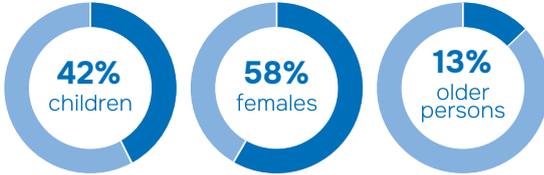


## Population figures

~127,700 refugees from Ukraine in Moldova:



~ 1.8 M arrivals since 24 February 2022

## Legal status in the country

~ 69,600 refugees have been granted Temporary Protection.

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

~ 1,600 individuals are in the asylum system:

212 persons with refugee status	458 humanitarian protection beneficiaries	931 asylum seekers under examination
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~ 18,800

refugees received  
cash assistance



~ 5,100

refugees supported  
with legal assistance



~ 3,250

refugees provided  
with information by  
UNHCR



~ 500

refugees supported with  
socio-economic inclusion,  
including livelihoods

\*Figures as of 31 February 2024

## Highlights of the month



Courtesy of the Office of the President of the Republic of Moldova

Valeria Duca, Moldovan artist (left), and Maia Sandu, President of the Republic of Moldova (right), at the opening of the exhibition. To mark three years of war and resilience, the art exhibition "February 2022: Echoes" was organized by UNHCR in partnership with the National Museum of Art of Moldova, the National Congress of Ukrainians in Moldova, INTERSOS Moldova, and PTASHKA. Created by artist Valeria Duca, the exhibition offers a powerful reflection on the profound impact of war and reaffirms UNHCR's commitment to protecting refugees, while celebrating Moldova's enduring solidarity with Ukraine.

### UNHCR and UNIQLO: unlocking the power of reused clothes to support people in need

UNHCR, in collaboration with its partner NGO Laolaită and in partnership with UNIQLO – the leading Japanese casual wear designer and retailer – has commenced the distribution of second-hand clothing generously donated by UNIQLO.

This initiative aims to support both refugees and members of the host community by providing access to quality clothing that meets immediate needs, while promoting dignity, choice, and environmental sustainability through the reuse of garments. As temperatures fluctuate, weather-appropriate clothing is essential for helping people stay safe, warm and healthy—especially those facing economic hardship or displacement.

The first distribution took place at the 151 Community Support Centre in Chişinău, where people had the opportunity to visit a free shop and select up to five pieces of second-hand clothing, allowing them to choose what best suited their needs and preferences.

In addition to offering much-needed support, the initiative reinforces a commitment to sustainability by giving a second life to pre-loved clothing and encouraging more responsible consumption practices.

**We reflect not only on the suffering brought by the war, but also on the incredible courage of the Ukrainian people.**

-Maia Sandu, President of the Republic of Moldova.

## Building Investigative SEAH Capacity in Moldova

UNHCR, in collaboration with the CHS Alliance—a global network of non-governmental humanitarian and development organizations committed to improving the quality and accountability of aid—and the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Network, supported the training of eight participants under the Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (SEAH) Investigation Qualification Training Scheme. This specialized training equipped participants with essential investigative skills to respond to SEAH cases effectively, while ensuring a survivor-centred approach tailored to Moldova’s context. Together with five additional individuals who completed the training earlier in 2024, a dedicated local pool of qualified investigators is now being established. This initiative significantly strengthens the operational capacity of the PSEA Network to conduct professional, context-specific investigations and reinforces UNHCR’s commitment to accountability, survivor protection, and the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse in Moldova.

## Empowering refugees: strengthening inclusion and representation at the local level

To enhance refugee representation and advocacy, UNHCR supported the establishment of a “Refugee Council” in Ungheni—a consultative body that provides a platform for meaningful engagement between refugees and local authorities. The council aims to promote refugee inclusion in local decision-making processes, empowering community members to advocate for their rights and address key challenges related to legal protection, access to services, and social integration. It also serves as a trusted space where concerns can be raised collectively, encouraging dialogue, collaboration, and mutual understanding and respect.

## Enhancing community-led responses to violence against women

UNHCR, in collaboration with the women-led organisation National Coalition “Life Without Violence,” presented a study exploring the barriers that prevent survivors from reporting incidents of gender-based violence and sexual exploitation and abuse. The findings revealed a range of institutional, social, and community-level challenges that continue to hinder safe and timely disclosure. To strengthen local response efforts, UNHCR also introduced a practical tipsheet on technology-facilitated harm, designed to help frontline actors identify digital risks and provide survivor-centred support in line with key protection principles.



Participants of the Capacity-Building Program for CSOs in Moldova celebrate their achievements at the Awards Closing Ceremony, organized by the Inter-Agency Coordination Unit under a UNHCR initiative and conducted by Contact Center. The program strengthened the capacity of 25 representatives from local authorities, refugee-led organizations, and women-led initiatives, enhancing their ability to support refugee communities and contribute to local response efforts.

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