

Meeting Details	
Date	27 March 2024
Time	14:00-15:00
Chair	Dr. Paraschiv Angela , State Secretary, Ministry of Health Dr. Vitalii Stetsyk , Inter Agency Health and Nutrition Working Group Coordinator, WHO
Reporting	MoH, NAPH, WHO,
Agenda	
<i>Agenda point:</i> The measles outbreak recorded among UA refugees residing in RAC T6. Updates	

Summary of discussions and agreements/ action points

Agenda	Discussion
<i>Presenters' name, position, organization, E-mail</i>	<i>Summary of discussion with highlights. Please provide links to documents/sources of information whenever mentioned.</i>
Angela Paraschiv, Ministry of Health Veaceslav Gutu, National Agency for Public Health Vitalii Stetsyk, WHO	<p>State Secretary Angela Paraschiv, Ministry of Health welcomed all the participants and expressed gratitude for their presence. The Ministry of Health, together with the National Agency for Public Health, has been working tirelessly to identify and manage new cases of measles among refugees residing in the centre. It is critical to detect and respond to the outbreak in a timely manner to prevent further escalation and ensure the country's progress towards maintaining the status of measles free country. The State Secretary encouraged health partners to collaborate and support the government and local authorities in responding effectively to the ongoing measles outbreaks.</p> <p>Veaceslav Gutu, the National Agency for Public Health, announced that a vaccination campaign is being planned. A list of Regional Administrative Centers (RACs) with the most vulnerable populations will be identified, and interventions will be prioritized accordingly.</p> <p>Vitalii Stetsyk,WHO, the Inter-Agency Co-lead, highlighted the importance of communication and coordination among the Inter-Agency Health and Nutrition Working Group. He proposed the development of a document</p>

	<p>that would compile all initiated and planned activities, along with the focal person from each organization, to assist the health authorities.</p>
<p><i>Dumitru Capmari, WHO</i></p>	<p>Dumitru Capmari, WHO, Immunization Officer, presented the outbreak situation and the measures taken by authorities to manage and prevent its expansion.</p> <p>As of March 27th, the following updates were reported regarding the measles outbreak:</p> <p>Number of Measles Cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed cases: 12* • Suspicious cases: 2 • Disproved cases: 5 (1 negative and 4 confirmed other diagnosis) <p>Hospitalization: 2 individuals hospitalized at Municipal Clinical Hospital for Children's Contagious Diseases.</p> <p>Outpatient Care: 12 individuals receiving outpatient care.</p> <p>Residence in RAC T6: Approximately 150 individuals, including around 60 children, residing in RAC T6.</p> <p>Demographic Characteristics of Patients: Age range: 2-41 years old</p>
<p><i>Partcipants</i></p>	<p>Maria Chavez, INTERSOS, informed that they were contacted by the medical doctor responsible for RAC T6. They requested support and provided medication for conditions other than measles. The first batch was delivered on the same day. Additionally, INTERSOS is the co-lead of the Roma task and is willing to help coordinate communication between members of the health and nutrition working group and the members of the Roma task force.</p>

	<p>Igor Codreanu, UNICEF, announced that the AWD Periphery kit drugs are available at the SanFarmPrim warehouse for immediate delivery to medical units treating measles, if there is a need. It was also mentioned that UNICEF had previously shared information and communication materials on measles, including a video, and encouraged colleagues to use them to spread awareness.</p> <p>Alexei Ceban, UNICEF, RO, highlighted the need to understand the situation at the country level, including the local population, and identify the most vulnerable groups and their locations. Additionally, it was noted that a measles outbreak might bring together a second threat of pertussis, which should be considered when preparing the vaccination campaign. The vaccination campaign should also be extended to unvaccinated local populations, not just refugees.</p>
<p><i>Action Points</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health partners to complete the document with activities and plans they wish to undertake in response to the measles outbreak. They should also provide contact details of the focal point to better coordinate activities and help health authorities know whom to contact if they require support. • Ministry of Labor and Social Protection will list vulnerable RACs where interventions are most needed. Starting with the most vulnerable RACs prioritized together with MoH, a vaccination campaign will be initiated. • Partners to help disseminate health messages related to measles and vaccination. UNICEF and WHO have already shared communication materials, including a video. • The National Agency for Public Health and WHO will inform partners about the outbreak's development.