ROMANIA

Weekly Update #50 **9 June 2023**

Key figures

133,975 refugees granted temporary protection in Romania.

94,160 refugees present in Romania (as of 28 May 2023).

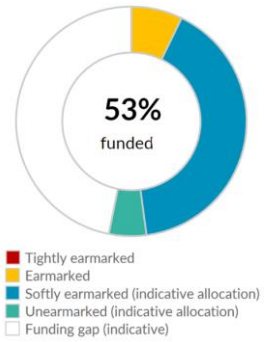
35,761 refugees supported with cash assistance in 2023. 43,129 refugees supported in 2022.

43,834 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2023. 65,000 refugees assisted in 2022.

2,648 refugees supported with livelihoods & employment services in 2023.

No matter what we hear in social media or any other sources, we come to RomExpo and verify it with UNHCR as we can trust only reliable sources.
– an elderly refugee woman from Ukraine hosted in Romania.

Funding Situation
As of 1 June 2023
$59.5 million
UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



Highlight

To foster socio-economic inclusion of refugees from Ukraine in Romania, UNHCR and partners are supporting refugees who are seeking employment or aspired to start small business initiatives. During the week, UNHCR's partner HEKS EPER held two webinars on establishing business initiatives in Romania (focused on company registration and taxation) for 61 refugees from Ukraine. So far in 2023, UNHCR and partners, assisted over 900 refugees with career counselling and employment related information, and nearly 500 have been enrolled in language courses, vocational trainings and found employment in Romania.

Refugees from Ukraine receiving language and vocational trainings provided by UNHCR and Partners.

Response

UNHCR is working with the Romanian authorities to address needs of refugees from Ukraine at the local level. Last week, UNHCR in Galați handed over furniture items to the Department of Social Assistance (DSA) to support during interviews conducted with 100 refugees and 100 host community people by DSA social workers for the area-based assessment process. In addition, UNHCR in Suceava delivered core-relief items (CRIs), such as blankets, hygiene kits, bed linens, quilts, and clothes to more 35 refugees who recently arrived at the accommodation centre in Targu Mures and Cluj-Napoca. So far in 2023, UNHCR delivered more than 125,500 CRIs to refugees from Ukraine.

UNHCR is supporting partners and refugees concerning the prevention of and response to gender-based violence (GBV). On 30 May, UNHCR conducted a GBV focused mission to Constanța and established the base for an area-specific GBV referral pathway. In this regard, UNHCR met with various partners, NGOs and the Emergency Hospital of Constanța to discuss the referral pathway for GBV cases. So far in 2023, over 327 officials of local authorities, partners and volunteers have been trained on core concept of refugee protection, including GBV as well as protection from sexual exploitation and abuse.

Coordination

The Inter-Agency Coordination platform, led by UNHCR, is conducting a sectorial programme criticality exercise with all partners implementing the 2023 Refugee Response Plan (RRP). This exercise is assessing the funding gaps of the partners and identifying the areas that requires enhanced support. The Inter-Agency platform coordinates 34 humanitarian partners, including 14 national NGOs, through six sectoral working groups, three sub-working groups, two task forces, and one network. The financial needs of the 2023 RRP for Romania amount to USD 153.6 million, of which 17 per cent was funded in the first quarter of 2023 (source).

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 2023 programmes. For more details: Romania Funding Update - 2023 | Global Focus (unhcr.org)