

# ROMANIA

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## Key figures

**182,347 refugees** obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end February 2025).

**1,198 refugees** enrolled for cash assistance in 2025; 17,419 in 2024.

**4,216 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

**1,864 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

“Arriving in Romania with my two children, including one with a disability, has been tough, but the legal support, including with obtaining a disability certificate eased our fears about the future.”  
*Marina, 44-year-old refugee woman, mother of two, residing 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)

## Highlight

On 1 April, UNHCR together with the State Counsellor of the Prime Minister's Office, Ms. Alina Cimpoieru, Department of Emergency Situation (DSU), General Directorate for Social Assistance of Bucharest (DGASMB) and Federation of Non-governmental Organizations for Social Services (FONSS) met with the Mayor of Iasi at the Nicolina Centre to discuss sustainable accommodation solutions for refugees from Ukraine. Currently, 20 refugees from Ukraine are residing at the centre, receiving essential services such as healthcare, shelter and a safe environment to rebuild their lives. UNHCR and partners acknowledge the valuable contribution of Municipality of Iasi since 2022 in keeping the centre open, which has been vital for providing stability and support to refugees from Ukraine in and around the city. The centre is also a positive result of the strong cooperation between UNHCR, NGOs with national and local authorities.



State Counsellor, DSU, DGASMB, UNHCR and FONSS at Nicolina Centre, Iasi. 1 April 2025.

## Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 3 April, UNHCR held a meeting on statelessness in Romania, bringing together key authorities and civil society organisations. The meeting, attended by 19 participants from different entities including the General Inspectorate for Immigration (GII), the National Citizenship Authority, the Superior Council of Magistracy, the General Directorate for Persons' Registry, JRS, and Romanian National Council for Refugee (CNRR) focused on the feasibility of adopting a statelessness determination procedure, inspired by practices in other European countries. The discussions emphasized the need to identify and register stateless individuals, paving the way for improved recognition and protection of stateless refugees in Romania. This marks a significant step in ensuring better legal safeguards for vulnerable stateless persons.

On 3 April, UNHCR facilitated an art therapy session at the Dr. Max Foundation in Bucharest for refugee women from Ukraine. The workshop, which explored the shared patterns in Ukrainian and Romanian folk painting, helped participants reflect on cultural connections and potential steps for better integration. This session empowered refugee women, fostering a sense of determination and hope for their future while providing them with a valuable tool for emotional well-being.

On 3 April, UNHCR launched a Women's Social Club in Galați, initially bringing together women, with plans to include both refugees from Ukraine and members of the host community. The club provides a safe space for women to share experiences, offer support and foster integration. Participants valued the focus on personal well-being and expressed interest in future sessions on sports, art, nature walks and health information. This initiative is set to strengthen community bonds and significantly support the integration of refugee women, offering them vital opportunities for connection, empowerment and access to services.

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](#).