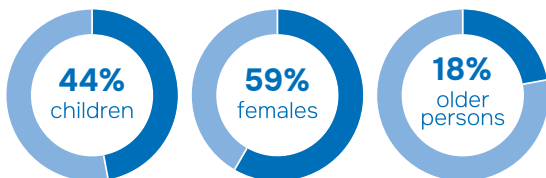


Population figures

~118,000 refugees from Ukraine in Moldova:



~ 1.5 M arrivals since 24 February 2022

Legal status in the country

~ 46,000 refugees have been granted Temporary Protection.

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

~ 1,803 individuals are in the asylum system:

206 persons with refugee status	384 humanitarian protection beneficiaries	1,135 asylum seekers under examination
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~ 45,500

refugees received
cash assistance



~ 9,000

refugees supported
with legal assistance



~ 16,500

refugees provided
with information by
UNHCR



~ 600

frontline responders
trained on core
protection principles

*Figures as of 30 April 2024

Highlights of the month

Access to health insurance for Temporary Protection holders

On 3 April, a government decision was announced stating that beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (TP) with formal employment contracts would be included in the state's compulsory health insurance system. This will allow TP beneficiaries to access the state health insurance and the medical services that are covered, under the same rights and obligations as Moldovan citizens.

Cash assistance programme updates

UNHCR has entered the second phase of its targeting exercise for Ukrainian refugees residing in Moldova who are currently receiving cash assistance. The updated criteria involve assessing various factors that indicate refugee's degree of vulnerability, and continued eligibility for cash assistance. Through this process, UNHCR will prioritize the most vulnerable families based on available resources. This adjustment aims to ensure support reaches those refugees who are most in need.



Refugees and Moldovans, young artists of the "Urban Spirit Family" NGO, a global non-profit organization Artolution, along with UNHCR staff realized the mural at the Community Service Centre in Donduseni, as a symbol of solidarity and peace.

“ I, like countless others from my community, continue to yearn for a more inclusive society—one that celebrates diversity and empowers every individual to not only succeed but to thrive and contribute meaningfully... ”

Felicia Bludoï, a Roma mediator and a law student at the Comrat State University in Moldova

Enhancing the inclusion of Roma refugees in host countries

UNHCR organized a two-day conference on the Protection and Inclusion of ethnic Roma refugees & host communities in Chisinau, in collaboration with the Moldovan Ministry of Education and Research, the Agency for Interethnic Relations, the European Union Delegation in the Republic of Moldova, and the Roma Task Force. The event attracted wide participation from Roma organisations from Germany, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Ukraine, and the Republic of Moldova, as well as UN agencies, civil society organisations, Roma community mediators, and donors.

The dialogue aimed to raise awareness about the specific needs of Roma refugees displaced from Ukraine, and to enhance their inclusion in host countries by identifying and addressing barriers to rights and services, promoting cultural sensitivity, and exchanging information and best practices from actors in the region. The event took place during the [Roma Cultural Week in Moldova](#), which kicked off its activities on 8 April coinciding with International Roma Day.

Joining capacity building efforts to ensure refugees's access to rights

UNHCR implementing partner AVE Copiii, in partnership with UNICEF and Plan International trained around 125 newly recruited Child Protection Specialists from the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection on child protection core principles.

UNHCR trained nearly 20 implementing partner staff on disability inclusion and human rights approach in humanitarian actions.

Also, UNHCR trained 50 legal counselors and doctors on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse standards.

Frontex Pro East Team and UNHCR trained over 20 Border Police and Frontex staff on effective communication with asylum seekers, religious minorities, and other vulnerable groups.

In addition, a workshop on the Protection of asylum-seekers, refugees and migrants under European and international human rights standards, was co-organised by the Council of Europe Project “Strengthening the human rights protection of refugees and migrants in the Republic of Moldova” and UNHCR on 25 April. A total of 25 participants from the Ministry of Internal Affairs learned about international refugee law and standards, including access to territory and reception conditions.



On 5 April 2024, UNHCR and the Creative Industries Association in Moldova (COR) held the premiere of the winning short films from the One Minute Festival. The UNHCR-supported One Minute Festival brought together amateur and professional filmmakers, including refugees and Moldovans, to create 60 second films that capture moments, the journeys, and experiences of refugees who have been forced to flee. To learn more about the festival and to watch all participating films, please [click here](#).

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