

ROMANIA

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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.

5,819 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

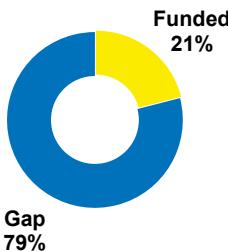
3,887 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

“ Romanians are very friendly, always ready to help, and it is calm and safe here, which is incredibly important for us right now. I am sincerely glad that they accepted us here and want to extend our temporary protection - it gives us hope and a little confidence in the future.” Olena, a 65-year-old refugee from Dnipro, living in Constanța, Romania.

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 31 May 2025

\$39.0 million
UNHCR's funding requirements 2025



Highlights

On 12 June, UNHCR published its two flagship reports, the [Global Trends](#) and the [Global Report](#). These reports present a global picture of crises that continue to erupt and evolve, with global forced displacement estimated at 123.2 million people at the end of 2024, and the population that UNHCR itself is mandated to protect and assist rising to 129.9 million. Despite growing humanitarian needs and budgetary constraints, UNHCR continued its work to protect, assist, empower, and include forcibly displaced and stateless people. Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said: “We live in a time of profound instability in international relations, where modern warfare creates a fragile and disturbing landscape marked by acute human suffering. We must redouble our efforts to build peace and find durable solutions for refugees and all those forced to flee their homes.”

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 11 June, UNHCR held an information session on accessing support for Ukrainian refugees with disabilities at UNHCR's RomExpo Community Centre in Bucharest.

Participants shared personal experiences and exchanging practical tips on navigating procedures and accessing support. Many highlighted challenges, such as the requirement to frequently re-apply and high associated costs. Participants highlighted the need for longer certification validity and more affordable procedures. The session supported access to social assistance and enhanced peer network information exchange. So far in 2025, UNHCR has provided protection counselling services and legal support to 5,819 refugees.

UNHCR continues supporting refugees directly through its activities in the field. On 10 June, UNHCR chaired the Suceava Refugee Inclusion Working Group bringing together 23 participants from local authorities and civil society. Those present received training on international protection as part of capacity strengthening delivered by UNHCR and General Inspectorate for Immigration (GII) Rădăuți. The Women's Club hosted by UNHCR in Constanța holds regular informal activities to meet the community needs of refugee women. On 10 June, a professional psychologist led a session on “Fairy Tale Therapy as a Resource for Self-Discovery and Emotional Support”, encouraging each participant to contribute to the community's development. On 12 June, the club held a yoga session in the peaceful setting of a local park. Feedback from participants shows the need for safe and inclusive spaces, personal connection, and community engagement.

During the past month, UNHCR received an increasing number of individual cases from asylum-seekers and beneficiaries of international protection requesting support with the asylum procedure and legal assistance. Due to limited funding, NGOs are increasingly relying on UNHCR support as asylum-seekers continue approaching them with multiple needs. Several cases assisted by UNHCR over recent weeks have seen positive outcomes - including cases regarding recognition of refugee status, access to legal assistance and access to a fair asylum procedure - and have showcased the impact of UNHCR's joint work and collaboration with legal counsellors, lawyers, GII, the Border Police, and the judicial system.



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