

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #111

26 August 2024

Key figures

162,045 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania (as of 30 June).

16,289 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

17,022 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

6,494 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



As a mom, I believe it's essential to have access to psychological services for children starting Romanian schools this year. I want my kids to feel accepted and happy as they begin their journey in Romanian school.

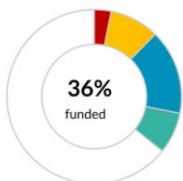
- *Olena, a refugee mother from Ukraine, hosted and working in Romania.*

Funding Situation

As of 31 July 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



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

Highlight

On 20 August, UNHCR Representative Mr. Pablo Zapata met with the People's Ombudsperson, Mrs. Renate Weber. The meeting focused on the shared priorities and programmatic aspects of interest. In particular, the discussion was centred around the fundamental rights of forcibly displaced persons. Mrs. Weber and Mr. Zapata reiterated their commitment to continue collaborating and engaging in activities of mutual interest.



20 August, meeting between UNHCR Representative and the People's Ombudsperson.

Response

Last week, UNHCR field offices and Romania's Department for Emergency Situations (DSU) completed three assessments of prioritized collective accommodation centres in Timisoara, Bucharest and Galati as part of the joint exercise to identify solutions for ensuring sustainable mid-term accommodation for the most vulnerable refugees who are not able to achieve self-reliance. During each visit, DSU and UNHCR aim to obtain a comprehensive overview of the centre, including accommodation capacity and WASH layout, number of staff employed, costs to run the centre, potential funding and renovation needs, profiles of the accommodated refugees and available services.

On 21 and 22 August, UNHCR's partner World Vision held two online workshops for refugee entrepreneurs. The workshops focused on financial planning and creating a cohesive business plan. The sessions covered various topics, including preparing a cash flow analysis, income statement, and sales forecasting. A total of 181 refugees from Ukraine attended the sessions.

On 23 August, UNHCR organized an event celebrating Ukrainian culture in Constanta, attended by approximately 150 members of the Ukrainian community. Partner organizations, including World Vision, CRC, Sensiblu, CNRR, Save the Children, and RO-UA Novapolis, also participated in the event by collaborating on workshop facilitation. The Ukrainian community showcased various artistic performances, including presentations by children and a professional vocalist from the National Philharmonic of Ukraine.

Last week, UNHCR in Suceava restocked seven tons of core relief items (CRIs) for Ukrainian refugees. UNHCR and partners in Radauti delivered CRI to 211 refugees in 74 households. The items distributed included hygiene items, mattresses, sleeping bags, kitchen utensils, bed linen, and women's clothing. The remaining CRIs will be distributed to vulnerable refugees in the coming days. In 2024, UNHCR has distributed over 63,000 CRIs to nearly 34,500 refugees from Ukraine.



20 August, the truck with CRIs stocks.

UNHCR is grateful to the donors for 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](#).