Moldova: Refugee Accommodation Centre (RAC) Weekly Needs Monitoring

Update as of December 27th 2022
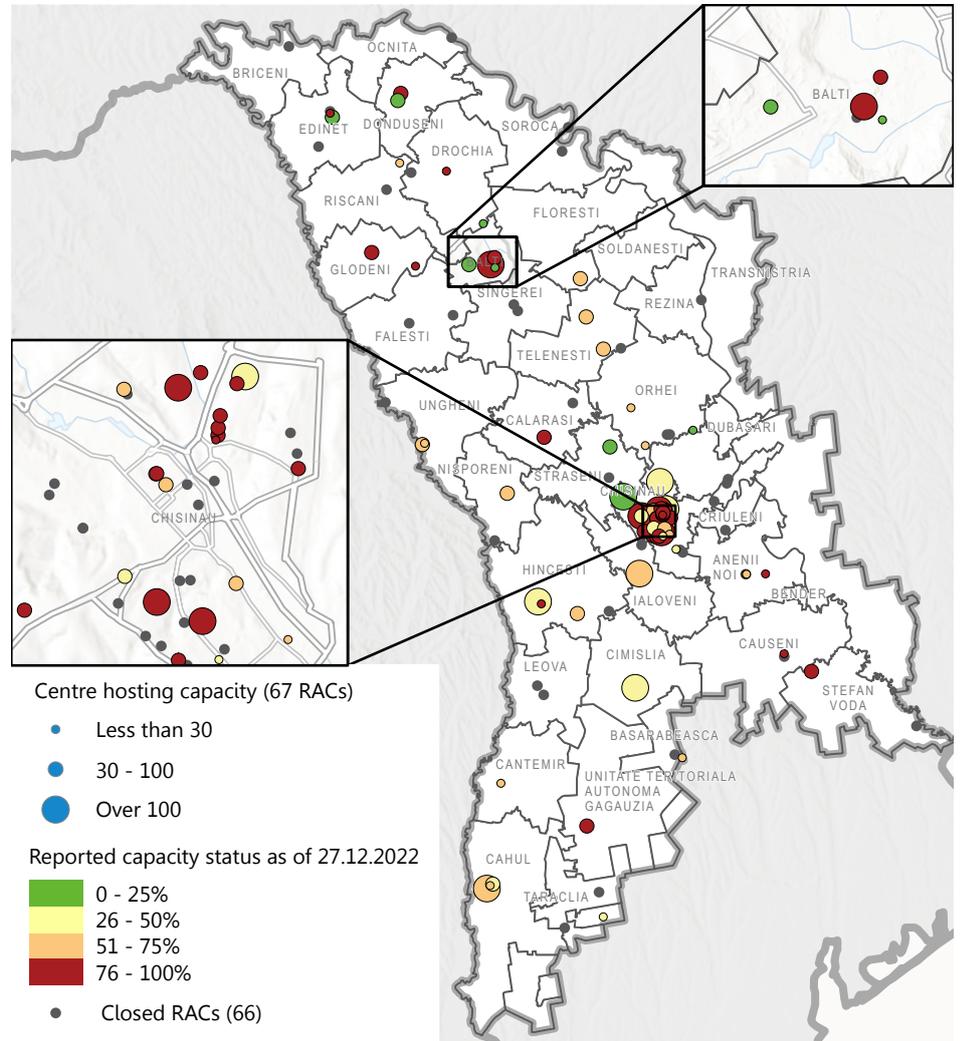
Background & Methodology

Since the escalation of hostilities on February 24th 2022, more than 10 million refugees have reportedly fled Ukraine, with 732,939 refugees arriving in the Republic of Moldova and 100,494 remaining in the country as of December 27th (UNHCR). To respond to their needs, the Moldovan authorities have established a total of 133 Refugee Accommodation Centres (RACs) across the country, of which 67 remained active at the end of 2022.

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, began conducting key informant interviews (KIIs) with purposefully selected RAC focal points who reported on the situation in the Centres. The first round of data collection took place on March 14th 2022 and monitoring will continue in 2023.

