

Romania

1 – 15 June 2022

As over 1.2 million refugees from Ukraine have entered Romania, hosting over 80,000 of them, UNHCR continues supporting the national response along with civil society and other UN and international organizations. Through its three Field Offices and Country Office in Bucharest, the UNHCR team continues to respond to the emergency as well as the medium and longer term needs, both at borders and in areas where refugees are settling, in coordination with national and local authorities.

KEY FIGURES*

1,202,182

Ukrainian refugees arrived in Romania as of 15 June

1,112,800

Ukrainian refugees departed Romania as of 15 June

83,389

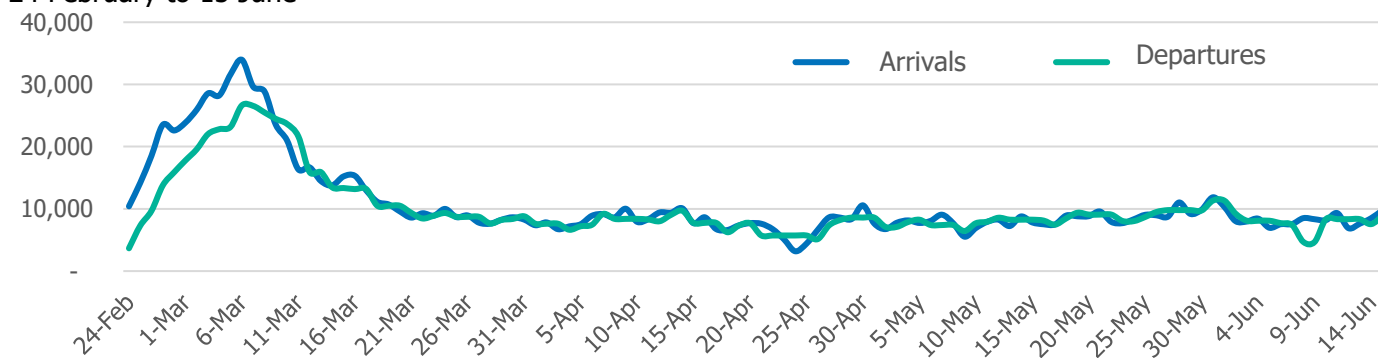
Ukrainian refugees remain in Romania as of 15 June



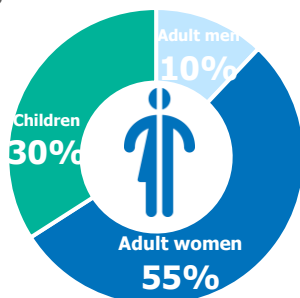
On 7 June 2022, a child coloring a color book while her parents get registered for UNHCR cash assistance in Romexpo, Bucharest, Romania. © UNHCR/Gabriela Leu.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

24 February to 15 June



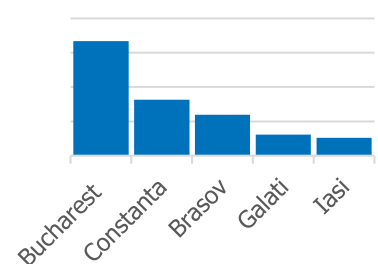
Age and Gender



37,832

registered for temporary protection

Top 5 counties hosting refugees



Key developments

- On 2 June, the Government discussed the first reading of the [Emergency Ordinance on the implementation of the National Plan of Measures for the Protection and Inclusion of Displaced Persons from Ukraine](#), Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection in Romania, as well as for the modification and completion of some normative acts Plan to address the medium and long-term needs of Ukrainian refugees in Romania. UNHCR has supported the National Action Plan process as complementary to the Refugee Response Plan (RRP), including by feeding into draft versions and coordinating inter-agency working group inputs, and advocated for its approval. At a press briefing following the Government's deliberation, State Counsellor Turza presented the National Action Plan. UNHCR, on behalf of all RRP partners, highlighted the synergies between the RRP and National Action Plan, which upon its approval will become the blueprint for common action.
- The [UNHCR cash assistance enrolment centre at RomExpo, facilitated by AIDRom, hosts partners providing vital services to refugees](#). Issuance of temporary protection documentation is undertaken by the General Inspectorate for Immigration (GII) supported by the European Union Asylum Agency (EUAA) with provision of information, IOM provides information on accommodation and transportation and anti-trafficking, and the Romanian Council for Refugees (CNRR) offers counselling and legal guidance to refugees. More services will be added in the coming weeks. This site complements the existing Bucharest Municipality's free supermarket (supported by UNHCR) for refugees. On 8-9 June, UNHCR organized two visits to Bucharest for a group of donors, coordinated by Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), and a delegation of three Senators from France to the cash enrolment site at RomExpo, which is becoming a one-stop-shop for key services for refugees.
- On 10 June, [UNHCR supported a job fair organised by Romanian NGO "Zi de Bine" with 150 Ukrainian job seekers and nine companies](#). The online platform, Jobs4Ukr.com, now has more than 4,000 registered Ukrainian job seekers and almost 2,000 employers, which has led to the employment of several hundred refugees in Romania. To ensure access to legal information, the National Union of Romanian Bar Associations (UNBR) published a list of pro bono lawyers providing legal support to refugees and agencies involved in the response alike.
- [UNHCR conducted a monitoring mission to Constanta from 10 to 14 June](#). As Constanta ranks as the third county in Romania hosting refugees from Ukraine, a UNHCR Multi-functional Team scaled up data collection in this region through Protection Profiling, Site Monitoring and Focus Group Discussions. UNHCR team also met with representatives of the civil society, spoke with the site managers of collective accommodation centres and visited the one-stop-shop, set in place at Constanta Expo Pavilion, in order to get a better understanding of the services provided in the county and the emerging needs and gaps. The findings of the monitoring mission will be presented to the relevant working groups within the [Refugee Coordination Structure](#).

