

Romania: A social protection country profile for the Ukraine crisis response

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The profile, developed between April 26, 2022, and June 13, 2022, supplements the overarching briefing paper on [Humanitarian Assistance and Social Protection Linkages in the Ukraine crisis](#). Key messages highlight Romania's weak social protection system, which, despite expanding in response to shocks, lacks adequate safeguards for vulnerable groups against poverty. The refugee influx response involves aid agencies and government support, focusing on tweaks to the existing refugee social protection program. Collaboration needs to intensify to pinpoint bottlenecks and enhance the government's capacity to deliver support through the state social protection system. Discussions with the government should aim to align services for Ukrainians with those for pre-war asylum seekers, agreeing on a comprehensive package of services and addressing potential changes. The profile suggests supporting longer-term reforms focusing on adequacy, coverage, labor market policies, and local-level delivery.

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