

# ROMANIA

## Weekly Update #79

15 January 2024

### Key figures

**150,929 refugees** obtained temporary protection in Romania.

**84,098 refugees** present in Romania.

**59,709 refugees** supported with cash assistance in 2023.

**89,797 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2023.

**6,672 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services in 2023.

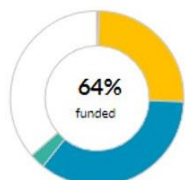
“*In Romania, I feel calm and safe. I am very grateful to Romania, all the volunteers and charitable organisations for their care and help.*”  
 Olena, a 60-year-old refugee from Kharkiv, Ukraine, hosted in Romania.

### Funding Situation

As of 15 December 2023

**\$59.5 million**

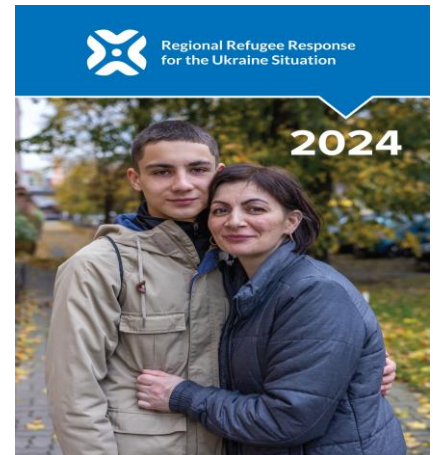
UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



■ Tightly earmarked  
■ Earmarked  
■ Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)  
■ Unearmarked (indicative allocation)  
 Funding gap (indicative)

### Highlights

On 15 January 2024, Mr. Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator of UNOCHA, and Mr. Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), jointly presented the Ukraine Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan alongside the Regional Refugee Response Plan for Ukraine in 2024 (RRP) at the Palais de Nations in Geneva. The event featured insightful remarks from Ms. Denise Brown, UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Ukraine, a representative of the Government of Ukraine, and various NGO representatives. Ms. Anna Shutiaeva, a Ukrainian refugee residing in Romania, participated in the meeting and shared her compelling testimony. In 2024, 37 appealing partners submitted their financial needs reaching US\$117 M for activities in Romania that target some 110,000 refugees from Ukraine estimated to be in the country. The strategic objectives for the response in Romania will be: i) refugees have effective access to legal status, protection, and rights; ii) refugees with specific needs and vulnerabilities have access to targeted support and assistance; iii) refugees' socio-economic inclusion in their host communities is strengthened and their self-reliance increased; and iv) enhancing social cohesion between refugee and host communities.



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### Response

In early January, the Inter-Agency Coordination team held meetings with sector co-leads and local coordinators from 37 partners implementing the RRP 2024 in Romania. The discussions aimed at informing the overall response strategy and strengthening the coordination architecture. Additionally, efforts will persist in establishing local coordination networks such as the one in Suceava, Timisoara, Cluj, Maramures, Constanta, Galati, and Satu Mare.

UNHCR, in coordination with authorities and partners, is supporting the social protection inclusion of refugees from Ukraine. This week, UNHCR supported the National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities producing a guidance note laying out the various steps and requirements to be followed Ukrainian Temporary Protection holders to obtain the disability certificate in Romania.

UNHCR, in coordination with partners and the National Employment Agency (ANOFM), will deliver language courses for working-aged TP beneficiaries with an estimated delivery of 2,000 modules. The selection of refugees will be coordinated with partners to identify the most suitable candidates actively seeking first available employment.

In 2023, a total of 1,200 officials from local authorities, partners, and volunteers underwent training on fundamental concepts of refugee protection, encompassing areas such as child protection, prevention of and response to gender-based violence, PSEA, and more. In late December 2023, UNHCR organized an introductory online training on Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) for 16 UNHCR partner staff and newly recruited UNHCR staff. The discussions during the training centered around the principles and modalities of AAP, aiming to better integrate them into programming efforts for 2024.

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