

# ROMANIA

**Weekly Update #74**
**27 November 2023**

## Key figures

**148,048 refugees** granted temporary protection in Romania.

**82,598 refugees present** in Romania (as of 19 November 2023).

**58,326 refugees** supported with cash assistance in 2023. 43,129 refugees supported in 2022.

**86,869 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2023. 65,000 refugees assisted in 2022.

**6,192 refugees** supported with livelihoods and employment services in 2023.

“ I feel welcome in Romania and I am very grateful for the support received.”

Victoria, a 51-year-old refugee from Bucha, Ukraine hosted in Romania.

## Highlights

On 22 November, UNHCR together with the Council of Europe (CoE) held a roundtable on “Strengthening the protection of children and survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) in the context of refugee flows in Romania”. The event was held as a follow-up to the fact-finding mission to Romania of the Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) of the CoE on Migration and Refugees of November 2022. The event was opened by the State Secretaries of the Ministry of Interior Dr Raed Arafat and the Main Police Questor Catalin Necula and attended by some 70 participants attended by 70 officials including authorities, NGOs and international organisations. Participants had the opportunity to take stock of the progress made on the CoE recommendations and further develop tools and mechanism for the protection of children and GBV survivors. More details available in a [press release](#).



Roundtable “Strengthening the protection of children and survivors of gender-based violence in the context of refugee flows in

## Response

Last week, over 50 participants attended a community art event involving young Ukrainian, Syrian and Afghan refugees, as well as Romanian citizens in Timișoara. The event was organised by UNHCR together with AidRom and supported by Artolution, and provided a collaborative art-making experience to participants in vulnerable communities, strengthening their wellbeing and social inclusion.



Panel at the community art event organised in Timisoara by UNHCR together with AidRom and supported by Artolution.

On 16 November, the first Working Group for the Inclusion of Refugees was launched in Suceava by UNHCR and the Prefecture of Suceava within the framework of the Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP). The event was attended by 60 persons representing local authorities, public services, local and international NGOs, and UN agencies. UNHCR Representative, thanked authorities for their “efficient, effective and humane way” of overcoming the crisis and looked towards enhanced collaboration among local stakeholders to promote refugee inclusion and social cohesion.

UNHCR conducted a verification and enrolment exercise of 942 vulnerable refugees from Ukraine living in Baia Mare, Brașov, Bucharest, Constanța, Galați, Iași, and Cluj counties for its winter cash assistance. So far in November, UNHCR verified and assessed the vulnerability of more than 2,300 refugees with winter cash assistance. So far this year, UNHCR has supported more than 58,300 refugees with cash assistance.

This week, UNHCR and partners started an intensive Romanian language course with 91 refugees from Ukraine. In 2023, UNHCR supported nearly 6,200 refugees with livelihoods and employment services including career counselling and information provision, vocational training, and language courses provided by partners Ateliere Fără Frontiere (AFF) and HEKS EPER.

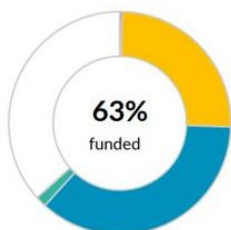
Also this week, UNHCR delivered core-relief items for winter needs such as bedding, hygiene kits, and clothing, to 156 beneficiaries in various locations. During 2023, UNHCR and its partners assisted more than 62,000 with core-relief items.

## Funding Situation

As of 31 October 2023

**\$59.5 million**

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



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

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 \(unhcr.org\)](#)