



Moldova: Refugee Accommodation Centres (RACs) Monthly Needs Monitoring & 2023 Overview

Update as of December 31, 2023

Background & Methodology

Since the escalation of hostilities in neighbouring Ukraine on February 24, 2022, more than 1 million arrivals from Ukraine have been registered in Moldova. As of December 31, 2023, 129,753 refugees remain in the country ([UNHCR](#)). To respond to their needs, the Moldovan authorities established a total of 136 Refugee Accommodation Centres (RACs) across the country. At the beginning of 2023, 67 RACs were active, and by the end of the year, 44 Centres remained open.

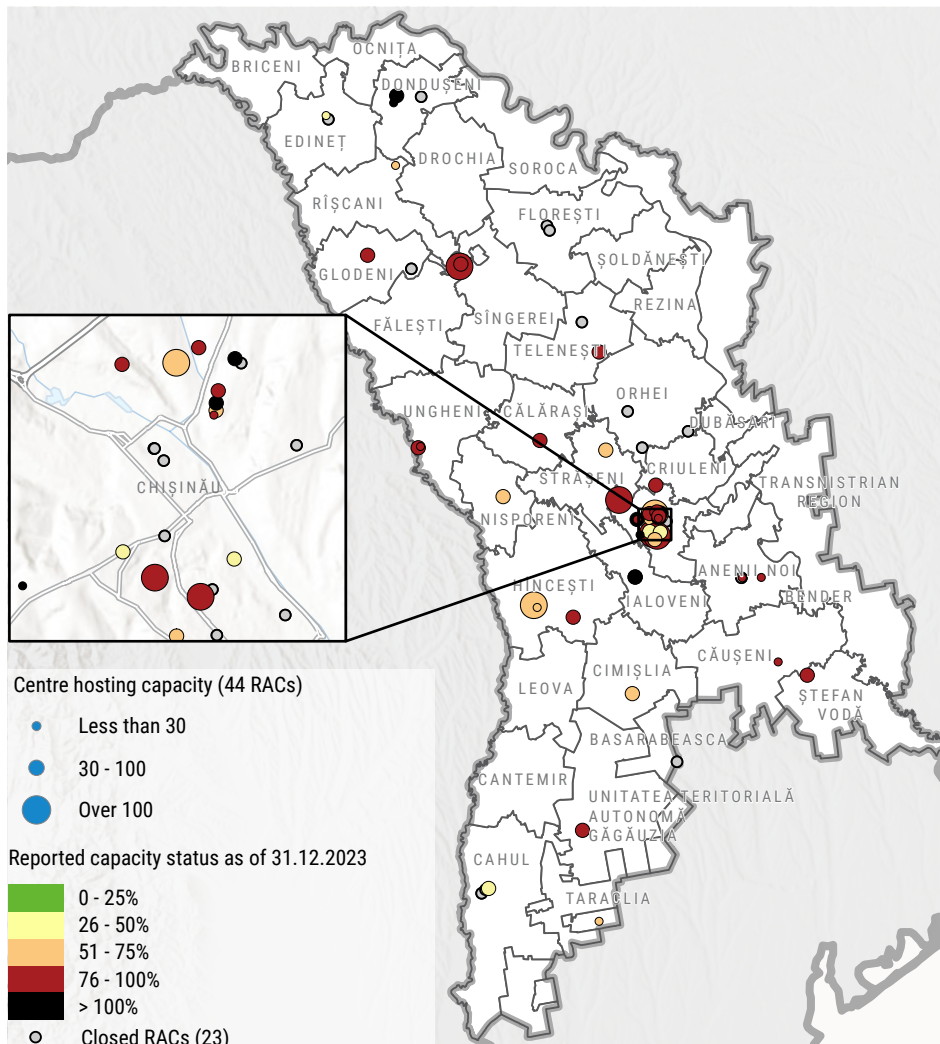
To understand the needs of these Centres, REACH, in partnership with the National Agency for Social Assistance (ANAS) and with the support of UNHCR and ACTED, conducted key informant interviews (KIIs) with purposefully selected RAC focal points who reported on the situation in the Centres.