UNHCR Response

At the border

- Between 1-15 June, the [population of concern to UNHCR remained stable](#) at 84,000-90,000 people, with some [124,000 Ukrainian refugees arriving](#) in Romania. "Pendular" movements continue being observed.
- [Permanent presence at the border is being reinforced](#) by UNHCR and partner staff. Seven additional UNHCR staff have been deployed to Galati, Iasi and Suceava. UNHCR's presence covers the four main border crossing points between Romania and Ukraine

(Halmeu, Sighet, Siret and Isaccea), and two border points between Romania and Moldova (Albita and Sculeni).

- [Provision of information](#) on temporary protection, immediate referral to assistance providers according to needs as well as psychological and legal assistance.
- [10 Blue Dots, including seven 'Light Blue' Dots are operational](#), in partnership with UNICEF, the Child Protection Authority and NGOs (see also below).
- [Initial identification and referral to Governmental services](#) of vulnerable populations, including unaccompanied and separated children.

Protection

- Between 5-8 June, UNHCR carried out [comprehensive protection training sessions](#) in Iasi and Vaslui covering refugee protection, child protection, gender-based violence, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, and accountability to affected people for [over 140 Government officials, humanitarian workers and volunteers](#). IOM was invited to conduct a session on anti-trafficking. [Awareness-raising sessions](#) were also conducted by UNHCR for some [40 refugees](#).
- Between 1-15 June, [Over 3,300 people received counselling](#) from UNHCR and partner staff working at the eight border crossing points, reaching [over 21,600 people](#), as of 15 June. Information requested largely focuses on legal status, notably temporary protection, cash assistance, transportation to other EU countries, long-term accommodation and food, employment, education, and access to medical services.
- UNHCR continues to train partner staff who is implementing the comprehensive Regional Protection Monitoring System (RPMS) that addresses core protection principles, including accountability to affected people, gender-based violence and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA). To date, UNHCR and partner the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR) have recorded [80 RPMS responses](#), and UNHCR, REACH and CNRR have recorded [more than 400 Protection Profiling questionnaires](#). Moreover, in order to better understand the profiles and intentions of refugees from Ukraine, UNHCR has conducted two Focus Group Discussions with refugees in Constanta, that will add in qualitative input to the first Intentions and Profiles Report, based on the above mentioned data collection exercises, that will be published in the second part of June.
- A dedicated [email address](#) has been launched [to receive confidential complaints and feedback](#), including on PSEA. It has been integrated into PSEA messaging and piloted during UNHCR's mission to Iasi and Vaslui.
- [UNHCR and IOM](#) continue to [jointly support the authorities of Romania and Moldova by facilitating fast-track transfers](#) from Palanca border crossing point with Ukraine, in Moldova, to Huși, Romania. During the reporting period, [160 people](#) have been transported to Romania through this mechanism, reaching [around 11,150 people](#) as of 15 June. UNHCR partner ACTED also provides transportation for people from border crossing points to other locations in Moldova and Romania.
- UNHCR, UNICEF, the Child Protection Authority and NGOs, continue to strengthen the number of Blue Dots and strengthen the services provided with partners. There are currently [four Blue Dots](#) in Brasov, Husi, Sighet and Siret, and [seven Light Blue Dots](#) in Albita, Bucharest, Isaccea and Iasi. An additional Blue Dot is planned in RomExpo to complement cash assistance, temporary protection issuance and health care services that are being provided by UNHCR, Governmental and regional partners, and sister UN Agencies. Light Blue Dots are planned for Constanta, Galati, Sculeni and Suceava.
- The [UNHCR Romania Help page](#) has been [visited over 50,000 times](#). Furthermore, UNHCR Romania has helped create and is consistently updating the national information platform available at [www.dopomoha.ro](#). The platform is run in collaboration with the Romanian authorities, IOM and national NGOs and provides a space for reliable

information on legal status, rights, and access to services. UNHCR and partner CNRR are also [distributing information leaflets at border crossing points](#).

