

Rapid Needs Assessment - Bucharest, Romania

This rapid needs assessment was conducted by the Ukraine Crisis Response MEAL team to better understand the immediate needs of displaced persons from Ukraine in Bucharest. World Vision used a contextualized basic rapid assessment tool (BRAT) to reach a total of 259 families; the assessment used self-enumeration with surveys in Ukrainian and Russian languages loaded on tablets using Kobo Collect. Convenience sampling was applied in 3 different transit centers and shelters: Romexpo, Complex Leu and Mihae Eminescu. In addition to the quantitative data, the team conducted eight semi-structured interviews with individuals and 1 focus group discussion to gain an indepth understanding of the challenges refugees are facing, their priority needs, and their intentions for the next few weeks and months. This information will be critical to inform World Vision’s response within Romania.

Methodology



259 families surveyed,
covering 1,145 individuals
8 semi-structured interviews
1 focus group discussion



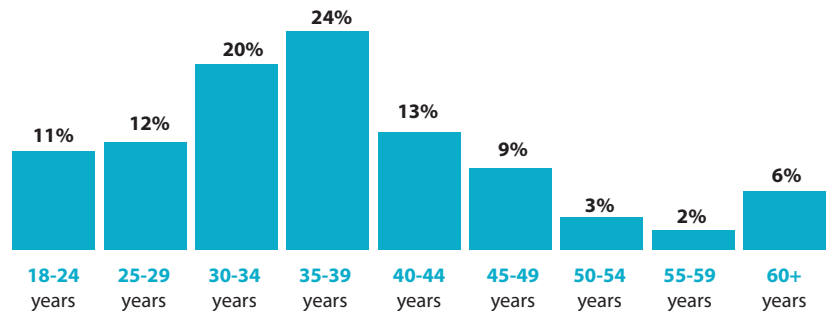
Self-enumeration on tablets
Surveys in Ukrainian & Russian

86% female respondents

13% male respondents

Avg family size = 4.4

43% children



34% from Odessa
22% from Mykolaiv
17% from Kyiv
5% from Kharkiv

83%

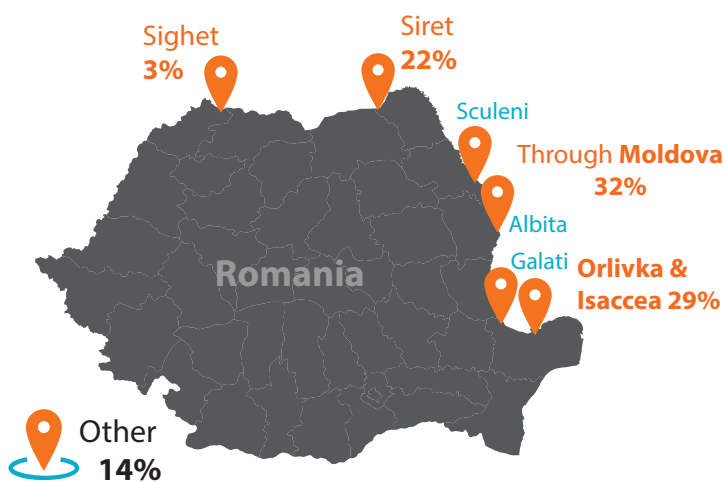
of HHs have 1 child or more,
51% have at least 1 child
under 5 years old

16%

of HHs have at least one
member with a physical or
cognitive disability

Languages spoken
Ukrainian 95%
Russian 94%
English 52%

Border points



Movement & intentions



57%

of families are
currently staying in
a refugee centers



53%

are not sure how
long they plan to
stay in Romania



13%

are planning to
stay with family
or friends in other
countries

Of the 43% staying outside of refugee centers...