For the last round of the year, which took place on December 27th 2022, interviews were conducted with representatives from 65 Centres. Additionally, this factsheet provides an overview of findings from March 14th to December 27th 2022.
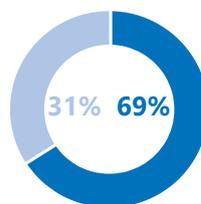
Findings should be considered indicative.

Locations of RACs opened in 2022

Centre hosting capacity (67 RACs)
- Less than 30
- 30 - 100
- Over 100

Reported capacity status as of 27.12.2022
- 0 - 25%
- 26 - 50%
- 51 - 75%
- 76 - 100%
- Closed RACs (66)

Source: ANAS, Registry of Refugee Accommodation Centres, December 27th 2022

Reported RAC capacity

4026 available places in 65 RACs

31% 69%

2767 Occupied places

1259 Free places

% of RACs by hosting capacity (out of 65 RACs)

20-50 people	62%
51-100 people	23%
More than 100 people	15%
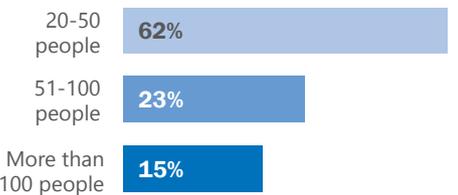
% of assessed RACs with the following vulnerable groups present

Persons with disabilities	**42%**
Persons with serious medical conditions	**9%**
Pregnant and lactating women	**5%**

Top three RAC needs as of December 27th 2022

Hygiene items	**17%**
Cleaning items	**17%**
Infant items	**8%**

Round-specific key information

Proportion of residents by gender

Female	**63%**
Male	**37%**

Proportion of residents by age

Infants 0-2 years old	**3%**
Children 2-18 years old	**36%**
Older people (65+)	**11%**
People 19-65 years old	**49%**

Proportion of residents by nationality

Ukrainians	**80%**
Other	**20%**

🏢 Building Information

% of assessed RACs by type of building

Student dormitories	**25%**	
Education buildings	**20%**	
Specialised institutions*	**17%**	
Public buildings	**9%**	
Religious buildings	**9%**	
Charity/NGO buildings	**6%**	
Hotels/touristic complexes	**5%**	
Private buldings	**5%**	
Cultural institutions	**2%**	
Sanatoriums	**2%**	
Summer camps	**2%**	
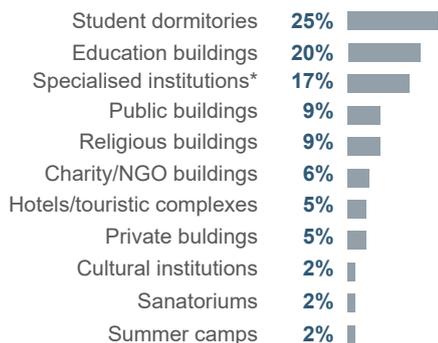
*Specialised institutions include facilities normally used to provide services for people with disabilities or mental health issues

28% of assessed RACs reportedly need to return to their previous usage, in the following timeframe:

In less than one month	**2%**
In 1-2 months	**5%**
In 3-6 months	**6%**
In over 6 months	**0%**
Not sure when	**15%**
Not sure if need to return	**25%**
Do not need to return to previous use	**36%**
Partially returned	**11%**
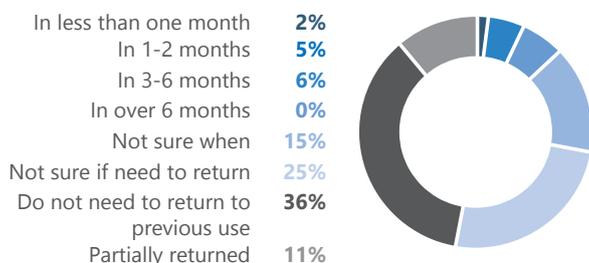
557 Number of people involved in RAC activities at the assessed RACs (employed staff, volunteers, etc.)

