

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #23

27 November 2022

Key figures

94,526 refugees currently in Romania (as of 27 November 2022)

90,333 refugees registered for temporary protection in Romania (as of 27 November 2022)

30,661 refugees supported with multi-purpose cash assistance.

55,966 refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone

13,899 refugees supported to travel to Romania from Ukraine-Moldova border through fast-track transfers.

I am proud and happy that I am a refugee from Ukraine who has a new temporary home in Romania now and works with other refugees to help them feel their inner power that was damaged after 24 February.

- Tatiana, a self-defence trainer.

Highlights

On 25 November, the Representatives/Heads of Office of UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO and IOM undertook a joint visit to Galati. This is the first time such a joint visit by the UN Agencies took place in Romania. Meetings with the Prefect and the Municipality were focused on the refugee response and support that may be required. The delegation also visited the Blue Dot that opened on 31 October 2022. In this space, UNHCR, UNICEF and WHO, with partners CNRR and Good Neighbors provide vital services, including enrolment for multipurpose cash assistance. Currently, there are 7 Blue Dots in Romania where refugees receive information, support and referrals for health care, education, psychological support and more (more details available on Blue Dot [Webpage](#)).

On 22 November, UNHCR in partnership with the French Institute, Goethe Institute and Jazz Fan Rising, supported the organization of a piano concert by renowned Ukrainian composer Vadim Neselovskyi who played - Odesa - for the first time in Romania. Mr. Neselovskyi dedicated the concert to his hometown Odesa in Ukraine. UNHCR Representative Mr. Pablo Zapata highlighted the power of music and art to heal distress and suffering, and to sustain a longer-term response to the refugee situation. He also commended the contribution in the refugee response of all partners, including UN Agencies and NGOs.

On 22-23 November, UNHCR participated in the National Conference on Integration organized by CNRR. The Conference was attended by ministries and institutions in charge of implementation of various aspects of economic inclusion and overall integration process i. e. access to rights and services as per the Temporary Protection Status. The Conference was also attended by NGOs involved in the refugee response.

Response

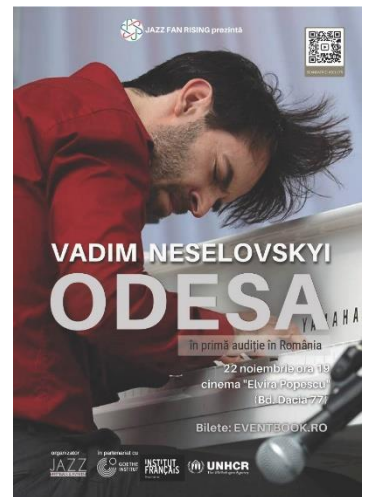
UNHCR team in Suceava continued to distribute CRIs. This week, 46 families received hygiene kits in Baia Mare, Satu Mare and Suceava counties. In addition, 134 blankets and bed linen have been provided to families living in private accommodations.

The flow of refugees to RomExpo is increasing over the past weeks. Nowadays, some 450-500 refugees from Ukraine, including people with specific needs, continue to be assisted daily in UNHCR's integrated service hub in Bucharest. UNHCR continues to enroll refugees in its cash programme while GII and EUAA register refugees for Temporary Protection and other partners continue to provide legal assistance, counselling on health, education and employment.

Coordination

On 20 November 2022, the Inter-Agency coordination team organized a Refugee Coordination Network in Cluj-Napoca. This was the fourth of six pilot events planned in various cities of Romania hosting high numbers of refugees. 24 participants representing NGOs and government agencies attended the event. In addition, the Inter-Agency coordination team conducted training sessions on its reporting tool - *ActivityInfo* - reaching 83 staff from around 40 partners.

UNHCR is grateful to the donors of unearmarked and softly earmarked contributions to the Ukraine situation. UNHCR in Romania is also grateful to donors contributing to its 2022 programmes. For more detail: <https://reporting.unhcr.org/romania-funding-2022>



Poster of the piano concert by Nadim Neselovskyi.