

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #18

14-21 October 2022

Key figures

85,256 refugees currently in Romania (as of 18 October 2022)

77,098 refugees registered for temporary protection in Romania (as of 18 October 2022)

25,074 refugees supported with multi-purpose cash assistance.

46,708 refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone

13,262 refugees supported to travel to Romania from Ukraine-Moldova border through fast-track transfers.

Response

UNHCR is supporting the authorities to preposition core-relief items (CRIs) in the border areas to assist refugees, with due consideration to the upcoming winter. UNHCR plans to support refugees during winter with various activities including tailored cash assistance for winter needs and CRIs. On 14 October, UNHCR in Suceava (northern region) provided 40 tons of humanitarian aid to the Department for Emergency Situation (DSU) storage including 1,600 blankets, 1,800 bed linen sets, 975 hygiene kits and 300 sleeping bags. These items are meant to support refugees living with host communities as well as to enhance local response to newly arriving families. In addition, UNHCR distributed over 280 hygiene kits to families in Galati (south-eastern region).

UNHCR continues to support livelihood and economic inclusion opportunities for refugees in Romania. UNHCR partners HEKS participated in “job fair” in Suceava (organized by ANOFM) and Cluj (organized by Targul de Cariere) to support refugees from Ukraine seeking employment opportunities. UNHCR and partners are actively promoting inclusion of refugees in the job fair market throughout Romania.

UNHCR continues its activities to support children with skill development class after school. This week more than ten refugee children from Ukraine in Suceava attended classes at Bucovina Institution in Suceava. Currently two community hubs are operational in Suceava and Cluj offering services including counselling and assistance on access to healthcare and education. These Hubs are also a space for exchange information on work and studies, language and skills developments classes, as well as support for employment and job inclusion.

UNHCR is assessing needs of refugees from Ukraine living in Romania. UNHCR undertook a field mission to Valcea county in the Carpathian Mountains that is currently hosting 730 refugees. UNHCR met with NGOs and local civil society organizations concerning needs of refugees from Ukraine. UNHCR is now planning to carry out a mobile cash enrolment mission in the area and distribution of CRIs according to needs identified by the local stakeholders.



Cargo delivery of UNHCR's core-relief items in Iasi © UNHCR



Music class for Ukrainian children in one of the Protection/community hubs in Suceava.

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