

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #92

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Key figures

158,407 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania.

75,763 refugees present in Romania (as of 7 April 2024).

4,482 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

Over 7,273 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024

1,761 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



Your generosity has changed and continue to change our destiny.

-Angelica (21 years old), a refugee from Ukraine, hosted in Romania.

Funding Situation

As of 31 March 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



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

Highlights

On 12 April, UNHCR participated in a consultation organized by the State Counsellor in the Chancellery of the Prime Minister with representatives from the Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity and UN agencies. The participants discussed the potential steps towards ensuring access for the Temporary Protection permit holder Ukrainians to a range of social benefits that are accessible to Romanian citizens and legally resident foreigners. Similar consultations are ongoing with the General Inspectorate for Immigration. UNHCR has engaged with authorities on access to social benefits for Ukrainian refugees providing technical advice and support.

On 11 and 12 April, UNHCR organized a two-days' workshop in Bucharest for 25 staff of UNHCR and partner Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR) that are collecting data about refugees and asylum-seekers in Romania. The workshop aimed at enchainning UNHCR's Protection Monitoring tools for tracking mixed movements in Western Balkans and movements of refugees from Ukraine. So far in 2024, UNHCR has facilitated protection related trainings for nearly 200 individuals, including authorities and humanitarian partners.

Response

UNHCR together with World Vision organized an information session for refugees from Ukraine (mostly women) looking for employment in Suceava (northern Romania) and briefed them about the [Jobs for Ukraine vacancy-listing platform](#), operated by Project Voyager, as well as establishing individual workplans to identify and map out professional goals. So far in 2024, UNHCR and partners have provided 1,761 refugees from Ukraine with different livelihood services, including counselling and bridging with potential employers.

UNHCR, through International House as expert service provider, will support 2,000 refugees from Ukraine with Romanian language courses to enhance their employability in Romania. UNHCR aims to provide this support to refugees who are seeking employment in Romania. UNHCR and its partners Project Voyager and World Vision have started enrolling refugees across six locations (Bucharest, Brasov, Constanta, Cluj, Iasi and Suceava).

UNHCR continues enrolling vulnerable refugees for the cash assistance programme for refugees with specific needs across Romania. Last week, UNHCR has enrolled 802 refugees, reaching 1,473 refugees enrolled for this programme. So far in 2024, UNHCR has enrolled nearly 4,500 refugees for cash assistance.

During 5-14 April, One World Romania, with support from UNHCR, organized the 17th edition of the International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival that presents migration and refugees experiences to a wider audience. On 12 April, UNHCR engaged in the post-screening debate following the film Photophobia, a documentary about life in a subway shelter in Kiev during the war. Over 250 participants engaged in the discussion, part of a dedicated programme for young audience, and learned more about refugees, the current situation in Ukraine and how does a society welcoming refugees looks like.



Films and speakers at the 17th edition of the One World Film Festival.

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 \(unhcr.org\)](#)