



## FACT SHEET Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine - CARE FOR UKRAINE project

CARE has started responding to the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis in March 2022. CARE, through its long-standing partner, SERA and other 32 local partners, is implementing a multi-sectorial programming in Romania, Moldova and Ukraine providing cross-border humanitarian assistance. Without opening a country office, CARE has built on its long-term partnership with SERA and focused on working with and enhancing the capacity of local civil society organizations (CSOs) already engaged in the response activities.

CARE's approach is flexible and aims to adjust to the fluid context and evolving needs while providing emergency assistance in Romania and Moldova and inside Ukraine.

From the start in March till August 2022, CARE reached 44,745 beneficiaries in Romania, 366 beneficiaries in Moldova, and 42,522 beneficiaries through cross-border assistance from Romania in Ukraine by engaging in the following activities:

### PROTECTION in Romania and Moldova

- *Dissemination of information and referrals*
- *Child protection*
- *Mental Health and psychosocial support*
- *Reduction of trafficking risk*
- *Reduction of Gender Based-Violence*

### BASICS NEEDS AND LIVELIHOOD ASSETS in Romania and Moldova.

- *Distribution of food (in-kind and kit) and non-food items (items of personal hygiene, clothing)*
- *Referral to safe accommodation and placement in refugee centres.*

### CROSS-BORDER IN UKRAINE

- *Distribution of food and non-food items in hard-to-reach areas in Ukraine in cooperation with the Red Cross Romania.*





**67,064** refugees are registered for temporary protection in Romania

**65%** of refugees in Romania are women and girls

**91,772** refugees are registered in Moldova currently in Moldova

**79%** of refugees wish to stay in their host country at least for the next 3 months

Needs seen by refugees as most pressing: monetary assistance - **71%**, access to food - **66%** and access to healthcare- **43%**.

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS – 6-months

**45,111** people received support from CARE in Romania and Moldova

**17,748** people received non-food items such as personal hygiene items and clothing

**100%** of projects in Romania and Moldova are implemented through local partners.

**28,321** people supported with protection assistance

**100%** of CARE's project are gender sensitive





## Partnerships and localisation

CARE has put in place a response that contributes to an integrated focus on response localisation. Along with its long-standing partner of 20 years, **SERA**, and the Federation of Child Protection NGOs (**FONPC**), an umbrella organization with over 65 members, a multi-sectoral programme is being implemented by **32 sub-partners** specialising in social protection, child protection and gender-based violence.

By calling on a network of local NGOs, whatever their size and capabilities, CARE France multiplies the opportunities to make the local stakeholders the assistance providers. This configuration is intended to strengthen the partners' capabilities in the future.

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## SPOTLIGHT: Programme focus

**KOMPASS Initiative – Eliberare** Our sub-partner organisation **E-Liberare** has developed an innovative Kompass process that reduces the risk of human trafficking and offers protection to Ukrainian refugees. By setting up "safety plans" and distributing dignity kits, **E-Liberare** is helping to keep people in migration situations safe.

**Mobile teams - SERA** In close coordination with the national child protection authorities and UNICEF, SERA has developed, based on the Primero software, a child registration programme in Romania. This work, carried out by the social assistance volunteers, offers protection to children by enabling access to public services. As a result of this deployment on the territory of Romania, **4819** children have been registered in a database managed by the national service providers.

### **Yellow Bus – Create Yourself**

Our sub-partner Create Yourself has developed a mobile information centre "Yellow bus" which allows information to be disseminated at the principal border crossings. This allows people entering the country to refer to secure services and receive first aid.

## Testimonial of a CARE For Ukraine project beneficiary

*"I don't know if people realise how hard it is to have your own child see you in a helpless state...*

*"Mum, I don't want to move to another school, I don't want to live in another house." But you know it's better this way for them. I have moved my children nine times in the last six months. Never for their own good, but for their physical safety. But I couldn't offer anything good enough to comfort them at the next destination, and at the one after. The only thing that helped was the psychological support that they have received since we arrived in Romania." – one of the thousands of mothers that have received assistance from CARE FOR UKRAINE PROJECT.*

## Rapid Gender Analysis – phase 1 (Romania and Moldova)

**A Rapid Gender Analysis (RGA) Brief** was conducted by CARE/SERA according to CARE International standards in May 2022. Indeed, there is a critical need to disaggregate data by sex, age, disability, and diversity.

The main needs identified were access to temporary protection, health care, education, and livelihood assets. The RGA highlights a concern that women, who make up the bulk of the refugee population, may resort to negative coping mechanisms to support their families. In addition, the gender-based study reveals that lack of management of gender-based violence, lack of child protection and the risk of human trafficking are the main risks for these populations, which are already vulnerable to the migration crisis.

The study recommends the cooperation between different actors (international NGOs, local authorities, and local partners) to be improved, and the dissemination of information is made more organised and accessible to all.

