

ROMANIA

Weekly Update **#118**

18 October 2024

Key figures

162,180 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania (as of 31 July 2024).

16,314 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

20,658 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

7,625 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



After more than two years in Romania as refugees, our family has started integrating our children's education in Romania. Education is playing a vital role in their social integration.

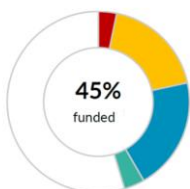
- Olena, a refugee mother from Ukraine hosted in Constanta, Romania.

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)

Highlight

On 10 October, UNHCR Representative, Pablo Zapata held a conference at the West University of Timisoara, participated by over 70 students from various faculties, including law, literature and social sciences. Mr. Zapata focused on the refugee situation in Romania, stemming from issues of interest identified by the students, which was followed by a specific discussion with a smaller group on misinformation and disinformation in refugee contexts. In addition, UNHCR, in partnership with West University, compiled a pool of dedicated volunteers to help forcibly displaced persons in Timisoara.



10 October - Workshop at the West University of Timisoara.

Response

On 11 October, UNHCR partners World Vision, Project Voiajor, CNRR and AIDROM worked closely with the County Employment Agency (ANOFM) in their annual Job Fair for Graduates that took place countrywide. In the counties where there are large communities of refugees (Bucharest, Ilfov, Brasov, Constanta, Suceava, Iasi, Cluj, Valcea, Galati and Timisoara), the partners accompanied around 120 interested refugees at the employers' desks and supported with interpretation, and networking.

On 9 October, UNHCR organized an information-sharing session with more than 50 refugees from Ukraine living in Constanta, Romania. The session was focused on the implementation of the Emergency Ordinance (EO) no. 96/2024. During the session, detailed modalities and procedures for granting assistance were explained by the representatives from the Prefecture, Social Assistance Authority (DGAS) social assistance and Child Protection Authority (DGASPC), School Inspectorate and Employment Authority (AJOFM). Refugee leaders and partners (CNRR, World Vision, CRC and Sensiblu organizations) also participated and committed to ensure further dissemination of the information. Different types of social benefits for newly arrived and long-term refugees were also discussed in detail in the following areas: school benefits, child allowance, support for new arrivals, accommodation, minimum inclusion income, social benefits for people with disabilities, elderly aged 65+, issues of employment and unemployment benefits. A similar session was also organized with 20 Ukrainian refugees residing in Navodari.

As of 11 October, 2,541 refugees from Ukraine have registered for UNHCR-supported language classes geared towards livelihoods and self-reliance with International House, out of which 1,369 people are currently attending the course and 316 have completed at least one module of 60 hours. The courses offer both regular and intensive options, ranging from 4 to 2 months, both online and in person, in Bucharest, Brasov, Constanta, Suceava and Sibiu. Gaining local language skills helps refugees with integration, and most refugees still see it as a continuous need for their socio-economic inclusion.

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](#).