

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #150

9 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.

5,715 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

2,321 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

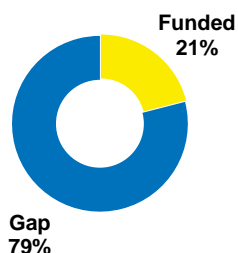
“I’m deeply grateful to UNHCR’s Women’s Club for giving us the chance to feel beautiful and healthy. Even far from home, I’ve learned to pause and truly enjoy the moment. Whether it’s morning” *Iryna, a 42-year-old refugee from Mykolaiv, living in Constanța, Romania.*

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 31 May 2025

\$39.0 million

UNHCR’s funding requirements 2025



Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

Following the conclusion of the 2024 entrepreneurship training programme delivered in partnership with World Vision Romania, UNHCR’s Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion team developed a set of post-activity monitoring questions. The programme provided entrepreneurship training to 170 refugees, with 27 receiving UNHCR-funded business development grants. The questions aim to track progress, identify challenges, document impact aligned with good practices in refugee livelihoods support, and help improve future iterations of the programme. 336 refugees have pre-registered for the 2025 programme, comprising of six online sessions that will conclude with a business plan submission from which 10 plans will be selected for UNHCR-funded grants. So far in 2025, UNHCR and its partners supported some 2,321 refugees with livelihood and employment services.

On 4 June, UNHCR partner World Vision Romania conducted an online training session for 11 refugee participants on “Your Work in Romania – Where to Start and How to Protect Yourself?”. The workshop covered topics such as employment contracts, with participants discussing the main elements and mandatory information that must be included in contracts. During a Q&A session, refugees expressed their concerns regarding the scheduled ending of temporary protection in March 2026, particularly uncertainty about their legal status and next steps after that date.

On 5 June, UNHCR held two workshops for refugee children at the Romexpo Community Centre in Bucharest to commemorate International Children’s Day. An origami workshop offered a creative and engaging way for children to learn about their rights and explore themes related to their growth and wellbeing. The activity provided a safe space for self-expression, introducing key rights such as the right to education. The second workshop encouraged the children to speak about the concept of gender, gender equality, the importance of preventing gender-based violence (GBV) while mastering their skills in English. By combining hands-on creativity with meaningful discussion, both workshops supported children’s emotional well-being, encouraged self-confidence, and strengthened their understanding of how their rights can be practiced in everyday life.



On 5 June, refugee children attend a workshop organised by UNHCR as part of events marking International Children’s Day at RomExpo Community Centre.

During the past week, refugees hosted at the Emergency Transit Centre (ETC) in Timișoara took part in a creative workshop in preparation for World Refugee Day on 20 June. The event brought together 15 refugee adults and children from Afghanistan and Sudan refugees to create a symbol of strength and hope in the form of a group art piece making handprints on large canvas as a statement of solidarity. The theme of this year’s World Refugee Day is “Solidarity with Refugees”. So far in 2025, the ETC provided assistance to some 200 refugees and helped more than 4,350 refugees since opening in 2008.



A refugee child at the ETC in Timișoara prepares to mark World Refugee Day.

UNHCR is grateful to the donors for unearmarked and softly earmarked contributions to the Ukraine situation. UNHCR in Romania is also grateful to donors contributing to 2025 programmes. For more details: [Romania Funding Update – 2025](#)