Population figures

137,626 Ukrainian refugees in Moldova:

Children 47% | Female 63% | Older persons 13%

~ 2.3M arrivals since 24 February 2022

Legal status in the country

84,964	citizens of Ukraine granted Temporary Protection.
6,335	citizens of Ukraine granted residence permits, either permanent or temporary.
818*	individuals are in the asylum system, including statelessness determination applicants.
720	recognized refugees and beneficiaries of humanitarian protection.

* As of 31 July 2025

~ 9,300
refugees received cash assistance this month

~ 14,000
refugees supported with legal assistance

~ 16,000
refugees provided with information by UNHCR

~ 1,500
refugees supported with socio-economic inclusion, including livelihoods

Highlights of the month

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On 25 November, UNHCR, in partnership with Association "Casa Marioarei" and Tarna Rom, and with support of National Museum of History of Moldova, launched the outdoor exhibition 'To Myself, To You". The exhibition features illustrated letters from the future written by girls, boys, and caregivers participating in the Girl Shine programme - a safe space for dialogue, learning, and community support.

> For all women in the world. I want the whole world to be happy, and this will be possible thanks to women. I believe in us, I believe that women will be able to change the world and become a support for the future, for life, for freedom, and happiness.

Girl Shine programme participant

Strengthening Moldova's National Protection and Site Management System

UNHCR, jointly with IOM, WFP and Acted, continued to strengthen the capacity of frontline staff and managers working in collective centres. Building on sustained capacity-building activities over the last two years, 18 Refugee Accommodation Centre (RAC) managers completed a two-day training on Site Management and the Centrality of Protection, delivered as part of a nine-module capacity-building package launched in 2023. The training equipped participants with the knowledge to effectively manage collective shelters.

In parallel, a three-day Training of Trainers was delivered to 40 social assistants from all 33 regional structures of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection. The training provided participants with the knowledge and practical skills needed to deliver effective capacity-building sessions on site management, contributing to the establishment of a national pool of trainers. Participants received a training package to enable replication at regional and local levels, ensuring sustainability, continuity and knowledge transfer within national systems.

By developing national training capacity and reinforcing the skills of RAC managers and social workers, the Moldova's response is becoming more efficient and sustainable. The coordinated efforts between government institutions and RRP partners ensures that reception arrangements and collective centre management practices are consistent with international humanitarian standards, supporting both immediate protection needs and longer-term system strengthening.

Promoting Academic Engagement in International Protection

Ion Creangă Pedagogical University and Nicolae Testemițanu Medical University, with the support of UNHCR, organized the Sergio Vieira de Mello Academic Conference (SVMAC) "*Inclusive Academic Environments: Futures for Displaced in Moldova*", convening over 150 participants. As part of the global Sergio Vieira de Mello Academic Network, which promotes refugee access to higher education and strengthens the linkages between academia and humanitarian action, the conference provided a platform for dialogue between higher education institutions, UNHCR, and civil society to advance inclusive education and refugee-focused research.

In addition, an exhibition showcased 12 projects funded through SVMAC grants, highlighting applied research and innovative practices addressing forced displacement and social inclusion. Through this event, UNHCR strengthened academic engagement in the refugee response and paved the way for closer collaboration on forced displacement research and for community outreach initiatives supporting refugee in Moldova.

United Against Gender-Based Violence: UNHCR Marks 16 Days of Activism

To mark 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV), UNHCR and its partners joined the national public march alongside governmental institutions, UN agencies, civil society and community members, including Valentina Nafornita, UNHCR's high-profile supporter. The march aimed to raise visibility on GBV prevention and to reaffirm zero tolerance for all forms of violence.

In addition, UNHCR and its partners organized the outdoor art exhibition "To Myself, To You". The exhibition showcased artwork inspired by the stories of refugee and host community children and caregivers. The illustrations were created by Moldovan artists, who visually conveyed the young participants' messages of empathy, resilience, and the need for environments free from discrimination and violence.

UNHCR organized a training for 28 frontline staff involved in the prevention and response to violence against women and domestic violence. This training concluded a three-session series delivered over the past two months, reaching 77 professionals. The training deepened participants' understanding of refugee rights, available services for GBV survivors, and access procedures. Strengthening these capacities supports a more timely and effective response for people affected by violence, including refugees.

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