Republic of Moldova

Operations Update
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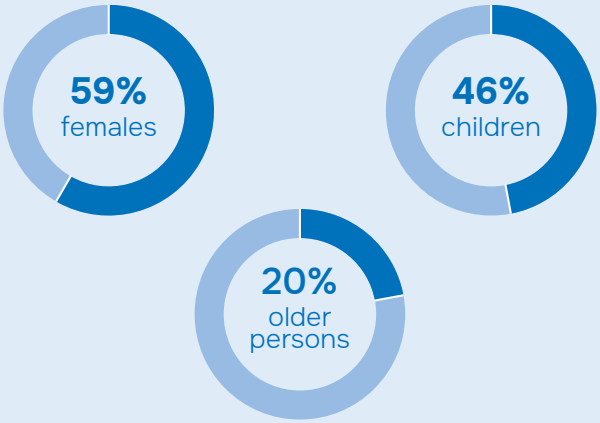
Refugee children and Moldovans participated in a summer camp organised at the Community centre 151 in Chișinău in late July. The photo was taken by the children as part of the activities.

Population figures

109,055 individual refugees from Ukraine in Moldova:



About **1.3M** arrivals since 24 February 2022.

Approximately **14.3 K** individuals granted temporary protection

167 K refugees supported with legal assistance since 24 February 2022

120,500 refugees received cash assistance since 24 February 2022 (over USD 114.8M disbursed)

2,444 refugees now hosted in 48 refugee accommodation centres supported by UNHCR and its partners

UNHCR highlights of the month

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, in co- llaboration with Refugee Coordination Forum partners, has developed a Refugee Accommodation Centre (RAC) Consolidation Strategy. Its goal is to promote the inclusion of refugees into Moldovan society and enhance self-resilience by facilitating the relocation of refugees to alternative accommodation solutions. This strategy was created after evaluating living conditions, occupancy rates, and management capacity. UNHCR and its partners provide counselling and support throughout this process, ensuring gender base violence sefeguarding.

UNHCR continues its efforts to build Child Protection capacity at local level. Several trainings have been organized within the past month at the Otaci border crossing point, in Chișinău and other locations across the country. In partnership with the National Centre for Child Abuse Prevention, UNHCR reached over 70 representatives from the Border Police, Guardianship Authority, managers of RACs and local NGOs.

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On 1 August, the Moldovan Ministry of Culture and UNHCR signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which formalizes and expands the joint efforts of the Ministry and UNHCR to work on fostering a more inclusive society.

In August, UNHCR partnered with the General Inspectorate for Migration, local authorities and Social Assistance Departments, as well as other partners, such as International Organization for Migration, Danish Refugee Centre, Catholic Relief Services, Law Centre of Advocates, the National Congress of Ukrainians in Moldova, the National Centre for Preventing Child Abuse, and Laolalta, to organized a series of 10 Temporary Protection Fairs. These events took place in Cahul, Bălți, Orhei, Căușeni, Otaci, Ungheni, Dondușeni, Comrat and Chișinău. The objective was to share information on Temporary Protection, facilitate pre-registration, and offer legal assistance. Approximately 300 refugees have participated in these events, highlighting proof of residence as one of the main challenges to register.

Temporary Protection Fair in Cahul, 12 August.

On 12 August, UNHCR partner Laolalta organized the charity fair „A backpack as a gift" at the Moldova Film Warehouse for Peace in Chișinău; the partner has been collecting donated backpacks and other supplies aiming to support refugee and Moldovan children from vulnerable families. The photo was taken in the district of Ialoveni during the donation of backpacks to children.

In the framework of Inter-Agency winterization planning, UNHCR conducted winterization surveys in 259 households through in person visits and phone calls among refugees living in Cahul, Chișinau, Gagauzian Autonomous Region, Orhei and Ștefan Vodă. UNHCR, together with IOM and NGOs are currently conducting a winterization technical assessment of community facilities preidentified by local authorities.

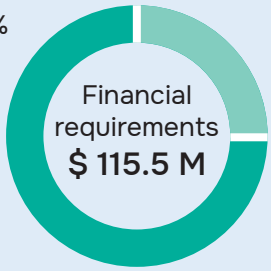
Having access to accurate and timely information is important for refugees so they can plan their next steps. The temporary protection information sessions are yet another way that UNHCR closely engages with the people that we serve and work with.

Andrew Painter, Snr Protection Officer at UNHCR in Moldova

Financial information

(September 2023)

Funded 76%
$ 87.7 M



Gap 25%
$ 27.8 M

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