

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #19

28 October 2022

Key figures

86,621 refugees currently in Romania (as of 25 October 2022)

79,111 refugees registered for temporary protection in Romania (as of 25 October 2022)

25,111 refugees supported with multi-purpose cash assistance.

48,720 refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone

13,368 refugees supported to travel to Romania from Ukraine-Moldova border through fast-track transfers.



I gave birth to my daughter after ten days of arriving in Romania. The following morning, I found food at my doorsteps. I have no word to thank my neighbours for their generosity.

-Tatiana, a refugee mother hosted in Suceava.

Highlights

On 27 October, the Inter-Agency coordination platform in Romania launched the first local coordination network event in Suceava. During the event, Mr. Pablo Zapata, UNHCR Representative made opening remarks on behalf of partners of the Refugee Response Plan (RRP). Twenty-one entities, including Prefecture, local authorities, NGOs and partners participated in the event.

On 24 October, UNHCR, jointly with UN agencies operating in Romania, published a [Press Release](#) on the occasion of the UN Day to mark 77 years since the UN Charter entered into force.

Response

UNHCR continues to monitor the main border crossing points (BCPs) in Romania. UNHCR is providing legal assistance to refugees at border crossing through its partner CNRR. Prepositioning of core-relief items (CRIs) is ongoing. This week, UNHCR in Galați stored more than seven tons of CRIs, including blanket, bed linen sets, hygiene kits and sleeping bags, in the proximity of Isaccea BCP to enhance response capacity. In addition, UNHCR in coordination with the Department for Emergency Situation (DSU) delivered 14 tons of CRIs to the DSU storage facility in Iasi that could be used for Iasi and Vaslui counties.

UNHCR's partner Autism Voice is assisting refugee children from Ukraine in need of psychosocial support (PSS). Autism Voice is supporting refugee children and their families by organising psychotherapy sessions for children that come from war zone in Ukraine. In addition, activities include socialization and psychotherapy for groups of children with autism (physically and remotely), as well as accommodation and food for vulnerable families that are currently in Bucharest. During August-September, Autism Voice has ensured over 500 hours of therapy for children.

UNHCR's partner Ateliere Fără Frontiere (AFF) is supporting the vulnerable refugees from Ukraine to increase their employability through access to Romanian language classes, orientation sessions with counsellors (for needs and skills assessment), and referrals. Since July, AFF has assisted 19 refugees to find employment, 50 refugees with language courses, and over 250 refugees with employment counselling.

On 18 and 19 October, UNHCR carried out a protection training session for 46 staff members of the Directorate of Assistance and Social Protection of Tulcea. Core protection modules were carried out to increase overall capacity of local institutions concerning the protection and response to the needs of refugees from Ukraine.

UNHCR participated in the One World Documentary Film Festival in Timisoara. UNHCR supported this edition of the festival with a photo exhibition on Refugee Doctors. The exhibition portrayed refugee students from Syria, Iraq, Yemen who had worked in Covid hospitals; followed by a panel discussion. In addition, UNHCR supported documentary films produced by students as part of the *Make a Film with a Refugee* project. One of the films, *Fatima*, was nominated for the Cannes Film Festival.



Refugee children playing as part of the activities organised by Autism Voice.

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