RomExpo in Bucharest.

On 16 September, the Field Unit in Iasi also conducted 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 launch 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.

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