

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #46
12 May 2023

Key figures

131,462 refugees granted temporary protection in Romania (as of 7 May 2023)

96,512 refugees in Romania (as of 8 May 2023)

18,984 refugees supported with cash assistance in 2023. 43,129 refugees supported in 2022.

31,800 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2023. 65,000 refugees assisted since 2022.

1,700 refugees supported with livelihoods & employment services in 2023.



The self-defence training helped me develop confidence and realize that I can take control of the situation if needed. I feel more empowered now. I wish more women can receive this training.

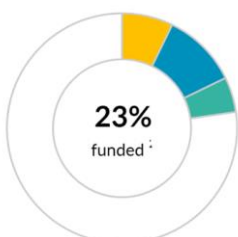
—A refugee woman attending the self-defence training in Bucharest, Romania.

Funding Situation

As of 10 May 2023

\$59.5 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



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

Highlights

On 12 May, the Inter-Agency Coordination platform led by UNHCR, organized a **municipal coordination conference in Bucharest**. Over 50 officials, including from 22 municipalities, such as Bucharest, Brasov, Galati, Sibiu, Arad, Cluj and Sighisoara attended in the event and engaged in thematic discussions on good practices of enhancing refugee inclusion and participation in municipal services. The forum had a dedicated session on identifying good practices among the municipalities promoting mid-long-term inclusion of refugees in Romania. The World Bank, along with IOM, UNICEF and WHO participated in a session on supporting the Municipal efforts. Links between the work of Municipalities, and Romania's pledges at the Global Refugee Forum were also discussed.



Mr. Sebastiaan Der Kinderen, Senior Inter-Agency Coordinator at the Municipal Event on 12 May.

On 8 May, Pablo Zapata, UNHCR representative in Romania, delivered remarks at the event marking the **National Day of Equal Opportunities between women and men**, organized by Romania's Senate Committee on Human Rights, Gender Equality, Cultures and Minorities. The event was hosted by Senator Anca Dragu and other speeches were delivered by the Minister of Family, Youth and Equal Opportunities, Ms. Gabriela Firea and the Swedish Ambassador, H.E. Therese Hyden.

Response

UNHCR together with partners, is strengthening its protection services, information provision, and cash assistance (targeting 35,000 vulnerable refugees) to support refugees from Ukraine transitioning from the 50/20 into the new governmental programme. Last week 3,251 refugees updated their data in five UNHCR enrolment centres across Romania, including 2,753 at the integrated service hub in RomExpo, totalling 17,200 refugees verified for cash assistance in 2023. Refugees will soon receive the cash instalment. In addition, last week UNHCR and partners provided counselling -mostly on this matter- to 1,900 refugees, including 506 refugees through hotline numbers, totalling over 31,800 individuals receiving protection and counselling services in 2023.

UNHCR, through its partner Sensiblu Foundation, is supporting refugee women from Ukraine to enhance life-skills enabling them to protect themselves from risk of gender-based violence. On 6 May, Sensiblu Foundation, in cooperation with Impact Global, organized a half-day training session for a group of 35 refugees.



Self-defence workshop conducted by Sensiblu Foundation in Bucharest on 6 May.

UNHCR continues supporting refugees access livelihoods and employment opportunities through career counselling, language courses, vocational training and creating platform to connect refugees with potential employers. On 12 May, UNHCR together with Jobs4Ukraine supported a job fair organized by the employment authority - AJOFM - in Constanta and assisted refugees from Ukraine with interpretation to facilitate communication with employers. Over 35 employers participated in this fair with more than 200 suitable jobs available for refugees from Ukraine. So far in 2023, UNHCR and partners assisted 1,700 refugees with various livelihood and employment services.

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 \(unhcr.org\)](#)