

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #31

27 January 2023

Key figures

106,835 refugees currently in Romania (as of 21 January 2023)

109,413 refugees registered for temporary protection in Romania (as of 21 January 2023)

43,129 refugees supported with multi-purpose cash assistance

68,620 refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone

14,748 refugees supported to travel to Romania from Ukraine-Moldova border through fast-track transfers.



I left Nikolaev in Ukraine with my elderly mother because of the bombings. We are now living in a DGASPC center. My mother needs to be constantly connected to an oxygen tank. While it is difficult for both of us to cope with the stress, we found support in the community. My mother's loves completing crossword puzzles. As a gift, DGASPC employees, together with residents, gave her a stack of Ukrainian crossword puzzles they managed to obtain.

- Alisa, refugee woman from Ukraine

Partnerships

On 27 January, Mr. Aurélien Lechavallier, General Director for Globalization, Culture, Education and International Development of the of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs visited UNHCR's integrated service hub for refugees at RomExpo, Bucharest. On average around 300 refugees receive various services every day from 15 different actors present at RomExpo. The French delegation had the opportunity to discuss available services particularly concerning health, education and livelihood opportunity.

On 27 January, UNHCR Representative Mr Pablo Zapata met with the Prefect of Constanta, Mr Silviu Iulian Coşa to enhance services available for refugees in and around the county and jointly visited a refugee' assistance project implemented by UNHCR's partners. Approximately 6,500 refugees from Ukraine granted temporary protection are living within the county. UNHCR together with partners and authorities is now conducting a service mapping exercise with a view of enhancing activities and aid for refugees.

Response

To help refugees cope with the winter conditions, UNHCR continued the distribution of core-relief items (CRIs). During January, in addition to handing over clothing, blankets, cooking sets for over 23,000 people at the Donation centre of the Municipality located near the RomExpo hub in Bucharest, UNHCR also provided CRIs to CATTIA centre in Brasov. The aid included quilts, bed linens, blankets, and hygiene materials supporting refugees currently living in and around Brasov.

UNHCR trained over 50 frontline staff that are working throughout Romania on mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS). Two trainings were held in Bucharest and Suceava for cash enrolment, protection staff as well as field staff. All trainings were held to support frontline staff on basic MHPSS interventions, including stress management and self-care.

Self-reliance is a key to promote social inclusion of refugees from Ukraine currently in Romania. UNHCR and partners continues to support refugees in accessing employment and livelihoods opportunities through counselling, language courses as well as capacity building activities. This week, UNHCR's partner Ateliere Fara Frontiere (AFF) counselled 23 individuals at the employment assistance service desk at RomExpo. In addition, outreach activities are ongoing to expand network of potential employers that are interested in hiring refugees from Ukraine.

UNHCR is grateful to the donors of unearmarked and softly earmarked contributions to the Ukraine situation. UNHCR in Romania is also grateful to donors contributing to its 2022 programmes. For more details: [Romania Funding Update - 2023 | Global Focus \(unhcr.org\)](#)



Visit by Mr. Aurélien Lechavallier to the integrated service hub for refugees at



Handover of core-relief items in Brasov on 26 January 2023.