ROMANIA

Weekly Update #204 **13 July 2026**

Key figures

212,334 refugees obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end May 2026).

1,801 refugees supported with community-based protection activities in 2026.

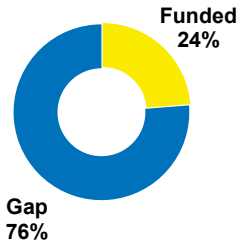
4,809 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2026.

1,628 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2026.

"I really appreciate the Romanian Language Club at UNHCR's Community Centre. The sessions give us the opportunity to hear different speaking styles, expand our vocabulary, and build our confidence communicating with native Romanian speakers."
Yuliya, a 39-year-old refugee from Ukraine, living in Bucharest, Romania.

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 30 June 2026
$23.4 million
UNHCR's funding requirements 2026



Response and Advocacy

On 9 July, UNHCR, together with DSU, and the CSCM, held an event promoting the ReMAP Network to DSU partners at UNHCR's Community Centre for refugees. *Photo: UNHCR*

On 9 July, UNHCR, together with the Department for Emergency Situations (DSU), and UNHCR partner, the Centre for Comparative Study of Migration (CSCM), held an event promoting the ReMAP Network to DSU partners at UNHCR's Community Centre for refugees at RomExpo, in Bucharest. 21 participants attended the event in person and online. The ReMAP Network is an initiative that brings together academia, local and national authorities, and organizations – including non-governmental, international, and UN agencies – working on refugee and migration issues in Romania. The network aims to foster the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and practical tools to deepen understanding of forced displacement and migration, support data-driven policymaking, strengthen the capacity of institutions and civil society, and build sustainable partnerships across sectors.

In June, UNHCR partner Project Voyager conducted a survey to better understand employment access and labour market integration challenges among refugees in Romania. The findings show that limited Romanian language skills remain a key barrier to employment, with 47 per cent of respondents reporting good English skills but weak Romanian proficiency, while only 3 per cent indicated good command of both languages. Among 155 respondents, 21 per cent had successfully secured employment after attending job interviews, while many others continued to face challenges accessing employment opportunities. Language barriers were cited as the main reason for unsuccessful applications or interviews by 56 per cent of respondents. Despite these obstacles, 46 per cent declared to be willing to temporarily accept non-qualified work and 39 per cent intending to continue to seek employment in their professional fields while considering alternative options. Since the beginning of 2026, UNHCR and its partners have provided livelihood and employment support to 1,628 refugees.

During the past week, UNHCR's partner, the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR), delivered 153 legal counselling and protection support sessions for Ukrainian refugees across Romania, focusing on access to housing, healthcare and social assistance. Through individual consultations, CNRR assisted temporary protection holders in securing emergency accommodation, including by liaising with municipal social services and shelter providers to clarify eligibility and available support. CNRR continued to engage with relevant authorities to strengthen understanding of temporary protection holders' entitlements to emergency housing and improve referral pathways. In parallel, CNRR supported refugees to remain in their current accommodation or to identify alternative housing solutions where needed. Assistance was also provided to vulnerable refugees with healthcare needs, helping them access appropriate referral mechanisms and social protection services. Since the beginning of 2026, UNHCR and its partners have provided protection counselling and legal support to 4,809 refugees.

UNHCR continues to support refugees through community-based activities at its Community Centre for refugees, providing opportunities to strengthen skills, promote social connections and support integration into the host community. On 8 July, a session of the Romanian Language Club brought together refugees in an informal and welcoming environment to practice Romanian through conversation and peer exchange. The session helped participants to expand their vocabulary and develop practical communication skills relevant to everyday life. The Romanian Language Club contributes to refugees' social inclusion by creating opportunities for language practice, community engagement and meaningful interaction with the host community.

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 its 2026 programmes. For more details: Romania Funding Update – 2026