

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #27

23 December 2022

Key figures

104,579 refugees currently in Romania (as of 21 December 2022)

99,986 refugees registered for temporary protection in Romania. (as of 21 December 2022)

43,129 refugees supported with multi-purpose cash assistance.

61,466 refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone

14,467 refugees supported to travel to Romania from Ukraine-Moldova border through fast-track transfers.



I never thought that I would be able to understand how electronic devices work, let alone fixing them. Now here I am, in Romania, trying to make a living doing that very thing. I will carry this skill with me while returning home.

- A single mother from Ukraine living in Bucharest with four children.

Highlights

UNHCR and partners are working closely with the refugees and host communities in Romania to sustain social cohesion and promote inclusion. On 19 December, UNHCR's partner Ateliere Fara Frontiere (AFF) organized a social event in Bucharest that brought together more than 150 refugees and people from the host community, including families with vulnerabilities. This event offered

a great opportunity for the children to celebrate the festive season. It was also a platform for the families to learn from each other about Romania and exchange information on various services. In addition to providing livelihoods counselling to more than 500 refugees, AFF is supporting the refugees from Ukraine, including single mothers, with vocational training and employment opportunities to promote self-reliance. With an aim to address the language barrier, UNHCR's partner HEKS/EPER is ensuring Romanian language course for nearly 400 refugees.

Response

To assist refugee families prepare for the harsh winter, UNHCR continues to distribute core relief items, including blankets and hygiene kits. On 20 December, UNHCR Field Office in Galați delivered such items to refugee families hosted in Nicorești, Galați. Those assisted include children, persons with disabilities, and older persons.

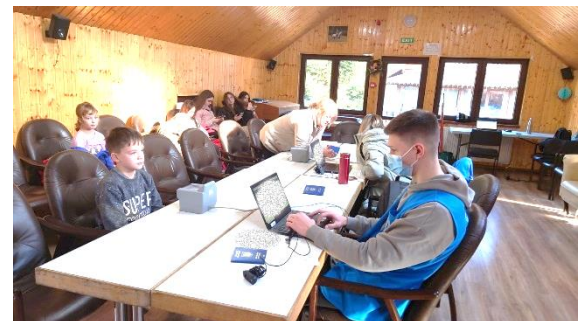
UNHCR continues to assess the needs of refugees hosted in Romania and plan the response accordingly. On 16 December, UNHCR in Galați participated in a community outreach event for elderly persons, people with disabilities, and people with chronic illnesses organized by UNHCR's partner Inimă de Copil through a project with FONSS. More than 130 refugees participated in the event enabling refugees living in reception centres and private accommodation from Brăila and Galați to meet while refugee children performed a play. Lunch was served to make participants feel at home while being away from home.

UNHCR field office in Suceava also conducted field missions to the second line of counties in northern Romania, including Bistrita-Nasad, Mures, Neamt and Bacau to meet refugee communities and organizations providing assistance to refugees. During these monitoring visits, several protection gaps and needs including support needed for winter, need for language course were identified. UNHCR in Suceava also reached out to a group of 58 Ukrainian orphans and their caregivers evacuated to Voronet, Suceava county to identify immediate needs and to register for UNHCR cash assistance.

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Refugees and host community families at the social event organized by AFF on 19 December 2022.



Refugees from Ukraine being enrolled in Suceava county for UNHCR's multipurpose cash assistance.