

# ROMANIA

## Weekly Update #24

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### Key figures

**95,319 refugees** currently in Romania (as of 30 November 2022)

**91,513 refugees** registered for temporary protection in Romania (as of 30 November 2022)

**32,479 refugees** supported with multi-purpose cash assistance.

**57,498 refugees** provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone

**14,012 refugees** supported to travel to Romania from Ukraine-Moldova border through fast-track transfers.



*We really appreciate Romania's effort to host us, we have adapted very well here; we want to go back to Ukraine as soon as possible, that is our home.*

- Anna, a refugee from Ukraine taking part in an empowerment through self-defence training

### Highlights

Over the past weeks, and in view of limited energy availability in some parts of Ukraine due to attacks on infrastructure, the number of refugees from Ukraine recorded in Romania has increased to 95,319 persons (as of 30 November). To respond to arising needs, UNHCR in coordination with the Department for Emergency Situations (DSU), has pre-positioned core-relief items (CRIs) near border areas for refugees arriving during winter months. In addition, a specific winter programme of cash assistance will help refugees in covering other expenses during this season.

Monday, 28 November 2022, the UNHCR Representative participated at the opening of a new counselling centre for Ukrainian children by Save the Children Romania. Together with members of the Romanian Government and partners, they exchanged ideas on future cooperation in sustaining the refugee response. Participants also discussed on ways to support the effort of host communities.

### Response

On 25 November, UNHCR globally launched the "16 days of activism" campaign to raise awareness on the topic of gender-based violence against forcibly displaced and stateless women and girls. UNHCR supported a "Empowerment through self-defence (ESD)" workshop organized in Bucharest by the Sensiblu Foundation to empower Ukrainian women through practical tools to prevent, identify and address unwanted situations, and where one of the ESD trainers was a Ukrainian refugee woman.

UNHCR is reinforcing its community-based activities in the multipurpose centre at RomExpo, with newly recruited Refugee United Nations Volunteers (UNVs) supporting the UNHCR counselling desk and the reception desk, where refugees are informed about all services available at the centre and are directed to the ones that meet their needs. In view of the increasing number of refugees, UNHCR will set-up a new roofed and heated temporary waiting area for refugees that are accessing services at RomExpo or the nearby free shop run by the Municipality.

UNHCR continues to strengthen partner's capacity on Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA). Between 21 - 23 November, five partner organizations participated in a regional workshop on investigations into misconduct allegations (with a focus on sexual exploitation and abuse response) organized by UNHCR.

UNHCR is monitoring the needs of refugees from Ukraine in Romania in order to adjust its programmes. UNHCR conducted a participatory assessment in Galati with 27 elderly persons from Ukraine. Refugees expressed key concerns such as limited community activities targeting older persons, as well as lack of access to medical services ensuring continuous follow up for chronic illnesses.

UNHCR in Suceava is supporting refugees from Ukraine with CRIs living in Suceava, Iasi and Maramures counties. Over the past week, UNHCR together with partners and local authorities distributed blankets and bed linens to over 550 refugees from Ukraine.

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>



"Empowerment through self-defence" workshop organized by Sensiblu. 25 November 2022