

ROMANIA

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Key figures

188,188 refugees obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end June 2025).

40,493 refugees supported with core relief items in 2025; 45,071 in 2024.

8,990 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

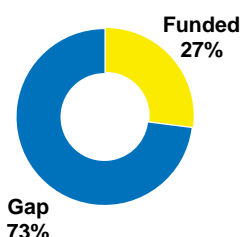
4,992 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

“ I work two jobs to make ends meet: in the morning I work on a construction site, and in the evening, I work at a café. My son is home alone all day, which makes me worry about him. I needed help enrolling my child in school, so I came to RomExpo to get information - I'm grateful for the help I received.”
Mariia, a 47-year-old refugee from Odesa, living in Bucharest, Romania.

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation

As of 31 July 2025

\$39.0 million
 UNHCR's funding requirements 2025



Highlight

During August 2025, UNHCR finalized preparations for the closure of its two field offices in Constanța and Suceava, due to funding constraints, which materialised at the end of the month. The closure of the two offices will significantly reduce UNHCR's ability to respond to the needs of refugees from Ukraine in the areas of the country covered by these two offices (each being responsible for several counties), reducing the ability to directly support refugee communities in their inclusion and self-reliance processes and limiting support and engagement with local authorities and partners in finding solutions to the many challenges refugees face in the northern and eastern regions of the country. Despite the closure of two offices and its reduced outreach in Romania, UNHCR will continue engaged in these areas from its presence in Bucharest.

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 30 August, UNHCR in collaboration with the NGO [Green Revolution](#) (Roaba de Cultură) and 8 partners of the Refugee Response Plan (RRP), held the third edition of “Together in the Park” in Herastreau Park celebrating social cohesion, multiculturalism, and the power of community. The open-air event on the theme “Art without Borders – bringing communities together through arts and culture”, featured cultural and arts workshops for children and youth and photo exhibitions. The event successfully brought refugees, migrants, and the host community together in a playful manner forging bridges between the communities in Bucharest.



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UNHCR, together with UNHCR partner the Center for Comparative Migration Studies (CSCM), is preparing to launch the 2025 Socio-Economic Insights Survey (SEIS) to better understand the living conditions and needs of refugees from Ukraine in Romania. The yearly survey, scheduled to take place in September and October 2025, will collect data to inform future support programs and policies. A sign-up form inviting refugees to participate is being shared on social media by CSCM and UNHCR to ensure wide reach and a representative sample. Training for the survey teams will be held online on 3 and 4 September, and the results will be published in a final report later this year.

UNHCR partner Project Voyager held a webinar on the theme “Level Up Your LinkedIn” attended by Ukrainian refugee jobseekers. The session offered practical insights on making best use of the online platform. Project Voyager also published the last in a series of five mini [videos](#) on the theme of “Leading Across Cultures” aimed at engaging with employers and supporting inclusive workplace practices. The videos, developed in collaboration with a [certified strengths coach](#), offer practical guidance for employers, working with employees from culturally diverse backgrounds.

Following the conclusion of the 2025 entrepreneurship training programme for refugees delivered in partnership with World Vision Romania, the selected projects of the business plan competition have been chosen following a thorough selection process. They will each receive grants worth RON 30,000. The ten winning businesses are distributed across six counties: Constanța (3), Bucharest (2), Cluj (2), Iași (1), Brașov (1), and Bihor (1). The scheme includes supporting the registration process for new entrepreneurs, and tailored counselling, mentoring, and business monitoring activities until December 2025.

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](#)