

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #33

10 February 2023

Key figures

109,871 refugees in Romania (as of 10 February)

113,086 refugees granted temporary protection in Romania (as of 5 February)

5,000 refugees supported with cash assistance in 2023.

6,757 refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone in 2023

322 refugees supported with fast-track transfers from Moldova to Romania in 2023.



My children left for other countries but I stayed in Romania as it's close to home and the people here are kind.

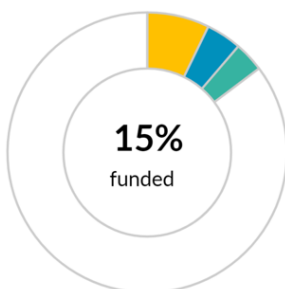
- An elderly refugee from Ukraine hosted in Romania.

Funding Situation UNHCR in Romania

As of 31 January 2023

\$59.5 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



■ Tightly earmarked
■ Earmarked
■ Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
■ Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
□ Funding gap (indicative)

Partnerships

On 8 February, H.E. Mr. Peer Gebauer, German Ambassador to Romania visited UNHCR's integrated service hub for refugees at RomExpo, Bucharest. During the visit, Mr. Gebauer had an opportunity to speak with the refugees from Ukraine and observed activities of 15 actors and partners operating in the facility. The German delegation also visited the nearby Donations centre run by the Municipality of Bucharest.



H.E. Mr. Peer Gebauer, German Ambassador to Romania at RomExpo on 8 February 2023.

Population movements

As of 5 February, 113,986 refugees from Ukraine have been granted Temporary Protection in Romania and 109,871 refugees are currently present in the country. Among the Temporary Protection holders, around 35,000 refugees are hosted in Bucharest, while Constanta and Galati host around 11,000 and 9,500 refugees respectively. Around 5,000 refugees are based in Suceava and 4,500 in Brasov. Elderly people, women and children represent 80% of the refugees granted temporary protection.

Response

Refugees often face challenging situations that put significant stress affecting their wellbeing. UNHCR and partners are providing mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to those in need. Since January, 137 refugees from Ukraine have been provided with psychological first aid by UNHCR's partner Autism Voice and Estuar Foundation.

UNHCR continues to support refugees from Ukraine with cash for winter. For example, last week UNHCR's mobile enrolment team from Galați registered 111 persons in Constanta. In addition, UNHCR in Suceava enrolled 268 individuals in Suceava and Iasi. As of 8 February more than 8,200 refugees in Romania have been enrolled for winter cash assistance.

UNHCR and partners are supporting refugees with core-relief items (CRIs) in and around border areas. Recently, UNHCR in Galați started the distribution of CRIs including winter clothes, blankets and hygiene items in Constanta for 1,300 persons. In addition, UNHCR in Suceava provided two trucks of water to the Department of Emergency Situations (DSU) transit centre in Radauti (hosting 180 refugees per day on average) where UNHCR is also providing hot meals.

News from Partners

UNHCR have been working with Romanian national NGO - Consiliul National Romanien pentru Refugiati (CNRR) since 1990's. In 2023, CNRR's will continue to support refugees from Ukraine with i) reception support and information provision at border and reception centres; ii) legal assistance and counselling; iii) inclusion and integration support to facilitate access to rights and services including for children; and iv) development of institutional practices through advocacy and capacity building initiatives. CNRR is operating in nine counties across Romania.



Joint monitoring visit by CNRR and UNHCR at Siret border crossing point with 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 2023 programmes. For more details: [Romania Funding Update - 2023 | Global Focus \(unhcr.org\)](#)