

ROMANIA

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13 January 2023

Key figures

106,987 refugees currently in Romania (as of 10 January 2023)

105,902 refugees registered for temporary protection in Romania (as of 10 January 2023)

43,129 refugees supported with multi-purpose cash assistance

66,357 refugees provided with information and counselling in person or over the phone

14,707 refugees supported to travel to Romania from Ukraine-Moldova border through fast-track transfers.



I had to leave our home in Ukraine and came to Romania with my 4 children. While we wait to return home, we like living in Valcea and the new neighbours we've found. We were offered several winter aid items, but we only took one for each and left the other items for those who need those more.

Olha, a refugee woman from Ukraine hosted in Valcea.

Highlight

On 13 January, the Romanian Prime Minister H.E. Nicolae Ciucă and the State Counsellor Ms. Madalina Turza released the 2022 Report on Romania's efforts and Achievements in the Field of Humanitarian Assistance to Refugees, Children's Rights and Other Vulnerable Groups. UNHCR Representative Mr. Pablo Zapata, on behalf of the humanitarian actors implementing the Refugee Response Plan (RRP), presented the results achieved by UN agencies and national and international NGOs. He highlighted some of the key activities carried out by partners, including supporting 300,000 refugees in their basic needs, 200,000 refugees with protection services and 66,000 refugees with cash assistance allowing them to ensure a safe and dignified living. During his speech, Mr. Zapata commended Romania's response to the refugees arriving from Ukraine and expressed gratitude to Romanians for all what has been done. He also emphasized on the need to continue supporting the inclusion and protection of refugees -particularly those with vulnerabilities.



On behalf of the RRP Partners, Mr. Pablo Zapata presenting overview of the Inter-Agency refugee response in 2022.

Response

Since mid-December, UNHCR started enrolling refugees for its cash assistance for winter programme. As of 11 January 2023, over 4,350 refugees from Ukraine have been enrolled in the programme. In addition to the cash assistance, UNHCR continues the delivery of core-relief items (CRIs), including blankets, quilts, winter cloths, child care kits, mattress foam and hygiene kits. Since 1 January UNHCR has distributed around 17,000 items in Brasov, Suceava, Galati and the Municipality Free Supermarket for refugees located at RomExpo, Bucharest.

UNHCR, UNICEF and partners continue to operate 8 Blue Dots across Romania. Blue Dots are located near the border with Ukraine (Sighet, Siret, Isaccea) and Moldova (Husi, Galati) as well as one Brasov and two in Bucharest (in sector 3 and sector 6). The [Digital Blue Dot](#) is also operational and visited by more than 2,600 people to access vital information.

Coordination

UNHCR is leading the inter-agency platform in finalizing the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) for Romania in 2023. A total of 34 partners (6 UN Agencies, 14 National NGOs and 14 International NGOs) are contributing to the response with their respective priorities that include protection, health, basic needs, education, and livelihoods.

Beginning of year consultations took place with Secretary of State Dr Raed Arafat and State Counsellor Ms Madalina Turza to continue deepening cooperation in key areas of the refugee response, both in its emergency and medium and long term phases.

UNHCR is grateful to the donors of unearmarked and softly earmarked contributions to the Ukraine situation. UNHCR in Romania is also grateful to donors contributing to its 2022 programmes. For more details: <https://reporting.unhcr.org/romania-funding-2022>



Delivering core relief items at the Municipality Free Super Market for refugees located at RomExpo, Bucharest on 13 January 2023.