

## ROMANIA

### Weekly Update #160

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#### Key figures

**188,188 refugees** obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end June 2025).

**2,275 refugees** enrolled for cash assistance in 2025; 17,419 in 2024.

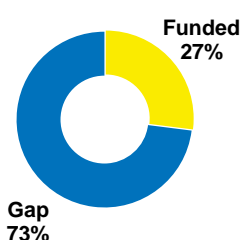
**8,617 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

**4,824 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

“ I am grateful to UNHCR for providing a space where I can support Ukrainian culture and values within our local community in Constanța. This helps us preserve our traditions, stay connected, and maintain a strong sense of identity far from home. It is a meaningful way to strengthen community bonds and share what is important to us.” *Anastasia, a 38-year-old refugee musician from Odesa, living in Constanța, Romania.*

#### UNHCR Romania Funding Situation As of 31 July 2025

**\$39.0 million**  
UNHCR's funding requirements 2025



#### Highlights

The KATYA Centre in Brașov (central Romania), managed by the Metropolitan Agency for Durable Development – Brașov (AMDDBV) with support from UNHCR, offers a wide range of protection and integration services to 50-80 refugees from Ukraine each day. UNHCR partner World Vision Romania provides integration counselling and economic inclusion activities and IOM Romania delivers Romanian language classes for adults. AMDDBV also provides counselling on access to government social benefits and accompaniment support.

UNHCR's Refugee-led Innovation Fund is currently accepting applications from organizations led by forcibly displaced and stateless people. With humanitarian funding dwindling and needs ever growing, championing communities to shape their own futures is more essential than ever. In addition to multiyear funding of up to US\$ 45,000, selected organizations receive holistic support from UNHCR's Innovation Service that emphasizes learning to boost their capacity and sustainability. Eligible organizations can apply via the [Fund webpage](#) until 22 August 2025.

#### Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 13 August, UNHCR held an online information session on the rights and support for Ukrainian refugees with disabilities in Romania, attended by 19 Ukrainian refugees from across the country. The session provided advice on accessing social benefits, including navigating the disability certification process in Romania. Participants shared their experiences, exchanging useful information, and offered tips on overcoming bureaucratic and practical obstacles based on their personal experiences. UNHCR is committed to expanding access to reliable information and creating inclusive spaces where refugees can connect, learn, and support one another in rebuilding their lives.

From 11 to 15 August, UNHCR collaborated with local authorities and civil society in Bucharest to provide essential relief items (CRIs), such as hygiene supplies and bedding, to the most vulnerable refugees to help meet their basic needs. At UNHCR's RomExpo Community Centre, the General Directorate of Social Assistance of Bucharest Municipality (DGASMB) assisted 318 refugees and vulnerable members of the host community with CRIs. By ensuring access to basic essentials, these distributions help uphold dignity and strengthen resilience among those most at risk. Since the beginning of 2025, UNHCR has supported 39,160 people with 115,298 CRIs.

UNHCR in Timișoara together with AIDRom held a farewell gathering at the Emergency Transit Centre (ETC) to mark the upcoming resettlement of 15 Sudanese refugees to Norway. The event offered an opportunity to strengthen community bonds, support emotional well-being, and create space for reflection, contributing positively to the morale of the refugee community at the centre, providing a sense of closure for those departing, and reinforcing solidarity among those who remain. So far in 2025, the ETC provided assistance to 206 refugees and has helped more than 4,372 refugees since opening in 2008.

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](#)



Refugee children from Ukraine attend a creative workshop at the UNHCR-supported KATYA Centre in Brașov.



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