ROMANIA FACT SHEET

Romania

February 2026

UNHCR **supports the Government's response** to protect and include refugees in Romania through initiatives fostering inclusion and self-reliance, protection services, counselling and targeted assistance.

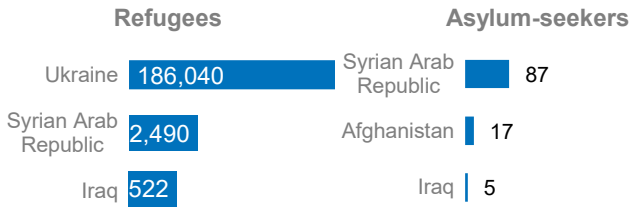
Romania granted **access to social benefits for refugees from Ukraine**, through the Emergency Ordinance No. 96 on 28 June 2024, thereby addressing the needs of vulnerable refugees, to the same extent as Romanian citizens.

UNHCR leads **Inter-Agency coordination**, supporting the national response, with 43 Refugee Response Plan partners ensuring alignment and synergy with the Government's policy and localization.

UNHCR POPULATION STATISTICS (as of mid-2025)*

Refugees	**192,949**
Asylum-seekers	**114**
Stateless persons	**267**

Top three countries of origin*



**UNHCR Refugee Data Finder*

UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of the end of January 2026, 203,684 refugees from Ukraine were recorded in Romania.

Coordination and advocacy: UNHCR coordinates with authorities on protection and inclusion of refugees from Ukraine - including to social benefits - and enhances their access to livelihoods. With partners and UN agencies, UNHCR supports the national response and preparedness and identifies relevant areas of advocacy and cooperation.

Protection services and support to the most vulnerable: UNHCR and 5 NGO partners support vulnerable groups in 7 counties through child protection, support to survivors and victims of different forms of violence affecting especially women and children, (including sexual violence), legal services, self-reliance, and empowerment, as well as refugee community outreach.

Information management and needs assessments: UNHCR strengthens the localisation and sustainability of information management in Romania by expanding partnerships with authorities, UN agencies, NGOs and academia through initiatives such as the Socio-Economic Insight Survey, conducted with local partners to improve collaboration, avoid duplication and understand refugees' situation.

HIGHLIGHTS

Life-saving assistance

In 2025, UNHCR enrolled over 2,275 refugees for cash assistance as a transitional safety net measure and distributed 190,295 core relief items (CRIs), including blankets, bedding, clothing, and hygiene kits to 46,580 people in need.

Protection information and counselling

In 2025, UNHCR and partners have provided over 11,800 refugees with information and counselling in person or by phone. In addition, some 21,400 refugees are regularly reached through social media dedicated channels, including UNHCR's Telegram channel, amplifying UNHCR's messages to nearly 80,000 refugees.

Delivering together

UNHCR hosts 11 partners and national authorities at the RomExpo Community Centre in Bucharest, visited by over 250 refugees daily. The centre serves as a main "one-stop shop" for refugees. UNHCR is also hosting the social shop run by the Municipality of Bucharest.



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Employment support for Ukrainian Refugees

UNHCR facilitates socio-economic inclusion of refugees through language courses, employment counselling, mobilizing employers and organizing job fairs in collaboration with the national employment agency (ANOFM) and partners. In 2025, UNHCR and partners provided some 5,900 refugees with livelihoods and employment services, including language courses for 962 refugees.

Key Priorities

- **Protection:** UNHCR engages with authorities and partners to promote refugee protection, including identification and timely referral of people with specific needs, legal counselling, and tailored interventions for vulnerable individuals. UNHCR also provides authorities and partners with technical support and capacity-building on protection, and in the asylum system.
- **Socio-economic inclusion and self-reliance:** UNHCR facilitates socio-economic inclusion of refugees through language courses, employment counselling, mobilizing employers and organizing job fairs in collaboration with the national employment agency (ANOFM) and partners. So far in 2025, UNHCR and partners provided some 5,900 refugees with livelihoods and employment services including language courses.
- **Communication with communities**: UNHCR enhances two-way feedback mechanisms with refugee communities by establishing a hotline, Telegram channel, protection counselling desks and complaint mechanisms. UNHCR also disseminates information through social media and its dedicated HELP page.
- **Field presence:** UNHCR responds to the needs of refugees from Ukraine through its field presence in Timișoara, and its main office in Bucharest, as well as through its partners covering seven counties. UNHCR manages the Emergency Transit Centre for refugees in Timișoara, with guidance from national authorities.
- **Cash assistance:** In 2025, UNHCR implemented cash programmes to support the most vulnerable refugees, enrolling 2,275 refugees, notably through cash assistance for refugees with specific needs. Cash assistance provides a transitional safety net to the most vulnerable refugees, until their inclusion in the labour market or national social protection schemes.
- **Core Relief Items**: UNHCR continues to assist the most vulnerable refugees to meet their basic needs through the distribution of core relief items including clothing, bedding, and hygiene items. In 2025, UNHCR distributed 190,295 CRIs to some 45,580 refugees.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR works with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Internal Affairs (the General Inspectorate of Immigration, the General Inspectorate of the Border Police, and the Department for Emergency Situations), as well as with the Ministries of Labour and Social Solidarity, and of Justice.
- **Inter-Agency and RRP:** UNHCR supports the government's national response plan by leading the Inter-Agency Coordination platform comprising 43 partners implementing humanitarian support for refugees from Ukraine, with a total financial requirement of US$ 155 million for the years 2025-2026.
- **External engagement:** UNHCR collaborates with civil society actors, media, and academia to promote awareness on refugee rights and social cohesion.
- **Emergency Transit Centre (ETC):** The ETC in Timișoara was set up pursuant to a Tri-Partite Agreement concluded by the Government of Romania, UNHCR and IOM serving as residential facility which can host up to 200 refugees in transit towards resettlement countries. It started its activities in 2008, to provide temporary evacuation to Romania of people in urgent need of international protection and their onward resettlement.

Statelessness

- Romania is a party to both the 1954 and 1961 UN Conventions on Statelessness. UNHCR advocates for the setting of a statelessness status determination procedure with competent authorities, and for closing existing legal gaps on statelessness.

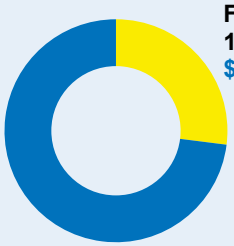
UNHCR Presence in Romania

Staff:	**Offices:**
30 National Staff	1 Branch Office in Bucharest
7 International Staff	1 Field Unit in Timișoara
8 UN Volunteers	

Financial information (28 February 2026)

Financial requirements for 2026

$ 23.4 M



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