

# ROMANIA

Weekly Update #75

04 December 2023

## Key figures

**148,736 refugees** granted temporary protection in Romania.

**83,103 refugees present** in Romania (as of 19 November 2023).

**62,270 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.

**6,522 refugees** supported with livelihoods and employment services in 2023.

“ We met very kind people who helped us with everything. And we have the same mentality as Romanians. We do not feel like strangers here.”

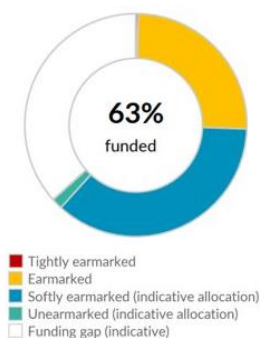
Tatiana, a 57-year-old refugee from Kharkiv, Ukraine hosted in Romania.

## Funding Situation

As of 31 October 2023

**\$59.5 million**

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



## Response

UNHCR support through RomExpo will continue into 2024, and the hub will be adapted to focus on specific inclusion services, while keeping the existing services available to refugees from Ukraine.

Currently, UNHCR and partners assist approximately 250 refugees from Ukraine on a daily basis at the UNHCR's service hub at RomExpo, Bucharest. At the site, 16 partners from different UN agencies, authorities and NGOs assist refugees with various protection services as well as with documentation, cash assistance and healthcare, among other services. UNHCR in consultation with partners is also programming activities for 2024 and additional services for refugees and the host community. UNHCR supports the Donation Centre of the Municipality at RomExpo by covering the rent, utilities and supporting refugees with core-relief items, such as hygiene kits. Since the beginning of the year, the Donation Centre of the Municipality at RomExpo distributed over 1.5 million items to over 170,000 refugees from Ukraine.

This week, UNHCR in coordination with authorities and partners received a group of 88 refugees to the Emergency Transit Centre (ETC) in Timisoara. The group will be hosted at the centre until resettlement procedures will be completed to allow them to depart from Romania to a third country. So far refugees participated in a welcoming community meeting held by UNHCR, in collaboration with the General Inspectorate for Immigration (GII) and AIDRom. So far this year, some 248 refugees from various countries have been assisted at the ETC in Timisoara.



UNHCR together with IOM and AidRom supported the arrival of 88 Syrian and Afghan refugees who arrived at the Emergency Transit Centre (ETC) in Timisoara from Türkiye for further resettlement to a third country.

During the week, and as part of the campaign marking the 16 days of activism, UNHCR in Galați held a community event with refugee women. With the support of a psychologist from the refugee community, women participated in a session which used gameplay to discuss empowerment and resilience. In addition, UNHCR participated in other events and round-tables to mark the 16 Days of Activism organised in Timisoara and Bucharest and spread key messages of the campaign among the refugee community through Telegram.

So far this year, UNHCR supported 6,522 refugees with various livelihood services such as information provision, career counselling, language classes and vocational trainings. This week, UNHCR's together with HEKS EPER enrolled ten refugees from Ukraine in a 40-hour entrepreneurial skills development course that will be helping refugees in setting up new enterprises in Romania.

Last week, UNHCR and the Civic Resource Centre launched a "Radio Comunitaria", a community radio station in Constanța. The radio is broadcasting information on civil and intercultural issues, as well as music in English, Romanian, and Ukrainian. The station encourages the involvement of community volunteers, particularly among young people interested in a career in broadcasting.

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 \(unhcr.org\)](https://www.unhcr.org/romania/funding-update-2023)