

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #32

3 February 2023

Key figures

108,663 refugees in Romania (as of 28 January)

109,778 refugees granted temporary protection in Romania (as of 28 January)

3,163 refugees supported with cash assistance in 2023.

4,461 refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone in 2023

220 refugees supported with fast-track transfers from Moldova to Romania in 2023.



Thanks to the cash assistance programme, I could buy food for me and my 4-year-old son.

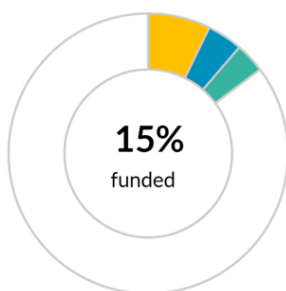
- Diana, refugee from Ukraine hosted in Iasi, Romania.

Funding Situation UNHCR in Romania

As of 31 January 2023

\$59.5 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)

Partnerships

The Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) of the US Department of State visited Romania. The delegation observed the services provided by UNHCR, governmental institutions, UN Agencies and NGOs at the integrated service hub at RomExpo, met with State Counsellor Ms Madalina Turza and with the Department for Emergency Situations. The visit particularly focused on the status of the refugee response, including by RRP partners, and on the protection and inclusion of refugees from Ukraine.



The US PRM delegation visiting UNHCR's integrated service hub for refugees at RomExpo, Bucharest on 30 January 2023

On 30-31 January, FCDO and the UK's Social Protection Technical Assistance, Advice, and Resources Facility (STAAR) undertook a scoping mission -facilitated by UNHCR- with a view of assessing possible support in the access of refugees to the social protection system. Meetings were organised with NGOs working in the refugee response and in social protection and UN Agencies. The delegation was briefed by State Counsellor Ms. Madalina Turza on the medium and longer term response and inclusion of refugees from Ukraine in Romania.

Response

In 2023, UNHCR's winterization programme has reached some 15,300 refugees from Ukraine throughout the country with core-relief items (CRIs). Items distributed include 5,000 blankets and quilts, 10,000 winter clothes, 500 sleeping bags, 3,000 cooking pots and 2,150 family hygiene kits. During this week, 12,000 items were distributed to refugees in Bucharest, Brasov, Suceava, Galati and Constanta.



Refugees collecting core-relief items from the social market at RomExpo, Bucharest on 1 February 2023.

Furthermore, since mid-December, UNHCR has enrolled more than 7,000 refugees for winter cash assistance in Bucharest, Brasov, Galati, Suceava, Iasi and Constanta, with 3,163 already receiving the assistance.

UNHCR continues providing three hot meals per day for refugees accommodated in Radauti Transit Centre (located in northern part of Romania). During the reporting period 1,120 refugees passed through the centre. UNHCR and ISU (local unit of Department for Emergency Situations) assist the refugees with food and shelter and CRIs.

UNHCR in Galați conducted a needs assessment mission to Navodari in Constanța county, and held a focus group discussion with Ukrainian refugee families to assess current needs. The most pressing are food, healthcare, language classes, employment, transport, and childcare. A delivery of CRIs (such as blankets, quilts, winter clothes, bed linen and hygiene items) to refugees living in Novodari as well as other locations in Constanța county started on 1 February in cooperation with local authorities and NGOs.

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 2023 programmes. For more details: [Romania Funding Update - 2023 | Global Focus \(unhcr.org\)](#)