

## ROMANIA

### Weekly Update #164

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#### Key figures

**190,491 refugees** obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end July 2025).

**41,526 refugees** supported with core relief items in 2025; 45,071 in 2024.

**9,193 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

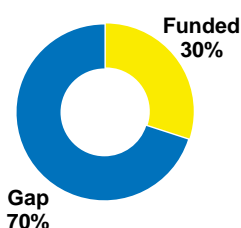
**5,394 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

**“** I'm very grateful for the financial support\* I received from UNHCR. I truly hope we won't be left without help in the future - even a little support makes a big difference. It really helped me through a difficult period.” *Olena, a 72-year-old refugee from Odesa, living in Bucharest, Romania.*

\*UNHCR's cash assistance programme has been discontinued due to funding constraints.

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

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



#### Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 12 September, UNHCR participated in a local coordination workshop hosted by the Department for Emergency Situations (DSU) with the support of IOM in Braşov. The event brought together 15 representatives from public institutions, civil society, academia, and the United Nations. The event aimed to strengthen links between local authorities and civil society facilitating better emergency preparedness and response. UNHCR highlighted its mandate in situations of forced displacement and shared its role in supporting national and local authorities and NGOs in the context of the Ukraine response. UNHCR, through its coordination with partners, is committed to advancing localization and strengthening local networks to better meet the needs of refugees.

**UNHCR supports refugees from Ukraine directly through its activities in the field.** On 12 September, UNHCR organized an awareness session on well-being at the Women's Club at UNHCR's RomExpo Community Centre. Participants received information on mental health, explored stress-relief techniques, and shared experiences through open discussion and peer support. The session also offered opportunities to practice English and Romanian while engaging in conversations on self-care, problem-solving, women's roles in society, and mental health. Since the beginning of the year, UNHCR assisted 9,286 refugees from Ukraine with protection services including group information sessions.

On 10 September, 104 refugees, including 56 children, were safely evacuated from Libya to the Emergency Transit Centre (ETC) in Timișoara, Romania, ahead of their future resettlement to a third country. This evacuation provided immediate safety and protection to people who had faced severe risks in Libya, while also marking an important step towards long-term solutions. The ETC plays a vital role in this process: offering a safe environment, care, and support to refugees emerging from acute danger, and helping them transition towards stability and integration in their resettlement countries. It works on the basis of a Tripartite Agreement between the Government of Romania, UNHCR and IOM. So far in 2025, the ETC provided assistance to 315 refugees and has helped some 4,500 refugees since opening in 2008.

*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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