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UNHCR partner National Centre for Preventing Child Abuse organized outdoor activities bringing together both refugee and Moldovan children. ©NCPA

## Figures at a glance

**102,996** refugees from Ukraine remaining in Moldova



**842,930** arrivals from Ukraine since 24 February 2022

### Key response figures

**116,870** refugees received cash assistance since 24 February 2022 (over **USD 97.6M** disbursed)

**100,499** refugees supported with legal assistance since 24 February 2022

**2,269** refugees now hosted in **56** refugee accommodation centres supported by UNHCR

**4,977** refugees provided with psychosocial support and psychological first aid since 24 February 2022



On 8 June, UNHCR appointed the Moldovan soprano, Ms. Valentina Nafornița, as its first high-profile supporter in the Republic of Moldova. Ms. Nafornița will join the group of UNHCR high-profile supporters and goodwill ambassadors, who help to highlight the situation of refugees and the work of UNHCR in every corner of the world, through their work, art, and influence.

## Recent highlights

- On 5 June, Charity Centre for Refugees, with UNHCR support, launched a vocational program for refugee women residing in Ungheni. The programme will enable interested women to enroll in a two-month course focused on learning manicure techniques and will help them obtain an official certification that will enhance their prospects of securing suitable job opportunities.
- On 29 May, UNHCR provided an online training session for civil society organizations in the Transnistrian region on the Temporary Protection (TP) Monitoring Tool. The session was organized through the local Refugee Coordination Forum and was attended by approximately 20 people from six different organizations. The gathered data will offer insights regarding the difficulties that refugees in the Transnistrian region encounter when applying for TP.
- On 23 May, UNHCR jointly with the National Centre on Combatting Trafficking in Persons organized a training session on identifying indicators of trafficking in persons at the Palanca bus station for 24 humanitarian aid workers.
- On 19 May, UNHCR Disability Expert, together with representatives from organizations of people with disabilities delivered a training for 76 participants from the Protection Working Group partners on disability inclusion and identification of people with disabilities. The training focused on how to implement an inclusive response program including using the Must Do Actions of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee guidelines on inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action.



## Other activities during the reporting period

On 19, 23 and 26 May, UNHCR trained 33 staff from the partner Casa Marioarei on survivor-centred approach when working with gender-based violence (GBV) survivors. On 25 May, 15 staff from local authorities, UN Agencies, and NGOs attended a training on GBV Minimum Standards in Emergencies, including GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response programmes. The training was organized by the GBV Sub-Working Group, co-chaired by UNHCR and UNFPA. So far in 2023, UNHCR trained 93 people on GBV prevention.

During the Balti City Day from 20 to 21 May, 700 refugees and local community members participated in artistic events, such as arts workshops, body painting, origami classes organized by UNHCR and partners Charity Centre for Refugees and Ave Copiii to promote social cohesion, foster peaceful coexistence and raise awareness about refugee issues.

During the reporting period, over 20 individuals were relocated from Moldova to EU countries through the EU+ Air Transfer, jointly administered by UNHCR and IOM. As of 12 June, 2,500 individuals have been transferred through the program since its inception in 2022.

UNHCR continued monitoring the ongoing closure of Refugee Accommodation Centers (RACs) and carried out several missions to meet with RAC managers and residents to advise persons on their options for when the RACs close, including facilitating the transfer or residents to alternative RACs and providing information on cash-for-rent programs.

During the reporting period, UNHCR also donated equipment to support refugees in several locations, such as a wheelchair in a library in Stefan Voda to help people with disabilities access the second floor of the library; 30 heaters in schools, community centres, kindergartens and child-friendly spaces in Chisinau to help them prepare for the winter period; and a 10-kw generator to a nursing house in Donduseni, to support refugees with critical medical conditions.

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Representatives from ACTED, Helvetas, INTERSOS, IOM, IsraAid, Solidarites International, UNICEF, among others, attending the anti-trafficking training at Palanca on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. © UNHCR/ E.Ciurca



Representatives of ACTED, INTERSOS, Law Centre of Advocates and UNHCR assisting refugees in the Briceni district during one of their visits carried out across the country on May 25<sup>th</sup>. © UNHCR/E.Ciurca



Vibrant and colorful event, 'On the Wings of Childhood,' hosted at Community Center 151 in Chisinau with UNHCR support. Refugee and Moldovan children and parents enjoyed contests, energetic dancing, clown entertainment, and delightful treats. © Laolalta