

# ROMANIA

Weekly Update #123

18 November 2024

## Key figures

**175,331 refugees** obtained temporary protection in Romania (as of 31 October 2024).

**16,737 refugees** enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

**21,177 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

**8,516 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



*From the very start (of the humanitarian response for Ukraine), we have worked with a focus on solutions, and we have piloted new approaches (...) to help people regain independence and contribute even as the war continues.*

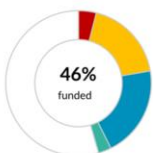
*- Kelly T. Clements, UN Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees during her recent visit to Ukraine. ([Link to the statement](#)).*

## Funding Situation

As of 31 October 2024

**\$54.3 million**

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



## Highlights

This week, we are approaching a critical landmark of 1,000 days since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine commenced on 24 February 2022. Since then, 175,331 refugees who were forced to flee their homes in Ukraine obtained temporary protection in Romania seeking safety from the war. Millions more transited through the country benefitting from assistance, transport, shelter, and services. During these 1,000 days, under the leadership of Romanian authorities at the local and national levels, the humanitarian response has undergone a remarkable evolution – from emergency assistance to a mid-long-term response. Over the last 1,000 days, the refugee response in Romania has been sustained by many, including NGOs, donors, the private sector, and Romanian citizens, that together provided hope to refugees and those in need. UNHCR, in consultation with authorities, partners and refugees, is now finalizing the comprehensive planning for 2025, with a view to enhancing the inclusion of refugees in Romania and supporting the Romanian host communities.



Ukrainian refugees crossing the Siret border to Romania on 2 March 2022. © UNHCR/Gabriela Leu

On 14 November, H.E. Ms. Anna Hällerman, Ambassador of Sweden to Romania, visited Iasi and met with UNHCR staff. During the visit, UNHCR, together with Star of Hope NGO, Save the Children, and FONSS, elaborated the refugee response activities in Iasi, including the work of refugee-led organisations, and support to vulnerable minority-communities in the county to strengthen social cohesion.

## Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 12 November, UNHCR in Suceava (Northern Romania) facilitated a meeting on local emergency preparedness. The event was attended by 15 participants, with presentations from the local Department for Emergency Situations (ISU), the Border Police, and with the participation of the members of Suceava Working Group (coordination platform). In addition, during the meeting, participants discussed the current first response capacity in Suceava, particularly ahead of the winter months.

UNHCR continues to enrol refugees from Ukraine in its cash-for-winter programme. In the past weeks, UNHCR has enrolled an additional 423 individuals through five enrolment centres located in Bucharest, Brasov, Constanta, Galati and Suceava. Approximately 5,700 eligible refugees are receiving RON 720 (US\$ 158) for their urgent needs to prepare for the increased expenditures in winter. So far, in 2024, UNHCR has enrolled over 16,737 refugees and provided cash assistance for a total of 12,249 refugees from Ukraine hosted in Romania through different programmes, including cash assistance for refugees with specific needs.

*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](#).*