

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #107

29 July 2024

Key figures

172,043 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania.

15,135 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

15,087 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

5,592 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



I'm eager to find a part-time job for the summer holidays, but my top priority now is to focus on university admissions.

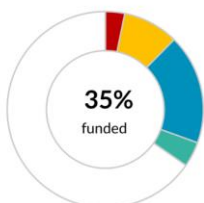
- *Anna, a refugee woman from Ukraine hosted in Romania.*

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)

Highlight

From 23 to 26 July, senior officials from UNHCR in Bucharest visited Iasi and Suceava and consulted with the Prefecture, County Council, the national authorities for Social Protection, and the Department of Emergency Situations. During the visit, the team also met with the national NGO partner, the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR), engaged in border monitoring.



23-26 July 2024, series of consultations with the local authorities in Iasi and Suceava.

Response

On 23 July 2024, and as part of the Protection Working Group's 2024 work, UNHCR conducted a one-day national workshop on community engagement with the participation of 35 stakeholders from authorities, NGOs, UN agencies, community-led organisations, and refugees to share experiences and lessons learned on the best way to engage with different communities across Romania. Discussions led to the formulation of recommendations for Protection actors in Romania to enhance approaches to building trust with the community, engaging communities through awareness, promoting social cohesion, empowering communities for advocacy purposes and fostering communities' integration in Romania.

On 24 July, UNHCR, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce in Iasi, organised a livelihoods, employment, and integration session in Romania. The event aimed to support entrepreneurship among the Ukrainian refugee population and included job identification opportunities. Participants included representatives from NGOs, companies, BCR Bank, and 41 members of the refugee community.

On 26 July in Constanta, UNHCR facilitated training on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) with 12 Focal points from World Vision, CRC, Sensiblu, Save the Children, RO-UA Novapolis and Life for Ukraine. This training helped the partners understand their responsibilities and the importance of maintaining a safe and respectful environment free from SEA by building their capacities and providing the tools to prevent and respond to SEA in Constanta. In addition, on 23 and 25 July, UNHCR and partner Sensiblu conducted gender awareness sessions for a youth group in Constanta. 19 female and male adolescents between 13 and 17 years old participated in these two sessions on gender roles, inequalities and power imbalances.

On 24 July, UNHCR facilitated a focus group discussion in Constanta with refugees from Ukraine who have received Romanian language courses provided by International House. The FGD was organised with 14 participants from online and offline classes to understand better the challenges and opportunities to improve this important aspect of UNHCR's livelihoods endeavour.

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 \(unhcr.org\)](#)