

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #58

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Key figures

139,875 refugees granted temporary protection in Romania.

95,639 refugees present in Romania (as of 30 July 2023).

48,718 refugees supported with cash assistance in 2023. 43,129 refugees supported in 2022.

55,532 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2023. 65,000 refugees assisted in 2022.

3,552 refugees supported with livelihoods & employment services in 2023.



My resilience and motivation comes from feeling accepted in the community and being treated with respect by the people around me.

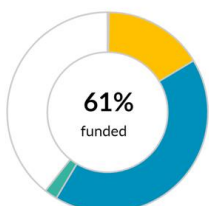
-Ivan, a 63 year old refugee from Odesa, Ukraine hosted in Romania.

Funding Situation

As of 19 July 2023

\$59.5 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



Population movements

Following the [recent attacks](#) targeting Ukrainian port facilities at Izmail that are located within a short distance from Romania (50km east from Isaccea border crossing), UNHCR and partners have intensified its protection monitoring at major border crossings with Ukraine and Moldova through its field presence in Galati, Iasi, Suceava, and Constanta. Partner CNRR has observed arrival of people fleeing the recent attacks in Odessa. Currently there are over 95,600 refugees from Ukraine in Romania. Pendular movements are ongoing with around 17,000 Ukrainians entering and exiting Romania on a daily basis.

Response

UNHCR continues to support the capacity building of national NGOs and authorities concerning child protection and gender-based violence (GBV). Over the past weeks, UNHCR conducted four trainings for authorities and NGOs working with refugees in different cities in Romania such as Suceava, Sighetu Marmatiei, Baia Mare and Satu Mare. Over 100 officials attended these sessions on child protection and prevention of gender-based violence. In addition, UNHCR carried out training on protection fundamentals for 40 NGO staff in Constanța and Galați. So far in 2023, UNHCR has provided various trainings on refugee protection to more than 600 officials from local authorities and NGOs.



Protection training sessions in Suceava, Baia Mare, Sighetu Marmatiei, and Constanta.

UNHCR continues supporting refugees access livelihood opportunities in Romania. So far in 2023, UNHCR together with partners provided different livelihood services to 3,552 refugees from Ukraine, including languages courses and vocational trainings. UNHCR and partners are also supporting refugees with legal assistance and supporting them with their entrepreneurship efforts in Romania.

UNHCR continues conducting vulnerability assessments of refugees for the new cash for protection programme. During the week, 1,103 refugee families were assessed at 5 enrolment centres in Bucharest, Suceava, Brasov, Galati and Iasi. Refugee families also received counselling and information on UNHCR's services and assistance. Since 3 July, UNHCR has assessed 5,436 refugees in 1,865 families across Romania for the new programme.

UNHCR continues its [awareness campaign](#) to foster social cohesion in Romania. Since the release on 3 July, UNHCR has reached more than 2 million people in the first four weeks through television, radio, social media, and billboards. Last week, UNHCR launched a [video on social media](#) platforms and received significant response from the audience. UNHCR is also publishing [myths and facts](#) concerning refugees from Ukraine in Romania.

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