

ROMANIA

Weekly Update **#106**

22 July 2024

Key figures

169,934 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania.

14,584 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

14,635 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

5,397 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



Fleeing Ukraine in 2022 was one of the hardest moments of my life, but learning Romanian and now teaching children here has filled me with purpose and hope. It shows that even in the darkest times, new beginnings and the chance to make a positive impact are always possible.

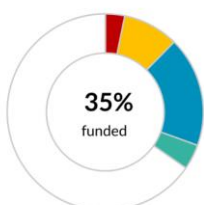
- *Hanna, a refugee woman from Ukraine hosted in Romania.*

Funding Situation

As of 10 July 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)

Highlights

On 17 July, UNHCR and the Western University of Timișoara signed an extended partnership agreement to facilitate access to higher education for refugees, facilitate advanced research, generate in-depth insight and raise awareness on refugee issues. Within the scope of this agreement, a series of activities will be carried out based on an agreed [concept note](#). In Romania, UNHCR



17 July, Timisoara - The partnership agreement signed by Mr. Pablo Zapata and Dr. Alexandru Popa on behalf of UNHCR, and the Western University of Timișoara respectively.

has established partnerships with leading universities and initiated impactful initiatives such as full scholarships for refugees and the integration of refugee-related modules into academic curricula.

On 17 July, UNHCR Representative Mr. Pablo Zapata was received by the Mayor of Timisoara Mr. Dominic Fritz. During the meeting, Mr. Zapata briefed the mayor on current trends and challenges observed by UNHCR at the national level. Collaboration with municipalities across Romania in promoting socio-economic inclusion of refugees from Ukraine was discussed, dwelling on the good practices in Timisoara. Mr. Zapata invited Mayor Fritz to joint events where UNHCR showcases the impact of the collective achievements with the municipalities and the Government of Romania. Mayor Fritz commended the excellent working relationship between UNHCR and the Municipality of Timisoara.

Response

On 15 July, UNHCR and International House launched an online summer school on Romanian language for young refugees from Ukraine aged between 16-18 years as a way to contribute to preparing them for the beginning of their school year in their Baccalaureate years and ahead of college, as well as integration into society. Last week, over a hundred children across the country expressed interest in joining the summer school scheduled from 29 July to 9 September. This initiative was designed based on the request from refugee children during the participatory assessments conducted by Save the Children and Terre des Hommes and as a contribution to national efforts, notably by the Ministry of Education, to ensure effective attendance and learning of refugee children.

Last week, UNHCR team in Suceava carried out two participatory assessment sessions with nearly 30 participants. The session with the Youth Club in Suceava - conducted jointly with UNICEF, EDNAE, and Sensiblu – was participated by 15 adolescents who will start a guided mentoring project to create a youth group. Another session was conducted with 11 elderly persons in Radauti. The participatory assessments helped UNHCR gain an in-depth understanding of the current needs and challenges faced by refugees of different age groups.

On 15 July, UNHCR, in partnership with the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR), conducted an awareness session on protection from violence and abuse and access to essential services in the UNHCR services hub in Galati. A total of 24 elderly Ukrainian refugees attended the session.

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 \(unhcr.org\)](#)