ROMANIA

Weekly Update #173 **17 November 2025**

Key figures

195,451 refugees
obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end September 2025).

44,370 refugees
supported with core relief items in 2025; 45,071 in 2024.

11,113 refugees
provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

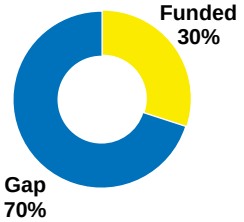
5,580 refugees
supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

"The art workshop at UNHCR's Community Centre at RomExpo reminded me how important it is to share culture, come together, and connect through creativity! We explored Ukrainian Petrykivka painting - and everyone could paint - even if they had never held a brush before." Oleksandra Barmina, Petrykivka painting artist, living in Constanța, Romania.

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 31 October 2025

$39.0 million
UNHCR's funding requirements 2025



Highlight

The Inter-Agency Coordination team of UNHCR finalised its assessment of the third quarter 2025 funding situation of the Refugee Response Plan (RRP). Out of $82.8 million appealed for by the 42 RRP partners, only $24.9 million (30 per cent) had been received at the end of the third quarter, with particularly severe funding gaps identified for activities supporting protection from violence against women, child protection, education, and health sectors. 19 of the partners have not received any funding against their appeals. Detailed findings are available in this infographic.

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 13 November, UNHCR's partner, the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR), held a national seminar on "Specialised Training for the Legal Representatives of Unaccompanied Children in Need of International Protection". The event brought together some 20 professionals from the General Directorates of Social Assistance and Child Protection (DGASPC), the General Inspectorate for Immigration – Directorate for Asylum and Integration (GII-DAI), and the National Authority for the Protection of Children's Rights and Adoption (ANPDCA). UNHCR delivered a session introducing the key concepts and principles underpinning the Best Interests Procedure for unaccompanied and separated children. Participants reflected on a range of practical challenges, including the limited availability of interpreters trained to communicate effectively with children, and the need for stronger cultural awareness when working with them.

On 13 November, Ukrainian refugee women attended a Petrykivka painting workshop during the One World Romania festival held at UNHCR's Community Centre at RomExpo in Bucharest.

From 12 to 14 November, UNHCR Romania hosted the exhibition "Through Their Eyes: Voices of Resilience – Photo Voice" as part of the One World Romania Festival at UNHCR's Community Centre at RomExpo in Bucharest. Organised by UNHCR's partner, World Vision Romania, the exhibition showcased photographs taken by Ukrainian refugees living in Romania, capturing personal stories of hope, adaptation, and the building of new connections within their communities. The festival also featured a workshop on Ukrainian Petrykivka painting, photography sessions, thematic activities for women and youth, a roundtable with NGOs supporting refugees, film screenings, and a concert. Together, these events encouraged dialogue, raised awareness, and fostered community engagement around refugee issues.

On 13 November, UNHCR hosted an interactive Romanian Language Club session for Ukrainian refugees at UNHCR's Community Centre at RomExpo, focusing on banking and financial matters. This activity forms part of the club's ongoing initiatives, developed by UNHCR colleagues, from multiple background and functions, to promote community engagement and practical skills development. During the session, participants learned how to open a bank account in Romania, discussed practical issues such as what to do if a card is blocked, and explored key financial topics. Activities included pair work, enabling participants to practise real-life communication scenarios related to banking services. The friendly and supportive atmosphere helped improve language skills while building confidence in using Romanian in everyday financial situations.

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