ROMANIA

Weekly Update #149 **2 June 2025**

Key figures

184,414 refugees obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end April 2025).

2,275 refugees enrolled for cash assistance in 2025; 17,419 in 2024.

5,697 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

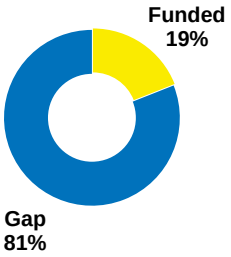
2,275 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

"I arrived in Romania three months ago. Life in a new country with two children is not easy, especially when everything depends on you. The Women's Club organized by UNHCR has been a true relief for me. It's a space where I can just be myself, take a break from my responsibilities, and feel free." Kateryna, a 35-year-old refugee from Mykolaiv, living in Constanța, Romania.

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 30 April 2025

$39.0 million
UNHCR's funding requirements 2025



Highlights

On 30 May, refugees attend a job fair organised by UNHCR and its partners at RomExpo Community Centre.

On 30 May, UNHCR, together with its partner Project Voyager, held a job fair at the RomExpo Community Centre in Bucharest. The event included the participation of 15 employers offering over 60 vacancies, mainly in the hospitality and service sectors. The event was attended by more than 150 refugees and members of the host community - Romanian citizens - looking for work. In addition to bringing jobseekers and employers together in a convivial atmosphere, participants received career and legal counselling, and attended thematic workshops. In addition, 336 refugees pre-registered for an entrepreneurship programme organised by UNHCR and World Vision Romania. The programme will provide refugees with entrepreneurship training comprising of six online sessions that will conclude with a business plan submission from which 10 plans will be selected for UNHCR-funded grants.

On 29 May, UNHCR delivered remarks in the Conference "International Humanitarian Law – Beyond the Image of Humanity". UNHCR -both the Representative and the Snr. Protection Officer- highlighted the impact on the protection of displaced populations derived from the current uncertain financial situation of humanitarian actors operating -inter alia- in zones of conflict and explored the relation and synergies between International Humanitarian Law and International Refugee Law.

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 30 May, UNHCR marked International Children's Day with a community event in in Constanta.

On 29 May, UNHCR, together with its partners, and the Constanța County School Inspectorate, marked International Children's Day with a community event in Constanța. The event brought together 400 children and their families from both refugee and host communities. The celebration promoted inclusion and community through performances, a flashmob, balloon twisting, face painting, creative workshops, first aid sessions, and the distribution of small gifts and educational materials, amid a joyful atmosphere for all.

On 26 May, UNHCR and Brașov Prefecture co-chaired a meeting of the Refugee Inclusion Working Group, bringing together nearly 30 participants from public authorities and civil society. The meeting focused on key issues to be addressed towards refugee inclusion in Brașov, including relating to access to education, social assistance, the labour market, and healthcare. The meeting enabled an exchange of experiences and sharing best practices, including opportunities to support social cohesion efforts with the local community.

On May 28, UNHCR, together with WHO Romania and Dr. Max Foundation (formerly Sensiblu), hosted a health awareness session in Constanța attended by 20 refugee women. The session focused on understanding menopause, its symptoms, and support options. An obstetrics and gynaecology specialist provided practical advice and answered questions. Participants appreciated the opportunity to gain knowledge and connect with healthcare resources, with UNHCR and WHO committed to sharing key materials for continued support.

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 2025 programmes. For more details: Romania Funding Update – 2025