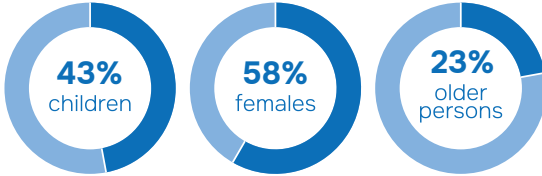


Population figures

~123,700 refugees from Ukraine in Moldova:



~ 1.8 M arrivals since 24 February 2022

Legal status in the country

~ 62,000 refugees have been granted Temporary Protection.

~ 7,000 citizens of Ukraine have been granted resident permits, either permanent or temporary.

~ 2,300 individuals are in the asylum system:

208 persons with refugee status	448 humanitarian protection beneficiaries	1,650 asylum seekers under examination
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~ 50,500

refugees received
cash assistance



~ 23,000

refugees supported
with legal assistance



~ 32,000

refugees provided
with information by
UNHCR



~ 1,200

frontline responders
trained on core
protection principles

*Figures as of 31 October 2024

Highlights of the month



Zaharii and Tatiana Aramă proudly accept the Nansen Honorary Mention certificate on behalf of the people of Moldova, recognizing their country's unwavering solidarity and generosity in supporting refugees. This honorary mention highlights Moldova's commitment to providing safety and dignity to those fleeing war, demonstrating the compassion and resilience of its communities.

Empowering refugees through entrepreneurship

UNHCR, in collaboration with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), launched an entrepreneurship training program for around 50 Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. Conducted in early October and co-funded by Italy and Korea through the Small Business Impact Fund, the program provided refugees with skills in entrepreneurship and digital business tools, fostering self-sufficiency and enhancing economic inclusion. The training offered a platform for refugees to connect with local entrepreneurs, supporting knowledge exchange and community integration. By empowering refugees with marketable skills, this initiative contributes to Moldova's broader economic development efforts and helps reduce refugee dependence on humanitarian aid.

Enhancing Protection Monitoring Skills

To strengthen support for refugee protection, UNHCR organized a refresher Protection Monitoring Training session for 25 participants from partner organizations, including REACH, the Law Centre of Advocates (CDA), the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), and the Charity Centre for Refugees (CCR). The training provided updates on tools and best practices in protection monitoring, emphasizing skills needed to support people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups effectively. This equips field monitors to gather and assess information on refugee needs, helping ensure that UNHCR's response remains agile, and data-driven.

“When you see people in fear and in need, it's simply human to help. That's how we were raised—we just did what was right”

Zaharii Aramă, Moldovan citizen

Integrating refugee children in Moldovan schools

In collaboration with the Moldovan Ministry of Education and Research and UNICEF, UNHCR is actively supporting the enrolment of Ukrainian refugee children in Moldova's national education system. Despite a very low overall enrolment rate, recent statistics indicate a rise in enrolment, with primary and secondary school attendance among Ukrainian children increasing from 1,626 to 2,390. Additional measures, including language support initiatives and specific efforts for Roma children, address barriers to school access. To promote safe educational environments, the "Education Doesn't Hurt" advocacy campaign was launched through UNHCR partner CNPAC with input from Moldovan and Ukrainian adolescents. This initiative is part of a broader effort to create inclusive, violence-free learning spaces, ensuring that refugee children have equal access to education in Moldova.

Improving local refugee referral pathways

In October, UNHCR and local partners organized training for about 65 participants in Comrat and Balti to better address gender-based violence in refugee communities. The training focused on safely handling disclosures and using local referral systems, equipping civil society staff with the skills to connect survivors with the support they need. UNHCR began piloting this initiative in late 2022, co-hosting referral pathways workshops with IOM in Gagauzia and Cahul to improve local coordination. These workshops brought together local and international organizations to address key areas like child protection, GBV, disability inclusion, and employment.

The sessions will contribute to a comprehensive Referral Pathways document for Comrat and Cahul, offering frontline workers a clear guide to connect refugees with essential services. This collaborative effort ensures that survivors have safe, timely access to support while strengthening networks among service providers.

Strengthening GBV safe disclosures

In October, UNHCR and local partners organized training for about 65 participants in Comrat and Balti to better address gender-based violence in refugee communities. The training focused on safely handling sensitive disclosures and using local referral systems, giving civil society staff the skills to connect survivors with the support they need. This effort helps ensure that survivors have safe and timely access to assistance, creating a safer environment for both refugees and local communities.



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UNHCR, in collaboration with the Catholic Relief Services (CRS), is distributing essential non-food items (NFIs) to vulnerable refugees and local Moldovan families in Băiți, northern Moldova. These items include warm blankets, kitchen sets, hygiene products, and other necessities to help families prepare for the harsh winter months. The goal is to ease economic pressures on households, especially during the colder season, and to enhance the resilience of those facing difficult living conditions.

This support not only provides immediate relief but also promotes social cohesion between refugee and host communities by ensuring that both groups receive the assistance they need.

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