9 Per centre on average
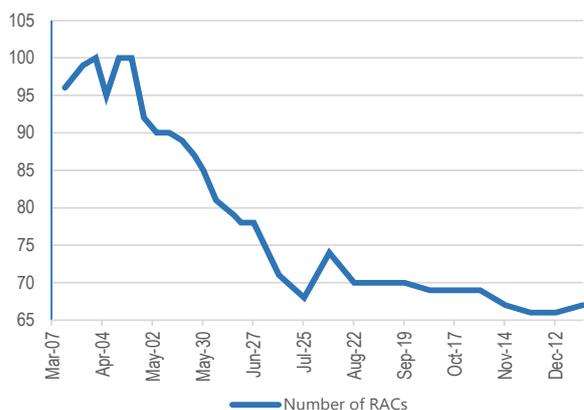
🏢 District-Level Information

District	#RACs	Capacity	# People hosted	Spaces available	Capacity level
Anenii Noi	3	90	72	18	80%
Balti	4	296	208	88	70%
Basarabeasca	1	30	21	9	70%
Cahul	3	206	114	92	55%
Calarasi	1	60	59	1	98%
Causeni	1	20	17	3	85%
Chisinau	24	1731	1299	432	75%
Cimislia	1	120	37	83	31%
Comrat	2	130	99	31	76%
Criuleni	1	100	84	16	84%
Donduseni	2	120	73	47	61%
Drochia	1	20	23	-3	115%
Edinet	2	62	30	32	48%
Floresti	2	68	25	43	37%
Glodeni	2	122	110	12	90%
Hincesti	3	220	95	125	43%
Ialoveni	1	160	95	65	59%
Nisporeni	1	100	60	40	60%
Orhei	3	60	26	34	43%
Riscani	1	20	18	2	90%
Stefan Voda	1	81	71	10	88%
Straseni*	2	160	N/A	N/A	N/A
Taraclia	1	20	11	9	55%
Telenesti	2	90	48	42	53%
Ungheni	2	100	72	28	72%

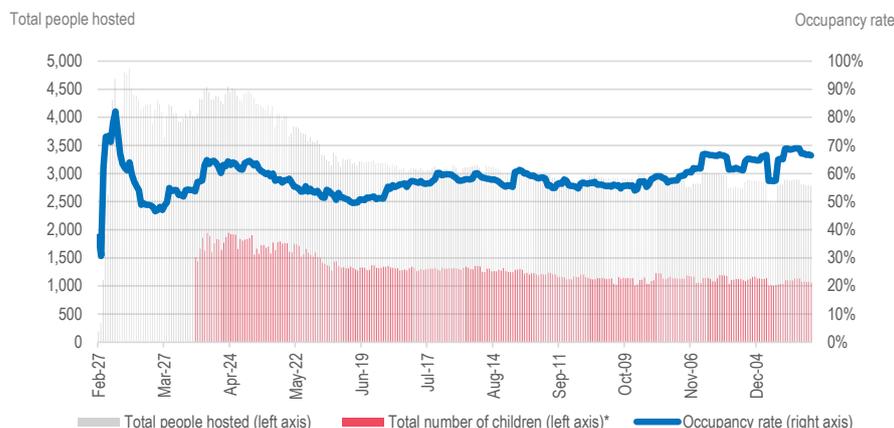Source: ANAS, Registry of Refugee Accommodation Centres, December 27th 2022

* This table includes only data based on Centres that have been interviewed on December 27th, therefore there is no data for the 2 RACs in Straseni

