Highlights

The Embassy of Japan, ARCUB and UNHCR jointly organized a “solidarity piano concert for refugees” performed by composer and pianist Tempei Nakamura in Bucharest on 4 August 2022. The event counted with the participation of more than one hundred people, including refugees from Ukraine, members of the diplomatic community and partners. The concert included Japanese songs for children, original music inspired by Japanese history and culture, as well as Ukrainian music.

Response

To ensure prevention of and response to gender-based violence (GBV), UNHCR has translated a GBV pocket guide in Romanian. This guide was shared amongst protection actors that are participating in the Protection working group. In addition, a GBV poster in four languages (English, Romanian, Ukrainian and Russian) with various emergency numbers in Romania including UNHCR helpline was finalized and shared with humanitarian actors.

UNHCR and its partner the Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR) are present and working at eight border crossing points throughout Romania to provide information and counselling to new arrivals. UNHCR and partners are also providing protection information and counselling in person as well as through dedicated hotlines. As of 1 August, 28,385 people have received protection support, advice, referrals, and information in person (16,725 individuals) or remotely through helplines (11,660 individuals).

UNHCR continues to support refugees with multipurpose cash assistance in Romania. So far 12,341 individuals have been enrolled, of whom over 90 per cent are women and children. Cash has been transferred to more than 10,400 refugees from Ukraine. Eligible refugees who enrol for cash assistance receive RON 568 (approx. USD 120) per month for three months, equal to the amount provided to refugees by the Government of Romania. UNHCR co-leads the Cash Working Group where all national and international partners providing cash assistance agree on the same standards and complementary approaches.

A one-day Partners Workshop was held on 28 July in Bucharest, Romania. The workshop was organized by UNHCR to strengthen the overall collaboration and work of UNHCR’s partners on programme management cycle. In addition, key aspects related to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) were highlighted during the event among other matters. Thirteen organizations, including nine new partners attended this workshop.

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