

ROMANIA

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Key figures

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

16,680 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

21,876 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

8,305 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



Returning to Ukraine is not possible for us now, as our apartment in Saltivka, Kharkiv was destroyed and still under the attack from time to time.

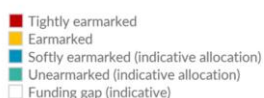
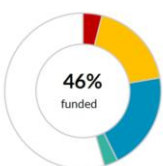
- Iryna, a refugee from Ukraine hosted in Bucharest.

Funding Situation

As of 31 October 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



Highlight

From 4 to 8 November, UNHCR's Deputy High Commissioner, Kelly T. Clements and six Representatives from the region including Pablo Zapata, UNHCR Representative in Romania, conducted a mission to Ukraine. The delegation visited several areas of the country including Uzhhorod, Mukachenko, Kyiv, Bucha, Ivankhiv, Kharkiv and Saltivka. During the visit, the UNHCR team learned about the current humanitarian situation of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Ukraine and UNHCR efforts to support them and the affected population. The colleagues on mission met with IDPs and host communities, including survivors of the Bucha occupation period and those affected by recent attacks on residential buildings in Saltivka in Kharkiv, as well as with persons evacuated from zones around Kupiansk that were assisted by authorities, UNHCR and other humanitarian actors in transit facilities. Playful children in schools partially refurbished by UNHCR in the Kharkiv underground Metro, reminded the visiting team of the value of daily hope in face of indiscriminate aggression. [The Representatives on mission were received by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs \(MFA\), Ms. Mariana Betsa](#), who expressed Ukraine's gratitude to the countries and population hosting persons displaced across the countries in the region and briefed on relevant policies of the Ukrainian government to support their nationals abroad, including the UNHCR platform jointly launched with MFA - "[Ukraine is Home](#)".



Mission members, including Pablo Zapata, paid respects to children killed in Kharkiv.

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 8 November, UNHCR organized an event on the occasion of one year anniversary of the local coordination platform (Working Group) in Suceava attended by forty-five representatives of county and municipal authorities, institutions, UN agencies, NGOs and refugee led organizations (RLOs). On 8 November, UNHCR held a meeting with six partners involved in the Suceava Area-Based Assessment exercise. This meeting provided an opportunity to engage and collect additional information with the interviewers who conducted the exercise .

During the weekend, UNHCR together with partners and authorities organized a creative workshop focusing on social cohesion for Ukrainian and Romanian youth at RomExpo, Bucharest. This project, implemented together with the Municipality of Bucharest (DGASMB) and the refugee-led organization Malva, brings together 14 Romanian and Ukrainian youth in order to work together to design a mural painting for the exterior wall of RomExpo service Hub and develop a shared manifesto. This initiative seeks to amplify the children's voices, celebrate cultural diversity, and strengthen community ties through art and dialogue.

On 6 November, UNHCR organized an awareness session in Braila for 22 Ukrainian refugees, focusing on their employment rights and how to insert in the Romanian labour market. Supported by the local employment agency (AJOFM) in Braila and the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR) the session provided essential information on job placement services, vocational training, and the importance of formal employment contracts, while also addressing challenges such as language barriers. So far in 2024, UNHCR and partners supported 8,300 refugees with various livelihood services.

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 2024 programmes. For more details: [Romania Funding Update – 2024](#).