

# ROMANIA

Weekly Update #96

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## Key figures

**160,430 refugees** obtained temporary protection in Romania.

**7,217 refugees** enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

**8,472 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

**2,988 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



*Despite my ambitions to work in Romania, I am experiencing challenges to enrol my child into an inclusive school in Bucharest.*

*-A refugee mother from Ukraine, hosted in Romania, who has a child with autism.*

## Funding Situation

As of 31 March 2024

**\$54.3 million**

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



## Highlight

On 9 May, UNHCR Representative Mr. Pablo Zapata delivered remarks in the panel discussion at the third annual Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) Conference, organized by the Romanian Diversity Chamber of Commerce (RDCC) in Bucharest. During his intervention, Mr. Zapata highlighted opportunities and challenges related to refugees' inclusion in the Romanian labour market. The conference was attended by over 100 participants and served as a platform for bringing together professionals specializing in diversity and inclusion.



UNHCR Representative Mr. Pablo Zapata delivering remarks at the third annual Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) Conference on 9 May.

## Response

On 9 May, UNHCR participated in the celebration of Europe's Day in Suceava. Over 100 people from different communities, including Romania, Moldova, Spain, Montenegro, Portugal and Ukraine came together at the local park and engaged in activities organized by different civil society organisation and refugee-led organization to commemorate the day.

As of last week, some 615 refugees from Ukraine enrolled in Romanian language course provided by UNHCR in Bucharest, Brasov, Constanta, Cluj, Iasi and Suceava, aimed to foster economic inclusion and access to work. UNHCR aims to provide this support to 2,000 refugees who are seeking employment in Romania while supporting them with specific counselling programmes to find employment and help their overall labour inclusion in Romania. In addition, UNHCR and partners are also discussing possible solutions -through broad alliances with partners- for childcare arrangements while parents are studying or working.

Last week, UNHCR conducted a two-days training for the enumerators of the Socio-Economic Insight Survey for Romania. The training focused on a wide range of topics, including core protection considerations, interviews techniques, psychological first aid and referrals as well as methodological aspects. In the coming weeks, 20 staff from UNHCR, IOM and the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR) will collect data on livelihoods and employment situation of refugees from Ukraine.

Since January, UNHCR has enrolled over 7,200 vulnerable refugees to its cash programmes. In addition to the 5 enrollment centres located in Bucharest, Brasov, Contanta, Galati and Suceava, 12 mobile enrollment missions were conducted in Alba, Bacau, Bihor, Bistrita-Nasaud, Botosani, Cluj, Iasi, Mures, Neamt, and Tulcea. In April, UNHCR initiated the latest cash assistance programme for refugees with specific needs targeting the most vulnerable refugees such as persons with disability and/or serious medical condition, elderly persons with no other adult in the family who is not able to work, etc. and providing 630 RON (US\$ 140) in four instalments.

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