

ROMANIA

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Key figures

197,699 refugees obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end October 2025).

44,681 refugees supported with core relief items in 2025; 45,071 in 2024.

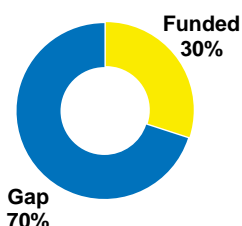
11,186 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

5,580 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

“ We are very happy with the many good and useful activities are at the UNHCR’s Community Centre. Our community hub is nearby, and we enjoy taking part. I especially liked the Romanian speaking club - the children were very happy and excited after the class.” *Oksana, coordinator of Hub Băneasa, Ilfov County, Romania.*

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation As of 31 October 2025

\$39.0 million UNHCR’s funding requirements 2025



Highlight

On 19 November, UNHCR published its [Global Appeal 2026](#). The Global Appeal highlights UNHCR’s plans for the coming year and the funding needed to protect, assist and empower a record number of forcibly displaced and stateless people, and help them find solutions. As the international armed conflict in Ukraine approaches its fifth year, the humanitarian situation will remain critical in the coming year. To help meet the needs of forcibly displaced persons from Ukraine, UNHCR is seeking US\$ 470 million for the Ukraine situation including US\$ 23.4 million for Romania.



On 17 November, students from the Business and Administration Faculty of the University of Bucharest visited UNHCR’s Community Centre at RomExpo in Bucharest.

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 21 November, UNHCR, in coordination with the Department for Emergency Situations (DSU) and local authorities assisted some 250 vulnerable Ukrainian refugees residing in Băile Olănești and Ocnele Mari in Vâlcea County with 1,500 core-relief items (CRIs) including hygiene items, bedding, and clothing to meet basic needs. Those assisted were unable to travel to Bucharest, where distributions are normally carried out at the RomExpo UNHCR Community Centre. Importantly, these efforts underscore the critical role of coordinated field distributions in maintaining access to humanitarian assistance, especially in the context of ongoing funding gaps that challenge the ability to reach vulnerable people with essential support at the national level. Since the beginning of 2025, UNHCR had distributed more than 162,000 CRIs to over 44,600 of the most vulnerable refugees and members of the host community.

Over the past week, UNHCR hosted a series of community activities in Bucharest to foster creativity, inclusion, and cross-cultural understanding. On 18 November, children aged 6–11 from Hub Băneasa practised Romanian through shopping-themed role-play, boosting confidence and social skills, while older participants attended a session on recognising online scams and safe internet use, which was warmly received. On 19 November, UNHCR and WHO ran a Women’s Club session, Discover Yourself, where participants explored relationships, conflict-prevention techniques.



On 19 November, Ukrainian refugee women attended a Women’s Club session at UNHCR’s Community Centre.

On 20 November, an intermediate Romanian Speaking Club for adults focused on understanding and practising work-contract terminology. Finally, on 21 November, a children’s workshop, How to Learn to Live Safely, combined educational films, guided discussions, and creative activities to strengthen emotional awareness, personal safety, and peer interaction. These activities help refugees build language skills, confidence, and social skills, supporting their integration and well-being in the local community.

On 17 November, UNHCR welcomed a group of 26 students from the Faculty of Business and Administration at the University of Bucharest to the UNHCR’s Community Centre at RomExpo. During the visit, the students learnt about UNHCR’s mandate and activities, the vital role of partners, and the importance of community-led initiatives in addressing the barriers faced by forcibly displaced people and fostering sustainable solutions. The session also provided guidance to those interested in a career in the humanitarian sector.

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](#)