ROMANIA

Weekly Update #172 **10 November 2025**

Key figures

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

44,226 refugees
supported with core relief items in 2025; 45,071 in 2024.

10,768 refugees
provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

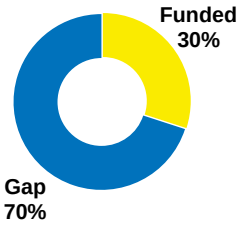
5,577 refugees
supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

"We are proud to support UNHCR in providing a space for Women's and Older person's clubs bringing the community together. Initiatives like these play a crucial role in fostering social integration, building connections, and strengthening a sense of belonging." Roman Pronin, owner of Synergy Kindergarten, from Kyiv, living in Constanta, Romania.

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 30 September 2025

$39.0 million
UNHCR's funding requirements 2025



Highlight

On 7 November, the Ambassador of Germany, H.E. Ms. Angela Ganninger, hosted an ambassadorial briefing on the response for the refugees from Ukraine in Romania. Participants included 16 ambassadors and representatives from key donor countries and major refugees hosting countries, as well as Ukraine. Speakers at the event included Dr. Raed Arafat, Secretary of State and Head of the Department for Emergency Situations of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, who presented the current situation and perspectives on the Romanian response to the refugee situation, as well as Mr. Pablo Zapata, UNHCR Representative and Refugee Coordinator who briefed on the response by 45 partners under the Refugee Response Plan 2025-2026, as well as on the level of implementation and on current challenges, including those derived from funding constraints. Ambassadors expressed their continued support to Romania in addressing the situation of refugees, and congratulated Romania for providing access to rights and services to the same level as citizens. They also shared good national practices and encouraged the RRP partners to continue delivering specialised services for particularly vulnerable individuals and fostering socio-economic inclusion.

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

During the past week, UNHCR organised a series of community activities in Constanța and Bucharest promoting creativity, inclusion, and cross-cultural understanding among refugees and host communities. In Constanța, the event "Shared Features of Ukrainian and Romanian Weddings: Family Values, Attributes and Wedding Songs" took place at Synergy Kindergarten, bringing together Ukrainian refugees and members of the host community to celebrate common cultural traditions. With the help of Ukrainian singer Anastasiia Yermakova, participants explored wedding customs, performed traditional songs, and shared in the symbolic breaking of bread, representing unity and new beginnings. At UNHCR's Community Centre at RomExpo in Bucharest, a video workshop entitled "Finding Yourself Through Creativity" provided refugees with practical filming and editing skills as a form of self-expression and social integration. UNHCR also hosted a Romanian Language Club session focused on hobbies and social life, offering participants the chance to practice conversation in a welcoming setting.

On 6 November, UNHCR organised a community event in Constanța titled "Shared Features of Ukrainian and Romanian Weddings: Family Values, Attributes and Wedding Songs" with Ukrainian singer Anastasiia Yermakova.

From 12 to 14 November, UNHCR Romania will host an exhibition entitled "Through Their Eyes: Voices of Resilience - Photo Voice" as part of the One World Romania Festival taking place at UNHCR's Community Centre at RomExpo, in Bucharest. The exhibition, organized by UNHCR partner World Vision Romania, presents photographs taken by Ukrainian refugees from Romania that capture stories of hope, adaptation and a new community. The One World Romania in the neighbourhoods project is carried out with the support of UNHCR and offers participants the opportunity to turn photography into a tool for reflection and dialogue between refugees and the host community. The exhibition opening will take place at 12 p.m. on 12 November with free admission. The full programme can be found on the One World Romania Festival website.

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