Overview of findings for the March-December 2022 period

Weekly numbers of open RACs

Number of RACs

Total people and children hosted in RACs and occupancy rate

Total people hosted — Occupancy rate

Total people hosted (left axis)   Total number of children (left axis)*   Occupancy rate (right axis)
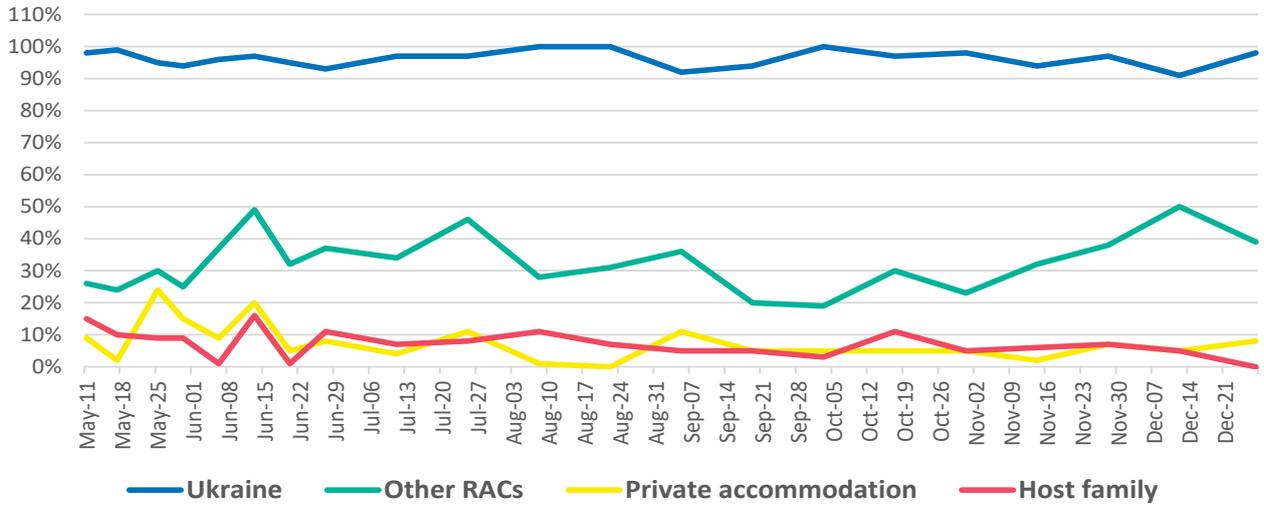
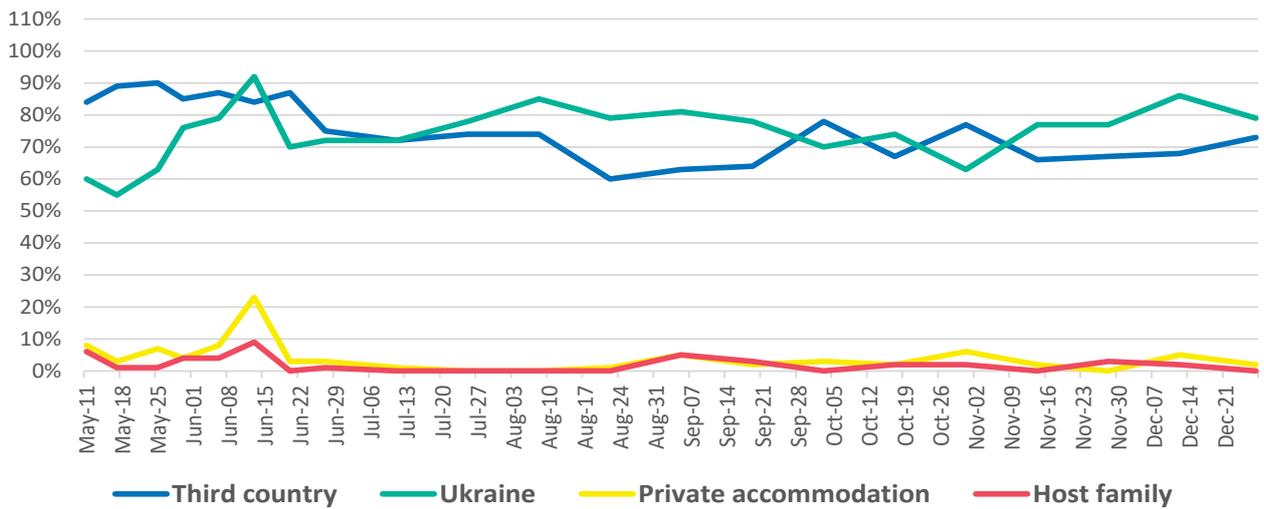* data collection on the number of children started in the beginning of April

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Origins and movement intentions

