

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #154

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Key figures

185,984 refugees obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end May 2025).

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

6,266 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

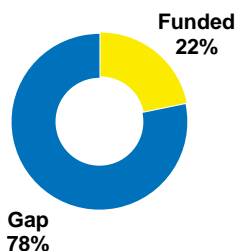
4,155 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

“The photo session organized through UNHCR’s Women’s Club in Constanța was more than just a project - it was a gift. A moment of dignity, beauty, and humanity for women who have lost so much.”
Liudmyla, a 45-year-old refugee from Mykolaiv, living in Constanța, Romania.

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 30 June 2025

\$39.0 million
 UNHCR’s funding requirements 2025



Highlights

On 3 July, the UNHCR Representative in Romania Pablo Zapata met with the Reverend Glen Ruffle, the Anglican Communion’s Representative to the United Nations (UN) in Geneva. It was also an opportunity to meet with members of the Anglican Church in Bucharest to discuss potential areas of collaboration considering the Church’s strong commitment to refugee protection. In the last two and a half years the Anglican Church in Bucharest has dispersed over GBP 66,000 (US\$ 89,630) in grant funding to support Ukrainian families in need. The Anglican Church is now seeking to expand its refugee programme to meet additional needs in Romania.

On 5 July, UNHCR took part in the 13th Summer School on Refugee Protection and Rights, hosted by “Dunărea de Jos” University in Galați. The event brought together 20 law students and featured contributions from UNHCR, legal experts, judges, the General Inspectorate for Immigration (GII), and civil society. Participants explored key topics including UNHCR’s mandate, asylum procedures in Romania, the role of lawyers and judges, protection of vulnerable persons, current trends in refugee protection, and international human rights. The event fostered legal understanding, empathy, and strengthened UNHCR’s capacity-building efforts.

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

UNHCR Romania continued its annual Participatory Assessment exercise engaging with more than 60 refugees so far, identifying their own protection risks, needs, and proposed solutions. The Participatory Assessment exercise uses focus group discussions with refugees to ensure that their voices inform UNHCR’s protection strategies, services, and solutions for the coming year while promoting dignity, inclusion, and accountability. Sessions have now taken place in Bucharest, Rădăuți, Suceava, and Timișoara.

So far in 2025, UNHCR partner World Vision Romania has supported 757 refugees from Ukraine with various livelihoods activities such tailored counselling, CV preparation support, and entrepreneurship training. In addition, World Vision Romania is launching a new [leadership programme for Ukrainian refugees in Romania](#) supported by France. The programme’s activities will take place both in Romania and France and will include scholarships, international training, and career support. It is designed to support and empower Ukrainian professionals in exile who may contribute to democratic rebuilding in Ukraine and help strengthen Franco-Ukrainian relations.

On 1 July, UNHCR donated 243 boxes of diapers to the Galați Clinical Emergency Hospital for Children “Sfântul Ioan”. The contribution supports essential hygiene and health care for vulnerable children, including both refugees and members of the host community. Furthermore, UNHCR partner Inimă de Copil distributed 253 Core-Relief Items (CRIs) such as bedding, towels, and hygiene items to 67 vulnerable families, reinforcing our commitment to meeting the basic needs of displaced and at-risk populations through targeted assistance. Since the beginning of the year, UNHCR and its partners distributed more than 100,000 CRIs to some 35,554 refugees from Ukraine and vulnerable members of Romanian communities across Romania.

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](#)



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