

# Hungary

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UNHCR has been present in **Hungary since 1989**, working in close coordination with state entities including local and municipal authorities, UN agencies, and NGOs.

UNHCR alongside government counterparts ensure refugees and asylum-seekers secure **essential rights, access to basic services and legal and protection assistance**.

UNHCR has scaled-up to provide information on rights and available services, identification of vulnerabilities, and referral to relevant services.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

**1.2 M** total arrivals to Hungary from Ukraine (as of 21 August)

**28,662** applications for temporary protection in Hungary (as of 21 August)

**25,275** positive decisions taken

**22** Asylum applications

International Protection provided by Hungary

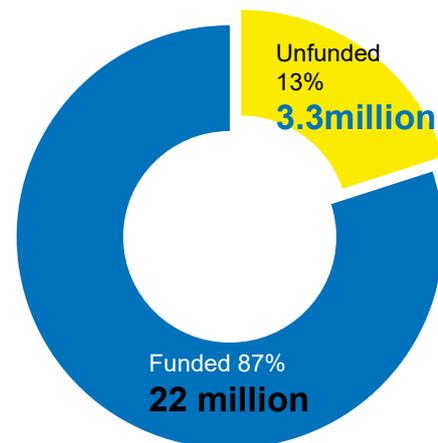
**8** Refugee status granted

**8** Subsidiary Protection

## FUNDING (AS OF AUGUST 2022)

**USD 25.3 million**

requested for Hungary



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

73 Total Staff

23 International Staff

### Offices:

1 Multi-country office  
in Budapest



UNHCR delivered school equipment including laptops, printers and projectors to help foster a positive learning environment for refugee children and ensure continuous learning during the summer break. ©UNHCR

## Working with Partners

UNHCR works in close coordination with Hungarian Government counterparts to support refugees and asylum-seekers while maintaining positive collaborations with state entities including local and municipal authorities, UN agencies, NGOs, humanitarian partners, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders providing assistance to those seeking protection.

As part of the Ukraine Situation response, UNHCR leads and coordinates the UNHCR also leads the **Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF)** at country-level in Hungary to ensure harmonized response within existing government structures and among inter-agency partners, NGOs, volunteers and other stakeholders, with associated **working groups** (Protection – including Child Protection and Education, and Basic Needs – including Shelter, Food, and Non-Food Items) and two cross-cutting task forces (PSEA, MHPSS) to effectively coordinate inter-agency partner's response.

UNHCR has 13 active partnership agreements with the following organizations:

- **Cordelia Foundation** – provides psycho-social counselling and mental health support (MHPSS) for asylum-seekers, refugees and family members who have experienced trauma and distress.
- **Hungarian Baptist Aid** – delivers humanitarian assistance including counselling and psychological support, in addition to child protection and education assistance, advice with accessing the labour market, and integration support including identifying longer-term shelter.
- **Hungarian Charity of the Order of Malta** - supports with reception conditions logistics, shelters humanitarian assistance, Blue Dots and integration services.
- **Hungarian Helsinki Committee** – offers assistance and legal support to refugees, including those in detention.
- **Hungarian Red Cross** – provision of dignified services in transitional housing including WASH, first aid and basic healthcare, skills development, community engagement, and restoring family links.
- **Mandak House** – supports reception conditions, humanitarian assistance, social counselling, education/mentoring for children and outreach.
- **Menedék** – offers counselling, language courses and social, educational and cultural programs supporting refugees and migrants in Hungary, in addition to job and housing assistance.
- **Migration Aid** – delivers assistance targeting the physical, medical and emotional needs of refugees, including both temporary and long-term housing, social counselling, access to employment, education and learning support programs, as well as access to meals/food items.
- **NANE** – provides capacity-building for frontline staff and volunteers—notably interpreters and health staff—as well as development and circulation of information materials focusing on GBV and prevention.
- **Next Step** – supports community-building, skills development, and empowerment of refugees in Hungary.

- **Romaversitas** – strengthening access to education, information provision, stakeholder mapping, advocacy, outreach, cultural mediation, networking and tailor-made solutions for the integration of Romani refugee children through small-scale education grants to NGOs.
- **ULE Association** – provides advice and support in accessing mid-to-long term accommodation through ‘solidarity housing’ and subsidized rent, in addition to social support and employment counselling.

## Main Activities

- UNHCR observes compliance of the national legal framework with international refugee law to allow for access to all refugees, in a non-discriminatory manner, to the asylum system, temporary protections and other solutions. This is further supported through **advocacy, capacity development and strategic litigation**. UNHCR provides legal assistance (**counseling, representation, aid, information provision**) for refugees, asylum-seekers, and stateless persons while contributing to strengthen the national systems for the protection of persons with specific needs and vulnerable persons, including Victims of Trafficking.
- **Provision of information** remains key to ensuring refugees are able to access key services, make decisions, and actively participate in their service delivery. UNHCR and partners are working to ensure refugees and asylum-seekers have access to information through relevant channels allowing for feedback response mechanisms and participation to be integrated throughout the process.
- UNHCR is **identifying those with specific vulnerabilities**—including people with specific needs, those with disabilities, and unaccompanied and separated children — for referral to specialized services in Hungary. Additionally, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and protection from gender-based violence (GBV) is prioritized through inter-agency networks and PSEA mechanisms and systems.

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