

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #94

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Key figures

159,958 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania.

6,033 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

8,082 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

2,157 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



After arriving in Romania, I feel that now I can breathe freely.

-Fatema, 15 years old refugee woman hosted in the Emergency Transit Centre in Timisoara, Romania.

Funding Situation

As of 31 March 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



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

Population Movements

As of 1 April, approximately 77,900 refugees from Ukraine were present in Romania. Women and children represent 71 per cent of the refugee population residing in major cities in Romania such as Bucharest, Constanta and Maramures. Following Romania's accession to the Schengen area through air or sea ports, the number of refugees present in the country can no longer be calculated due to the freedom of movements within the Schengen area. UNHCR is exploring alternative ways to estimate the number of refugees in the country.

Response

On 24 April, UNHCR together with Romanian authorities, partner AIDRom, and IOM welcomed 127 refugees, mostly women and children, evacuated from Libya to the Emergency Transit Centre (ETC) in Timisoara for the purpose of their resettlement to a third country. The ETC has supported resettlement of over 4,050 refugees since its establishment in 2008.

On 18 April in Suceava, UNHCR together with partner Sensiblu Foundation and the Suceava Ambulance Service, organized a first aid training for a group of 15 refugee women participating in weekly support groups. The training prioritised the parents interested in learning first aid for their children and focused on identifying potential hazards to prevent and respond to incidents.



First aid training in Suceava on 18 April.

Since January 2024, Sensiblu Foundation has conducted 107 awareness sessions on gender-based violence attended by 1,753 refugees from Ukraine.

On 18 April, UNHCR conducted a workshop on Best-Interest Determination Procedures for child protection in Timisoara, bringing together 27 representatives from the local authorities and humanitarian partners. The workshop focused on child protection, including specific references concerning forcibly displaced children. The workshop presented an opportunity for collaboration among all actors, noting this will lead to regular consultations and coordination to exchange good practices and address challenges to effectively respond to the needs of forcibly displaced children. So far in 2024, over 250 individuals have received protection related trainings from UNHCR.

UNHCR continues enrolling refugees for its cash programme for refugees reaching over 6,000 refugees since January 2024. Last week, UNHCR's mobile cash enrolment teams conducted missions to Alba, Bihor, Bistrita-nasaud, Cluj, Mures and Tulcea and enrolled 367 refugees from Ukraine. The mobile teams and the five enrolment centres have enrolled a total of 3,024 refugees since the beginning of the cash assistance programme for people with specific needs.

Last week, UNHCR delivered 900 core-relief items (CRIs), including family hygiene kits, bed linen sets, blankets, synthetic pillows, clothes, and thermos, to over 200 refugees in Piatra Neamt, Sighisoara, Cluj, Botoşani, and Galati. UNHCR in Suceava provided CRIs to the child protection services (DGASPC) in Iasi for use in the renovated space for Ukrainian and Romanian children operated by DGASPC. So far in 2024, UNHCR has distributed over 25,500 CRIs to 12,357 refugees from Ukraine.

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 \(unhcr.org\)](#)