

## ROMANIA

### Weekly Update #175

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#### Key figures

**197,699 refugees** obtained temporary protection and refugee status in Romania (as of end October 2025).

**45,308 refugees** supported with core relief items in 2025; 45,071 in 2024.

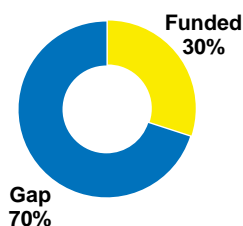
**11,314 refugees** provided with protection counselling services and legal support in 2025; 26,086 in 2024.

**5,580 refugees** supported with livelihood and employment services in 2025; 9,286 in 2024.

“ For EDNAE, “Building Bridges” was a meaningful reminder that supporting vulnerable people is a shared mission, and the exchange with embassies and the private sector truly matters.” EDNAE, a refugee-led organisation participant at “Building Bridges” - A Donor Meetup on Social Cohesion and Inclusion.

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

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



#### Highlight

On 28 November, the Inter-Agency Coordination platform led by UNHCR held the second edition of “Building Bridges” - A Donor Meetup on Social Cohesion and Inclusion. The event supported the 42 organisations that are part of the Refugee Response Plan (RRP) in their work with the Romanian host communities that welcome refugees from Ukraine. The event was co-hosted by the co-hosted by the Embassy of Germany, the Embassy of Japan, the Embassy of Switzerland, the European Commission Representation in Romania, and UNHCR. The event brought together over 120 participants from the government, embassies, international organisations, private sector, and civil society giving RRP partners the opportunity to exchange their priorities for host communities and refugees with embassies and private sector.



#### Humanitarian Response and Advocacy

On 25–26 November, UNHCR and UNICEF, together with the National Authority for the Protection of Child Rights and Adoption (ANPDCA), held a training on the Best Interests Procedure (BIP) for county child protection representatives. The session enhanced 25 participants' skills in assessing and determining the best interests of unaccompanied and separated foreign children, providing practical tools such as checklists and guidance on decision-making. Participants discussed operational aspects, including national procedures, legal issues, training, costs, security, and cultural considerations.

On 27–28 November, UNHCR facilitated a seminar providing asylum training to 14 judges from four courts in Suceava County with the support of the Rădăuți Courthouse. Participants highly appreciated the training and the pilot materials were well received. The training package will be further refined and improved for further dissemination towards enhancing UNHCR's asylum capacity strengthening efforts.

On 26 November, the UNHCR Representative in Romania, Mr. Pablo Zapata, met with the Rector of Babes-Bolyai University (UBB), Mr. Adrian Petrușel, in Cluj-Napoca. During the discussion, Mr. Zapata expressed appreciation for UBB's efforts to support the refugees from Ukraine and for promoting inclusive access to higher education for refugees. UNHCR and UBB highlighted their readiness to strengthen their collaboration. The UNHCR Representative spoke at a workshop for young researchers, addressing truth and falsehood in research and the importance of language in communicating evidence-based results.

On 27 November, UNHCR organized the fourth edition of the Information Management meeting – RefData Meet-Up. This edition was hosted and organized in partnership with the Romanian National Institute of Statistics (NIS), and its main theme was the launch of the [ReMAP Network](#). The ReMAP Network is an initiative that brings together academia, local and national authorities, and organizations – including non-governmental, international, and UN agencies – working on refugee and migration issues in Romania. The network aims to foster the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and practical tools to deepen understanding of forced displacement and migration, support data-driven policymaking, strengthen the capacity of institutions and civil society, and build sustainable partnerships across sectors. The event was attended by some 40 representatives from government agencies including the General Inspectorate for Immigration, Department for Emergency Situations, and Border Police, NGOs, academia, and UN agencies.

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