

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #41

7 April 2023

Key figures

126,711 refugees granted temporary protection in Romania (as of 2 April 2023)

107,706 refugees in Romania (as of 31 March 2023)

17,484 refugees supported with cash assistance in 2023. 43,129 refugees supported in 2022.

22,459 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2023. 65,000 refugees assisted since 2022.

992 refugees supported with fast-track transfers from Moldova to Romania in 2023 and 14,636 in 2022.



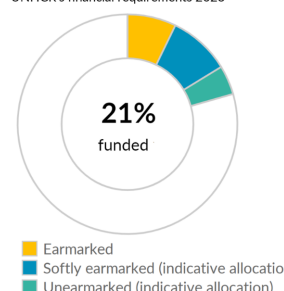
I was first displaced back in 2014 and moved my family from Donetsk, to Zaporizhzhia and then again to Kyiv. With this war, we were displaced again and found shelter in Romania. I am a doctor and each time I had to find a new job to organize our lives. – A refugee mother from Ukraine.

Funding Situation

As of 5 April 2023

\$59.5 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



Highlight

On 5 April, UNHCR and the Municipality of Brasov, organized a [workshop on enhancing targeted response for refugees with vulnerabilities](#). The workshop -which took place at the CATTIA Centre- brought together 36 participants from 17 organisations working on social affairs from the municipality, including UN agencies, NGOs and civil society organizations from all over Romania. During the workshop, participants identified common vulnerability criteria to better target humanitarian assistance and explored options to develop an inter-agency score-card which will be a useful vulnerability determination tool for humanitarian actors and authorities while implementing specific activities targeting people with vulnerability. The inter-agency score-card will also help the overall programme related to cash assistance delivered to refugees from Ukraine.

Coordination

On 5 April, the Livelihood and Socio-Economic Inclusion Working Group, co-led by UNHCR and IOM, held a [monthly coordination meeting in Iasi](#) discussing ways to enhance engagement of employers to create employment opportunities for refugees. UNHCR also met with the local employment authority (AJOFM) which assured coordination with UNHCR and partners to connect refugees with potential employers through various means. On 7 April, Inter-Agency coordination team and Sub-Prefect of Suceava County facilitated a Refugee Support Coordination Network meeting focusing on humanitarian service mapping in Suceava that brought together around 40 participants from various authorities and NGOs.

Response

UNHCR continues to provide counselling support to the refugees from Ukraine. So far in 2023, UNHCR and Partners have supported nearly 22,500 refugees with protection and counselling services both in person and remotely through hotlines telephone numbers. Current queries received from refugees are largely linked with the revision of the government "50/20 programme", UNHCR's cash assistance, and access to temporary protection.

Last week, nearly 2,000 refugees were supported with core relief items (CRIs) in Galați, Constanța, Sighet, Bistrita, and Bacau counties. The CRIs included clothes, bed linen, blankets, towels, hygiene kits, and diapers. So far in 2023, UNHCR has assisted over 51,000 refugees from Ukraine as well as vulnerable Romanians with humanitarian aid throughout the country.

[Learning the local language is linked with socio-economic inclusion of refugees from Ukraine in Romania](#). UNHCR's partner HEKS/EPER and Ateliere Fara Frontiere (AFF) continue supporting refugees with Romanian language courses. Out of the 185 refugees enrolled in language classes in 2023, 88 refugees have already completed the first module of the course. So far, UNHCR and partners assisted over 1,200 refugees to access employment and livelihoods opportunities through various activities, including counselling, CV development, preparing for job interviews, and maintaining an online platform to connect the refugees with potential employers.

UNHCR continues to train its staff on prevention of and response to gender-based violence (GBV). With this aim, two half-day GBV training sessions were organised on 23 March and 31 March for UNHCR staff in Bucharest with participation of a total of 28 staff.

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On 31 March, Timur, a refugee child from Odesa, waits while his mother and grandmother collect UNHCR's aid in Năvodari, Constanța county.