

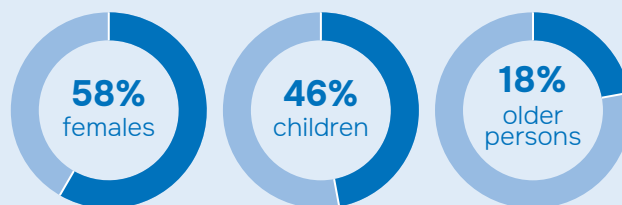


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In late November, UNHCR organized the Community Forum 2023, a two-day event aimed to strengthen the capacity of community leaders and grassroots organizations. The event brought together around 40 local and international experts, as well as community leaders from Moldova, including Ukrainians, Roma people and Moldovans. The participants attended sessions on how to access funding opportunities, project management, communication, and international protection, among others. The forum served as a space for exchange and to foster coordination among various community leaders.

## Population figures

**113,000** refugees from Ukraine in Moldova:



About **1.4 M arrivals** since 24 February 2022

## Legal status in the country

**Around 24,200** refugees have been granted Temporary Protection.

**Nearly 7,000** citizens of Ukraine have been granted resident permits, either permanent or temporary.

**Around 400** refugees are asylum-seekers or have been granted refugee status or humanitarian protection.



**125,000**

refugees received cash assistance since 24 February 2022 (over USD 140M disbursed)



**177,000**

refugees supported with legal assistance since 24 February 2022 (as of 30 October)



**2,323**

refugees now hosted in 44 refugee accommodation centres supported by UNHCR

## Highlights of the month

### Developing the capacity of protection partners

On 13 November, UNHCR conducted a session on gender-based violence (GBV) core concepts and principles for 24 participants from local NGOs to strengthen their capacity to safely manage GBV disclosures and refer cases. Also, on 16 November, UNHCR trained in-depth six child protection partners on how to do best interest assessments and provide back-up support to Protection Desk staff on child protection cases.

### #IBelong Campaign to end Statelessness

Following UNHCR's advocacy efforts, an amendment to the Citizenship Law regarding access to Moldovan nationality for children of foreign-born parents born in the territory, who would otherwise be stateless, went into effect on 1 November 2023. In this context, UNHCR and The Law Centre of Advocates organised a conference on statelessness in Chişinău. Around 60 national and international experts joined the event to discuss current problems and potential solution in identifying stateless persons.



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In late November, the Director of the UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe, Philippe Leclerc, conducted a mission to Moldova. The visit included meetings with public authorities, partners, the UN system and refugees, who expressed their gratitude to UNHCR for the support.

## Unity in Giving: UNHCR and Refugees join the Christmas Bazaar

On 26 November, the 25th edition of the International Charity Bazaar took place in Chisinau, bringing together the diplomatic community, the refugee community and local civil society organizations, who joined forces to organize a charity in support of the neonatal surgery unit at the Mother and Child Hospital in Chisinau. It is the second year UNHCR staff and refugees contributed to this event as a way of expressing our gratitude to Moldova.

## Mainstreaming accountability and community engagement across the response

UNHCR in partnership with UNICEF, and CDAC Network delivered nine capacity bridging sessions on Accountability to Affected People across Moldova. The training reached over 110 people from local and international NGOs, as well as Government institutions, aiming to strengthen the capacity of humanitarian workers for a more accountable and effective response, ensuring refugees have a say in the decisions that affect their lives. Additionally, a Training of Trainers session was delivered for 14 participants in Chisinau, who will further replicate these trainings.



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On 11 and 25 November, two evacuation flights of Ukrainians and Moldovans arrived to Moldova from Gaza. UNHCR provided assistance to around 85 refugees, which were mostly women and children. UNHCR is monitoring closely the situation of those who have remained in Moldova and provides legal support to them.



International Charity Bazaar, Chisinau.

## Unlocking Opportunities towards Financial Inclusion of Forcibly Displaced Persons from Ukraine in Moldova

On 28 November, IFC and UNHCR co-chaired a roundtable event with the Moldovan banks, credit institutions, government, the World Bank and Ukrainian entrepreneurs. IFC presented its recently completed market survey which showed that 65% of refugees have access to regular sources of (informal) income, and there is a sizeable market for banking services of around 54,000 refugees. During the roundtable, Moldovan financial institutions expressed their interest in expanding services for refugees. The National Bank expressed its openness to easing documentary proof for refugees to open accounts. Banks expressed an interest in facilitating the opening of bank accounts by, for example, setting up a 'Ukraine desk' better informing branch managers on what services to provide, and leveraging IFC guarantees to provide service packages to refugees, including basic health insurance.

“ We need to find not a way around, but a way through. ”

Mr. Picker, CEO and Chariman of the Managing Board of MICB at the roundtable discussion on financial inclusion of refugees

## Financial information

(November 2023)

Financial requirements  
**\$ 115.5 M**

Funded 91%  
**\$ 105.1 M**

Gap 9%  
**\$ 10.4 M**

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UNHCR Moldova is also thankful for the cooperation of Moldovan authorities at all levels, other UN agencies, the private sector and civil society organizations.