

ROMANIA

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Key figures

172,475 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania (as of 30 September 2024).

16,314 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

20,658 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

8,244 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



We appreciate the cash assistance that we are receiving from UNHCR in Romania. For me, it is one of the most trustable resources for the refugees from Ukraine who are residing in Romania.

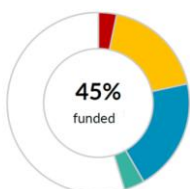
-Oleksiy, a refugee who visited the Enrolment Centre in Braşov.

Funding Situation

As of 30 September 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



Highlight

On 18 October 2024, the Inter-Agency Coordination Platform led by UNHCR organized a Donor Meetup Event in Bucharest to support organisations part of the refugee response plan (RRP) in their work with the Romanian host communities that welcome refugees, and with refugees from Ukraine. The event took place under the auspices of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister and was co-hosted by the Embassy of the United States of America, the Embassy of France, and the European Commission Representation in Romania. Over 120 participants from the government, embassies, international organisations, private sector, and civil society attended the event. Following remarks made by Romanian authorities and Ambassadors, as well as by UNHCR Representative, the event continued with a networking session - in a marketplace format - where over 29 RRP partners had the opportunity to exchange their priorities for host communities and refugees with Embassies and private sector.



Donor Meetup Event, organised in Bucharest, 18 October

Response

On 15 October, UNHCR organized a workshop with its partner NGOs to lay out the 2025 plan. The event counted the participation of 12 partner organizations that joined the planning workshop to discuss the work and protection priorities for 2025. The event also established a new networking platform between organisations working to support refugees in Romania.

On 16 October, together with the Roma Education Fund, UNHCR Romania organised training on Cultural Awareness and Integration Paths for refugees from the Roma community. The awareness session targeted 23 individuals. They also had the opportunity to express opinions concerning common stereotypes and ways of tackling prejudices. The event is part of UNHCR's efforts in expanding community engagement across Romania.

On 18 October, UNHCR in Suceava hosted the "Empowerment through self-defence" workshop, together with partner Sensiblu Foundation. The workshop counted with the participation of 17 women and children from the refugee community in Suceava. The project aims to raise awareness and teach participants useful techniques when facing dangerous situations or safety risks.

On 17 October, refugees hosted in the Emergency Transit Centre (ETC) visited the West University of Timisoara. Some 50 refugees from Sudan and Syria, including children, hosted at the ETC participated in various educational and recreational activities organised by the university to strengthen links and facilitate multicultural exchange.

On 15 October, UNHCR inaugurated the 9th edition of the Bucharest Photofest in Bucharest with a special exhibition titled "The Power of Sports". The collection of photos is featuring refugee athletes across the world that found hope and integrated into a new community through sport. Photos are displayed at Hilton Garden Inn hotel until 20 October 2024.

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](#).