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

Legend: Ukraine — Other RACs — Private accommodation — Host family

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

Legend: Third country — Ukraine — Private accommodation — Host family

Average stay duration in RACs

Legend: Less than 1 week — 1-2 weeks — 3-4 weeks — 1-2 months — More than 2 months

👥 Proportion of residents by gender

Legend: ■ Men ■ Women
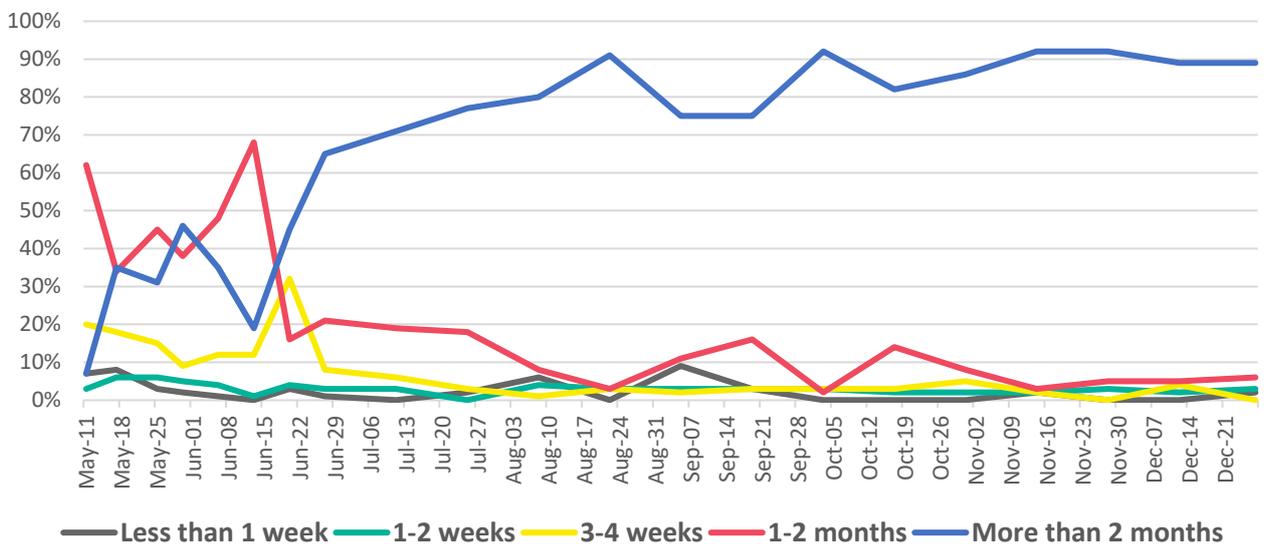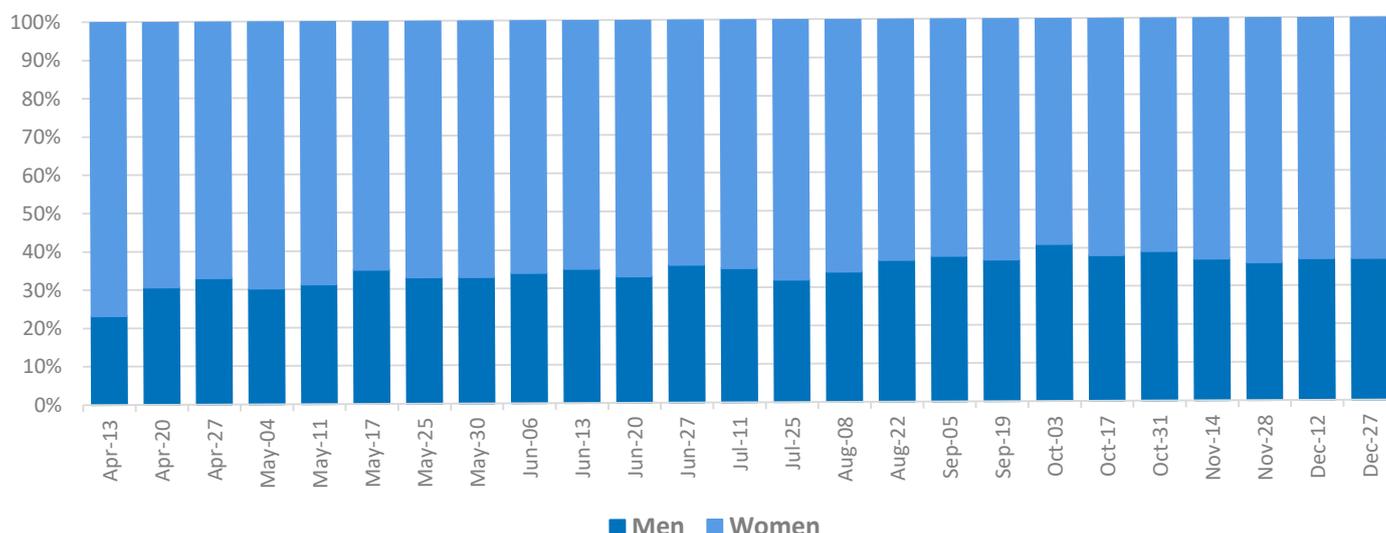
Proportion of RACs requesting categories of items in each round of data collection

