

ROMANIA

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Key figures

158,407 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania.

5,228 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

Over 7,686 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

2,384 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



My husband has certified disability and he is still looking for employment. He cannot work manually, but he is willing to work online or at office.

-A refugee woman from Ukraine, hosted in Romania.

Funding Situation

As of 31 March 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



Coordination

The Inter-Agency Coordination platform led by UNHCR finalized its analysis of the funding received during the first three months of 2024 by the 37 partners implementing the [Refugee Response Plan \(RRP\) 2024](#). RRP partners reported that they have received US\$ 14.4 million against the appeal of US\$ 117 million – covering only 12 per cent of the total need. Worryingly, 24 (mostly national NGOs) out of the 37 RRP partners reported that they have not received any new funding against the appeal and they are operating on carry-over funding from 2023 which is running out rapidly. Ten RRP partners are close to discontinuing their refugee programs in the coming weeks due to resource constraints. The under-funded sectors of the RRP include response to Gender-based Violence, Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion, and Education.

On International Roma Day (8 April), the Inter-Agency Coordination platform launched the Romani language version of [Services Advisor](#) to support a more inclusive refugee response in Romania under the RRP. On 11 and 12 April, UNHCR Romania participated in the Regional Dialogue on Protection and Inclusion of Ethnic Roma Refugees and Host Communities organized by UNHCR Moldova in Chisinau. The participants engaged in discussion on challenges and good practices of emergency assistance and integration support for Roma community, with considerations towards their vulnerabilities.

Response

On 18 April, UNHCR organized a training for partners on procurement procedures and programme management. Over 30 participants from 11 partner organizations and UNHCR attended the training session which was the first one in a series of tailored training workshops aiming at developing partners' procurement capacity. UNHCR conducts thematic training sessions for partners to enhance transparency, accountability and efficiency of the humanitarian response to the refugees.

Last week, UNHCR distributed nearly 400 core relief items, including clothes, hygiene kits, blankets, pillows, to 221 refugees from Ukraine hosted in Suceava, Baia Mare and Cluj-Napoca and Galati. So far in 2024, UNHCR has distributed nearly 25,000 CRIs to 12,168 refugees from Ukraine. Additional referrals to the local food bank ([Asociatia Banca Regionala Pentru Alimente Timisoara](#)) in Timisoara enabled refugees to receive food items.

On 17 April, UNHCR Representative Mr. Pablo Zapata participated in the opening ceremony of a day-care centre run by Save the Children, with the support of District 6 City Hall. The Centre will support 40 Ukrainian and Romanian children with daycare services, Romanian language classes and other recreational activities. While delivering his remarks, the UNHCR Representative highlighted the importance of generating synergies between job acquisition, language classes and childcare services to enable refugees, particularly mothers with children, to access employment and self-reliance.

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 and 2024 programmes. For more details: [Romania Funding Update - 2024 | Global Focus \(unhcr.org\)](#)



Refugee Response Plan 2024