

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #57
31 July 2023

Key figures

138,704 refugees granted temporary protection in Romania.

94,916 refugees present in Romania (as of 23 July 2023).

47,082 refugees supported with cash assistance in 2023. 43,129 refugees supported in 2022.

54,127 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2023. 65,000 refugees assisted in 2022.

3,504 refugees supported with livelihoods & employment services in 2023.



Knowing the language of the country you are in is essential for integration into society. Of course, I can communicate in English, but I am trying to belong to the Romanian community.

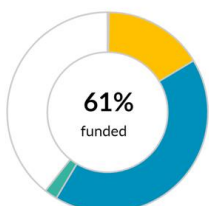
-Danya, a 17 year old refugee from Odesa, Ukraine hosted in Romania.

Funding Situation

As of 19 July 2023

\$59.5 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



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

Highlights

On 26 July, UNHCR and partners welcomed a visit of the Acting Refugee Coordinator from the US Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) in Bucharest, Romania to discuss the refugee response in the country. During the visit, UNHCR briefed on the current refugee situation in Romania and the main results of the inter-agency programme criticality assessment that was finalised early July 2023, highlighting the impact on programming caused by funding shortages for partners of the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2023. During the visit, the PRM Refugee Coordinator was able to discuss with partners and refugees from Ukraine at UNHCR's integrated service hub RomExpo in Bucharest and met with the Department for Emergency Situations (DSU).



On 26 July, a delegation from the US Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) visited UNHCR's integrated service hub for refugee from Ukraine in Bucharest.

Population movements

As of 23 July, there are over 94,900 refugees from Ukraine in Romania. The number of refugees from Ukraine present in Romania has been stable since the end of May 2023. Pendular movements are ongoing with some 17,000 Ukrainians entering and exiting Romania on a daily basis. UNHCR and partners continues to monitor major border crossing points through its field presence in Galati, Iasi, Suceava and Timisoara.

Response

The social cohesion [awareness campaign](#) launched by UNHCR on 3 July has reached more than 1.7 million people in the first three weeks through various channels, including social media, billboards in major cities in Romania (Bucharest, Brasov, Constanta, Cluj, Timisoara), and radio. From 24 July, [a short video](#) of the campaign is also being broadcasted on seven Romanian TV channels. The social cohesion awareness campaign is also addressing [myths and facts](#) concerning refugees from Ukraine in Romania.

On 19 and 21 July, UNHCR conducted mobile registration for cash assistance in Constanta, and Suceava verifying the presence of previously registered families in Romania and conducting interviews for the new cash for protection programme. UNHCR also counselled families and provided information about UNHCR's services and assistance. Since 3 July, UNHCR has enrolled 4,333 refugees in 1,430 families across Romania for the new programme.

On 24 July, UNHCR conducted a training for border police in Suceava. More than 30 officials attended sessions on child protection and prevention of gender-based violence. So far in 2023, UNHCR has provided various trainings on refugee protection to more than 450 officials from 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)