ROMANIA

Weekly Update #87 **11 March 2024**

Key figures

155,301 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania.

77,249 refugees present in Romania.

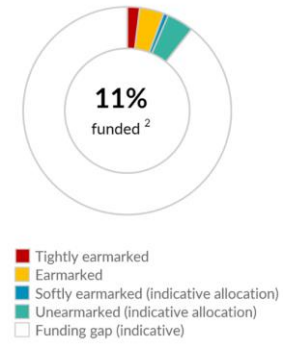
2,663 refugees enrolled in the winter cash assistance programme in 2024.

Over 100,000 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2023.

7,588 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2023.

From the first days of my stay I was surrounded by care, wonderful people, kind, sympathetic, understanding, helping in solving all problems.
–Viktoria (59 years old), a refugee from Ukraine, hosted in Romania.

Funding Situation
As of 31 January 2024
$54.3 million
UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



Highlight

Various events organized by UNHCR and partners to commemorate the International Women's Day 2024.

During the week, to commemorate the International Women's Day, UNHCR and partners organized a series of events across Romania. On 8 March, UNHCR, together with Sensiblu, ROUA Hub, World Vision Romania, and Bucovina Institute, organized a community-based event with over 55 mothers and children in Suceava. During the event, children joyfully crafted gifts for their mothers, while the women took part in an empowering workshop facilitated by Sensiblu. In Constanta, UNHCR joined the commemoration of the International Woman's Day organized by Sensiblu. During the event, refugee women and adolescents received information related to women's rights and gender-based violence prevention. In Galati, UNHCR also organized an event with refugee women engaged in empowering activities, delving into discussions about women's historical contributions and roles in the contemporary world. The event featured activities fostering women's empowerment, encouraging meaningful conversations, and fostering solidarity within the community. Refugee women actively participated in an art therapy session, emphasizing group painting.

Coordination

To support data-driven coordination, the Inter-Agency Coordination platform, led by UNHCR, published the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2024 sector dashboards on the operational data portal. The on-line tool will not only offer a tracking mechanism against RRP indicators but also serve as a tool for informed decision making. The data is disaggregated by age, gender and location that helps identifying the gaps. The Inter-Agency Coordination platform coordinates the refugee response implemented by 37 partners (24 national NGOs, seven INGOs and six UN Agencies) within the Refugee Response Plan (RRP). The 2024 RRP is seeking US$ 117 million for activities in Romania.

Response

UNHCR works jointly with partners to promote socio-economic inclusion of refugees from Ukraine hosted in Romania. On 7 March, UNHCR organized a workshop in Constanta on “Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion of refugees” with over 40 individuals present including representatives from the Prefecture, the local Employment Agency (AJOFM), World Vision, and the HORECA Employers' Union along with other NGOs and representatives of the refugee community.

UNHCR provides refugees with core relief items (CRIs) to address their basic needs. Last week, UNHCR in collaboration with partners in Galati distributed nearly 250 CRIs to 75 refugees, largely women and children. The CRIs includes clothes, blankets, and hygiene kits.

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 and 2024 programmes. For more details: Romania Funding Update - 2024 | Global Focus (unhcr.org)