

# Moldova

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**Global Compact on Refugees (GCR):** Moldova offers a singular opportunity to manifest the GCR in action: a holistic, whole-of-society response based on rights and responsibility-sharing.

**Arrivals:** Moldova has received more Ukrainian refugees *per capita* than any other country; per every five citizens, one refugee arrived. 85% of the total arrivals are women, children, and elderly.

**Inclusion:** UNHCR supports refugee inclusion and sustainable solutions for refugees and the host communities focusing on access to education, labour, and social support.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022\*

Refugees	<b>79,477</b>
Asylum-seekers	<b>8,117</b>
Stateless persons	<b>1,701</b>

## TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN\*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	<b>75,762</b>	Ukraine	<b>7,108</b>
Romania	804	Martinique	361
Azerbaijan	709	Viet Nam	89

\*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data

## UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 30 September, **92,443** refugees from Ukraine are currently present in Moldova.

**627,796** arrivals from Ukraine since 24 February.

**Cash-Based Interventions:** UNHCR is providing cash assistance to those who fled Ukraine after 24 February 2022. USD 33M was disbursed to 80,889\* people so far.

**Blue Dots:** 29,703 people have received support provided by UNHCR, UNICEF and partners at Blue Dots, with some 14,587 children supported. Within the context of legal services, queries regarding documentation and the asylum procedure have been the most frequently asked questions.

**Over 100,000 essential items,** such as blankets, hygiene items, and other non-food items were provided by UNHCR to newly arrived refugees from Ukraine.

**Support to the most vulnerable:** UNHCR scaled up its support in protecting children, preventing gender-based violence and communicating with refugee communities.

\*The figure is subject to retroactive changes based on financial reconciliations

## HIGHLIGHTS

### MoU with the Ministry of Interior

The MoU formalizes and expands the joint efforts of the Ministry and UNHCR to ensure adequate protection and assistance to persons of concern, including support for implementing the temporary protection regime and other protection intervention.

### Agreement with the Office of the Ombudsman

The agreement aims to strengthen collaboration in supporting human rights for refugees and others under UNHCR's mandate in the country. It builds upon the Ombudsman's existing engagement with issues of refugee protection, including rights monitoring as well as training for the relevant authorities.

### Transition and Stabilization Plan

Linking the humanitarian response with development activities, UNHCR and partners are focusing on ensuring access to education, labor, housing, medical and social services for the refugee population remaining in Moldova.

## SUPPORT TO THE MOST VULNERABLE



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The Moldovan Gender-Based Violence shelter, "Casa Mărioarei", offers safety and a community to refugees from Ukraine.

Discover this story [here](#).

## Key Priorities

- **Access to territory and reception:** UNHCR and partners are stationed at border crossing points and refugee accommodation centres (RACs) to provide protection monitoring, vulnerability screening, and counselling. Site improvements have been made at Palanca and Otaci, to offer dignified reception conditions and bolster contingency capacity.
- **Protection on the move:** To date, UNHCR in partnership with IOM transported by bus over 12,575 individuals to Romania and 16,289 persons elsewhere in Moldova together with ACTED. Under the EU Solidarity Platform, over 1,869 vulnerable persons have been transferred via air elsewhere in Europe.
- **Capacity-building:** UNHCR is providing extensive support to key government counterparts and frontline partners. To date, over 2,500 people have been trained on key protection issues such as GBV, child protection, anti-trafficking, PSEA. UNHCR has provided technical support and material assistance to the Government, including vehicles, laptops, and generators.
- **Accommodation:** There are 70 RACs hosting 2,933 refugees with an overall capacity for 5,283 persons. Previously, 129 RACs existed in Moldova. UNHCR together with ACTED helped 93 RACs with small rehabilitations and equipment.
- **Cash-Based Interventions:** To date, USD 33.0 M was disbursed to 80,889 refugees in Moldova.
- **Community-Based Protection:** UNHCR works with the authorities and NGOs to understand refugees' and host community's needs, challenges, to identify solutions and actively engage with them.
- **Implementing Global Compact on Refugees:** In line with the GCR's vision for strengthening the nexus with development work, UNHCR catalyzing interagency efforts to strengthen the Government's

social protection systems to ensure sustainable inclusion of refugees. This work includes supporting the Government's deliberations and planning on implementing a temporary protection scheme for refugees from Ukraine.

## Working with Partners

- UNHCR supports the Government of Moldova in its refugee response and in seeking durable solutions that would benefit both refugee and host communities. A Refugee Coordination Forum co-led by UNHCR was established. Nearly 90 international and national operational partners are part of it.
- UNHCR has Project Partnership Agreements with seven NGOs: ACTED, Ave Copiii, Catholic Relief Services, Charity Centre for Refugees, INTERSOS, LCA and A.O. "Laolalta".
- UNHCR collaborates closely with the National Congress of Ukrainians and Moldova for Peace initiative in supporting social cohesion and the inclusion of refugees.

## Statelessness

- The Republic of Moldova acceded to both Statelessness Conventions in 2012 and has had a statelessness determination procedure since 2011.
- Until 2018, Moldovan law granted citizenship automatically at birth to all children born on its territory, including those who would otherwise be stateless. UNHCR advocates with the Government to reinstate this safeguard.

## UNHCR Presence in Moldova

### Staff:

47 National Staff  
 34 International Staff

### Offices:

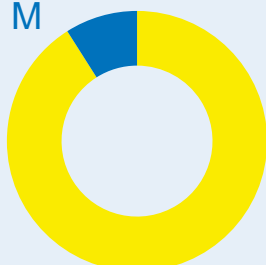
1 National Office in Chisinau  
 2 Field Units in Otaci and Palanca

## Financial information (September 2022)

### Financial requirements

USD 149.5 M

Funding gap  
 9%  
 13.9 M



Funded  
 91%  
 135.6 M

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