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The UN Refugee Agency

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**THE REPUBLIC
OF MOLDOVA**

Training for the Moldovan Guardianship Authority facilitated by AVE Copiii. © AVE Copiii

Figures at a glance

100,058 refugees from Ukraine remaining in Moldova



60%
females



46%
children



20%
elderly

800,096 arrivals from Ukraine since 24 February 2022

Key response figures



115,136 refugees received cash assistance since 24 February 2022 (over **USD 86.9M** disbursed)



100,241 refugees supported with legal assistance since 24 February 2022



2,813 refugees now hosted in **66** refugee accommodation centres supported by UNHCR



4,915 people provided with psychosocial support and psychological first aid since 24 February 2022



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Now that I have my Temporary Protection documents, we can legally stay in the Republic of Moldova, at least for a year. I can now plan for a longer term, and my children and I can benefit from the opportunities this offers



Olesea, Ukrainian refugee in Moldova

Recent highlights

- UNHCR continues supporting authorities with technical guidance on the registration process for temporary protection and continues monitoring implementation of the regime. UNHCR also helped authorities to update the General Inspectorate for Migration's (IGM) public [FAQs](#) on temporary protection and supported IGM information sessions for refugees and other stakeholders across the country, which started recently and include roundtables with refugees.
- UNHCR implementing partner AVE Copiii held a child protection training for 78 Child Protection Specialists from the Moldovan Guardianship Authority between April 3-5. The Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, UNHCR, and UNICEF jointly hosted the training. Initial feedback on the training was very positive: a second session, with the same participants at the end of the month, will explore additional topics and practical case scenarios.
- On 11 April, UNHCR and the Moldova State University signed a Memorandum of Understanding to solidify their commitment to educating students about UNHCR's mandate and the challenges surrounding forced displacement and refugees. UNHCR will offer an elective course on the needs of refugees and other vulnerable groups and will develop opportunities for students to expand their skills and knowledge about refugees and humanitarian action through on-job and field training.

Other activities during the reporting period

On 24 March, UNHCR and CHS Alliance conducted a workshop on the Misconduct Disclosure Scheme. Over 40 organizations attended and received information on how to join the scheme.

With Japan support, on 28 March UNHCR provided the [Association of People with Disabilities of the Republic of Moldova](#) (AOSIRM) with equipment including two cars with wheelchair access, power generators, laptops, printers, and hygiene kits. This assistance helps increase the AOSIRM's capacity to identify, reach, and support more people in need — both Moldovans and refugees alike.

The Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Sub Working Group has trained, on 29 March, 14 staff of partner ACTED on GBV core concepts, safe referrals and risk mitigation in accommodations. Also, during a monitoring visit of peaceful coexistence activities carried out by partner Casa Marioarei for women and adolescents in Falesti, UNHCR heard positive feedback from refugees about these types of activities, as well as concerns about temporary protection status requiring proof of residence.

UNHCR carried out training sessions for over 80 partner staff in relation to proGres move to the cloud. The first session targeted over 30 staff working at the Cash Enrolment Centres in Ungheni, Orhei, Causeni, and Chisinau as well as over 50 partner staff from Law Centre of Advocates, who are present at protection desks in each cash enrolment centre to provide legal assistance.

UNHCR and partners continue to support refugees and host communities with non-food items, such as thermal blankets, hygiene kits, and bed linen sets. Since 24 February 2022, UNHCR has distributed over 202,731 of such items. In 2023, UNHCR has reached around 7,600 refugees with non-food items.



The Japanese Ambassador Yoichiro Yamada joined UNHCR Representative Francesca Bonelli on 28 March to distribute valuable equipment to the Association of People with Disabilities of the Republic of Moldova.



UNHCR facilitating the training for its implementing partners to continue the registration of refugees in the cash assistance programme using the new platform on 27 March.



On 8 April, the Roma Task Force, co-led by INTERSOS and "the Voice of Roma" Coalition organized a concert called "Amare Amala" or "My friends" in the Roma language. Refugees and host communities gathered together to celebrate friendship, tolerance, and peace.

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