# ROMANIA

**Weekly Update #182** **9 February 2026**

## Key figures

**201,752 refugees** obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end December 2025).

**46,836 refugees** supported with core relief items in 2025 and 2026.

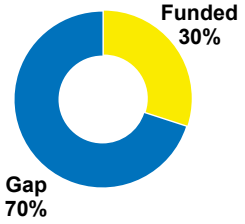
**12,811 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025 and 2026.

**5,903 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025.

*"I had so much fun at the creative workshop at UNHCR's Community Centre! I picked my favourite cartoon character and made my own toy. I liked making new friends and talking a little Romanian with them and the volunteers. I hope we can do this again soon!" Anna, a 10-year-old refugee from Odesa, Ukraine living in Bucharest, Romania.*

### UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

**As of 31 December 2025**
**$39.0 million**
UNHCR's funding requirements 2025




## Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 4 February, the Ministry of Internal Affairs published the draft law with the proposed amendments to the Asylum Law and other legislation for the implementation of the EU Pact on Asylum and Migration. Further to previous exchanges with authorities with regards to UNHCR's perspective into the implementation of the Pact in Romania, UNHCR is coordinating with partners from the Romania Protection Working Group in providing comments to the draft law.

On 5 February, UNHCR supported a community-led psychosocial support initiative for refugee parents and caregivers living in Romania, held at UNHCR's Community Centre for refugees in RomExpo. Developed in response to needs identified by the community, the programme comprises ten sessions facilitated by a Ukrainian psychologist and is designed to strengthen the emotional well-being of adults caring for children affected by war and forced displacement. By supporting this community-based initiative, UNHCR is helping to enhance family resilience and equip parents with practical tools to support their children while navigating the challenges of life in displacement.

UNHCR supports refugees directly through its activities in the field, including community-based initiatives that promote inclusion, learning and wellbeing. On 4 February, UNHCR held a Romanian-speaking club session for adults at its Community Centre for refugees, bringing participants together to practise communication for everyday situations. Through guided discussions on essential vocabulary and commonly used expressions, the session helped participants build confidence and strengthen their spoken Romanian for daily life. On 6 February, UNHCR organised a creative workshop for children at the Community Centre, focused on sewing felt toys. The activity brought together 13 children, including two Romanian children, alongside their accompanying adults, and was facilitated by a Ukrainian artist. Children enthusiastically created handmade felt toys and brooches inspired by cartoon characters, expressing pride in their work. The activity supported children's wellbeing and creativity while fostering positive interaction between refugee and host community members, providing a joyful and safe space for self-expression.

On 6 February, UNHCR organized a creative workshop for children at UNHCR's Community Centre. *Photo: UNHCR*

On 2 February, UNHCR Representative Pablo Zapata met with around 70 students from the British School of Bucharest for an interactive discussion on the evolving global political landscape and its implications for forcibly displaced populations. During the session, Pablo Zapata talked about how the current international trends are impacting on humanitarian responses around the world. He also shared insights into skills and professional trajectories relevant to working for a UN agency. Students engaged in the discussion and had questions on ways to counter misinformation and disinformation about refugees in Romania, as well as broader issues related to the protection of refugees.

On 2 February, UNHCR Representative Pablo Zapata met with students from the British School in Bucharest. *Photo: UNHCR*

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