Regional Refugee Response for the Ukraine Situation

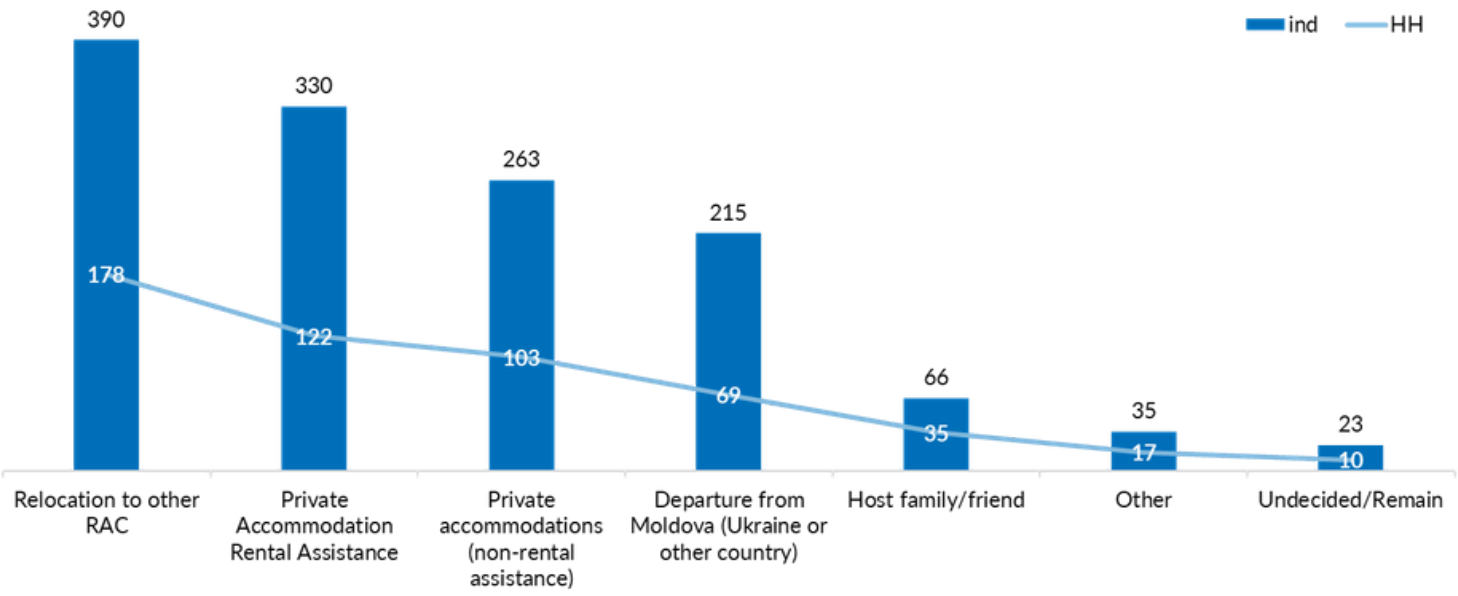
Moldova

REFUGEE ACCOMMODATION CENTRE (RAC) CONSOLIDATION OVERVIEW 2023 – 2025

November 2025

Since July 2023, partners of the Relocation Technical Group (RTG) have supported the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection (MLSP) in consolidating Refugee Accommodation Centres (RACs) in Moldova. Of the 52 RACs active in 2023, 35 have since closed, 9 in 2023, 17 in 2024, and 9 in 2025, leaving 17 operational. This year, however, MLSP opened a new specialized centre for persons with mental disabilities, bringing the current total to **18 operational RACs**.

Of the 35 RACs that closed, **534 households (1,322 people)** were relocated. 68% (909 people) moved to accommodation outside RACs. However, **178 households (390 people)**, mostly highly vulnerable refugees, were relocated to other RACs, with some experiencing multiple relocations due to repeated closures.



Graph 1. Total relocation options by HH and individuals 2023 - 2025

RELOCATION GROUPS

To facilitate the process of closure of multiple RACs, they were divided into groups and closed gradually. This approach reduced pressure on services provided during and after relocation, such as rental assistance, transportation, counselling, and other accompanying support, which have limited absorption capacities.

Closures were carried out over eight to nine months each year, with a maximum of five RACs closed simultaneously per group. The exception was Group F, where up to eight RACs closed at once at the property owners' request. Timelines were extended in specific cases based on the number and profiles of beneficiaries in each RAC. See the timelines per group below.

	July - October 2023			*February - November 2024*			*February - October 2025*			
	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H	Group I	Group J
Duration of closure	*5 months*	*4 months*	*1 month*	*3 months*	*3 months*	*6 months*	*4 months*	*3 months*	*2 months*	*2 months*
RACs closed	3	5	1	4	5	8	2	4	2	1
HH relocated	45	62	1	92	58	147	27	50	44	8
Individuals relocated	94	157	3	213	155	348	112	123	106	11
Total	**108 HH / 254 ind. (9 RACs)**			**297 HH/ 716 ind. (17 RACs)**			**129 HH / 352 ind. (9 RACs)**			

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILES OF CURRENT RAC RESIDENTS

Currently, **911 individuals** remain accommodated in the **18 active RACs**, out of which **67%** (617 individuals) belong to the following vulnerability groups:

218 ind. (23%) older person at risk (60+)

88 ind. (9%) persons with disabilities, of which 9 were children, 24 were persons with limited mobility, out of which 17 were bedridden individals and 7 wheelchair users

282 ind. (31%) children 2 - 18 years old

25 ind. (3%) children 0 - 2 years old

4 ind. (0,5%) pregnant women

KEY MESSAGES

The RAC consolidation process resulted in 390 highly vulnerable individuals being relocated into remaining RACs. This **significantly increased the proportion of residents with complex needs in the remaining centres**, a factor that must be considered in planning future 2026 closures.

Of the 914 residents currently accommodated across the 19 active RACs, **67% belong to key vulnerability groups**, including older persons, persons with disabilities (including bedridden individuals), young children, and pregnant women. These profiles indicate a sustained need for accessible, reliable, and nutritionally adequate meals in RACs throughout 2026.

RAC closures have **consistently been scheduled between February and October**, avoiding winter months due to colder temperatures, higher heating costs, and the presence of school-aged children. This seasonal pattern will likely continue in 2026, resulting in peaks in relocation and support needs during spring–autumn.

Although Ministry Order No. 131 sets a two-month closure timeframe, **actual closures often extend** to four months due to RAC specific needs, including high occupancy, large families with children, and requests from residents with school-aged children for additional time to complete the school year.

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