- UNHCR and partners continue to operate three [24/7 emergency phone lines](#), responding to calls for information and support. Over 300 calls continue to be received and addressed per day.
- On 2 June, UNHCR hosted the [second coordination meeting with the GII, EUAA and IOM](#) aiming to strengthen coordination and partnership at national level. The discussion focused on strengthening information provision, communication with communities, raising awareness on temporary protection registration, joint capacity-building of various actors and expanding cooperation.

Multipurpose Cash Assistance

- New cash assistance enrolment centres are now operational in Galati and Iasi. Currently there are four (Brasov, Bucharest, Galati and Iasi) cash enrolment centres in Romania. Additional centres are planned for Constanta and Suceava. UNHCR cash assistance programme has been designed in coordination with the Government and complementary to its efforts to support refugees from Ukraine. NGO partners include AIDRom, which has supported the programme since its pilot phase.
- Since the rollout of the cash distribution and enrolment pilot in Bucharest on 4 April, over [7,100 refugees](#), as of 15 June, have been enrolled to receive three-month multipurpose cash assistance, of whom [92%](#) are women and children. Individuals can request appointments to be enrolled for cash assistance online at [dopomoha.ro](#). Over [6,000 people](#) have already received the cash assistance by UNHCR.
- [35 cash enrollers](#) have been [trained on the use of registration tools](#) such as ProGres v4 and Biometrics Identity Management System (also known as BIMS) in Romania. New cash assistance enrolment centers are operational in Galati and Iasi. Currently there are four (Brasov, Bucharest, Galati and Iasi) cash enrolment centers in Romania. Additional centers are planned for Constanta and Suceava.

Core Relief Items

- UNHCR has [three warehouses in Bucharest](#) for storing core relief items. UNHCR uses its storage hub to deliver humanitarian assistance inside Ukraine and pre-position items for needs in Romania.
- Romania is a [logistic hub](#) and a corridor for receiving and delivering relief goods, including through [convoys to Ukraine](#), delivering 83,128 blankets, 4,563 plastic sheets, 7,820 solar lamps and 2,281 kitchen sets, 55,880 hygiene kits, 5,681 tents, 30,903 mattresses, 50,010 bed linen, 3,990 bedsheets and 150,000 body towels. Since the start of the emergency, more than [55 trucks](#) of 22 tons capacity each, containing relief goods have been sent from Romania to Ukraine, while three trucks have been sent to Hungary.
- UNHCR and partners continue to assess collective centres in order to prepare additional support to enhance reception capacities, should this be needed. To date, [100 locations](#) have been [assessed](#) by UNHCR partner REACH during the Site Monitoring Exercise.

Inter-Agency Coordination

As part of next steps in the RRP process, the [sectoral indicator selection is being finalised](#) and ready for Activity Info.

[Data compilation for 5W is ongoing for May 2022](#). Two new columns have been added to help demonstrate RRP sectoral alignment with the Government's National Action Plan sectors and measures.

Two inter-sectoral working group meetings were held during the reporting period, in addition to basic needs, cash, education, health, mental health, protection (child protection and gender-based violence), and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse. The next Refugee Coordination Forum is scheduled on Friday, 24 June.

In agreement with the Government of Romania, UNHCR has set up the Inter-Agency Refugee Coordination Model structure made up of eight sector working groups and sub-groups, one anti-trafficking task force and one prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse network. Working group leads and co-leads attend the Government's sectoral working group meetings, bringing the contribution of UN agencies and NGOs, and bringing back policy decisions taken by the Government to inform the humanitarian response.

Coordination structures are in place and functioning, with technical sector working groups, taskforces and networks held every two weeks. UNHCR chairs a weekly Inter-sector Working Group to ensure cross-sectoral planning and response. Information Management support is ongoing to help sector leads to complete 5w mapping, providing tracking of ongoing partner activities, target populations, and response locations, as well as to disseminate information via the newly launched Operational Data Portal for Romania. The finalization of RRP sectoral indicators is almost complete and will be uploaded to Activity Info shortly, and the [Romania Inter-agency Operational Update, May 2022](#) has been released.

Financial Information

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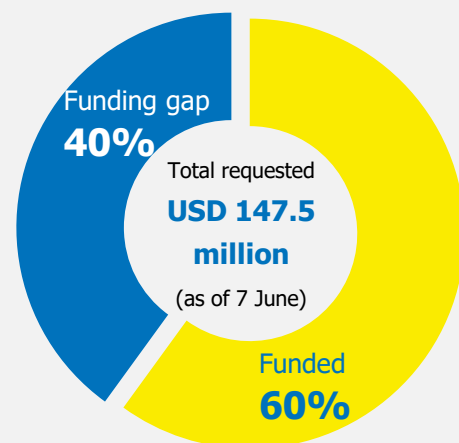
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Funding update as of 7 June



Note: The financial requirements for Romania include requirements for the operation's regular programme and the Ukraine Situation. The percentage funded (60%) and total funding amount are indicative, and this leaves an indicative funding gap of 40% of the financial requirements.

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