

MOLDOVA

Operations Update | 17 August

Figures at a glance


Population figures


573,257 arrivals from Ukraine since 24 February


89,768 Ukrainian refugees currently in Moldova


4,583 third country nationals staying in Moldova

Key response figures

 **71,666** people assisted with cash
USD 25.8 M paid to refugees

 **3,126** refugees hosted in **74** refugee accommodation centres supported by UNHCR

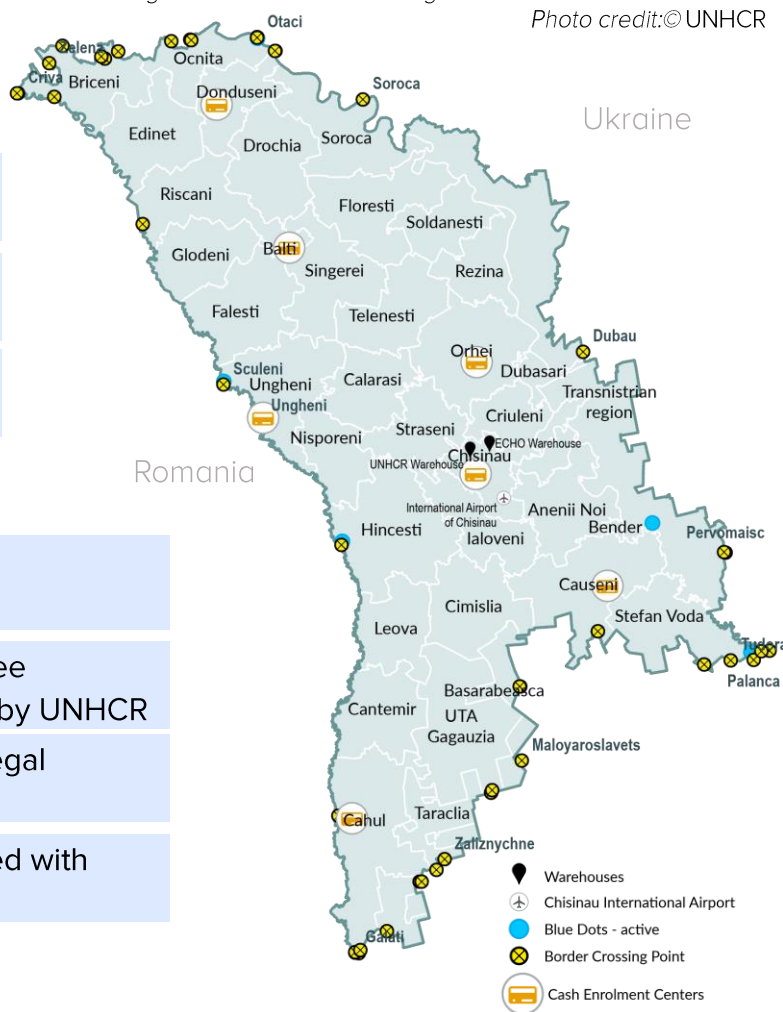
 **52,348** refugees supported with legal counselling and assistance

 **2,000** frontline responders provided with trainings


Recent highlights

- On 4 August, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and UNHCR signed the Memorandum of Understanding that formalizes and expands the scope of their cooperation and their joint efforts to ensure adequate protection and assistance to persons of concern in the country, including support for implementing the temporary protection regime should the Government decide to activate this option.
- UNHCR together with the Government, partners and the majority of refugee accommodation centre (RAC) managers met earlier this month to discuss the network of RACs in Moldova. They identified several challenges related to managing the current and future RACs over the next few months. A number of solutions were discussed, with a focus on preparing RACs for the upcoming winter.
- UNHCR and the Moldovan Centre for combatting human trafficking (CCTP) organized a training session on anti-trafficking on 10 August at Palanca bus station. 25 participants attended, including staff and volunteers from UNFPA, ACTED, INTERSOS and the Law Centre of Advocates.


Refugees from Ukraine enrolling for cash assistance in Moldova
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Additional response figures

 **1,817** refugees voluntarily transferred to EU+ countries

 **281,789** UNHCR Help page visits

 **28,866** people counselled through the Green Line managed by UNHCR

 **11,997** refugees transported from border points to Romania; **15,361** elsewhere in Moldova

 **12,357** children referred to health, social welfare and legal assistance services



Pre-positioned items in warehouses in Moldova:

132,287 blankets, 30,000 bed linen, 20,088 solar lamps, 32,780 jerry cans, 14,989 mattresses, 24,823 kitchen sets, 121,065 hygiene kits, 56,455 sleeping bags, 15,012 pillows, 4,860 bed partitions, 10,050 body towels, 7,110 quilts, 7,055 family tents, 3,114 winterization kits, 3,050 plastic tarps, 990 thermoses, 292 wheelchairs, 358 clothing and 10 rub halls.



Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Internal Affairs and UNHCR
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This agreement reflects our strong commitment to help the Republic of Moldova protect and assist refugees in Ukraine. We are pleased to formalize our partnership with the Ministry of Interior at this key stage of the response. UNHCR stands ready to support them in implementing their temporary protection regime if the Government decides to activate this option, in addition to our ongoing work with refugees, host communities, authorities and civil society.

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