local communities to address gaps in education access, community inclusion, and emotional wellbeing.

Language barriers and the limited availability of interpretation services continue to restrict access to psychological and specialized care for refugee children. Ongoing investment in school-based prevention, anti-bullying initiatives, and mental health promotion remains critical to fostering safer and more inclusive environments.

Bridging Policy Gaps and Capacity Constraints in Education

Despite progress in enrolling Ukrainian children in Romanian schools, gaps in understanding and implementation continue to create inconsistencies. Uncertainty around registration processes during early enrolment phases has led to varied practices across regions. School administrators and inspectors often report the need for clearer guidance and training to manage refugee enrolment more effectively.

In urban centres, capacity constraints have made it difficult to formally integrate long-term "audient" students, with some schools lacking the space or resources to move students into fully enrolled status. For high school students, academic pressure remains a significant challenge, particularly when national exams must be taken under the same conditions as Romanian peers - despite differences in language proficiency and prior curriculum exposure. Proposed accommodations include extended exam time, bilingual tools, or options to sit exams in Ukrainian.

There is also increasing demand for support in navigating higher education opportunities, pointing to the need for expanded outreach and university guidance services.

Insurance System Discrepancies and Service Barriers in Healthcare

In Brașov, displaced individuals continue to encounter technical barriers when seeking healthcare: despite being registered with family doctors, some are incorrectly flagged as uninsured in the national digital health system. While the Health Insurance House (CAS) confirms their insured status upon manual checks, the issue remains unresolved, disrupting access to care.

Paediatric healthcare access also remains uneven, with families encountering challenges in securing vaccinations and routine check-ups. Extended waiting periods and complex documentation requirements contribute to delays, particularly for those unfamiliar with local procedures.

Sustainable Housing: A Pressing Concern

The shortage of affordable and temporary housing remains one of the most urgent gaps in the refugee response. With limited emergency shelter options, some families have been forced to return to Ukraine due to a lack of alternatives. Others live in precarious or overcrowded conditions that undermine their ability to rebuild stable lives.

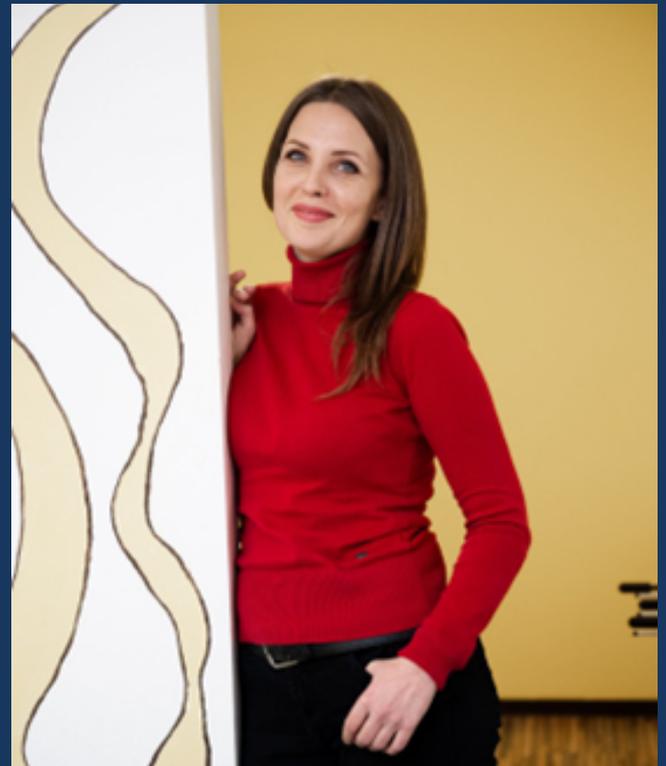
Housing insecurity poses a direct threat to the sustainability of broader integration efforts. Without safe and stable living arrangements, progress in areas such as education, protection, and employment is at risk of being reversed. Advocacy for expanded access to social housing and support for vulnerable households remains critical.

Kateryna's Story – My dream: to have my own business

“My name is Kateryna. I arrived in Romania on March 6, 2022, after fleeing the bombings that destroyed my hometown, Mykolaiv, in eastern Ukraine. I came alone, carrying only the essentials and my cat, the quiet companion who witnessed my life change overnight. Back in Ukraine, I worked across the medical and educational fields. I was a doctor, a pharmacist, a biology teacher, and a practicing psychologist in schools. After the conflict began in 2014, I turned my focus to helping others affected by the war. I managed social projects supporting vulnerable groups, led focus groups, studied community needs, and designed initiatives that made a tangible difference. These included advocacy for people with disabilities, coworking spaces for women, and several humanitarian programs.

When I reached Braşov, I knew I wanted to continue this work. I wanted to build something meaningful, something that could offer value to the community around me. That was how the idea for “OAZA CREATIVA” was born, a creative and educational space for both children and adults, with a strong social mission to include those most in need.

