

# ROMANIA

## Weekly Update #152

23 June 2025

### Key figures

**184,414 refugees** obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end April 2025).

**2,275 refugees** enrolled for cash assistance in 2025; 17,419 in 2024.

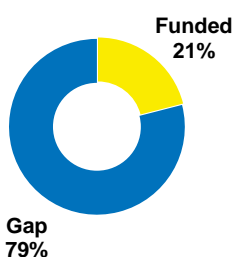
**5,974 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

**4,093 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

“World Refugee Day is a celebration of hope and solidarity, bringing together people from different corners of the world and members of the local community - supporting each other and sharing their stories. Despite our diverse backgrounds, we can build warm and friendly communities where everyone feels at home.”  
*Iryna, a 65-year-old refugee from Kirovograd, living in Constanța, Romania.*

### UNHCR Romania Funding Situation As of 31 May 2025

**\$39.0 million**  
UNHCR's funding requirements 2025



### World Refugee Day 2025

Last week, UNHCR and partners marked the World Refugee Day (20 June) with a series of events with the participation of local and national authorities and institutions, media, humanitarian actors, together with refugees hosted in Romania. The interim Prime Minister of Romania expressed support for refugees in a [statement](#). The UNHCR Representative led the re-inauguration of UNHCR's RomExpo Community Centre, during which he underlined that solidarity with refugees is about listening to their voices and the voices of hosting communities and building an inclusive community together. Messages of support were delivered by the Ambassadors of Canada, Sweden and Türkiye, as well as by the State Secretary and Head of the Department for Emergency Situations (DSU), the General Inspectorate for Immigration (GII), the General Directorate of Social Assistance of the Municipality of Bucharest, as well as refugees from Ukraine and Syria and the NGO Green Revolution (see below).



Reinauguration of UNHCR's Community Centre in Bucharest



World Refugee Day event in Constanța

In Constanța, UNHCR hosted a vibrant World Refugee Day event with some 200 participants, including refugees, members of the host community, local officials, and representatives of civil society at the Summer Theatre of the Children's Palace. The programme featured performances by participants from Ukraine, Romania, Greece, and Syria, celebrating cultural diversity and resilience, and a variety of interactive activities for all ages.

Children enjoyed a robotics workshop and balloon modelling, a Ukrainian handicraft exhibition showcased embroidery, paintings, and plants. On 21 June, UNHCR held a volleyball tournament with teams from the Ukrainian refugee and host community.

In Suceava, UNHCR held a "Race for solidarity", handicraft and artistic activities, and many fun and sports games, with 140 participants from the refugee community. The activities encouraged those present to reflect about refugees all around the world. UNHCR supported the implementation of World Vision Romania's [DEC2B Project](#) in partnership with Obcini kindergarten. In Baia Mare, UNHCR together with NGO City Makers held an event together with local stakeholders to commemorate the resilience and strength of the refugee community, showing and sharing solidarity through with fun activities for children and adults.



Refugee children mark World Refugee Day in Suceava



Refugees at the ETC in Timișoara

In Timișoara, refugees hosted at the Emergency Transit Centre (ETC) took part in an arts and crafts workshop, performed traditional dances and songs while participating to other recreational activities. UNHCR held an event with IKEA Foundation to inform staff about UNHCR's mandate and activities. In Arad, UNHCR together with refugee-led organisation Centru de Vis, the local Directorate for Social Assistance and civil society organisations held a musical event for Ukrainian refugee children and children from the host community with the message: "when we open our hearts, new bonds grow stronger".

On 21 June, partners of the Refugee Response Plan expressed solidarity with refugees worldwide at the first of a series of special events celebrating social cohesion, multiculturalism, and the power of community. taking place in Bucharest over the summer under the label "Together in the Park" in coordination with NGO Green Revolution.



"Together in the Park"

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