For the last data collection round of 2023, interviews were conducted with representatives from 38 Centres. Additionally, this factsheet provides an overview of findings for 2023.*

Findings should be considered indicative.

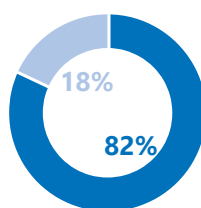
* The 2022 overview can be found on [reliefweb](#)

Locations of RACs active in 2023

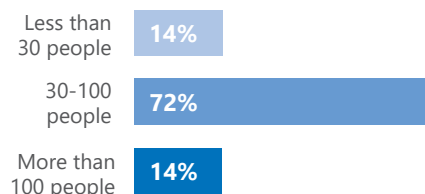


Reported RAC capacity

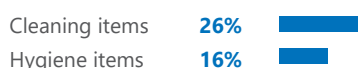
2809 available places in 44 RACs



% of RACs by hosting capacity (out of 44 RACs)



Top RAC needs as of December 31st



Round-specific key information

Proportion of residents by gender

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| Female | 61% |
| Male | 39% |

Proportion of residents by age

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Infants (0-2 years old) | 4% |
| Children (2-18 years old) | 35% |
| Adults (19-65 years old) | 47% |
| Older persons (65+) | 14% |

Proportion of residents by nationality

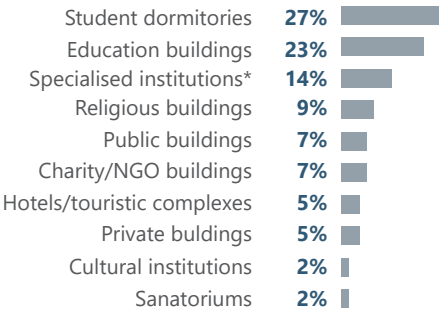
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| Ukrainians | 84% |
| Other | 16% |

Proportion of residents by vulnerability group

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| Persons with disabilities | 6.7% |
| Persons with serious medical conditions | 1.2% |
| Pregnant and lactating women | 0% |

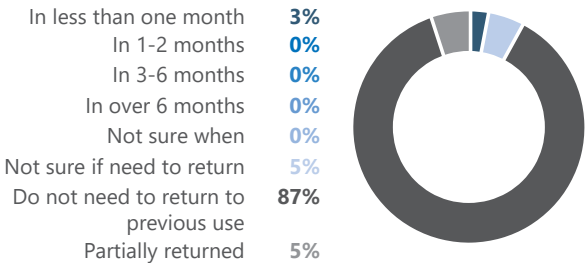
Building Information

% of active RACs by type of building (44 RACs)



*Specialised institutions include facilities normally used to provide services for people with disabilities or mental health issues

3% of assessed RACs reportedly need to return to their previous usage, in the following timeframe:



299 Number of people involved in RAC activities at the assessed RACs (employed staff, volunteers, etc.)
8 Per centre on average

