

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #127

16 December 2024

Key figures

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

17,331 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

23,488 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

9,239 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.

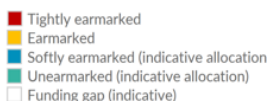
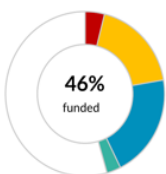
“ I am grateful to Romania for warmly welcoming us and providing a safe space during this difficult time. The support in housing, food, and emotional care has been invaluable, though accessing social benefits like healthcare and education for my children has been challenging. - *Olga, a refugee from Ukraine.* ”

Funding Situation

As of 30 November 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



Highlights

On 9 and 10 December, UNHCR facilitated the visit of Mrs Robyn Prinz, Regional Refugee Coordinator from the U.S. Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) to Bucharest. The purpose of her visit was to gain insight into the impact of the refugee response and better understand the needs of both refugees and host communities. During her visit, she attended different activities held by UNHCR and its partners, such as a workshop for seven UNHCR-supported refugee-led organisations and a Romanian community-based organization, activities to support refugees accessing social protection. In addition, she visited Romanian language classes and psychosocial support activities and met with refugees who are part of Asociația Malva.

On 10 December, UNHCR organized a briefing session for representatives of donor countries at UNHCR's Community Centre at RomExpo in Bucharest. During the briefing, UNHCR informed participants from different embassies about UNHCR's activities in 2024 and the plans of the organisation for 2025. In addition, UNHCR highlighted the Government's leading role, and UNHCR's coordination within the Refugee Response Plan and the crucial role of refugee-led organisations and host communities. Three organisations led by refugees from Ukraine, namely ACUM from Sibiu, EDNAE from Suceava and Malva from Bucharest, briefed participants on their activities and attended the briefing as well.



10 December, donor briefing at RomExpo, Bucharest. ©UNHCR

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 7 December, UNHCR partner, the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR) hosted the 'Bridging Communities' event at The Ark in Bucharest, bringing together refugees and Romanians to encourage creativity and cultural exchange. The event included different workshops for 28 children on music, film, and theatre, a "Home" photography exhibition, and a Human Library with three personal stories. The day ended with a documentary screening and live electroacoustic concert, attended by around 100 people.

On 10 December, on International Human Rights Day, UNHCR and the Sensiblu Foundation held the "Celebration of Strength, Dreams for the Future" event in Constanta, bringing together 100 participants, including refugees and host community members, to share experiences and celebrate the resilience of refugees. On 12 December, UNHCR, in partnership with AidRom and Filantropia Oradea, organized a social cohesion event in Oradea, promoting human rights and solidarity among 21 participants from diverse backgrounds.

On 12 December, UNHCR together with the Metropolitan Agency for Durable Development in Braşov hosted an event to support refugee job integration, sharing 280 CVs of refugees with possible employers in Romania. The event counted with the participation of professionals from 37 companies and local authorities that are supporting refugees from Ukraine in finding a job opportunity in Romania. So far in 2024, UNHCR supported 9,239 refugees with different 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](#).