

# Romania

September 2022

UNHCR responds to the needs of refugees through a network of partners and services, including **protection, multi-purpose cash and distribution of core-relief items (CRIs)** by its three field offices and one in Bucharest.

On 26 July, the Government of Romania and UNHCR jointly released the **National Plan of Measures** for the refugees from Ukraine and the **Refugee Response Plan (RRP)**, with the latter aiming to reinforce the National Plan.

UNHCR is leading the **Inter-Agency Coordination** structure formed with RRP partners in Romania ensuring alignment and coordination with government institutions and leadership.

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

Refugees	<b>88,137</b>
Asylum-seekers	<b>875</b>
Stateless persons	<b>297</b>

## TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN\*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	<b>83,326</b>	Afghanistan	<b>192</b>
Syrian Arab Republic	<b>2,357</b>	Bangladesh	<b>80</b>
Iraq	<b>497</b>	India	<b>67</b>

\*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data

## UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

**Out of 1.9 million** who have entered Romania, **80,498** refugees from Ukraine are present in the country as of 18 September 2022. **67,064** of them are registered for temporary protection in Romania with the national authorities.

**Protection Profiling and Monitoring:** Since mid-May, UNHCR and partners have been conducting a protection profiling exercise and interviewed over 3,240 refugees (78% are women). Data shows that the most pressing needs for refugees are related to cash (38%), family reunification (28%), employment (28%), healthcare (27%) and education.

**Support to the most vulnerable:** UNHCR has established partnerships with 17 national and international NGOs to enhance support in protecting children, preventing gender-based violence, providing information and legal services, facilitating cross-border transportations, strengthening self-reliance and communicating with refugee communities.

UNHCR is supporting the national response and preparedness, further to identification of relevant areas of cooperation, and in coordination with UN Agencies. A total of 83 trucks carrying more than 1,300 metric tons of humanitarian assistance have been sent to UNHCR in Ukraine.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### 33,500

Refugees provided with **information and counselling** in person or over the phone. Main queries included cash assistance, legal status, temporary protection, access to accommodation, food, employment, education, and medical services.

### 18,836

Refugees (including over 1,000 people with disabilities) **received UNHCR's multi-purpose cash assistance.**

### 12,741

Refugees supported to travel to Romania from Ukraine-Moldova border through **fast-track transfers** operated jointly with IOM.

## Budding Ukrainian game designer draws inspiration in Romania



Isolated from her friends and hundreds of miles from home, Kate dreams of connection. But, with the uncertainties of the Ukraine war, her dreams have taken new form.

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## Key Priorities

- **Protection:** UNHCR works with authorities and partners to promote refugee protection including information provision, CwC, identification of people with specific needs and referrals to services, legal counselling and advocacy, comprehensive protection training sessions, and tailored interventions for LGBTIQ+ persons, people with disabilities, etc.
- **Presence in the Field:** Since the onset of the Ukrainian refugee emergency, UNHCR established Field Offices in Suceava and Galati and a Field Unit in Iasi that cover border crossings with Ukraine and Moldova and some areas hosting last number of refugees. UNHCR also has a presence in Timisoara that supports the Romanian authorities to manage the Emergency Transit Centre.
- **Multipurpose Cash Assistance:** Cash Assistance Programme is designed in coordination with the Government to complement its efforts to support the refugees from Ukraine. It serves as a transitional safety net pending the individual's ability to secure employment or be included in national social protection schemes. More than 20,000 people have been enrolled for assistance and over 19,400 have received at least one payment. Five cash enrolment centres are operational in Brasov, Bucharest, Galati, Iasi and Suceava, with a planned one in Constanta.
- **Socio-economic inclusion and livelihoods:** Together with the National Employment Agency (ANOFM), and partner NGOs, UNHCR is working to facilitate socio-economic inclusion and self-reliance.
- **Communicating with Communities:** UNHCR is sharing protection information with refugees through hotlines, UNHCR Romania Help page and a dedicated Telegram channel. UNHCR assisted more than 39,300 refugees with information and counselling in person or over the phone.

- **Winterization:** UNHCR, in coordination with national authorities and partners, is stepping up its winterization support. UNHCR and partners are prepositioning humanitarian aid to assist initially up to 80,000 refugees from Ukraine during winter.

## Working with Partners

- UNHCR engages closely with the Ministry of External Affairs, the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, particularly the General Inspectorate of Immigration, General Inspectorate for Border Police, and the Department of Emergency Situations.
- **Refugee Response Plan (RRP):** UNHCR supports the Government by coordinating 30 humanitarian actors through the Refugee Coordination Forum and sector working groups within the Regional Refugee Response Plan. **Partners:** With expanded partnerships in 2022, UNHCR is now working with 17 partner organisations to ensure border monitoring, provision of child protection, legal counselling, prevention of and response to gender-based violence (GBV), livelihoods and assistance.
- **External engagement:** UNHCR maintains regular communication with the international community by disseminating operational updates, donor briefings, and bilateral engagement. UNHCR also collaborates with civil society actors, media, and academia to promote awareness on refugee rights.

## UNHCR Presence in Romania

### Staff:

27 National staff  
 35 International staff  
 28 National positions under recruitment

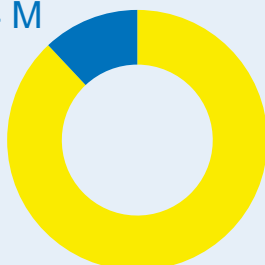
### Offices:

1 Branch Office Bucharest  
 2 Field Offices in Suceava and Galati  
 1 Presence in Timisoara  
 1 Field Unit in Iasi

## Financial information (30 September 2022)

**Financial requirements**  
**USD 147.4 M**

**Funding gap**  
**12%**  
**18.4 M**



**Funded**  
**88%**  
**129 M**

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