

# ROMANIA

Weekly Update #117

7 October 2024

## Key figures

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

**16,314 refugees** enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

**20,360 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

**7,532 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



*I appreciate the humanitarian support provided by UNHCR. The relief items partially covered the basic needs. Also thank you for helping with the procedure to reissue new temporary protection documents for all who were affected in a fire last week.*

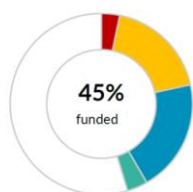
- *Iryna, a refugee from Ukraine hosted in Bucharest, affected by the fire incident.*

## Funding Situation

As of 30 September 2024

**\$54.3 million**

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



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

## Response

On 4 October, UNHCR organized a workshop on the challenges faced by refugees in accessing social services in Timisoara. 13 Representatives from the Directorate for Social Assistance (DAS), NGOs (CNRR, LOGS, Save the Children) and refugee-led organizations (RLO) across the counties of Timis and Arad participated in the workshop. Participants engaged in thematic group work, leading to fruitful discussions on matters such as access to education, employment and social benefits. At the end of the workshop, the representatives of DAS, NGOs, RLO established a network for referrals and information sharing.



Workshop with participants from DAS, NGOs and RLOs held in Timisoara on 4 October 2024.

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## Coordination

On 3 October, the Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Working Group met with 25 participants in Bucharest. The preliminary results of the UNHCR's Socio-Economic Insights Survey (SEIS) exercise were presented during the meeting, followed by group discussions on further directions for the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) Strategy 2025-2026. Representatives from different organisations such as World Vision, Project Voyager, NESST, KATYA Center, Youth Foundation, HEKS EPER and others presented their priorities in terms of socio-economic inclusion of refugees. The draft strategy will be shared, and government counterparts will be consulted on it as well.

On 4 October, UNICEF and UNHCR, in their capacity as co-chairs of the Child Protection Sub-Working Group, organized a meeting to set sectoral priorities for the Refugee Response Plan for the next two years (2025-2026). Members included representatives from organizations like Save the Children, Terre des Hommes, World Vision and JRS Romania. The discussion focused on key areas such as services for refugee children, capacity building, and emergency preparedness. The group aims to prioritize enhancing access to services, continuing MHPSS activities, improving child participation, and strengthening coordination efforts, together with capacity-building efforts. A strong focus is placed on providing inclusive support for both Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian refugees, particularly in areas of integration and protection.

*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](#).*