

# ROMANIA

## Weekly Update #194

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### Key figures

**208,164 refugees** obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end March 2026).

**600 refugees** supported with community-based protection activities in 2026.

**2,890 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2026.

**994 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services in 2026.

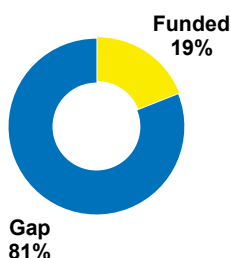
“As I search for a job, and UNHCR’s Romanian Speaking Club gives me the opportunity to improve my Romanian skills and overcome the language barrier. The sessions provide a supportive space where I can practice and feel more confident.” *Anna, a 30-year-old refugee from Ukraine living in Bucharest, Romania.*

### UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 31 March 2026

**\$23.4 million**

UNHCR’s funding requirements 2026



### Highlights

Between 28 and 30 April, UNHCR participated in Exercise Danubius Galatiensis 26, a large-scale simulation held in Galați, designed to test Romania’s preparedness for potential mass arrivals of refugees, organized by the General Inspectorate for Immigration (GII). As the first pilot of its kind in Europe, it brought together national authorities, including the Border Police (IGPF), the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (IGSU), the General Directorate for Social Assistance and Child Protection (DGASPC) in Galați, the Ombudsperson, and civil society partners. It assessed coordination, decision-making, and border, asylum and reception procedures ahead of implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum in June. The exercise provided a valuable opportunity for UNHCR to engage with GII and other agencies, identifying protection risks and good practices and contributing to strengthened, protection-oriented preparedness.



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UNHCR has initiated a series of engagements with key international financial institutions in Romania, including the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), the International Finance Corporation (IFC), and the World Bank (WB) aimed at aligning development investments with refugee inclusion priorities. The meetings aimed to identify possible synergies for including refugees from Ukraine in ongoing and planned reforms in social protection, housing, education and labour markets. Discussions also focused on improving access to data on refugees’ economic contributions and addressing policy gaps through joint analysis, technical support and pilot initiatives. Strengthened cooperation in these areas will help ensure more inclusive national systems, enabling refugees to access services, contribute to local economies and build self-reliance. The institutions expressed interest in deepening collaboration with UNHCR. This would include - within their respective mandates and programmes - matters such as financial inclusion, advisory services, social housing and evidence-based policy development, to expand opportunities for refugees and support inclusive, resilient development.

### Response and Advocacy

During the past week, UNHCR partner, the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR), continued to provide legal counselling and information services to nearly 100 refugees across the country, addressing a wide range of protection and social assistance concerns. In parallel, CNRR delivered multi-sectoral support to 118 forcibly displaced and stateless persons, in areas such as advocacy, legal procedures, access to territory, child protection, and access to healthcare, education and dignified livelihoods, as well as coordination and capacity-building activities. CNRR also accompanied 101 refugees to medical and social assistance appointments. In addition, 86 refugees received support with applications for citizenship and long-term residency, contributing their long-term integration. Since the beginning of 2026, UNHCR and its partners have provided protection counselling services and legal support on a wide range of issues to 2,890 refugees.

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