

# ROMANIA

## Weekly Update #198

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### Key figures

**210,381 refugees** obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end April 2026).

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

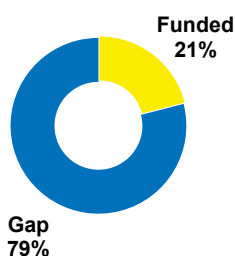
**3,545 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2026.

**1,154 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services in 2026.

“What made the Children’s Day activities at UNHCR’s Community Centre especially meaningful for us was seeing the Ukrainian community come together with refugees of other nationalities and the local Romanian community. Events like this create a sense of belonging, support, and unity.”  
*Tetiana, a refugee from Odesa, Ukraine living in Bucharest, Romania.*

### UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 30 April 2026  
**\$23.4 million**  
 UNHCR’s funding requirements 2026



### Highlights

During the week of 18 May, UNHCR engaged with municipal authorities and other stakeholders to prolong the stay of 45 refugees from Ukraine in the remaining collective accommodation in the city. The situation was prompted by the absence of a legislative framework governing the continued stay of the residents. UNHCR highlighted the protection risks associated with the decision, particularly for persons with specific vulnerabilities, and advocated for extended timeframes as well as interim or alternative accommodation arrangements. The Municipality allowed residents to remain in the centre, subject to - in line with the proposal of the residents - their payment of utility costs. UNHCR also expressed its readiness to support vulnerability assessments and protection interventions to help identify sustainable, longer-term solutions.

During 27–28 May, UNHCR conducted a mission to Iași to support capacity-building efforts related to the implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum. In cooperation with the Border Police School, UNHCR delivered a two-day training for approximately 30 frontline officers and practitioners on key aspects of the new EU Screening Regulation. The training aimed to strengthen participants’ understanding of protection-sensitive screening procedures and enhance their capacity to identify and respond appropriately to individuals with specific protection needs at an early stage of arrival. The training reflects the ongoing cooperation between UNHCR and the Romanian authorities in improving asylum and border management capacities.

### Response and Advocacy

On 29 May, UNHCR, marked International Children’s Day at UNHCR’s Community Centre at RomExpo in Bucharest, with an event attended by more than 150 children from refugee and host communities. The event was a great success, featuring interactive activities focused on sports, arts and crafts, creativity, cyber safety, and children’s rights while promoting social cohesion, inclusion, and positive interaction among children and families, providing an opportunity to learn through play amid children’s laughter, moments of joy, and a truly uplifting atmosphere. The event was possible thanks to the support of partners including CNRR, General Directorate of Social Assistance of the Municipality of Bucharest (DGASMB), Eliberare, Hubul Cărămidarilor, JRS Romania, Red Panda, and Save the Children Romania.



On 29 May, UNHCR marked International Children’s Day with an event at UNHCR’s Community Centre. Photo: UNHCR

On 27 May, UNHCR held a workshop on refugee protection in everyday language at the Faculty of Law of the West University of Timișoara (UVT), bringing together students of law, sociology and social assistance, public administration, and communication sciences. The session facilitated discussions that challenged perceptions and deepened participants’ understanding of refugee protection. It was the first in a series of events in Romania marking World Refugee Day and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention. UNHCR’s partnerships with academic institutions in Romania foster dialogue and encourage innovative thinking in support of humanitarian principles.

During the past week, UNHCR promoted social inclusion and community engagement through a series of activities at UNHCR’s Community Centre at RomExpo. On 26 May, UNHCR organized a Women’s Club session in a supportive environment, focusing on creativity, empowerment and self-care through an art masterclass. A parallel children’s art activity provided an engaging space for children. On 28 May, a “Women’s Health at Any Age” session held in Romanian and Ukrainian, provided a safe space to discuss women’s health and receive practical advice. On 29 May, UNHCR convened a Problem Management Plus (PM+) Alumni Network meeting. Through interactive discussions and case study exchanges, participants reflected on the added value of PM+ as a scalable, community-based MHPSS intervention and identified ways to further promote PM+ approaches within refugee and host community programming in Romania.

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 its 2026 programmes. For more details: [Romania Funding Update – 2026](#)