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PROGRAMME SUMMARY 2026

Hungary. Ukrainian refugee children take part in a UNHCR-supported sports activity aimed at strengthening social inclusion and psychosocial well-being.
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64,883 refugees from Ukraine recorded in Hungary as of 30 November 2025

18,400 people to be assisted in 2026

$6,375,985 USD financial requirements for 2026

2026 RESPONSE PLAN I KEY FIGURES

4,000 individuals who will receive protection services

150 individuals in emergency situations who will receive cash assistance

300 individuals who will be supported with legal assistance to access rights and services

4,360 individuals who will receive information on services and refugees' rights in a relevant language

1,400 individuals who will participate in community-based psychosocial support activities

UNHCR'S 2026 RESPONSE STRATEGY IN HUNGARY

As forced displacement from Ukraine enters its fourth year, the refugee response in Hungary has increasingly shifted from emergency assistance towards addressing protracted vulnerabilities and barriers to sustainable inclusion.

Evidence from the 2025 Socio-Economic Insights Survey (SEIS) shows that **needs remain widespread and complex**: 57% of refugee households include a person with a chronic illness, 10% include a person with a disability, 22% include an older person, while 33% of households are at risk of poverty—twice the rate among Hungarians—and 24% experience severe material and social deprivation.

UNHCR's 2026 response is therefore designed to concentrate available resources on refugees facing the highest protection and socio-economic risks.

At the **individual and community level**, the response will prioritize access to legal assistance and information through UNHCR's legal partner, the Hungarian Helsinki Committee, alongside emergency cash and rent support. In parallel, targeted socio-economic inclusion and child protection interventions delivered in partnership with refugee-led organizations and municipalities will strengthen refugees' access to livelihoods and essential services.

At the **systems level**, UNHCR will continue to work with authorities to strengthen the alignment of legislation and policies with international protection standards and to support protection-sensitive procedures through capacity-building for relevant officials.

KEY PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2026

Aligned with the Regional Refugee Response Plan 2025–2026 for the Ukraine situation in Hungary, UNHCR's strategy in the country is centred around four overarching objectives:

Provide protection services to refugees from Ukraine, including legal assistance and access to clear, accessible information on rights and available services.

Promote socio-economic and educational inclusion of refugees from Ukraine through partnerships with refugee-led organizations (RLOs) and other community-based actors.

Provide targeted emergency cash assistance and rent support to the most vulnerable refugee households to stabilize their situation and support pathways towards self-reliance.

Strengthen coordination and advocacy with authorities, municipalities and partners to promote coherent approaches to inclusion, access to rights and durable solutions for refugees from Ukraine.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025

In 2025, in consultation with the Government of Hungary, UNHCR led the Ukraine Situation Refugee Response Coordination Forum (RCF), bringing together 69 partners, including 28 appealing under the Refugee Response Plan (RRP).

Building on this coordination role, UNHCR advocated for the inclusion of Temporary Protection (TP) beneficiaries in national social protection systems, particularly access to disability support for refugees with severe disabilities. In parallel, UNHCR advocated for the adoption of coordinated approaches to alternative legal stay arrangements and durable solutions for TP holders, including through joint guidance and recommendations developed as part of RCF.

Alongside advocacy, UNHCR advanced refugees' socio-economic inclusion by supporting access to employment, language learning and community-based psychosocial support, complemented by employer engagement and the launch of a practical guide on hiring refugees in Hungary. In the education sector, UNHCR promoted inclusive access to education through evidence-based advocacy and community initiatives, including the *Back to School* campaign. Read our latest participatory assessment report to learn more about the key challenges refugee children from Ukraine face in accessing education.

Despite severe funding constraints, UNHCR and partners continued delivering critical assistance. In December 2025, UNHCR distributed more than 600,000 essential non-food items, worth approximately USD 4.9 million, to support Ukrainian refugees and vulnerable members of host communities across the region.

Hungary. Ukrainian children take part in weekend learning and recreational activities organized by a refugee-led organization in Budapest.
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