

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #116

30 September 2024

Key figures

162,045 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania (as of 30 June).

16,407 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

19,986 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

7,443 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



I appreciate the opportunities that Romania has given us since 2022. It was very encouraging for me to have time to heal, start over, adapt, and build a prospective life in Romania. In a situation of uncertainty, it helped ensure my well-being.

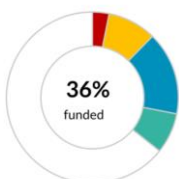
- *Oleksiy, a refugee from Ukraine hosted in Bucharest, Romania.*

Funding Situation

As of 31 August 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



Highlight

On 19 September, H.E. Ms. Kathleen Kavalec, the U.S. Ambassador to Romania, visited the AIDRom Multifunctional Centre supported by UNHCR in Timisoara as part of the Ukraine refugee response. The UNHCR team present in Timisoara facilitated the visit. During the visit, Ambassador Kavalec observed the weekly elderly support group session on the use of digital tools conducted by partner AIDRom, an interactive activity organized for children and the distribution of social vouchers to vulnerable people, and interacted with refugees present in the Centre.



U.S. Ambassador H.E. Ms. Kathleen Kavalec, in Timisoara, Romania on 19 September.

Response

On 27 September, a refugee accommodation facility (in containers) in Bucharest was fully damaged by a fire incident affecting 26 refugees (including 12 children) from Ukraine. The refugees are temporarily hosted at the UBC 22 Centre, managed by the NGO "United Beyond Cause". UNHCR team, in coordination with authorities, has conducted a rapid assessment to identify needs and offered to deliver core relief items, including clothes, hygiene kits and bed linen sets. A mid-term solution is being sought in coordination with the authorities and partners managing other accommodation facilities.

On 24 September, UNHCR organized an awareness session on child allowance with 25 refugees at the Galati Service Hub, in collaboration with the Directorate of Social Assistance of the municipality of Galati and the County Agency for Payments and Social Inspection of Galati. The authorities present at the session clarified the procedures and practices. The session was highly interactive, addressing key questions of the participants. The participation of CNRR and Inima de Copii also aimed at ensuring further dissemination within the refugee community.

On 26 September, UNHCR's partner Sensiblu Foundation organized a collaborative roundtable with local authorities in Valcea (south-east Romania) to enhance the prevention of and response to gender-based violence (GBV) for refugees from Ukraine. The event brought together 13 stakeholders, including representatives from the refugee community, law enforcement agencies, public social services, educational services, as well as medical and forensic services.

Coordination

On 27 September, the Inter-Agency Coordination Unit held a working session with sector working group leads (32 participants from 10 organisations representing 13 sectors) to discuss and refine the preliminary data of the UNHCR's Socio-Economic Insights Survey (SEIS) 2024. Three Refugee Response Plan (RRP) partners, namely the Romanian Centre for Comparative Migration Studies (CSCM), the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR), and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), were involved in the data collection, surveying a total of 1,008 households and analysis. The final SEIS report will be published by UNHCR at the end of October 2024 to inform the development of the 2025-2026 RRP.

UNHCR is grateful to the donors for 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](#).