ROMANIA

Weekly Update #170 **27 October 2025**

Key figures

195,451 refugees
obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end September 2025).

43,449 refugees
supported with core relief items in 2025; 45,071 in 2024.

10,573 refugees
provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

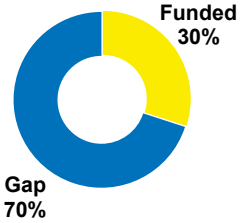
5,562 refugees
supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

"I enjoy the activities at UNHCR's Community Centre RomExpo. Today we talked a lot about equality and painted - it truly breaks stereotypes and broadens our horizons. It's important to feel part of the Ukrainian community here and not feel left behind." Anna, a 38-year-old refugee from Zaporizhzhia, living in Bucharest, Romania.

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 30 September 2025

$39.0 million
UNHCR's funding requirements 2025



Highlights

On 23 October, the President of the Senate of Romania, Mr. Mircea Abrudean, and Vice President of the Senate, Mr. Mihai Coțet, hosted the round table "The Voice of Unity - Romania and the United Nations (UN)", organised by the Rotary Club Pitești Unity in collaboration with the Romanian Senate to mark UN Day and 80 years since the UN's founding. Mr. Abrudean, said, "For Romania, nearly seven decades of belonging to the UN family represents a firm commitment to freedom, peace, and solidarity among nations". The event gathered representatives from public institutions, civil society, and academia to promote peace, solidarity, and international cooperation, and to recognise Romania's contribution to the UN. In his remarks, UNHCR Representative, Mr. Pablo Zapata, said that the Organisation remains a moral force and vital lifeline in times of crisis, reaffirming UNHCR's commitment to protecting refugees and finding durable solutions for those forced to flee. He also commended Romania's solidarity with refugees from Ukraine and its continued partnership with UN agencies supporting education, health, protection, and social inclusion.

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On 23 October, UNHCR Representative Mr. Pablo Zapata participated in the opening of the Ukrainian Women's Forum "Rebuilding Together", held in Bucharest. The three-day event brought together over 100 refugee women. Participants discussed with leaders of national and international NGOs, as well as Ukrainian entrepreneurs who shared their experience of business in Romania. The programme included practical workshops, including one delivered by UNHCR and its partner World Vision Romania on fundraising, and a fair of Ukrainian businesses. In his opening remarks, Mr. Zapata said, "Ukrainian women have demonstrated extraordinary resilience, rebuilt their lives, supported their families, and contributed to Romanian society with great courage and determination". The event was organized by the Federation of Non-governmental Organizations for Children (FONPC), with the support of Hands Across Romania.

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 21 October, UNHCR Romania welcomed a delegation of government and Council of Europe officials from the Republic of Moldova to its Community Centre at RomExpo, Bucharest. The group, on a study visit to Romania, included representatives from the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, asylum and migration authorities, and the border police. They explored how the Centre operates as a "one-stop shop", bringing together 11 NGOs, government bodies, and UN agencies to provide essential services such as legal counselling, documentation support, psychosocial assistance, school enrolment, and livelihood activities for refugees from Ukraine. UNHCR also shared good practices in refugee assistance and highlighted how the Centre contributes to the wider humanitarian response, helping refugees integrate and rebuild their lives in Romania.

On 22–23 October, UNHCR contributed to the General Inspectorate for Immigration's (GII) internal training on "*Implementation of Romania's Commitments under the EU Solidarity Mechanism*". The session brought together GII staff from key operational areas - including registration, refugee status determination, integration, social work, and medical services - to strengthen understanding of Romania's role within the European framework for solidarity and relocation. UNHCR's contribution combined legal and policy perspectives on the right to asylum and international protection with insights into global displacement trends, challenges, and good practices observed in Romania.

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