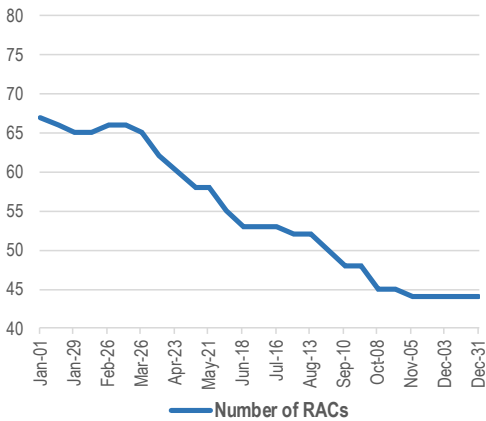
District-Level Information

| District | #RACs | Capacity | # People hosted | Spaces available | Capacity level |
|-------------|-------|----------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Anenii Noi | 2 | 60 | 52 | 8 | 87% |
| Balti | 2 | 216 | 196 | 20 | 91% |
| Cahul | 1 | 40 | 19 | 21 | 48% |
| Calarasi | 1 | 50 | 40 | 10 | 80% |
| Causeni | 1 | 20 | 17 | 3 | 85% |
| Chisinau | 16 | 1121 | 962 | 159 | 86% |
| Cimisia | 1 | 40 | 23 | 17 | 58% |
| Comrat | 2 | 130 | 105 | 25 | 81% |
| Criuleni | 1 | 100 | 85 | 15 | 85% |
| Donduseni | 1 | 80 | 87 | -7 | 109% |
| Drochia | 1 | 20 | 25 | -5 | 125% |
| Edinet | 1 | 22 | 7 | 15 | 32% |
| Glodeni | 1 | 80 | 77 | 3 | 96% |
| Hincesti | 3 | 220 | 137 | 83 | 62% |
| Ialoveni | 2 | 90 | 79 | 11 | 88% |
| Nisporeni | 1 | 100 | 65 | 35 | 65% |
| Riscani | 1 | 20 | 14 | 6 | 70% |
| stefan Voda | 1 | 100 | 84 | 16 | 84% |
| Straseni | 2 | 160 | 113 | 47 | 71% |
| Telenesti | 1 | 40 | 40 | 0 | 100% |
| Ungheni | 2 | 100 | 81 | 19 | 81% |

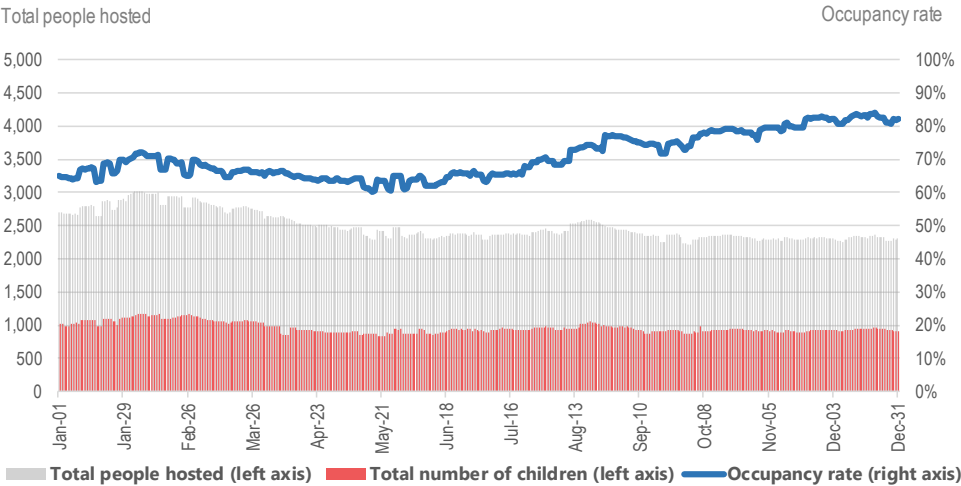
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Overview of findings for 2023

