Key figures

- **106,706** refugees currently in Romania (as of 16 January 2023)
- **107,686** refugees registered for temporary protection in Romania (as of 16 January 2023)
- **43,129** refugees supported with multi-purpose cash assistance
- **67,165** refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone
- **14,748** refugees supported to travel to Romania from Ukraine-Moldova border through fast-track transfers

**Highlights**

On 16 January, Ms. Tytti Tuppurainen, Finish Minister of European Affairs and Ownership Steering visited UNHCR’s integrated service hub for refugees at RomExpo, accompanied by State Secretary Ms. Daniela Gitman. During the visit, State Counsellor Ms. Madalina Turza, and UNHCR’s Representative Mr. Pablo Zapata walked her through the services extended by the government authorities, NGOs, EUAA and UN Agencies. During the visit the Finnish Minister had the opportunity to discuss the needs of and services provided to refugees from Ukraine currently hosted in Romania.

On 19 January, the embassies of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden also jointly visited RomExpo. During the joint visit, delegations had the opportunity to discuss with UNHCR and partners operating in the site and in the nearby social store run by the Municipality of Bucharest.

**Response**

In continuation of UNHCR’s winter assistance, nearly 15,000 clothes, 2,200 cooking pots and hygiene materials have been distributed at the Clothing & Relief Item Shop run by Bucharest Municipality for refugees located at RomExpo. UNHCR is preparing to hand over another batch of core relief items (CRIs) to the shop in the following week.

Similarly, this week, UNHCR and the Brasov Municipality assisted 1,450 refugees from Ukraine with CRIs. UNHCR together with the CATTIA centre distributed winter clothes, blankets, bedding, baby care items and kitchen items.

On 19 January, UNHCR participated in the local integration coordination meeting lead by the Prefecture in Constanta. During the event, UNHCR presented an overview of its response to the refugee hosted in Constanta and the challenges faced by refugees.

UNHCR continues its field missions to conduct monitoring missions and collect needs of refugees from Ukraine. UNHCR in Suceava conducted a visit to Iasi county and coordinated activities supporting refugees with national institutions working on health, education and child protection. Likewise, UNHCR in Galati recently conducted a needs assessment mission to Constanta where a large refugee population is residing.

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I fled the war in Ukraine, but my relatives are still there. As a single woman, I felt lost and didn't know where to go. Someone told me about RomExpo and that is where I learned about various types of assistance available for refugees. For example, I was able to find urgent accommodation and to register with an employment agency. I hope to start working soon and to find a possibility to bring my relatives to a safe place too.

- A refugee woman from Ukraine hosted in Bucharest.

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