

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #157

28 July 2025

Key figures

188,188 refugees

obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end June 2025).

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

7,908 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

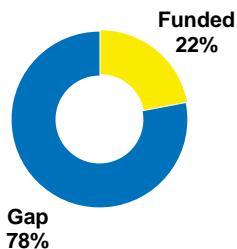
4,463 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

I try to stay positive, but at this age, it's hard to start over or imagine returning to my hometown, which is now occupied."
Olena, a 73-year-old refugee from Kherson Oblast, living in Timișoara, Romania.

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 30 June 2025

\$39.0 million
UNHCR's funding requirements 2025



Highlights

On 27 July, UNHCR in collaboration with NGO Green Revolution (Roaba de Cultură) and partners of the Refugee Response Plan (RRP), hosted "Together in the Park: Music Without Borders" - a celebration of multiculturalism, community, and culture. The open-air event - with live music and workshops for children - was the second in a series of community activities aimed at fostering social cohesion, multicultural understanding, and solidarity, bringing together refugees, migrants, and the host community in Bucharest. The third in the series of "Together in the Park" events supported by UNHCR will take place on 30 August.

UNHCR's Refugee-led Innovation Fund is currently accepting applications from organizations led by forcibly displaced and stateless people. With humanitarian funding dwindling and needs ever growing, championing communities to shape their own futures is more essential than ever. The Fund supports innovation from organizations led by people with lived experience of forced displacement or statelessness. In addition to multiyear funding of up to US\$ 45,000, selected organizations receive holistic support from UNHCR's Innovation Service that emphasizes learning to boost their capacity and sustainability. Eligible organizations can apply via the [Fund webpage](#) by 22 August 2025.



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Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 24 July, UNHCR partner World Vision Romania finalised its six-week long entrepreneurship training programme with Ukrainian refugees, with 295 participants successfully completing the course. The programme provided refugees with entrepreneurship training comprising of six online sessions helping refugees to learn about developing a business plan, SMART objectives, tax and other legal requirements of setting up a company in Romania. In the coming weeks, 10 business plans developed during the course will be selected for funding through UNHCR-funded grants.

UNHCR partner Project Voyager launched the first in a series of five mini videos on the theme of "Leading Across Cultures" to engage with employers and support inclusive workplace practices. The series, developed in collaboration with a [certified strengths coach](#), offers practical guidance for employers, working with employees from culturally diverse backgrounds. The first [video](#) focuses on welcoming new colleagues and creating an inclusive work environment.

During the last week, UNHCR worked closely with local authorities and civil society to distribute core relief items (CRIs) including hygiene items, bedding, and clothing to meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable refugees. The General Directorate of Social Assistance of Bucharest Municipality (DGASMB) distributed 1,292 CRIs to 293 refugees at UNHCR's RomExpo Community Centre. In Constanta, UNHCR supported 60 members of the host community with 549 CRIs. Meanwhile, in Galați, the refugee-led organisation Help Ukrainians assisted 17 refugees from Ukraine with 31 CRIs. These distributions help to ensure the dignity and well-being of the most vulnerable refugees and host community. So far in 2025, UNHCR has provided 104,842 CRIs to 36,901 people in need.

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](#)