	Mar-16	Mar-23	Mar-30	Apr-06	Apr-13	Apr-20	Apr-27	May-04	May-11	May-17	May-25	May-30	Jun-06	Jun-13	Jun-20	Jun-27	Jul-11	Jul-25	Aug-08	Aug-22	Sep-05	Sep-19	Oct-03	Oct-17	Oct-31	Nov-14	Nov-28	Dec-12	Dec-27
Food products	75%	32%	40%	45%	30%	23%	20%	26%	26%	17%	18%	16%	15%	13%	14%	25%	22%	12%	17%	27%	13%	22%	14%	16%	11%	15%	6%	8%	5%
Cleaning items	78%	41%	43%	49%	28%	23%	29%	23%	25%	22%	15%	15%	12%	13%	13%	23%	18%	11%	22%	37%	20%	11%	27%	34%	17%	37%	21%	17%	17%
Hygiene items	78%	38%	37%	41%	19%	20%	22%	19%	23%	22%	16%	14%	12%	12%	12%	21%	15%	14%	22%	33%	22%	14%	27%	31%	15%	35%	19%	20%	17%
Appliances	71%	27%	36%	36%	19%	24%	24%	23%	21%	16%	15%	14%	13%	4%	9%	18%	6%	6%	19%	25%	6%	3%	20%	19%	14%	16%	13%	10%	3%
Sleeping items	65%	30%	26%	31%	13%	15%	14%	17%	14%	9%	10%	7%	5%	4%	6%	11%	3%	3%	11%	25%	6%	15%	14%	13%	8%	15%	5%	5%	5%
Clothing items	35%	21%	24%	28%	14%	19%	11%	14%	18%	12%	13%	7%	5%	9%	5%	6%	3%	5%	13%	19%	11%	6%	14%	30%	9%	27%	6%	10%	2%
Kitchen items	51%	28%	31%	34%	19%	15%	11%	6%	6%	9%	15%	6%	5%	3%	1%	3%	1%	5%	14%	24%	5%	18%	14%	10%	5%	13%	3%	5%	2%
Baby & child products	52%	26%	29%	28%	9%	8%	12%	11%	15%	10%	8%	9%	5%	7%	4%	7%	1%	5%	14%	22%	9%	8%	3%	9%	8%	13%	0%	3%	8%
First aid supplies	52%	29%	28%	19%	6%	9%	12%	7%	6%	11%	7%	6%	3%	3%	5%	6%	6%	3%	11%	27%	11%	5%	12%	15%	6%	18%	2%	5%	3%
School supplies	0%	0%	0%	0%	19%	13%	13%	12%	8%	13%	8%	7%	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	17%	40%	11%	2%	5%	6%	3%	8%	2%	3%	2%
Supplies for older people and people with disabilities	13%	5%	10%	4%	2%	5%	4%	3%	1%	3%	3%	4%	0%	1%	0%	0%	3%	2%	6%	6%	2%	5%	0%	4%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%