

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #17

8-14 October 2022

Key figures

85,264 refugees currently in Romania (as of 12 October 2022)

75,505 refugees granted temporary protection in Romania (as of 12 October 2022)

22,143 refugees supported with multi-purpose cash assistance

44,600 refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone

13,119 refugees supported to travel to Romania from Ukraine-Moldova border through fast-track transfers

Response

UNHCR continues to be actively present in the main border crossing points through field offices and unit in Galati, Suceava and Iasi. During the week, UNHCR and partners assisted the fast-track transfer from Moldova to Romania of 97 refugees arriving mostly from Odessa and Zaporizhzhia. Families reported recent security developments and upcoming winter conditions as reasons for leaving. UNHCR and partners provide onsite counselling upon their arrival at Husi. UNHCR in coordination with the Department of Emergency Situations (DSU) ensures timely assistance by prepositioning core-relief items such as blankets and hygiene kits. Since the onset of the emergency, the DSU, UNHCR and IOM have supported 13,119 refugees with fast-track transport from Moldova to Romania.

On 10 October, over 2,000 visitors attended the UNHCR tent at the Multicultural Festival, organized by Migrant Integration Center Brasov and Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR). During the event, UNHCR briefed visitors on the activities carried out by UNHCR in coordination with partners and authorities.

Capacity building

On 11 October, the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Network led by UNHCR organized a training on standard tools to enhance PSEA. The training sessions were co-facilitated by UNHCR, UNICEF, and AMURTEL. Twenty members of the network representing UN agencies and NGOs actively participated in this training. In addition, on 5 October, UNHCR delivered a training session on PSEA in Baia Mare (as part of partner Sensiblu Foundation's gender-based violence training) to 17 individuals working for social assistance services, border authorities, accommodation centres, and NGO staff from Bistrița-Năsăud and Maramures counties.

Coordination

The Inter-Agency coordination platform led by UNHCR launched the Inter-Agency preparations for the 2023 Refugee Response Plan (RRP) planning. Through UNHCR's facilitation among the RRP partners of the planning process, nearly 80 people, including representatives from 20 local NGOs, participated in a working session to discuss the 2023 strategic direction, processes, and timelines for the development of the RRP.

In addition, UNHCR in Romania is also advancing its detailed planning for 2023 to ensure a sustained effort in supporting the national response to the refugee situation, and to align its programming with the priorities of the national plan and RRP.



The fast-track transfer service supported by UNHCR in partnership with the DSU and IOM



UNHCR tent at the Brasov Multicultural Festival.

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