

Hungary

September 2022

UNHCR works **in coordination with Government counterparts** to support people arriving from Ukraine while maintaining collaborations with state entities and local authorities.

UNHCR leads the coordination of the Refugee Response Plan, strengthening its **engagement and capacity building with refugee communities**, refugee-led organizations, faith-based organizations, and civil society.

UNHCR continues legal advocacy working towards a **more inclusive and internationally mandated protection environment** for all refugees and asylum-seekers, while providing technical expertise to relevant actors.

POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022*

Refugees	31,510
Asylum-seekers	20
Stateless persons	130

TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	25,982	Ukraine	5
Afghanistan	1,451	Russian Federation	5
Syrian Arab Rep.	826	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	5

*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data

UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 30 September, 2,829,104 refugees from Ukraine have crossed into Hungary from either the Ukrainian or Romanian border. **30,000** refugees from Ukraine were registered for Temporary Protection in Hungary.

6,622 NFI hygiene kits were provided by UNHCR to newly arrived refugees from Ukraine.

Blue Dots: Two static Blue Dots (Tiszabecs and Zahony) and one mobile Blue Dot are operational with partner organizations the Hungarian Baptist Aid and Menedék. An additional static (Beregsurany) and a mobile Blue Dot with Hungarian Baptist Aid are planned. **Over 7,000 refugees** have been **assisted with information at the Blue Dots**.

Coordination: UNHCR leads and coordinates the Refugee Coordination Forum (RCF) in Hungary to ensure a harmonized response within existing government structures and among inter-agency partners, NGOs, volunteers, and other stakeholders. Working groups on Protection, Basic Needs and two cross-cutting task forces (PSEA, MHPSS) coordinate the response.

HIGHLIGHTS

26,579 individuals assisted in-person at key border-crossing, transit and information points by UNHCR and partners since 21 March 2022.

3,250 individuals counselled (2,165 households) by UNHCR from 28 April to 6 September (both inland and Blue Dots at border points).

Over 1,400 partner staff / volunteers / frontline workers / authorities trained

in core protection elements (GBV, PSEA, AAP, anti-trafficking, cash assistance, etc.).

Over 138,000 visits to UNHCR's Help Page for Hungary

providing refugees with information on Temporary Protection, key contacts and addresses, and referral information for specialized services and social counselling.

MAYOR OF SMALL BORDER TOWN RESPONDS TO A CALL OF HUMANITY



László Helmeczi, the mayor of Zahony, a quiet town on the Hungarian – Ukrainian border, which soon became one of the main crossing points to Hungary for thousands of refugees daily. ([Read more](#))

Key priorities

- **Protection:** UNHCR strives to minimize protection risks faced by refugees by supporting timely and person-centred access to protection, psychosocial support and other forms of assistance and information.
- **Asylum procedures:** Access to asylum remains a challenge in Hungary. UNHCR and partner organization Hungarian Helsinki Committee provide free legal assistance for asylum-seekers and monitor the asylum procedure.
- **GBV risk mitigation:** Innovative outreach and communication approaches are used across all sectors to enhance the dissemination of information on GBV risks and GBV services to frontline humanitarian workers and refugee communities.
- **Advocacy** for coherent refugee protection legislation, and best interest procedures as well as providing capacity building to relevant institutions.
- **PSEA:** SEA risk mitigation continues to be mainstreamed across interventions including information and awareness-raising activities, training/capacity-building.
- **Community-based protection:** Support to refugee-led organizations and other community structures and supporting their capacity to respond to protection and inclusion challenges.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR has 11 active partnership agreements. **Cordelia Foundation** provides psycho-social counselling and mental health support. **Hungarian Baptist Aid** distributes food and NFIs, integration support and identifies longer-term shelters. **Hungarian Charity of the Order of Malta** supports reception logistics, shelter, food and relief item distribution, Blue Dots, and integration services. **Hungarian Helsinki**

- **Committee** offers assistance and legal support to refugees, including those in detention. **Hungarian Red Cross** provides dignified services in transitional housing, skills development, community engagement, and restoring family links. **Mandak House** supports reception conditions, provides food and NFIs, social counselling and education/mentoring for children. **Menedék** offers counselling, language courses and social, educational and cultural programs, in addition to job and housing assistance. **NANE** capacitates frontline staff and volunteers and develops information materials on GBV prevention. **Next Step** supports community-building, skills development, and empowerment of refugees. **Romaversitas** helps the educational and social integration of Romani refugee children. **ULE Association** supports refugees in accessing mid-to-long term accommodation through solidarity housing and subsidized rents.
- **External engagement:** UNHCR continues its strategic engagement with key stakeholders by organizing regular donor briefings and donor missions. The media is actively informed via press releases and up-to-date external documents. Regular updates on online platforms (website, Twitter, Facebook, Telegram) support public awareness raising.

Statelessness

- Hungary is a party to both Statelessness Conventions and has a statelessness determination procedure since 2007. With UNHCR's support, the status determination authority established an internal quality assurance mechanism.

UNHCR Presence in Hungary

Staff:

37 National Staff
 20 International Staff

Offices:

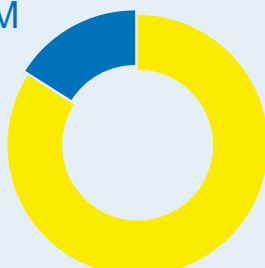
1 Multi-country office in Budapest supporting the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia

Financial information* (September 2022)

*Information relates to the Representation for Central Europe, which covers Belarus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia

Financial requirements
USD 67.8 M

Funding gap
15%
10.1 M



Funded
85%
57.7 M

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