

ROMANIA

Weekly Update #169

20 October 2025

Key figures

192,859 refugees obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end August 2025).

43,204 refugees supported with core relief items in 2025; 45,071 in 2024.

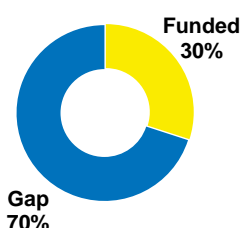
9,786 refugees provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

5,555 refugees supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

“ I am grateful to UNHCR for inviting me to lead a workshop at its Community Centre at RomExpo. It is wonderful when the community can come together, and I am happy to contribute to this as a Ukrainian artist, while also strengthening connections within the community.” *Alla Afanasyeva, a refugee from Kherson, living in Bucharest, Romania.*

UNHCR Romania Funding Situation As of 30 September 2025

\$39.0 million
UNHCR's funding requirements 2025



Highlight

On 14 October, Ms. Liudmyla Shemelynets, Deputy Minister for Social Policies, Family and Unity of Ukraine, together with His Excellency Ihor Prokopchuk, Ambassador of Ukraine to Romania, visited the UNHCR's Community Centre at RomExpo in Bucharest. During the visit, the delegation observed how UNHCR, in close collaboration with public institutions, international partners, and non-profit organizations, is supporting refugees from Ukraine. Following a tour of the Centre and discussions with the partners providing on-site assistance, the Deputy Minister expressed appreciation for the comprehensive support extended to Ukrainian nationals. She commended the well-organized set-up, the quality of the facilities, and the strong coordination among UN agencies, government bodies, and humanitarian partners under one roof, making it easier for refugees to register for temporary protection and access essential services and assistance. Together with its partners, UNHCR continues to provide refugees with a safe and welcoming environment where they can quickly find the help they need to begin integrating into the host community - an important step toward achieving independence and well-being.



The Deputy Minister for Social Policies, Family and Unity of Ukraine, and the Ambassador of Ukraine were welcomed by the General Inspector for Immigration (emp), the Chief of Cabinet of the State Secretary for Emergencies and the UNHCR Representative.

Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 17 and 18 October, UNHCR partner Project Voyager provided support to refugee participants at the [Hipo Top Employers](#) event that took place in Bucharest. The fair brought together 350 companies from various sectors, including retail, hotels, IT, banking, and communications, offering diverse job opportunities and featured career counselling sessions, thematic conferences, and CV-building workshops for jobseekers. During the event, Project Voyager showcased the employment opportunities available on the [Jobs4Ukraine](#) platform and guided participants towards relevant job openings that match their skills and experience. So far in 2025, UNHCR and its partners supported 5,555 refugees with essential livelihood and employment services.

Between 14 and 16 October, UNHCR organized a series of creative and educational workshops at UNHCR's Community Centre at RomExpo for all age groups, fostering connection, learning, and community engagement. On 14 October, participants joined the “Handcrafting Beautiful Paper Flowers Together” workshop, where parents and children created paper flowers in a friendly and inclusive atmosphere. On 15 October, UNHCR held a Romanian Speaking Club session on “Employment and Job Interview,” where refugees practiced real-life interview scenarios, improving their confidence, communication skills, and understanding of Romanian job-seeking culture. On 16 October, UNHCR hosted a Family Workshop on Clay Figurine Making led by Alla Afanasyeva, founder of All Art Studio and member of the Ukrainian community. 23 participants, including parents and children crafted clay angels, sharing a meaningful creative experience that strengthened family ties and community spirit.



On 16 October, Ukrainian refugees attend a Family Workshop on Clay Figurine Making led by Ukrainian artist Alla Afanasyeva.

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](#)