

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #95

7 May 2024

Key figures

160,430 refugees
obtained temporary protection in Romania.

6,033 refugees
enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

8,082 refugees
provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

2,395 refugees
supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



During the Easter workshop, my mind was relaxed. I am now recharged for a new day.

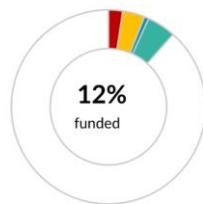
-Viktoria, a participant at the Easter themed workshop in Suceava

Funding Situation

As of 31 March 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)

Highlight

During the week, Ukrainian refugees and asylum-seekers in Romania celebrated Easter together with the host community. Several events organised by UNHCR together with partners took place in Baia Mare, Suceava, Radauti and Constanta offering refugees and local community the possibility to interact and take part in different activities and workshops together such as cooking, dance, arts and crafts activities, a bazaar for selling hand-made products and other recreational activities such as egg painting workshops. Overall, more than 350 refugees participated, enhancing social cohesion and facilitating the integration of refugees in the host community.

Response

UNHCR, through International House, will start supporting refugees from Ukraine with Romanian language courses geared towards economic inclusion through employment. So far, over 600 refugees have been identified based on their current situation, needs and work-intentions to take part in languages classes that will start in the upcoming days in Bucharest, Constanta, Suceava, Iasi, Cluj and Brasov. In addition, online classes will also be offered to refugees in other locations. UNHCR aims to provide support and foster inclusion through language classes to over 2000 refugees, and synergies are being sought with organisations providing child-care to enable single parents, mostly mothers, to access employment, as well as with UNHCR partners on job acquisition, namely World Vision and Jobs4Ukraine.

On 23-26 April, UNHCR conducted cash enrolment missions in different parts of Romania. During the week, 367 vulnerable refugees located in Alba, Bihor, Bistrita-Nasaud, Cluj, Mures and Tulcea have been enrolled, after being assessed and interviewed. Over 87 per cent of refugees enrolled for UNHCR's cash assistance in Romania are women and children in need of covering expenses related to treatment or health services, such as medicine etc, as highlighted in the Multi-Sector Needs Assessment released in late 2023. So far in 2024, UNHCR assisted over 6,000 vulnerable refugees from Ukraine through different cash programmes.

In April, UNHCR supported over 3,400 refugees from Ukraine throughout Romania with core-relief items (CRI). More than 15,600 items, including family kits, bed linen sets, blankets, synthetic pillows and clothes have been distributed refugees in Bucharest, Constanta, Galati, Buzau, Bacau, Tulcea, Suceava, Iasi, Piatra Neamt, Timisoara, Arad and Botosani.

On 26 April, the UNHCR Representative participated in a conference organised by the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest for students and stakeholders. During the event, some 60 students and university professors participated in the conference. Main points revolved around the current developments in Romanian and across the European Union considering the newly adopted European Pact on Migration and Asylum.



On 29 April, Ukrainian women and children taking part in a workshop organised by UNHCR and partners in Suceava.