

# Hungary

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In cooperation with the Government of Hungary, UNHCR **coordinates the Ukraine Situation Refugee Response Plan (RRP)**, which brings together a wide network of partners supporting refugees.

UNHCR advocates with the government for access to **accommodation** and **national social protection systems** for all beneficiaries of Temporary Protection in Hungary.

**UNHCR continues to engage with key government and non-government stakeholders** to bring Hungary's asylum system in line with EU and international law.

## POPULATION STATISTICS (as of mid-2024)\*

Refugees	<b>68,459</b>
Asylum-seekers	<b>15</b>
Stateless people	<b>101</b>
Others of concern	<b>13</b>

## Top three countries of origin\*

Refugees**	Asylum-seekers
Ukraine <b>62,455</b>	Burundi <b>2</b>
Afghanistan <b>1,437</b>	Iran (Islamic Rep. of) <b>2</b>
Syrian Arab Republic <b>801</b>	Egypt <b>2</b>

\*UNHCR Mid-Year Statistical Report 2024 and UNHCR Data Finder

\*\* Excluding those whose nationality is unknown (1,007 individuals)

## UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 23 September 2024, **62,455** refugees from Ukraine were recorded in Hungary.

**Protection assistance:** UNHCR and RRP partners reached over 39,000 refugees information on rights and services, as well as legal assistance and counselling.

**Cash assistance:** UNHCR implements a small-scale cash for protection programme to support 60 refugees living with disabilities.

**Coordination:** UNHCR leads the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) of 70 partners aiming towards a harmonized response that complements the efforts of the government. Coordination is done through Protection, Inclusion, and Basic Needs/Cash working groups.

**Inclusion:** UNHCR provides inclusion-related support to refugees, including access to housing, employment, services, and education.

**Advocacy:** UNHCR advocates for access to rights for beneficiaries of Temporary Protection, **including accommodation irrespective of their place of origin within Ukraine**, as well as their **inclusion into the national Hungarian social protection system**.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Over 2,200 refugees receive livelihoods support**

In 2024, UNHCR and its partners have provided employment counselling, workshops on employment, job fairs and inclusion-oriented case management to refugees in Hungary.

### **Capacity-building on identification of protection needs at the border**

In 2024, UNHCR delivered a series of trainings on the identification of protection and specific needs to the border police and the migration authority working along the borders.

### **Over 120 people received legal counselling**

UNHCR partner Hungarian Helsinki Committee provided legal counselling and representation to 120 asylum-seekers and refugees.



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### **A TALENTED REFUGEE BOY FROM UKRAINE FINDS A SCHOOL DESIGNED FOR HIM**

Ruslan, 9 years old, fled from Melitopol in eastern Ukraine to Hungary. Already proficient in Hungarian after a few months, he was admitted to second grade and graduated with honours in language and literature.

## Key Priorities

- **Protection:** UNHCR works to promote access to legal status, protection and rights in Hungary.
- **Asylum procedures:** UNHCR advocates for access to asylum procedures, provides legal assistance for asylum-seekers, and undertakes regular monitoring of asylum procedures. Following adoption of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, **UNHCR has intensified engagement with key government and non-government stakeholders** supporting preparation to bring Hungary's asylum system in line with EU and international law.
- **Inclusion:** UNHCR works to strengthen the socio-economic inclusion of refugees in the host community through inclusion-oriented case management as well as engagement with employers and job fairs.
- **Vulnerabilities:** UNHCR supports proper identification and referral of vulnerable refugees to targeted support and assistance. UNHCR monitors the protection situation of refugees and asylum seekers, and delivers trainings to officials at the Ukrainian and Serbian borders on the identification of protection needs.
- **PSEA and GBV risk mitigation:** Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Gender Based Violence risk mitigation is incorporated in all interventions through awareness-raising activities and capacity-building.
- **Public perception:** UNHCR briefs media and works with media outlets, schools and universities, cultural and music festivals to give refugees a voice to reinforce positive perceptions about refugees.
- **Empowerment of refugees:** UNHCR provides social counselling and skills training to refugees with a view to improve self-reliance.

## Working with Partners

- UNHCR works together with Government authorities and technical level focal points to ensure refugees have access to protection status and services.
- Within Hungary, UNHCR has eight active partnership agreements with local actors. These agreements include with; the **Carpathian Foundation which** offers basic needs and integration support; **Cordelia Foundation which** provides psychosocial counselling and mental health support; **Hungarian Baptist Aid** which provides accommodation support and cash assistance; **Hungarian Helsinki Committee** which offers assistance and legal support to asylum-seekers and refugees, including those in detention; **Hungarian Interchurch Aid which** provides counselling to GBV survivors; **Mandak House** which supports basic needs and provides social integration and counselling support; **Menedék** which offers integration support and counselling, language courses, and social, educational and cultural programs; as well as **ULE Association** which supports refugees with access to mid-to-long-term accommodation.

## Statelessness

- Hungary has acceded to both the 1954 and 1961 UN Conventions on Statelessness and has a statelessness determination procedure in place since 2007. Since 2013, UNHCR has supported the internal quality assurance mechanism of the procedure, and assisted individual cases through counselling and information provision.

## UNHCR Presence in Hungary

### Staff:

31 National Staff

14 International Staff

### Offices:

1 Multi-Country Office (MCO) in

Budapest covering UNHCR activities in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia

## Financial Information (as of 30 September 2024)

### Financial requirements

**\$ 14.2 M**



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