

ROMANIA

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Key figures

192,859 refugees obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end August 2025).

42,341 refugees supported with core relief items in 2025; 45,071 in 2024.

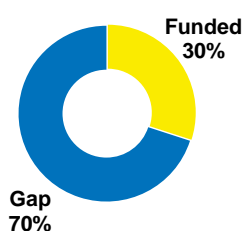
9,364 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

5,521 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

“For many of us, the UNHCR’s Community Centre is more than just a place - it is a lifeline. Living far from home, we sometimes feel isolated and disconnected. But here, when we gather, talk, and share our experiences, we don’t feel so alone anymore. It gives us a sense of belonging, warmth, and comfort that we truly need.”
Olena, a 65-year-old refugee from Kherson, living in Bucharest, Romania.

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation As of 31 August 2025

\$39.0 million
 UNHCR’s funding requirements 2025



Highlight

On 23 September, H.E. Ms. Angela Ganninger, Ambassador of Germany to Romania, visited the UNHCR’s Community Centre at RomExpo in Bucharest, together with Mr. Pablo Zapata, UNHCR Representative in Romania. During her visit, Ambassador Ganninger met with refugees from Ukraine to hear firsthand about their experiences and the possibilities they see, as well as the challenges they face, particularly regarding employment, starting businesses, and social assistance. She also observed ongoing activities, including different livelihood initiatives led by NGOs (interviews for jobs and information on starting businesses) and documentation services provided by the Ministry of Interior. The centre brings together 11 NGOs, government authorities, and UN agencies under one roof, offering a “one-stop-shop” of essential services for refugees from Ukraine. These include documentation support, legal counselling, school enrolment, psychosocial counselling, and livelihood activities aimed at helping refugees rebuild their lives in Romania.



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Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

28 September, UNHCR in collaboration with the NGO Green Revolution (Roaba de Cultură) and partners of the Refugee Response Plan (RRP), held the fourth and final gathering of “Together in the Park”, building on the previous events during this summer celebrating social cohesion, togetherness, and the power of community. The open-air event on the theme “Fun, Art and Games – bringing communities together through play, arts and culture” featured multi-cultural arts, games, and workshops for children. The event successfully brought together over 1,000 Romanians, refugees and migrants in a playful manner forging bridges between the communities in Bucharest.



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On 25 September, UNHCR marked the International Day of Older Persons with a group counselling session for older refugees at UNHCR’s Community Centre at RomExpo. Held under the theme “Find the Light Within Yourself and in Others”, the gathering focused on emotional empowerment and mutual support. The event brought together 18 participants in a safe and inclusive space for dialogue, reflection, and connection. In an atmosphere of warmth and solidarity, participants shared personal experiences, exchanged perspectives, and highlighted the importance of emotional well-being as a foundation for resilience. Through such initiatives, UNHCR reaffirms its commitment to supporting older refugees by fostering spaces where voices are heard, experiences are valued, and dignity is upheld.

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 2025 programmes. For more details: [Romania Funding Update – 2025](#)