

ROMANIA

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Key figures

179,822 refugees obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of February 2025).

18,088 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024 and 2025.

29,227 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2024 and 2025.

10,570 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2024 and 2025.

“ We’re settled here in Romania, though living in another country still feels strange. I’m grateful for the kindness and support of the Romanian people” – *Alina, a 44-year refugee woman from Ukraine, hosted in Constanta, Romania.*

Funding Situation

As of 28 February 2025

\$39.0 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2025



■ Tightly earmarked
■ Earmarked
■ Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
■ Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
□ Funding gap (indicative)

Highlights

On 7 March, UNHCR Romania received a generous contribution of US\$ 450,000 from the Government of Japan to support the socio-economic inclusion of refugees from Ukraine. This [funding](#) will enable personalized job coaching, counselling, and employment programmes, helping refugees achieve self-reliance and economic independence. It will also offer opportunities for refugees to learn how to start a business and participate in a competition for grants to turn their business plans into reality in Romania.

On 8 March, as part of International Women’s Day commemoration, UNHCR Romania issued a [web-story](#) of a Ukrainian painter that is using her knowledge and skills to address trauma and anxiety of women and children in Constanta. Through inspiring stories such as the one of Oleksandra, UNHCR wants to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and psychosocial support for refugees from Ukraine in Romania.

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On International Women’s Day, various events across Romania celebrated the strength, resilience, and empowerment of refugee women. In Constanta, 39 participants attended an event hosted by UNHCR and Sensiblu, where women from Ukraine and Romania shared experiences on leadership and empowerment, marking the conclusion of Women Empowerment Week with activities like film screenings and health awareness. At the Emergency Transit Centre in Timisoara, 12 refugees from Niger, Yemen, and Syria participated in talks on womanhood, digital skills training, and research on female role models boosting their confidence and sense of resilience. At the AIDRom Multifunctional Centre in Timisoara, some 20 women gathered to cook, shared stories and connected, while a support group of Ukrainian women created festive art and discussed emotional resilience, fostering a sense of community and support. In Suceava, local associations and refugee-led organizations gathered 39 women from the Ukrainian community, celebrating with inspirational games, sweets, and flowers. These events provided vital skills, emotional support, and a renewed sense of belonging, demonstrating the power of community and shared strength.



Refugees from Ukraine gathered at the AIDRom Multifunctional Centre to celebrate International Women’s Day.



Gathering on the occasion on International Women’s Day, 6 March, Suceava.

Since the beginning of 2025, UNHCR together with partners have distributed 21,649 core-relief items (CRIs) to 5,700 refugees and host community members in Romania, including hygiene kits, blankets, mattresses, and clothing. The assistance has met immediate needs, improved living conditions, reduced stress and eased financial burdens. UNHCR's Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) programme found that CRIs support effectively addressed urgent needs, reduced daily pressures, and eased financial burdens. This allowed families to allocate resources to other critical needs, promoting long-term resilience, self-reliance, and improved well-being. Expanding the CRIs distribution to Romanian host communities in need, further aims to foster cohesion.

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 2025 programmes. For more details: [Romania Funding Update – 2025](#).