

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #211

31 August 2026

Key figures

219,360 refugees obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end July 2026).

1,949 refugees supported with community-based protection activities in 2026.

6,148 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2026.

1,872 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2026.

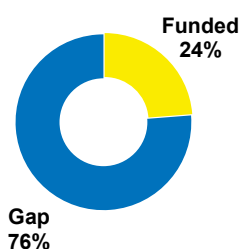
“For us, gathering at UNHCR’s Community Centre for refugees was a very warm and meaningful experience. We had a chance to talk, sing familiar songs and simply spend some good time together. We are very glad to have a space like this where we can come together.” *Ecaterina, a 40-year-old refugee from Ukraine, living in Bucharest, Romania.*

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 30 June 2026

\$23.4 million

UNHCR’s funding requirements 2026



Highlight

On 27 August, Mr. Edouard Beigbeder, UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia and Middle East and North Africa, visited the UNHCR’s Community Centre for refugees at Romexpo, in Bucharest, accompanied by UNICEF Representative in Romania, Ms. Anna Riatti. During the visit, the Director was briefed on activities at the centre by Mr. Pablo Zapata, UNHCR Representative in Romania, and discussed with the UNHCR teams and partner NGOs about their activities dedicated to the protection and inclusion of refugees, as well as the support provided by UNICEF to refugees from Ukraine. The visit was also an opportunity to discuss the importance of maintaining such community spaces, which offer not only access to essential services, but also opportunities for connection, learning and integration for people forced to leave their homes.

On 29 August, 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 third 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 event was made possible thanks to the generous support of ARCUB. The fourth “Together in the Park” event supported by UNHCR will take place on 26 September.

Response and Advocacy

On 27 August, the UNHCR Romania team visited UNHCR grant partner the Roma Education Fund Romania and donated 10 laptop computers and accessories to support its IT and robotics activities for children. During the handover, the UNHCR Representative learned more about the work of the Roma Education Fund and joined a Romanian language course for children. The visit highlighted how education, creativity and technology can help children develop new skills, build confidence and strengthen their integration within the community. The donation reflects UNHCR’s commitment to supporting refugee-led and community-based organizations that create opportunities, promote inclusion, and provide support to refugees and other vulnerable communities. Strong local partnerships are essential for building resilient and inclusive communities.

Between 24 and 27 August, UNHCR organized a series of community-based activities at the RomExpo Community Centre for refugees in Bucharest, promoting social inclusion, cultural connection, psychosocial well-being and language skills. On 24 August, a traditional Ukrainian wreath-making workshop and interactive music quiz brought together children and adults to celebrate Ukrainian cultural traditions and strengthen community connections. A Women’s Club session on 25 August provided a safe space for refugee women to reflect on their relationship with money, explore spending habits and build confidence in making informed financial decisions. On 26 August, an English language session for children aged 9–12, organized at the initiative of the Ukrainian community, used games and speaking exercises to develop language skills and confidence. On 27 August, children took part in clay modelling and drawing activities, providing opportunities for creativity, peer interaction and sharing experiences in a welcoming environment.

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](#)



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