

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #206

27 July 2026

Key figures

212,334 refugees obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end May 2026).

1,801 refugees supported with community-based protection activities in 2026.

5,116 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2026.

1,628 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2026.

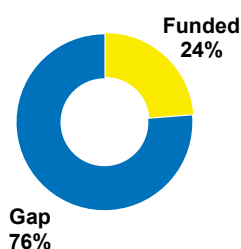
“UNHCR’s support, care, and genuine commitment to being there for us help us feel stronger and more confident about the future. It means so much to know that, even without a permanent presence in Constanța, you continue to visit us, listen to us, and support our community.” *Svitlana, a 64-year-old refugee from Odesa Ukraine, living in Constanța, Romania.*

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 30 June 2026

\$23.4 million

UNHCR’s funding requirements 2026



Highlight

On 27 July, UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM and WHO welcomed Ambassadors, Chargés d’Affaires and representatives of embassies part of the informal donor group for the Ukraine refugee situation, and State Secretary Dr. Raed Arafat, Head of the Department for Emergency Situations (DSU), for a briefing on the cooperation between the UN Agencies and the DSU strengthening Romania’s preparedness and resilience in the face of emergencies. The UN Agencies and partners highlighted the essential role of DSU in coordinating the response to the refugee situation and other emergencies, while also underscoring the importance of donor support, whose contributions have facilitated refugees’ access to protection, essential services and inclusion measures across Romania. “Refugees from Ukraine have felt the professionalism, dedication and care demonstrated by the Department of Emergency Situations, centrally and locally, as an expression of the ongoing solidarity during the 2022 emergency situation to date,” said Pablo Zapata, UNHCR Representative.



On 27 July, UN agencies a dialogue on strengthening Romania’s preparedness and resilience in the face of emergencies affecting Romania. Photo: UNICEF

Response and Advocacy

On 23 July, UNHCR supported the opening of MUN4ALL 2026, the third edition of the international Model United Nations conference in Bucharest. In his opening address, UNHCR Representative Pablo Zapata spoke on the importance of youth collaboration and the global agenda for inclusion. The event, organized by British-Romanian charity Light into Europe, brought together some 250 young delegates from diverse educational and cultural backgrounds who share a commitment to diplomacy, democratic values, international cooperation, and civic leadership.

On 25 July, UNHCR in collaboration with NGO Green Revolution (Roaba de Cultură) and partners of the Refugee Response Plan (RRP), hosted “Together in the Park” - a celebration of multiculturalism, community, and culture. The open-air event - with live music and workshops for children - was the second in a series of community activities aimed at fostering social cohesion, multicultural understanding, and solidarity, bringing together refugees, migrants, and the host community in Bucharest. The third “Together in the Park” event supported by UNHCR will take place at the end of August.

During the past week, UNHCR partner, the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR), delivered legal counselling and protection support to 111 Ukrainian refugees through community outreach and individual case management. In Brașov, CNRR conducted an information session for 30 Ukrainian refugees, providing guidance on temporary protection rights, access to employment, education, healthcare, disability assessment procedures and available social benefits. CNRR also continued to engage with private sector stakeholders to promote employment opportunities for refugees and provided counselling to refugees facing administrative challenges, including access to banking services and safe accommodation, supporting referrals and identifying appropriate solutions to facilitate access to essential services and promote self-reliance. Since the beginning of 2026, UNHCR and its partners have provided protection counselling and legal support to 5,116 refugees.

UNHCR continues to support refugees through community-based activities promoting psychosocial well-being, and social inclusion. On 21 July, a Women’s Club session at UNHCR’s Community Centre for refugees at RomExpo provided refugee women with a safe space for self-reflection and resilience-building. On 24 July, UNHCR marked the 75th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention with community activities in Constanța, bringing together 30 participants from refugee community groups. A Petrykivka painting workshop and a psychosocial support session promoted creativity, emotional well-being, resilience and stronger connections between refugees and host communities.

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](#)