

ROMANIA

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Key figures

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

43,934 refugees supported with core relief items in 2025; 45,071 in 2024.

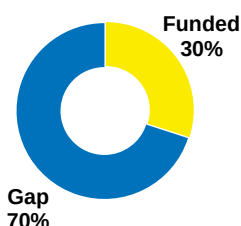
10,668 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

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

“I really enjoyed the art workshop at UNHCR’s Community Centre! Painting with my child was fun and inspiring. I loved sharing ideas and stories while creating something together. It feels great to be part of a community where we support each other and discover new ways to express ourselves.”
Liudmyla, a 39-year-old refugee from Odesa, living in Bucharest, Romania.

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation As of 30 September 2025

\$39.0 million
 UNHCR’s funding requirements 2025



Highlight

On 27 October, UNHCR participated in the National Conference held under the European Inclusion of Ukrainian Students (EIUS) project, implemented by Ovidius University in Constanța. The event brought together academic, government, and humanitarian actors to discuss the inclusion of Ukrainian refugees in higher education. Ovidius University presented the main challenges faced by Ukrainian students, including language barriers and academic adaptation. The discussion also highlighted key factors supporting inclusion, such as peer mentoring and community engagement, integrated language and well-being programmes, strengthened collaboration among stakeholders, and the proactive participation of students themselves. Contributions were made by representatives from the General Inspectorate for Immigration (GII), the Constanța County School Inspectorate (ISJC), and UNHCR. In its intervention, UNHCR emphasized the importance of coordinated action between humanitarian, community, and basic needs actors to ensure access to protection and essential services. UNHCR also reaffirmed its collaboration with academic institutions to enhance access to higher education for refugees. To support students in 2025, UNHCR established five scholarships for refugees and Romanians studying in the country.

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 30 October, UNHCR participated in a meeting convened by the National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of the Child and Adoption (ANPDCA) to finalise the core curriculum for representatives appointed to support unaccompanied foreign children seeking or benefiting from international protection in Romania. The meeting gathered representatives from GII, UN agencies, and NGOs including AidRom, the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR), Eliberare, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Romania, and Terre des Hommes. Participants reviewed the draft curriculum, which outlines modules on the legal framework, asylum procedures, roles and responsibilities of appointed representatives, and coordination mechanisms. UNHCR and UNICEF proposed adding a section on the Best Interests Procedure to ensure that decisions affecting unaccompanied and separated children are guided by comprehensive, multidisciplinary assessments. ANPDCA welcomed the recommendation and will consider it in the curriculum’s final revision.

Between 28 and 30 October, UNHCR organised a series of community activities at its Community Centre at RomExpo in Bucharest, aimed at promoting well-being, inclusion, and social connection among refugees. With support from the World Health Organization (WHO), a Neurographic Art Session encouraged self-awareness, emotional balance, and psychological well-being among refugee women through creative expression and mutual support. The following day, UNHCR’s Romanian Speaking Club brought together nine Ukrainian refugees, both children and adults, to strengthen their language skills, boost confidence, and deepen their understanding of Romanian traditions and culture. The week concluded with a family pumpkin painting workshop led by Ukrainian artist Alla Afanasyeva, which gathered 28 participants, including parents and children aged 2 to 13. The activity fostered creativity and community bonds, as families shared stories, exchanged contacts, and agreed to meet again. Reflecting on the event, one participant said, “We came for art, but left with new friends.”



On 30 October, Ukrainian refugee children and parents participate in an art workshop at UNHCR’s community centre at RomExpo in Bucharest.

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