

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #97

20 May 2024

Key figures

162,542 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania.

8,289 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

8,982 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

3,121 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



I came to Romania with two children – six-year-old and eight-year-old. I started learning Romanian because the children were going to Romanian school and I wanted to help them.

-A refugee mother from Ukraine, hosted in 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)

Highlight

On 17 May, the General Inspectorate for Immigration (GII) [published](#) a new Governmental Decision that facilitates the access to national protection benefits for refugees from Ukraine by adding a residence address within Temporary Protection (TP) documents. It is important to highlight that all TP documents issued in the previous format are valid and beneficiaries can convert their document with the new TP format (with residence) over a period of 180 days starting from 20 May. By adding a residence, refugees from Ukraine will be facilitated to access all social protection schemes in Romania such as child allowance, disability and unemployment. As of 19 May 2024, 162,542 refugees from Ukraine have obtained TP in Romania. Women and children represent 71 per cent of the refugee population.

Response

During the week, UNHCR together with World Vision, Project Voiajor, the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR) and AIDRom supported over one hundred refugees to participate in job fairs throughout Romania. Job fairs were organised by the national employment authority (ANOFM) in Bucharest, Brasov, Galati, Constanta, Cluj, Iasi, Ilfov, Suceava and Timisoara. Through this opportunity, partners have reached out to potential employers in private sector. So far in 2024, UNHCR and partners have supported over 3,120 refugees from Ukraine to enhance their access to employment also through dedicated Romanian language courses.



National Job Fair in Ilfov county organized by ANOFM from 14 to 17 May 2024.

On 15 and 16 May, UNHCR in coordination with partners and authorities organized an information session for 41 refugees from Ukraine hosted in Suceava (northern Romania). Sessions were organised in the context of the gender-based violence prevention campaign - *Safety is Everyone's Right* - implemented by the Romanian Police. Refugees actively engaged in discussions focused on the legislative framework, and the support services available to prevent and intervene in situations of domestic violence. In addition, on 16 May, UNHCR and Sensiblu Foundation conducted a psychosocial support session with 16 women refugees from Ukraine in Bucharest. So far, UNHCR and partners have assisted over 3,230 refugee women through various programmes to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

From 13 May to 23 May, UNHCR and partners distributed nearly a thousand core-relief items, including thermos, hygiene kits, kitchen utensils set, children clothing, body towels, and bed linen sets to nearly 500 refugees living in Constanta, Navodari and Galati. As of 19 May, UNHCR has distributed 38,000 core relief items to 22,400 refugees in Romania.

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 \(unhcr.org\)](#)