

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #14

16-23 September 2022

Key figures

80,498 refugees currently in Romania (as of 18 September 2022)

67,064 refugees registered for temporary protection in Romania (as of 18 September 2022)

More than 20,000 refugees supported with multi-purpose cash assistance.

39,328 refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone

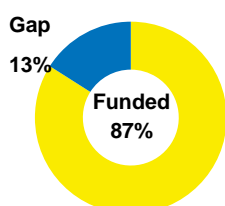
12,741 refugees supported to travel to Romania from Ukraine-Moldova border through fast-track transfers

FUNDING

(AS OF 20 SEPTEMBER 2022)

USD 147.4 million

requested for the Romania situation



Highlights

On 21 September, UNHCR together with the Department for Emergency Situation (DSU), facilitated a visit to UNHCR's one-stop service centre at RomExpo in Bucharest by a delegation from the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) of the European Parliament led by Mr. López Aguilar and briefed the participants on various services available for refugees from governmental institutions, UN Agencies and NGOs. On 22 September, the delegation, also visited the Isaccea border crossing point with Ukraine (southern Romania) and observed UNHCR's response. Recently, UNHCR also facilitated visits to RomExpo by delegations from Japan and Chile.



The European Parliament delegation visiting UNHCR's one stop service centre at RomExpo.

Response and Coordination

In Suceava, UNHCR and partner *Sensiblu* conducted training for social assistance and child protection authority, police and other government agencies on gender-based violence and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse on 21-21 September. On 16 September, the Field Unit in Iasi operated a water distribution with *Asociatia la Rascruce* and the *Inspectorate for Urgent Situations*. A total of 6,480 water bottles (0.5L) were distributed that will benefit refugees upon their arrival in Romania through the Sculeni border crossing point with Moldova. UNHCR Field Office in Galati met with the municipalities of Tulcea and Constanta and assessed the winterization needs.

On 21 September, UNHCR and UNICEF issued a joint regional [press release](#) on the launching of a digital [Blue Dot platform](#), also highlighting the support provided to some 234,000 people through the 36 Blue Dot hubs currently operational across seven countries in the region, including Romania. The Blue Dots are one-stop safe spaces equipped to provide information, counselling, mental health and psychosocial support, legal aid and protection services for refugees.

On 22 September, with an aim to strengthen information management systems to inform the refugee response in Romania, UNHCR organized a Refugee Data MeetUp in Bucharest. UNHCR and DSU delivered opening presentations highlighting the needs for information, data and analysis. Thirty-six participants - government, municipalities and humanitarian actors - engaged in the discussions and affirmed their support to further improve the information management system in Romania, including regarding population figures, needs assessments and population reached. The perspective of local authorities provided a useful insight on needs and response.

On 23 September, the Inter-Agency Coordination in Romania, convened a Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) consultation. State Counselor Ms. Madalina Turza delivered the opening remarks highlighting the way ahead in the implementation of the National Plan of Measures for the Protection and Inclusion of Refugees from Ukraine and sharing the conclusions of the Bucharest Forum and upcoming developments. The recent recalibration exercise of the Refugee Response Plan was discussed, as well as the plans for winterization. Around 60 participants attended the forum.

UNHCR is grateful to the donors of unearmarked and softly earmarked contributions to the Ukraine situation. UNHCR in Romania is also grateful to donors contributing to its 2022 programmes. For more detail: <https://reporting.unhcr.org/romania-funding-2022>