

ROMANIA

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Key figures

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

2,262 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2025; 17,419 in 2024.

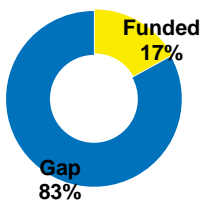
4,505 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

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

“ I'm deeply grateful to UNHCR—your support gives us hope, strength, and the courage to face a new life in a foreign land.” *Olga, mother of two daughters, residing in Constanta, Romania*

Funding Situation As of 31 March 2025

\$39.0 million
UNHCR's funding requirements 2025



Highlight

In 2025, a significant reduction in UNHCR Romania's budget due to a global funding shortfall is resulting in the reevaluation of UNHCR's capacity to continue supporting critical services for refugees from Ukraine. UNHCR is working with partners to minimize the impact on the most vulnerable refugees, acknowledging that there will be an unavoidable reduction in some important areas of work, both thematic and geographical. There are also ongoing consultations with the government on this matter, as well as with UNHCR's main donors for Romania. Additionally, at the level of the 2025-2026 Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 29 partners are reporting delaying, reducing or halting activities—further limiting refugees' access to essential services affecting mostly vulnerable individuals in even more precarious conditions.

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 10 April, UNHCR Representative met with Mr. Adrian Voican, President of the National Authority for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (ANPDPD), to strengthen support for refugees with disabilities in Romania. The meeting highlighted the need to improve access to essential services to refugees with specific needs. During the meeting, ANPDPD confirmed its interest in working with the National Authority for the Protection of Children's Rights and Adoption to standardise the disability certification. In addition, it was agreed to conduct information sessions for refugees with specific needs and produce accessible materials to be disseminated through associations and NGOs.

On 10 April, UNHCR convened the first meeting of a new task force on the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, under the Protection Working Group. Comprising eleven organizations, the group was formed to ensure civil society consultation on the Pact's implementation in Romania. The Pact is a new EU policy framework aimed at reforming asylum and migration management, including faster border procedures and shared responsibility among member states. The task force aims to ensure coordination, information-sharing, and strong advocacy to protect the rights of refugees and asylum-seekers affected by the EU Pact. Key concerns include the design of new border procedures, proper identification and support for individuals with specific needs—such as unaccompanied children—family tracing, and age assessment processes. Members of the task force agreed to develop joint advocacy messages and engage authorities, ensuring refugee protection remains central to Romania's response to the EU Pact.

On 11 April, UNHCR took part in an information session on documentation for refugees from Ukraine, organised by the Civic Resource Centre facilitated by the Constanța General Inspectorate for Immigration Service with support of UNHCR's partner the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR). With around 140 participants, the session was held in two parts to ensure everyone received clear, accessible guidance on applying for long-term residence permits. For refugees facing uncertainty, this timely support provided critical information that helps them take concrete



Information session on documentation, Constanta, April 2025.

steps toward integration and

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](#).