Weekly numbers of open RACs



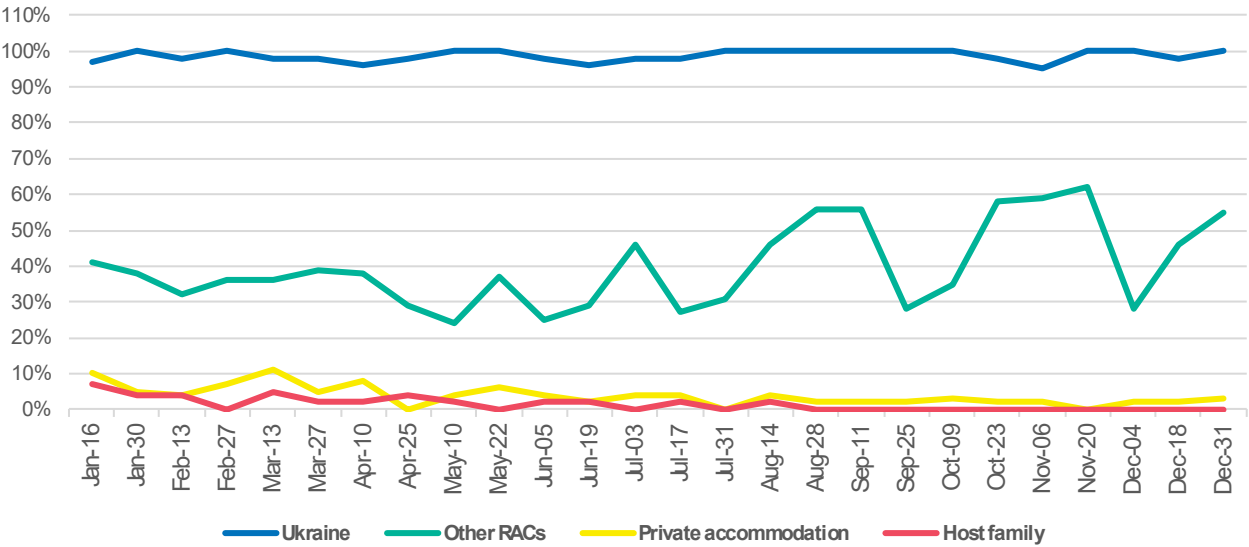
Total people and children hosted in RACs and occupancy rate



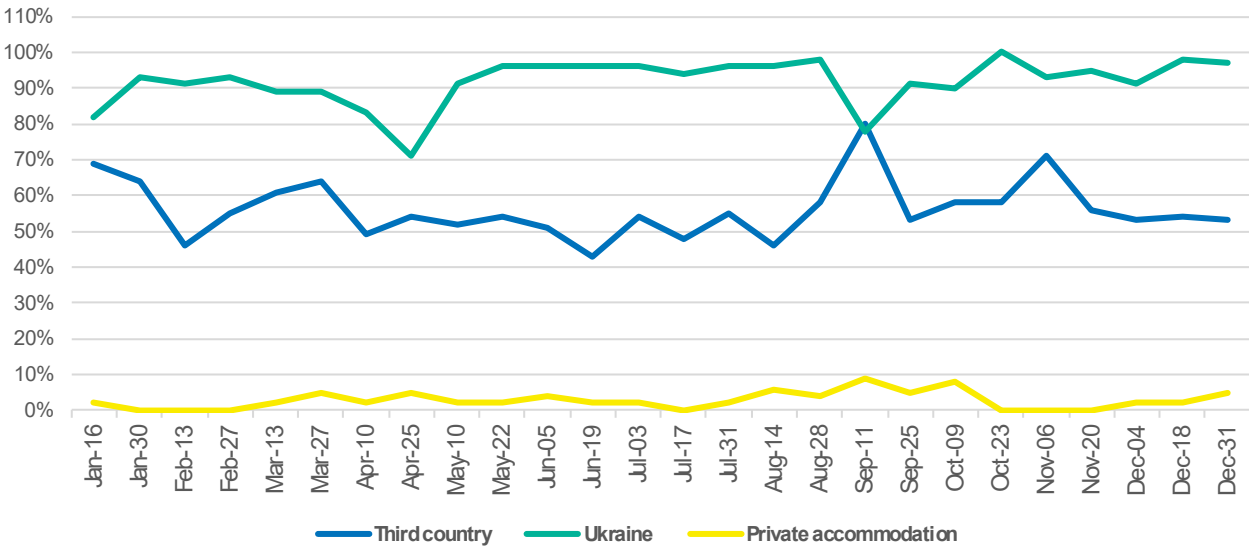
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Origins and movement intentions

