

ROMANIA

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Key figures

149,493 refugees granted temporary protection in Romania.

83,765 refugees present in Romania.

62,486 refugees supported with cash assistance programmes in 2023. 43,129 refugees supported in 2022.

89,797 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2023. 65,000 refugees assisted in 2022.

6,672 refugees supported with livelihoods and employment services in 2023.

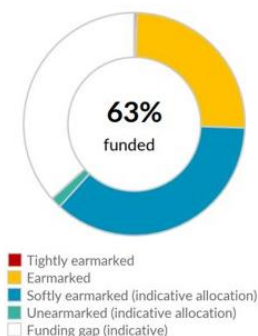
“Romania's help is invaluable for us, clothes, food, shelter. Romania protected us from the war, helped us and continues to help us financially. We feel at home. Thank you all!”
 Tetiana, a 57-year-old refugee from Kharkiv, Ukraine, hosted in Romania.

Funding Situation

As of 31 October 2023

\$59.5 million

UNHCR's financial requirements 2023



Highlights

Several pledges were made by Romania, both the Government and four Municipalities, at the [Global Refugee Forum](#) (Geneva, 13-15 Dec) the world's largest international gathering on refugees, designed to support the practical implementation of the objectives set out in the [Global Compact on Refugees](#) and to provide an opportunity for States and stakeholders, including from [Romania](#) to announce concrete pledges, contributions, highlight progress made, share good practices, and take stock of the challenges and opportunities ahead.

The Government of Romania pledged to continue its efforts to resettle refugees as part of the EU solidarity mechanism, to enhance the refugee reception capacity and to continue operate the Emergency Transit Centre in Timișoara. From 2008 (when ETC was established jointly with UNHCR and IOM) to date, over 3,600 refugees were evacuated and hosted at the ETC on their way to the resettlement country.

- The Bucharest municipality pledged to develop a comprehensive public policy to foster inclusion, combat discrimination and promote diversity and communication. The Brasov municipality pledged to maintain the CATTIA Centre as a *one-stop shop* service centre for refugees. In Galați, the authorities confirmed continued support for inclusive access to services and infrastructure for refugees, fostering an environment that enables self-reliance and socio-economic contribution to the local community. The Timișoara Social Assistance Directorate pledged to build an inclusive community with a human-rights based approach, involving all stakeholders, with a focus on education, health, work, culture, and social services.

- The members of the Livelihoods Economic Integration Working Group coordinated by UNHCR pledged to further harmonize coordination and assistance between all stakeholders to ensure refugee's access to the formal labour market, whilst maintaining an individual and tailored focus as well as advocating for social inclusion.

Response

UNHCR presented two Area-based Assessment in Brașov and Cluj Napoca, to evaluate the humanitarian capabilities and the provided response. The meetings attended by local government and civil society representatives shared best practices and feedback on UNHCR's work and evaluation methods. UNHCR will carry a recalibration workshop on the 17-19 Jan 2024, during which parties are encouraged to provide inputs for a better measurement of crucial indicators from the refugee population.

On 11 December UNHCR gave at the Sociology and Social Assistance, University of Bucharest, about UNHCR, the Romania response to the Ukraine emergency and the Global Refugee Forum.

The UNHCR field unit in Timisoara continues the transfer to Norway of the Afghan and Syrian refugees from the group (88 persons) that had been evacuated from Türkiye to the ETC in November 2023. In preparation for their departure, UNHCR and IOM undertakes logistics and other arrangements, including the fit-to-travel medical check-up. From 2008 (when ETC was established) to date, over 3,600 refugees were hosted here on their way to the resettlement country.

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 2023 programmes. For more details: [Romania Funding Update - 2023 | Global Focus \(unhcr.org\)](#)



Quote from UNHCR Filippo Grandi at the Global Refugee Forum.