

Hungary

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UNHCR complements the Government of Hungary's efforts to **support people arriving from Ukraine**, coordinating with national authorities, civil society actors, and refugee-led organizations (RLOs).

UNHCR leads **the coordination of the Ukraine Situation Refugee Response Plan (RRP)**, which brings together a wide network of partners working to support refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine.

UNHCR continues to advocate and support efforts for a **more inclusive and internationally mandated protection environment**, and the **social inclusion** of forcibly displaced and stateless persons.

UNHCR POPULATION STATISTICS (as of mid-2023)*

Refugees	57,939 (as of mid-2023)*
Asylum-seekers	5 (as of mid-2023)*
Stateless people	143 (as of mid-2023)*

Top three countries of origin (as of mid-2023)*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	65,600	Russian Federation	5
Afghanistan	1,449		
Syrian Arab Rep.	808		

*UNHCR mid-2023 Trends and UNHCR data finder

UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 15 February 2024, **65,600** refugees from Ukraine were recorded in Hungary

Protection assistance: Over 39,000 refugees were reached by UNHCR and partners with information on rights and services, as well as legal assistance and counselling.

Cash assistance: UNHCR launched a winter cash payout for individuals aged 60+ targeting some 500 refugees. Additionally, the cash for protection pilot program enrolled 50 households of people with severe disabilities.

Basic needs: Over 75,000 individuals, including people in transit, received assistance for basic needs, including food and non-food items, and support with mid- long-term accommodation.

Coordination: UNHCR leads the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) of 73 partners aiming towards a harmonized response. Coordination is done through Protection, Inclusion, and Basic Needs/Cash working groups. The **2024 Refugee Response Plan for Hungary** coordinated by UNHCR highlights the financial needs of 31 partners within the RCF to meet the needs of Ukrainian refugees in the country.

HIGHLIGHTS

2,550 refugees received cash assistance in 2023

UNHCR and partner Hungarian Baptist Aid supported vulnerable refugees with cash support.

6,774 refugees counselled on social inclusion

In 2023, UNHCR and partners provided integration-related support to refugees, i.e. access to housing, employment, services, and education.

Over 400 people received legal counselling

In 2023, UNHCR partner Hungarian Helsinki Committee provided legal counselling and representation to 400 asylum-seekers and refugees.

5 advocacy notes released in 2023

The RCF published five advocacy and briefing notes that address the needs of the most vulnerable refugees to support their inclusion throughout 2023.



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UNHCR and IOM promote safe employment for refugees and migrants in Hungary

In November 2023, UNHCR and IOM jointly organized a **job fair** for refugees and third-country nationals in Hungary. 157 jobseeker refugees could apply to companies on the spot, improve their CVs, and receive information on local labor laws.

Key Priorities

- **Protection:** UNHCR works to ensure refugees have access to legal status, protection and rights in Hungary.
- **Asylum procedures:** UNHCR advocates for enhanced asylum procedures, provides legal assistance for asylum-seekers, and undertakes regular monitoring of asylum procedures.
- **Inclusion:** UNHCR works to strengthen the socio-economic inclusion of refugees in the host community.
- **Vulnerabilities:** UNHCR ensures continued access to targeted support and assistance for the most vulnerable.
- **PSEA and GBV risk mitigation:** SEA and GBV risk mitigation continues to be mainstreamed across all interventions through awareness-raising activities and training/capacity-building.
- **Public perception:** UNHCR briefs media and works to give refugees a voice to reinforce positive perceptions about refugees.
- **Empowerment of refugees:** UNHCR provides social counselling and skills training to refugees with a view to improving self-reliance.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR works together with Government authorities and technical level focal points to ensure refugees have access to protection status and services.
- Eight partnerships are currently active, namely with **Carpathian Foundation** offers basic needs and integration support; **Cordelia Foundation** provides psychosocial counselling and mental health support; **Hungarian Baptist Aid** provides accommodation support and cash assistance; **Hungarian Helsinki Committee** offers assistance and legal support to asylum-seekers and refugees, including those in

detention; **Hungarian Interchurch Aid** provides counselling to GBV survivors; **Mandak House** supports basic needs and provides social integration and counselling support; **Menedék** offers integration support and counselling, language courses, and social, educational and cultural programs; **ULE Association** supports refugees with access to mid-to-long-term accommodation.

- **External engagement:** UNHCR's [Help page](#) and Telegram channel provide refugees with information and updates on legal status and available services. UNHCR continues its strategic engagement with the international community via regular updates and briefings, as well as with local and international media.

Statelessness

- Hungary has acceded to both the 1954 and 1961 UN Conventions on Statelessness, and has a statelessness determination procedure in place since 2007. With UNHCR's support, the status determination authority established an internal quality assurance mechanism in 2013.

UNHCR Presence in Hungary

Staff:

35 National Staff
 13 International Staff

Offices:

1 Multi-Country Office (MCO) in Budapest covering UNHCR activities in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia

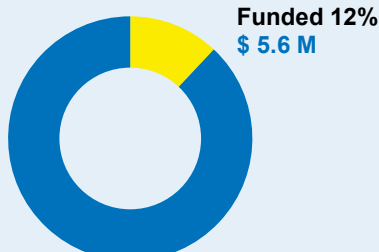
Financial information (31 January 2024)

* Information relates to UNHCR's Representation for Central Europe, which covers the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, and Slovenia.

Financial requirements for 2024

\$ 55.4 M

Funding gap 88%
 \$ 42.3 M



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