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Refugees from Ukraine waiting to enrol for cash assistance in Moldova.

## Figures at a glance

**102,160** refugees from Ukraine remaining in Moldova



**60%**  
females



**40%**  
children



**22%**  
elderly


**755,397** arrivals from Ukraine since 24 February





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UNHCR delivering equipment to the National Centre of Anti-Trafficking as part of its support to the capacity of authorities.

## Key response figures

 **107,705** people were provided with cash assistance; over **USD 65M** disbursed so far

 **85,477** refugees supported with legal assistance by the Law Centre of Advocates

 **2,644** refugees hosted in **66** refugee accommodation centres supported by UNHCR

 **3,784** people provided with psychosocial support and psychological first aid by INTERSOS

## Recent highlights

- On 23 January, UNHCR Representative met with the Minister of Labor and Social Protection, representatives of other UN Agencies in Moldova and several development partners to discuss the further steps of collaboration in order to support the implementation of the National Development Strategy "European Moldova 2030". See p. 2 for more highlights on support for inclusion and social protection.
- On 18 January, the Government of the Republic of Moldova approved the granting of temporary protection to Ukrainian refugees and certain third country nationals, effective 1 March 2023. This is an important achievement, providing a more secure legal status to those displaced from Ukraine and an opportunity to integrate more fully into Moldovan society. Those granted temporary protection, which will be in effect for one year with the possibility of renewal, will benefit from a number of rights and services, including access to employment, accommodation (in temporary placement centres for persons in need), emergency and primary medical assistance, public education for children, and certain forms of social assistance. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, during his two-day visit in Moldova, expressed his gratitude to the people and Government of Moldova for its remarkable solidarity with refugees.
- UNHCR's winterization campaign continues, with over 123,000 items, including blankets, hygiene sets, and other core relief items distributed to refugees and host communities so far. UNHCR is helping the Government to procure and transport a quantity of firewood from Romania since end December – so far UNHCR supported with up to USD 200k in total to distribute firewood to Moldovan population prioritizing RACs, vulnerable groups and to Moldovans who host refugees.

## Temporary Protection

UNHCR's active support to government preparations for the implementation of its temporary protection regime includes not only technical input into draft legislation and action plans but also concrete steps to support the implementation of the new legal regime country-wide, including:

- Renovating/furnishing the General Inspectorate for Migration's main registration centre and the temporary accommodation centre in Chisinau, in addition to two regional offices; and
- Reinforcing registration capacity with training of 96 staff and supported the capacity of 25 additional staff; and
- Procuring registration equipment like computers, biometric scanners, document and card printers, software licenses, cameras, and vehicles for mobile teams; and
- Building a custom data system that connects with other government systems; and
- Collaborating on a joint communication campaign to inform refugees about the process, mobilize partners and NGOs for pre-enrolment, and inform key authorities.



On 20 January, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, the Minister of Internal Affairs and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees officially inaugurated the headquarters of the Directorate for Asylum and Statelessness of the General Inspectorate for Migration (previously called the Bureau for Migration and Asylum) and its registration office for beneficiaries of temporary protection.

UNHCR played a key role in capacity-building for this project. The works at both floors of the building started in the third quarter of 2022, and included indoor repairs (the walls, floors and ceilings have been repaired, new windows and doors installed), small improvements outside the building (the pavement and the ramp for disabled people), and improvements were made to the parking space. UNHCR has also procured all the equipment for both the Directorate for Asylum and Statelessness and the registration office for the beneficiaries of temporary protection.

## Inclusion & Social Protection

By end 2023, UNHCR plans to finish works on a total of 10 community service centres across the country to expand services for refugees and Moldovans alike. Improvements to community service centres in Balti and Orhei are already done – and five more are scheduled for early 2023.

A key tool in supporting refugee inclusion is the Robota platform, which offers a wide range of services for refugees looking for employment opportunities in the Republic of Moldova. The platform offers free consulting services on labor rights and employment opportunities in the country. So far, over 573 persons received consultations.. According to the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, 950 refugees have reported finding formal employment in the country as of 20 January 2023.

The project is implemented by the Center for Policies, Initiatives and Research PLATFORMA, the National Congress of Ukrainians from Moldova, with the support of the Danish Refugee Council and UNHCR.



Information sessions on employment opportunities are being organized in Moldova as part of the Platforma programme. On 18 January, an info session was organized in the district of Orhei. So far, since the implementation of the project, over 10 missions were conducted in different districts of Moldova, reaching around 150 refugees.

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