

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #28

6 January 2023

Key figures

106,786 refugees currently in Romania (as of 1 January 2023)

103,825 refugees registered for temporary protection in Romania. (as of 1 January 2023)

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

65,071 refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone

14,636 refugees supported to travel to Romania from Ukraine-Moldova border through fast-track transfers.



It's been 9 months since we arrived in Romania with my mother and four children. The youngest one is only two years old. I have found a job at a local factory producing car parts here in Brasov. I am also learning Romanian at the same time. We are happy here in Romania.

- A refugee woman from Ukraine hosted in Brasov.

Highlight

UNHCR continues to distribute core relief items (CRIs) to support vulnerable refugee families during winter. On 6 January 2023, UNHCR handed over more than 7,000 items, including winter clothes for children, family hygiene kits, children's dining kits, and baby diapers, etc to the CATTIA centre, a Blue Dot, run by the Municipality of Brasov. CRIs will be distributed to the refugees through the social store of the centre. In addition, UNHCR also handed over 27 computers to NGOs and schools supporting refugees from Ukraine with education activities in Maramures and Suceava county (northern Romania). In late December, UNHCR also distributed quilts, winter clothing, and household items to nearly 600 refugees, mostly women, children and elderly people hosted by Valcea county.



Handing over relief materials to the Municipality of Brasov.

Response

UNHCR continues to assess and respond to the needs of refugees living in counties near the border with Ukraine. Last week, UNHCR in Suceava visited Mures county and met with local NGOs and refugee community groups. There are some 400 Ukrainian refugees accommodated in the county. UNHCR in Bucharest travelled to Prahova county, where meetings took place with local authorities and NGOs in the area, which have accommodated a significant number of unaccompanied minors and vulnerable elderly persons. Likewise, UNHCR in Galați (near the border with Moldova and Ukraine) met with refugees, local authorities and NGOs in Constanța and conducted needs and protection assessments with 137 refugees, including 110 children. To address the needs, UNHCR, in coordination with partners and authorities is planning to deliver the required assistance, such as clothing and household items, within the upcoming months and prioritize the county for future activities.

Coordination

In coordination with partner NGOs and UN agencies implementing the 2022 Refugee Response Plan (RRP), the inter-agency platform have developed interactive dashboards for each thematic sector and published them on the [Romania Data Portal](#) – providing an overview of progress against the regional/national indicators set in the RRP. The sector dashboards are published under the respective working group headers. For instance, 17 partners of the [Protection](#) working group supported 178,000 people with legal counselling, critical information, and trainings; eleven partners in the [Basic Needs](#) working group provided housing equipment, bedding and hygiene kits and food assistance to 266,000 people; and ten [health partners](#) provided mental health and psychosocial support to 42,000 refugees, while 2,000 received medical care support.

Partnership

In 2023 UNHCR will be working with 13 partners implementing a wide range of activities throughout Romania, including protection, social inclusion and livelihoods, with particular focus on the families with vulnerabilities. Partners will support refugees from Ukraine as well as host communities in twelve counties across Romania.

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 details: <https://reporting.unhcr.org/romania-funding-2022>