

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #98

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Key figures

164,901 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania.

8,289 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

9,557 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

3,443 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



I came to Romania two years ago. Now I have a job in a supermarket. I can now speak Romanian and I am able to better communicate with colleagues.

-Katerina, a refugee woman from Ukraine, hosted in Romania.

Funding Situation

As of 31 March 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



Highlight

On 23 May, the United Kingdom's Deputy Head of Mission Ms. Rebecca Shah visited UNHCR in Suceava. During the visit, the delegation learned about UNHCR's and its partners' response to the Ukraine situation in the northern counties of Romania, notably in its current phase aiming at inclusion and self-reliance of refugees. The delegation met with a group of Ukrainian refugees in a focus group discussion facilitated by UNHCR and learned about their experiences and welcome by host communities, current challenges and aspirations.

Coordination

On 23 May, UNHCR chaired the Suceava Refugee Inclusion Working Group held at UNHCR premises bringing together 25 participants, including representatives of social services, governmental agencies, emergency services, and NGOs to map out the presence of service providers and other actors operating in the county. This exercise will support actors in ensuring refugees in



23 May - Refugee Inclusion Working Group meeting in Suceava.

need of support have timely access to services. Localization of the refugee response through forums such as this helps to identify gaps in services and coordinates actors to prioritize interventions to promote social cohesion and integration.

Within the scope of the Refugee Response Plan, members of the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) network have mapped the current reporting mechanisms and developed a [dashboard](#) with the information readily available for beneficiaries in Romania. The dashboard will be used in awareness-raising sessions for the public on how to report cases of sexual exploitation and abuse.

Response

UNHCR and its partners continue to address the needs of refugees in locations throughout Romania. This week UNHCR partner AIDRom has offered language classes to 94 Ukrainian refugees and counselling and employment aspects to 258 refugees in three counties in the west of the country (Timis, Arad, Bihor) since the beginning of the year. Out of them, 136 refugees are now employed in different fields, from IT to education, marketing, economy, and working in different companies. So far in 2024, UNHCR and partners provided different livelihood services such as job coaching and counselling, developing CV and interview skills to nearly 3,500 refugees from Ukraine in Romania.

On 22 May, UNHCR participated in the awareness session in Constanta conducted as part of the campaign "Safety is a human right" carried out by Romanian Police. The session was attended by 14 refugee women from Ukraine. During the session UNHCR provided information on prevention of and response to domestic violence, prevention of violence against children, trafficking in person, and street harassment. The Romanian Police shared information on various services provided by law enforcement to survivors of gender-based violence.

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