ROMANIA

Weekly Update #207 **3 August 2026**

Key figures

212,334 refugees obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end May 2026).

1,920 refugees supported with community-based protection activities in 2026.

5,116 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2026.

1,628 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2026.

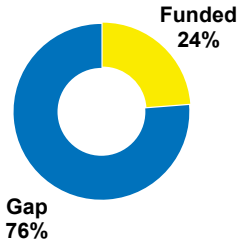
"I was happy to create one bracelet for my new Romanian friend and one for me at the workshop. Now we have matching bracelets and like this I'll be able to always remember our friendship." - Hanna, 10 years old, from Odesa, living in Bucharest

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 30 June 2026

$23.4 million

UNHCR's funding requirements 2026



Highlight

On 28 July, to mark the 75th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention, UNHCR launched "*The Promise*", a global initiative that brings together 75 voices from around the world, including religious leaders, Nobel Prize laureates, artists and cultural figures, human rights defenders, and sportspeople, in support of refugee protection and solidarity. The campaign highlights the enduring relevance of the Convention and reaffirms our collective commitment to ensuring safety, rights, and opportunities for people forced to flee. The initiative also aims to build a diverse coalition in support of refugee protection by inviting people around the world to sign "The Promise" in the lead-up to the 2027 Global Refugee Forum. More information is availabe here.

Response and Advocacy

Last week, UNHCR Romania marked the 75th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention by organizing a friendship bracelet-making workshop for children and families at UNHCR's Community Centre at RomExpo in Bucharest. The activity brought together participants and provided a creative and welcoming space for children and their parents to express themselves, build confidence, develop new skills, and connect with other members of their community. Through teamwork and shared creativity, the workshop fostered social inclusion and a sense of belonging.

Refugees and the local community coming together at the multicultural event "Families around the world", organised in Timisoara. © UNHCR

On 30 July, UNHCR held an information session at its Community Centre in RomExpo, Bucharest, on support available to persons with disabilities and access to social protection. Participants received practical guidance on disability rights, the disability certification process, social benefits and services, as well as the Minimum Inclusion Income (VMI) programme, and support available through UNHCR and CNRR partners.The session encouraged active participation, allowing attendees to ask questions and receive individual guidance.

UNHCR continues to work closely with national authorities to ensure that people forced to flee receive protection and assistance upon arrival in Romania. On 29 - 31 July, UNHCR and the General Inspectorate for Immigration conducted the third joint monitoring visit of 2026 to the Regional Centre for Procedures and Accommodation of Asylum Seekers (CRPCSA) in Bucharest. As part of the annual exercise to monitor the quality of asylum procedures and reception conditions, the joint team reviewed 10 anonymized asylum cases and engaged with asylum-seekers, refugees, staff and NGO personnel through a participatory assessment. The findings and recommendations of such monitoring exercises contribute to strengthening the quality of asylum procedures and reception standards in Romania.

On 29 July, refugees hosted within the Emergency Transit Centre in Timisoara, together with UNHCR and AIDRom, joined the multicultural event "Families around the world" organzed by Timis County Youth Foundation (FITT). The event in Timisoara brought together refugee and host community families through a series of creative workshops and interactive activities designed to foster cultural exchange, social connection, and community engagement.

On 28 July, CNRR convened the fourth Protection Working Group, bringing together protection actors and the National Health Insurance House (CNAS). The topic of the meeting was the access to healthcare services for temporary protection holders, particularly vulnerable individuals with chronic or complex health needs.

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 2026 programmes. For more details: Romania Funding Update – 2026