

# ROMANIA

## Weekly Update #159

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### 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.

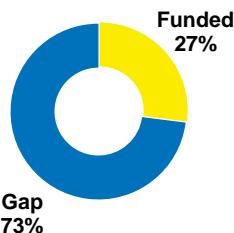
**8,399 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

**4,737 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

**“** UNHCR's Older Persons Club offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere, where everyone feels valued and supported. We don't just talk - we share traditions and life experiences. I believe this is extremely important and enriching for both our Romanian and Ukrainian communities. We have many things in common." Maria, a 76-year-old member of the host community from Constanța, Romania.

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

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



### Highlight

UNHCR's Community Centre at RomExpo in Bucharest continues to deliver essential services to around 250 refugees from Ukraine every day. The centre serves as a free of charge one-stop-shop for key services and for the identification of vulnerable individuals who require referrals to services located outside the Community Centre. 11 National and international actors provide a range of services to refugees at the centre, including registration for temporary protection, legal assistance as well as livelihoods counselling. In mid-2025, following a three-month transformation project at the Community Centre, UNHCR opened specially designed spaces to host partners, refugee-led organizations, community-based organizations, and other groups from the refugee community in need of free and functional spaces for meetings and events.



Refugees receive support at UNHCR's Community Centre in Bucharest.

### Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

UNHCR partners Project Voyager and World Vision Romania conducted a survey with 150 Ukrainian refugees to inform UNHCR's [Livelihoods Information System](#). Of those surveyed, 39 per cent report currently being wage-employed, with 90 per cent of them in permanent employment. 38 per cent of respondents are self-employed with their own businesses registered in Romania. 31 per cent of those surveyed have been able to open a Romanian bank account, and 8 per cent have active bank loans. The results of the survey will help to inform the programming of UNHCR and its partners.

UNHCR supports refugees from Ukraine directly through its activities in the field. On 7 August, 14 Ukrainian refugee women participated in the "Together We Reflect" event at the UNHCR-hosted Women's Club in Constanța. The women shared stories about their journeys and experiences as refugees in Romania. The event included a singing session and a creative flower wreath-making workshop. The group also reflected on key concerns around Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA). The initiative aimed to empower women by promoting social exchange, self-expression, and respect for their own and others' rights in a safe and supportive environment.



Ukrainian refugee women participated in the UNHCR-supported Women's Club and Community Mobilizers "Together We Reflect" event in Constanța.

During the first week of August, UNHCR worked together with local authorities and civil society to deliver core-relief items (CRIs) including hygiene and bedding items to the most vulnerable refugees to meet their basic needs. The General Directorate of Social Assistance of Bucharest Municipality (DGASMB) distributed 1,332 CRIs to 327 refugees at UNHCR's Community Centre at RomExpo. In Galați, UNHCR partner Inimă de Copil distributed 1,056 CRIs to 36 refugees. CRI distributions help to ensure well-being and dignity of vulnerable refugees and host community. So far in 2025, UNHCR has provided 110,880 CRIs to 38,248 people in need.

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