41% are with people
they did NOT know before
arriving in Bucharest

23% are with
people they did
know

23% are
renting a home
or apartment

8% are in
hotels

Information gaps



39% of respondents are
missing information about
available services



30% of respondents
are missing information
about their legal rights



29% of respondents
are missing information
about health care



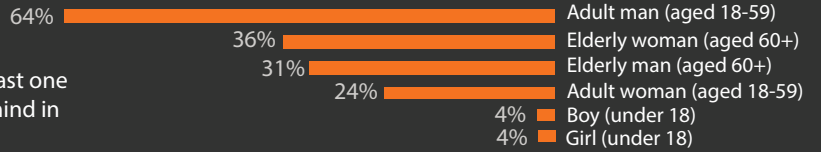
23% of respondents are
missing information about
how to register for asylum

71%

did not face specific protection risks or threats on route to Romania

85%

of families left at least one family member behind in Ukraine



Biggest stressors:

51%

lack of income

35%

uncertainty of what to do next

25%

Limited communication with people left behind

The most vulnerable

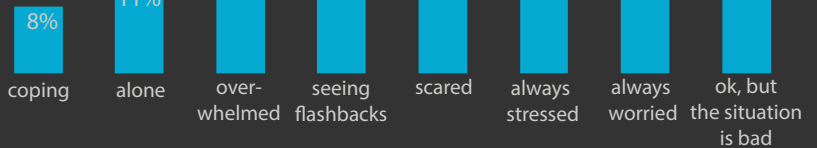


46% of respondents consider pregnant women to be amongst the most vulnerable



36% of respondents consider elderly women & **36%** consider girls (0-17) to be amongst the most vulnerable

Since leaving home, I am...



Priority needs in the next 1-2 weeks:

- 1: Affordable shelter
- 2: Accessing sufficient food items
- 3: Medical care

Priority needs in the next 1-2 months:

- 1: Finding work
- 2: Accessing sufficient food items
- 3: Accessing affordable shelter
- 4: Medical care

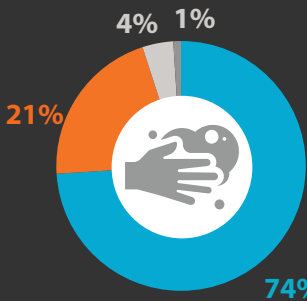
Children's specific priority needs:

1. Access to food
2. Safe, affordable place to sleep
3. Appropriate clothes & footwear

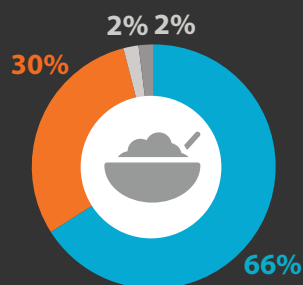
Ability to meet basic needs

● Fully ● Partially ● Not at all ● Don't know

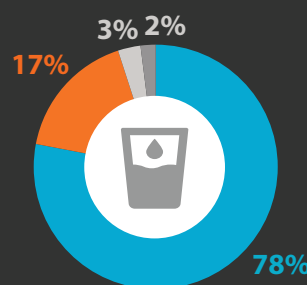
Hygiene items



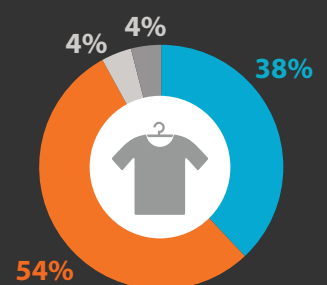
Food



Water



Clothes & Footwear



Money matters

- Average 3 phones per household
- 26% use mobile banking apps on their phones and 51% of households have a mobile money account
- 64% have a bank account, of which 89% have been able to access their account since leaving home
- 92% are able to find everything or most things they need in the markets nearby
- 53% think the prices of everyday goods in Bucharest are higher than back home
- 47% would prefer to receive cash payments, 36% prefer mobile money, and 26% prefer ATM cards

Communication channels

- 49% of respondents' preferred channel to receive information is social media, followed by 42% who prefer speaking face-to-face with a charity or aid worker
- 31% of respondents' preferred way to submit general feedback or complaints through Whatsapp, followed by 27% who prefer to speak face-to-face with a charity or aid worker
- 35% of respondents' preferred way to submit sensitive feedback or complaints is face-to-face with charity or aid workers, and 31% prefer to use WhatsApp