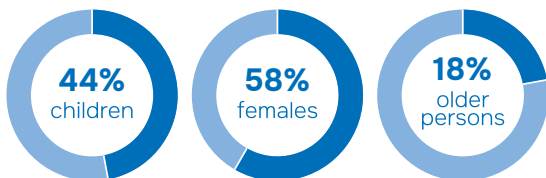


Population figures

~ 119,000 refugees from Ukraine in Moldova:



~ 1.5 M arrivals since 24 February 2022

Legal status in the country

~ 42,000 refugees have been granted Temporary Protection.

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

~ 1,347 individuals are in the asylum system:

207 persons with refugee status	382 humanitarian protection beneficiaries	757 asylum seekers under examination
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~ 44,400

refugees received
cash assistance



~ 7,000

refugees supported
with legal assistance



~ 15,000

refugees provided
with information by
UNHCR



~ 420

frontline responders
trained on core
protection principles

*Figures as of 31 March 2024

Highlights of the month



The inauguration of the Ungheni Community Service Centre was celebrated by both refugees and Moldovans, who came together to enjoy a music performance by local artists.

Temporary Protection for refugees was extended until 1 March 2025

Temporary Protection (TP) was extended until 1 March 2025. This extension includes several changes for TP holders, such as: access to compensated medicine, specialist consultations, the removal of 45-day limit on absence from the country, permit to keep their private vehicles on the territory of Moldova for a period of one year; as well as changes related to entry requirements for Ukrainians. The link to the TP update can be found [here](#). The Government in partnership with UNHCR works on an information campaign to inform refugees about their rights under the TP regime in Moldova.

A new Community Service Centre in the district of Ungheni

On 22 March, UNHCR in cooperation with Ungheni Mayor's Office and civil society inaugurated a Community Service Centre in the district of Ungheni. It offers various services, ranging from child protection activities, mental health and psychosocial support, community development initiatives, gender-based violence prevention activities, cash assistance, vocational training sessions, capacity-building workshops, activities for youth and older people, and community events, among others. The child care services will be provided by UNHCR implementing partner Ave Copiii. This is part of the network of Community Centres opened with UNHCR support in Moldova, which paved the way for refugee inclusion and facilitated access to services.

We have everything we need here. We feel calm, at peace. Our room, complete with a balcony and bathroom, provides comfort. The room is warm in the winter, we have hot water, and the presence of a washing machine makes our lives easier. The staff is exceptional. We may not be at our original home, but we are content...

Taisia, refugee woman from Ukraine living in a Refugee Accommodation Centre in Chisinau

The Cities of Solidarity Initiative – a framework for the localization strategy in Moldova

For 2024, UNHCR Moldova is implementing its localization strategy to strengthen existing capacities and build new ones to empower local actors (authorities, CSOs, NGOs) to increase their leadership and coordination roles in responding to the refugee situation. UNHCR is structuring this process under the framework of the Cities of Solidarity initiative. This initiative seeks to recognize urban and semi-urban areas as spaces where forcibly displaced persons can enjoy rights, access services, and integrate into host communities while participating in decision-making and implementation –jointly with locals. Under this framework, UNHCR aims to provide technical assistance, fund community projects, and build the capacity of local actors to conduct all phases of the project management cycle.

On 22 March, upon discussion with the Mayor of Ungheni, the Vice Mayor, and the Secretary of the Social Services Department, UNHCR signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) under this framework. UNHCR in Moldova is currently negotiating MoC with local authorities to implement the same initiative in other four pilot localities.

Honoring the power of women and promoting their access to rights on International Women’s Day

UNHCR and its partners organized a series of events across the country to honor the power of women and promote their access to rights. In Ungheni, Casa Mărioarei hosted the Spring Anti-Violence Café event to support the well-being of refugee women with fascinating activities and a special appearance by singer Aliona Leșanu. In Chișinău, the Charity Center for Refugees organized several artistic performances, including poetry, songs, cello music, and dances by refugees and hosting community.



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UNHCR staff painting together with a refugee child during the distribution of blankets and other non-food items at the community service centre in Comrat.

So far in 2024, UNHCR, with the support of IKEA and other donors, has managed to provide over 18,200 blankets, bedding items, kitchen utensils, and hygiene kits for over 2,300 Ukrainian refugees and vulnerable Moldovans in Causeni, Ceadir-Lunga, Comrat, Sefan Voda, Ungheni, and surrounding areas. Also, in March, UNHCR delivered 122 chairs and desks to a school in Balti and a total of 124 chairs and desks in two schools in Vulcanesti, in the autonomous territorial region Gagauzia. The support will boost the local capacity of absorbing refugee children in local schools.



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With the support of IKEA and other donors, refugees and vulnerable Moldovans received blankets, kitchen sets and other essential items to help them cover their basic needs. Our coordinated efforts aimed to reach those who needed the support the most, thanks to the close collaboration of social workers and local authorities.

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