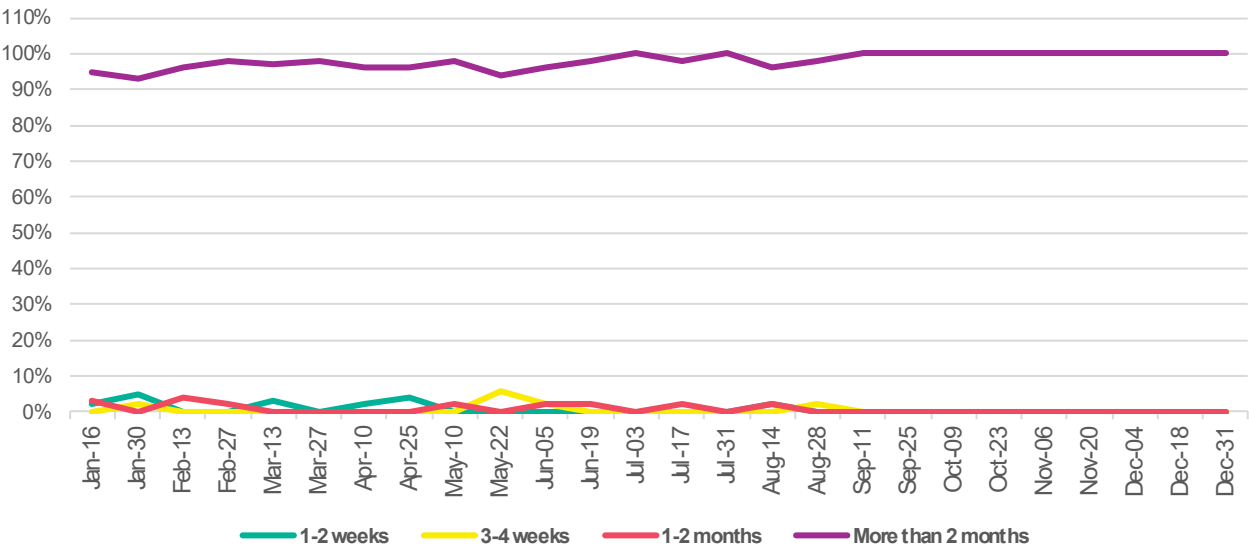
Most frequent places of origin of people arriving at the RACs as reported by KIs



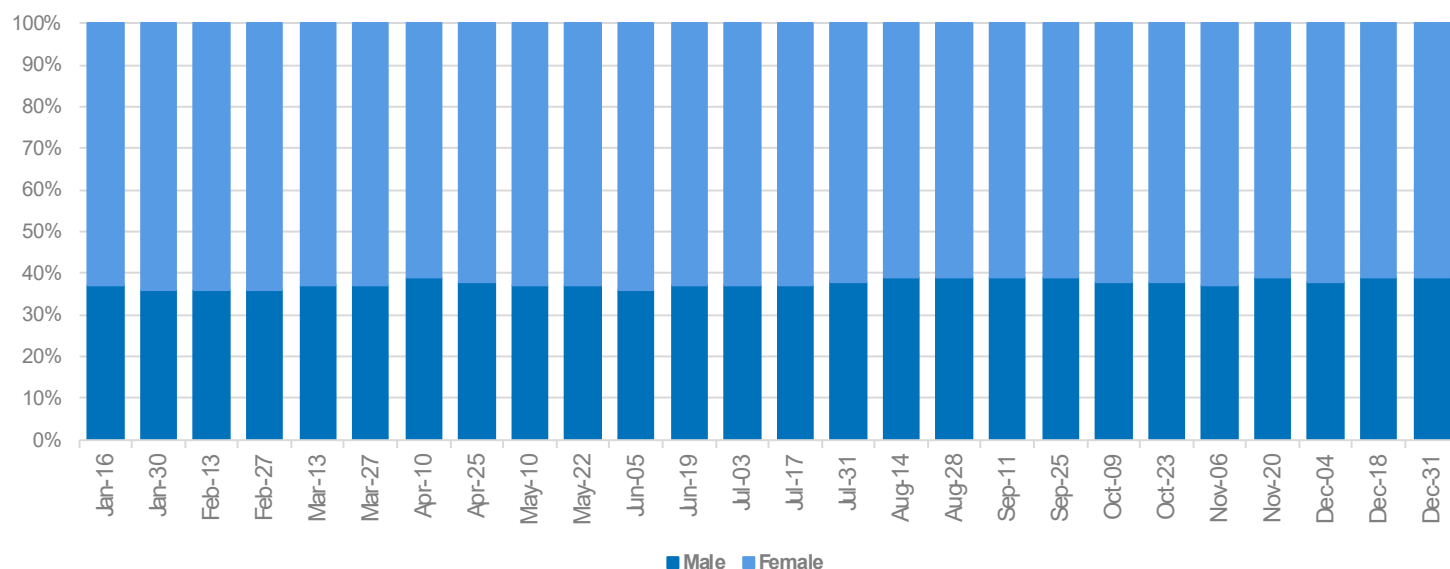
Most frequent destinations of people leaving the RACs as reported by KIs