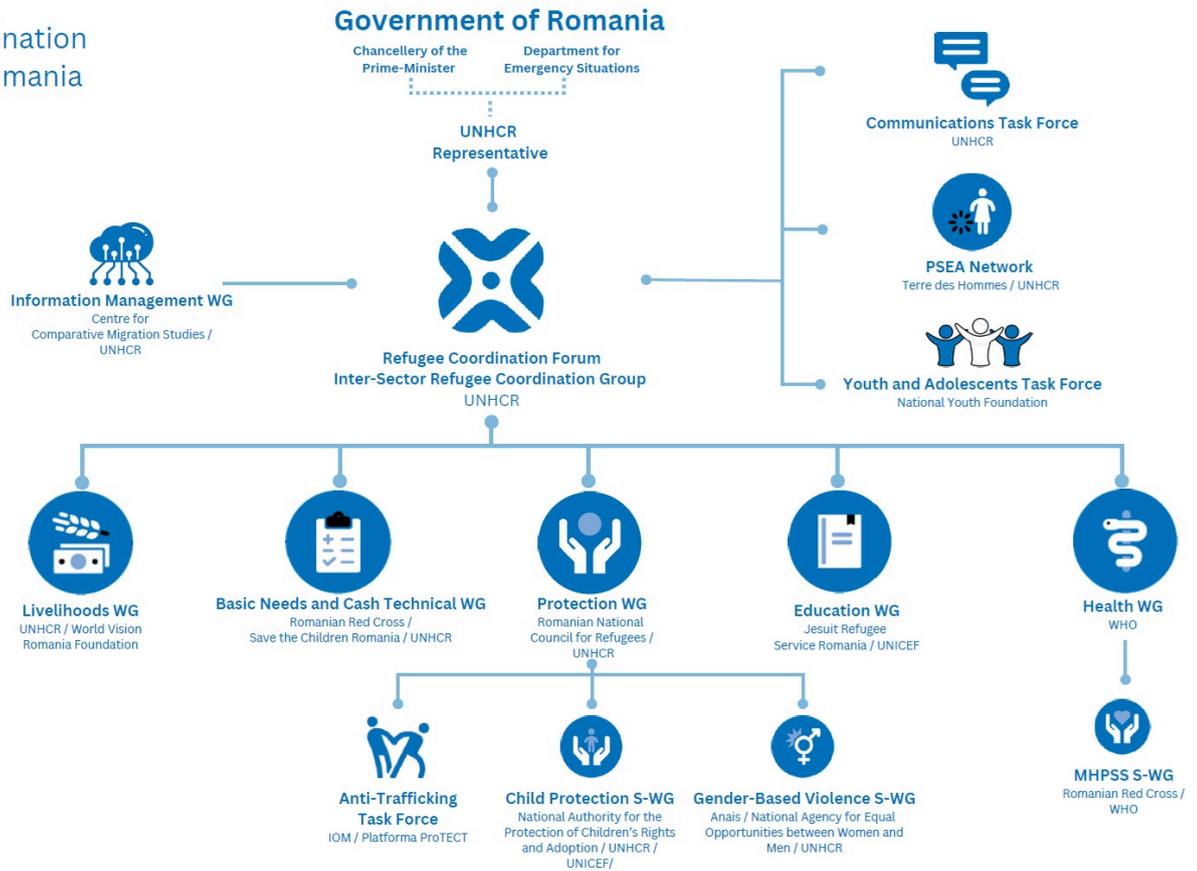
The support I received from the KATYA hub of the Metropolitan Agency for Sustainable Development Braşov and from UNHCR was essential. The training sessions on legal, fiscal, and business topics strengthened my understanding and gave me the structure I needed. The mentors were patient, knowledgeable, and generous with their guidance. Their advice helped me navigate each challenge, one step at a time. When I entered the business idea competition, I was hopeful but cautious. I didn't expect to win. Learning that my idea had been selected for funding felt like a powerful recognition of my effort and passion. The grant gave me not only the resources to start the “OAZA CREATIVA” centre, but also the confidence to keep going and to believe in what I could build here.



The team at Katya Hub, especially Andreea, Ludmila, and Tatiana, made all the difference. Their support turned every obstacle into a manageable task and every question into a clear path forward. Now the “OAZA CREATIVA” center is operational, it is becoming a space where creativity, learning, and community spirit meet to inspire change and connection. This journey has shown me that even in the hardest times, with support and determination, we can rebuild our lives. And we can help others build theirs too.”

Working in partnership

Refugee Coordination Structure in Romania



In 2025, the Inter-Agency platform comprises of the following 42 appealing partners implementing humanitarian activities in Romania for refugees from Ukraine:

ADPARE | Asociația Moșelor Independente | ASSOC | Association of Ukrainian Teachers in Romania | Ateliere Fără Frontiere | City Makers | Civic Rădăuți Association | CNRR | Commit Global | Drumul Vieții | EEIRH | FONSS | Habitat for Humanity | Help Ukrainians | HIAS | IOM | Jesuit Refugee Service Romania | MALVA | Metropolitan Agency for Durable Development Brașov | Migrant Integration Centre Brașov | National Youth Foundation | Necuvinte | Novapolis | ParentIS | PATRIR | Plan International | Project Voyager | Roma Education Fund | RomaJust | Save the Children Romania | SECS | Sensiblu Foundation | SERA | Sibiu Community Foundation | Terre des Hommes | Tineri pentru Tineri | UNFPA | UNICEF | UNHCR | WHO | World Vision Romania | YMCA Romania

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