

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #37

10 March 2023

Key figures

117,681 refugees granted temporary protection in Romania (as of 5 March)

110,921 refugees in Romania (as of 5 March)

11,940 refugees supported with cash assistance in 2023. 43,129 refugees supported in 2022.

17,210 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2023. 65,000 refugees assisted since 2022.

693 refugees supported with fast-track transfers from Moldova to Romania in 2023 and 14,636 in 2022.



I came to Romania a year ago with my cat and a few bags. My family was left behind. Now I have the possibility to help other people here in Romania. Whatever I do, I do with all my heart.

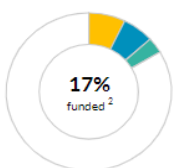
- Viktoriia, 28, a refugee from Ukraine hosted in Brasov, Romania.

Funding Situation

As of 7 March 2023

\$59.5 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



■ Earmarked
■ Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
■ Unearmarked (indicative allocation)

Highlight

On 10 March, the Inter-Agency team, led by UNHCR, organised an extended Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) in Bucharest to present the strategic priorities of the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) Working Groups for 2023. The event counted with the participation of more than 50 representatives of RRP partners, authorities, civil society organisations and the international community. The RRP in Romania counts with 34 partners that are appealing for US\$ 153 million for their programs in support of the national response in the country.



Refugee Coordination Forum, Bucharest, 10 March

Response

UNHCR is conducting workshops for staff concerning Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV). Over the past two weeks, UNHCR conducted workshops on PSEA and GBV in Bucharest and Galati to over 80 participants. UNHCR remains committed to provide a safe, trusted, respectful and inclusive environment for refugees.

UNHCR continues to enrol refugees from Ukraine for its cash assistance programme for winter. This week, UNHCR teams enrolled nearly 600 refugees from Ukraine in Galati, Constanta, Mures, Bistrita, Cluj, Maramures and Satu Mare counties. In addition, UNHCR also continued the distribution of winter clothes, blankets, and hygiene kits to refugee families living in and around Galati.

UNHCR and partners are supporting refugees in accessing livelihood opportunities. On 27 February, Jobs4Ukraine conducted a workshop on way to set up a business in Romania. Over 20 participants had the chance to learn more about procedures for opening a legal entity in Romania and ask Romanian advisors for further information. Moreover, participants had the possibility to interact with several Ukrainian women who opened already business in the county. In addition, UNHCR and partners are supporting refugees in researching job opportunities through dedicated web-platform, coaching them during their research for employment, and supporting them with Romanian language courses.



Workshop organised by Jobs4Ukraine for Ukrainian refugees on ways of setting up a business in Romania. 27 February

UNHCR, together with partners, is providing information and counselling services to refugees such as legal assistance, temporary protection, accommodation, social services, cash assistance etc. So far in 2023, over 17,000 refugees from Ukraine have received this support at border crossings, transit centres, information points, as well as through hotline numbers.

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: <https://reporting.unhcr.org/romania-funding-2023>