HUNGARY FACT SHEET

Hungary

February 2026

In consultation with the Government of Hungary, UNHCR **coordinates the Ukraine Situation Refugee Response Coordination Forum** (RCF), bringing together a wide network of partners supporting refugees.

UNHCR works to ensure that all individuals in need of international protection **have access to territory and fair asylum procedures**, in line with international law, through advocacy and capacity-building.

UNHCR **promotes educational inclusion** through evidence-based advocacy and community initiatives such as the "Back to School" campaign. Explore the latest participatory assessment report here.

UNHCR POPULATION STATISTICS (as of mid-2025)*

Refugees	**72,663****
Asylum-seekers	**29**
Stateless people	**97*****

Top three countries of origin

Refugees

Ukraine	63,326
Afghanistan	1,386
Syrian Arab Republic	772

Asylum-seekers

Syrian Arab Republic	6
Islamic Republic of Iran	5
Russian Federation	5

**UNHCR Refugee Data Finder*
*** Figure includes persons in refugee-like situation.*
****Figures include both displaced & non-displaced stateless persons*
*****References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999)*

UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 31 December 2025, **65,450** refugees from Ukraine were recorded in Hungary.

Coordination: UNHCR leads the RCF for refugees from Ukraine, bringing together 69 partners, including 28 appealing under the Refugee Response Plan (RRP).

Protection: In the first half of 2025, UNHCR and RRP partners reached 10,757 individuals with protection services, including information provision, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and access to child-friendly spaces.

Inclusion: Over the same period, UNHCR and RRP partners provided 1,875 refugees with employment counselling, language training, community-based psychological support and inclusion-oriented case management.

Advocacy: UNHCR advocates for access to rights for Temporary Protection (TP) beneficiaries and their inclusion in Hungary's national social protection system. In 2025, UNHCR's advocacy focused on promoting coordinated approaches to support access to alternative residency pathways and durable solutions for TP holders in Hungary. Read RCF's recommendation note here.

HIGHLIGHTS

Essential winter support for Ukrainian refugees

In December 2025,UNHCR, in cooperation with a broad range of partners, delivered more than 600,000 essential non-food items worth approximately $4.9 million to support Ukrainian refugees and vulnerable people in host communities across Hungary. The assistance included winter and household supplies such as bed linen, quilts, pillows, sleeping bags, hygiene kits, and adult diapers.

Capacity-building for border officials

In October 2025, UNHCR provided a session to 40 police officers at Budapest International Airport on identifying those with specific needs and effective communication with people at risk, with a focus on victims of trafficking and children.

Additionally, an online training module developed by UNHCR on border-specific protection has been integrated into the official police training curriculum. To date, over 2,000 officers have registered for the mandatory course, and more than 1,000 have completed it.



Murat, 4, in his home in Vecsés, near Budapest. His family fled Transcarpathia in 2023 and relied on UNHCR cash assistance for refugees with serious disabilities, which ended in 2025.
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WHEN SUPPORT ENDS

UNHCR's cash assistance programme for TP holders with serious disabilities was a vital source of support for dozens of refugee families in Hungary, including Murat's. The programme ended in 2025 due to global funding cuts, significantly reducing support for vulnerable families.

Key Priorities

- **Protection:** UNHCR works to promote access to legal status, protection and rights in Hungary. It also maintains a help site and a Refugee Helpline with an integrated feedback and complaint mechanism to provide information to refugees and others in need of international protection.
- **Asylum procedures:** UNHCR advocates for access to territory and fair asylum procedures, while providing legal assistance to asylum-seekers. In 2025, it also resumed capacity-building with Hungary's asylum authority, complementing ongoing activities with border and migration officials.
- **Inclusion:** UNHCR works with national stakeholders and partners to strengthen refugees' socio-economic inclusion in Hungary, with a particular focus on promoting refugees' labour market participation, removing practical barriers to healthcare, advancing state support for refugees with serious disabilities, and ensuring the full inclusion of refugee children in the national child protection system.
- **Vulnerabilities:** UNHCR works with government authorities and partners to ensure the identification and referral of refugees with specific vulnerabilities to appropriate support and assistance.
- **Public perception:** UNHCR and its partners engage with the media and amplify the voices of refugees to promote positive perceptions and highlight their contributions to society.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR works with government authorities to ensure that refugees can obtain legal status and access essential services.
- UNHCR began 2025 with seven funded national partners to respond to refugee needs: *Carpathian Foundation* (basic needs and integration support); *Hungarian Baptist Aid* (accommodation support); *Hungarian Helsinki Committee* (legal support to asylum-seekers and refugees, including those in detention); *Hungarian Interchurch Aid* (counselling, protection from violence and trafficking); *Mandak House* (basic needs and social counselling); *Menedék* (MHPSS); and *ULE Association* (housing).
- In the second half of 2025, funding cuts forced UNHCR to end several key partnerships ahead of schedule, including Mandak House (June), Hungarian Baptist Aid (July), and ULE Association and Hungarian Interchurch Aid (August). Reduced partnerships continued with the Hungarian Helsinki Committee, the Carpathian Foundation and Menedék until the end of the year. The impact on refugees was severe: support for two community centres was withdrawn, financial assistance to local GBV service providers was terminated, and livelihoods and housing support for the most vulnerable refugee families was cut by 50 per cent. Due to funding constraints, only the partnership with the Hungarian Helsinki Committee will continue in 2026.

Statelessness

- Hungary has acceded to the 1954 and 1961 UN Conventions on Statelessness and, since 2007, has had a statelessness determination procedure in place. Since 2013, UNHCR has supported the procedure's internal quality assurance mechanism and assisted individual cases through counselling and information.
- On 27 November 2025, UNHCR and the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing (NDGAP) jointly organised the Annual Professional Day on Statelessness, bringing together 25 case officers for a full day of learning, exchange and joint reflection.

UNHCR Presence in Hungary

Staff:
5 National Staff

Offices:
1 office in Budapest, operating under the coordination of the UNHCR Representation for Central and South-East Europe

Financial information (28 February 2026)

** Information relates to UNHCR's Representation for Central and South-East Europe, which covers Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia and Kosovo.*

Financial requirements

$ 24 M



Funded 27%
$ 6.6 M

Funding gap 73%
$ 17.4 M

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