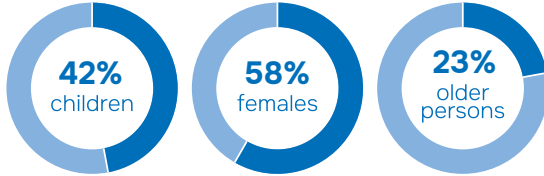


Population figures

~127,000 refugees from Ukraine in Moldova:



~ 1.9 M arrivals since 24 February 2022

Legal status in the country

~ 64,000 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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~ 51,000

refugees received
cash assistance



~ 24,000

refugees supported
with legal assistance



~ 34,000

refugees provided
with information by
UNHCR



~ 1,300

frontline responders
trained on core
protection principles

*Figures as of 30 November 2024

Highlights of the month



Guided by teachers, children planted greenery at Comrat's largest renovated kindergarten, symbolizing growth and hope. Supported by UNHCR and IOM, the renovation created a safer, warmer space for 250 children, including many Ukrainian refugees, to learn, thrive, and build connections. This transformation fosters stability and security, offering a foundation for future development.

16 Days Against GBV: Strengthening Communities

During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV), UNHCR and its partners implemented over 40 activities engaging refugee and host communities, directly benefiting hundreds of individuals. These initiatives provided participants with knowledge and tools to prevent and respond to GBV while reinforcing community support systems. Highlights included prevention sessions in schools, public campaigns such as the **My Family Without Violence** drawing contest, and the Night March for women's safety in Chisinau. Awareness-raising efforts, carried out with partners like Casa Marioarei, INTERSOS, and the Law Centre for Advocates, empowered individuals to recognize signs of violence and access support services. UNHCR also collaborated with UNFPA, UNICEF, IOM, and UN Women under the GBV Sub-Working Group to organize Self-Defense and Conflict De-escalation Trainer-of-Trainers sessions with ESD Europe and ESD Albania. Conducted with the Charity Centre for Refugees (CCR), these five-day sessions brought together 29 participants from local NGOs, particularly Women-Led Organizations, equipping them with tools to enhance safety and resilience. Additionally, UNHCR participated in a conference by Moldova's **Life Without Violence** coalition, advocating for simplified funding mechanisms to empower women-led organizations.

“ I like [the kindergarten] because I play games and make new friends!

Andriusha, Ukrainian child

Local action for refugees in Cahul

As part of the Cities of Solidarity Initiative, UNHCR facilitated a collaborative workshop in Cahul, uniting local authorities, civil society organizations, and community leaders to co-develop a comprehensive local action plan addressing refugee education, school enrolment, banking access, and gaps in social protection, health, and inclusion. The workshop built on these efforts by identifying key priorities and actionable steps to enhance social cohesion, expand access to essential services, and foster economic opportunities for both refugees and host communities. By leveraging local capacities and promoting stronger ownership, the initiative aims to embed refugee inclusion into Cahul's long-term development strategy, ensuring sustainable benefits for the entire community. Building on these efforts, UNHCR, in collaboration with ACTED Moldova and the Mayor of Cahul, inaugurated a renovated sports field. Supported by UNHCR, ACTED, and local authorities, the field provides a shared space for recreation, fostering social cohesion, mutual understanding, and resilience among refugees and residents.

Combating Sexual Abuse and Exploitation in Moldova

Moldova's Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH) Network launched the third tier of the Investigation Qualification Training Scheme (IQTS) on Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (SEAH), with 13 participants from local organizations, international NGOs, and UNHCR. The training aims to build a skilled pool of national investigators, equipping them to effectively address SEAH allegations and enhance Moldova's capacity to prevent and respond to such issues. These efforts strengthen accountability mechanisms and help ensure a safer environment for affected communities.

Judges bolster support for the refugees and locals in Moldova

UNHCR, in collaboration with the National Institute of Justice and the Superior Council of Magistracy, trained 20 judges specialising in asylum cases. The training aimed to strengthen judicial procedures and enhance legal frameworks, ultimately improving the protection and support available to refugees in Moldova. These efforts ensure that refugees' rights are upheld, allowing them to rebuild their lives with dignity and security. Moreover, strengthening the legal framework benefits Moldovan society by fostering a more inclusive, just, and secure environment. The event also facilitated dialogue on the role of human rights institutions in safeguarding refugee rights, emphasizing the importance of cooperation between national and international actors in ensuring lasting solutions for both refugees and host communities.



Education in Moldova got a boost! With the support of Orange Foundation, digital kits were delivered to 30 schools across the country, transforming classrooms into more interactive and inclusive spaces. This initiative aimed to enhance learning opportunities for both local and refugee children, fostering equal access to quality education and bridging the digital divide.

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