Average stay duration in RACs



Proportion of residents by gender



Proportion of RACs requesting categories of items in each round of data collection

| | Jan-16 | Jan-30 | Feb-13 | Feb-27 | Mar-13 | Mar-27 | Apr-10 | Apr-25 | May-10 | May-22 | Jun-05 | Jun-19 | Jul-03 | Jul-17 | Jul-31 | Aug-14 | Aug-28 | Sep-11 | Sep-25 | Oct-09 | Oct-23 | Nov-06 | Nov-20 | Dec-04 | Dec-18 | Dec-31 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Food products | 8% | 8% | 7% | 10% | 11% | 9% | 9% | 16% | 13% | 6% | 10% | 4% | 17% | 4% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 16% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% |
| Cleaning items | 29% | 31% | 15% | 22% | 16% | 22% | 33% | 28% | 24% | 24% | 24% | 31% | 35% | 33% | 39% | 28% | 38% | 42% | 44% | 30% | 38% | 32% | 31% | 35% | 41% | 26% |
| Hygiene items | 25% | 24% | 19% | 26% | 23% | 21% | 28% | 33% | 22% | 20% | 16% | 29% | 35% | 27% | 37% | 30% | 38% | 31% | 28% | 23% | 36% | 17% | 26% | 33% | 29% | 16% |
| Appliances | 6% | 8% | 7% | 10% | 11% | 12% | 9% | 11% | 13% | 9% | 10% | 12% | 6% | 4% | 10% | 2% | 2% | 9% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 12% | 2% | 0% |
| Sleeping items | 3% | 3% | 2% | 5% | 5% | 0% | 6% | 7% | 4% | 2% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 0% | 4% | 2% | 0% | 7% | 5% | 3% | 0% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 0% | 0% |
| Clothing items | 0% | 7% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 5% | 11% | 5% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 4% | 4% | 0% | 6% | 2% | 2% | 11% | 2% | 0% | 9% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 5% | 0% |
| Kitchen items | 6% | 7% | 7% | 5% | 8% | 9% | 15% | 5% | 7% | 4% | 6% | 0% | 8% | 6% | 4% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 2% | 5% | 3% |
| Baby & child products | 6% | 10% | 5% | 9% | 6% | 9% | 6% | 7% | 7% | 9% | 8% | 16% | 4% | 4% | 4% | 8% | 4% | 11% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 5% | 8% | 0% | 5% | 0% |
| First aid supplies | 5% | 5% | 2% | 9% | 5% | 2% | 13% | 12% | 6% | 2% | 10% | 14% | 13% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 3% | 2% | 0% | 5% | 2% | 0% | 0% |
| School supplies | 0% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 11% | 2% | 11% | 9% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 14% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 0% |
| Supplies for older people and people with disabilities | 2% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 6% | 6% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% |