

# ROMANIA

Weekly Update **#110**

**19 August 2024**

## Key figures

**163,045 refugees** obtained temporary protection in Romania (as of 30 June).

**16,088 refugees** enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

**16,489 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

**6,451 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



*I've noticed a recent shift in the attitude of Romanians towards Ukrainians. When Romanian clients come to me for treatments, they often start by speaking to me in a very dismissive manner. But once they learn that I'm studying the Romanian language and that my children attend a Romanian school, their attitude changes dramatically. Some even go on to want to become friends.*

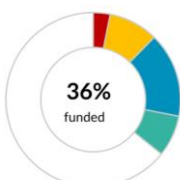
- *Anastasya, cosmetologist that works in a beauty salon in Bucharest.*

## Funding Situation

As of 31 July 2024

**\$54.3 million**

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



## Highlight

On 13 August, UNHCR's Information Management team facilitated an online training session for the Members of Romania's Department for Emergency Situations (DSU) and UNHCR field offices. The session focused on the newly developed site assessment tool for the joint collective accommodation centre assessments starting on 20 August. Seven accommodation centres across Romania have been prioritised for this two-week exercise as part of UNHCR's collaboration with the DSU and General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations to identify solutions for ensuring sustainable mid-term accommodation for the most vulnerable refugees who cannot achieve self-reliance.

## Response

On 14 August, UNHCR and partner Sensiblu Foundation facilitated a training session on the safe disclosure of gender-based violence (GBV) incidents in Constanta. There were 13 focal points from various humanitarian organizations, including CRC, WV, JRS, Life for Ukraine, RO-UA Novapolis, and CNRR. So far in 2024, UNHCR and partners have



14 August - GBV Training in Constanta, Romania.

supported over 5,500 refugees through various activities preventing and responding to GBV against refugees from Ukraine. In addition, as the co-chair of the GBV Sub-Working Group within the scope of the Inter-Agency coordination platform, UNHCR ensures synergy among the GBV activities implemented by humanitarian partners.

On 16 August, with support from UNHCR, partner World Vision organized an online webinar in which seven Ukrainian entrepreneurs discussed their experiences of starting a business in Romania. The event provided a space for exchanging lessons learned, challenges, and good practices that can inspire other members of the refugee community. On August 14, UNHCR and World Vision organized the monthly Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group meeting. During the meeting, the Inter-Agency coordination team presented the newly published "[Refugee Employment Data](#)" dashboard that provides an overview of employment trends among the Ukrainian refugee population in Romania based on the data from the Labour Inspectorate and National Employment Agency. So far, in 2024, UNHCR and its partners have supported over 6,450 refugees from Ukraine with livelihood and employment services.

Last week, UNHCR successfully conducted two impactful online awareness sessions, as part of the 2024 participatory assessment exercise that started in July 2024. These sessions engaged 28 participants in discussions about the services provided by UNHCR and its partners throughout the country. The exercise is being conducted in two ways - (1) by capturing qualitative analytical insights through Focus Group Discussions; and (2) by reaching actionable prioritisation results using a self-filled Kobo survey, where refugees are asked to prioritise the needed services and programs for 2025. UNHCR regularly conducts participatory assessment exercises with refugees to enhance the effectiveness of service delivery across the country by fostering greater community involvement.

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