

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #113

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Key figures

162,045 refugees obtained temporary protection in Romania (as of 30 June).

16,407 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2024.

18,005 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support since January 2024.

6,590 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services since January 2024.



I was proactive from very first day in Romania. I survived in darkest days of my life. And I see how I improved myself after two years of adaptation in Romanian society.

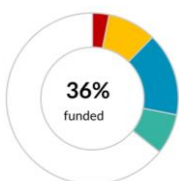
- *Olga, a refugee from Ukraine, hosted and working in Bucharest, Romania.*

Funding Situation

As of 31 August 2024

\$54.3 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2024



Highlight

On 3 September, a delegation from the House of Councillors of Japan, led by H. E. Mr. Nagahama Hiroyuki, Vice-President of the House of Councillors, visited UNHCR's integrated service hub for refugees from Ukraine in RomExpo, Bucharest. During the visit, UNHCR Representative, along with State Counsellor Mr. Nicolae Comanescu and officials from the Department of Emergency Situations (DSU), the General Inspectorate for Immigration, UN Agencies and partners present at RomExpo, provided an overview of the refugee response in Romania, and of the services offered at the hub, including documentation for temporary protection and enrolment for cash assistance for the most vulnerable refugees. The delegation also visited the adjacent Bucharest Municipality donation centre supported by UNHCR.



3 September, UNHCR Representative Pablo Zapata welcomed H. E. Mr. Nagahama Hiroyuki, Vice-President of the House of Councillors.

On 6 September, Pablo Zapata, the UNHCR Representative, met with Ramona Chiriac, the Head of the European Commission Representative in Romania in Bucharest. During the meeting, they discussed the situation of refugees from Ukraine in Romania and other European Union member states. The European Commission has been a long-standing partner of UNHCR in ensuring humanitarian response for refugees from Ukraine since the beginning of the crisis.

Response

On 3 September, within the scope of the Cash Technical Working Group, UNHCR and IFRC, in cooperation with the Romanian Red Cross, organized a Lessons Learned Workshop on Cash-Based Interventions (CBI). The Workshop aimed at exchanging knowledge, good practices, and essential lessons from partners' experiences during the past years to make future CBI efforts in Romania more effective, through enhanced coordination and harmonization. More than 60 participants from various authorities and organizations, including representatives of DSU, the Prime Minister's Chancellery, UN Agencies, International organisations and NGOs from across the country that were involved in cash assistance for the refugees from Ukraine attended the workshop.

On 6 September, UNHCR hosted the Youth Refugee Integration Forum in Suceava with Sensiblu, UNICEF, and EDNAE. Forty participants from partner NGOs, UN agencies, and local government bodies attended the event to support refugee youths and develop youth-led solutions for the integration of Ukrainian refugees.

Coordination

On 5 September, the Inter-Agency coordination platform held an online orientation session with 38 civil society organizations on the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) 2025/2026. The session officially launched the RRP development processes and focused on the direction and the relevant milestones for the development of the new strategic plan. Following the orientation session, an "expression of interest" was shared with the attendees to take part in the upcoming RRP.

UNHCR is grateful to the donors for unearmarked and softly earmarked contributions to the Ukraine situation. UNHCR in Romania is also grateful to donors contributing to its 2023 and 2024 programmes. For more details: [Romania Funding Update – 2024](#).