WHO Romania Newsletter Nov 2024

November 2024 Highlights

- **The oral health initiative** continues, with WHO Romania supporting the Public Health Directorate (DSP) in Iasi County with its oral health campaign in schools across the county.
- **WHO Romania donated** emergency medical equipment in the value of USD 400,000 to the DSU. H.E during an official handover ceremony on 15 Nov, with H.E. US Ambassador Kathleen Kavalec, DSU Director Dr Raed Arafat and WR delivering opening remarks.
- **WHO Romania** organised an in-person working group meeting for Health and MHPSS RRP partners to review 2024 achievements and gaps and conduct a working session on contingency and preparedness planning.
- A roundtable dedicated to the **Global Day of Action for the Elimination of Cervical Cancer** brought together (inter)national experts, policymakers, and health advocates

with the aim to advance evidence-based interventions, HPV vaccination, and screening efforts.

Emergency Response

Health & MHPSS Working Group

The in-person working group meeting on 27 November brought together partners to review and align ongoing programs with the 2025-26 Refugee Response Plan, and foster integration of Health and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services.

Participants discussed gaps in healthcare delivery, resource allocation and community engagement while exploring ways to scale and adapt programs to current and future needs.

WHO Romania Donation for DSU

WHO Romania, with support from BPRM, donated emergency medical equipment in the value of USD 400,000 to Romania's General Emergency Management Inspectorate (DSU). This contribution aims to enhance Romania's capacity to respond effectively to emergencies and the collaborative effort underscores the commitment to strengthening public health preparedness and response mechanisms at the local level.

Romanian-Norwegian Conference

The *"Building Knowledge Towards a Golden Standard"* conference was held under the *Romanian-Norwegian – Stronger Together Against Gender-Based Violence!* project.

WR Dr Clarinval underscored the public health impact of GBV and called for a coordinated, multi-sectoral response. Melanie Hyde, WHO EURO Technical Officer for Gender, Equity and Human Rights, emphasised the role of health systems in addressing GBV and the need to integrate GBV training into pre-service curricula.

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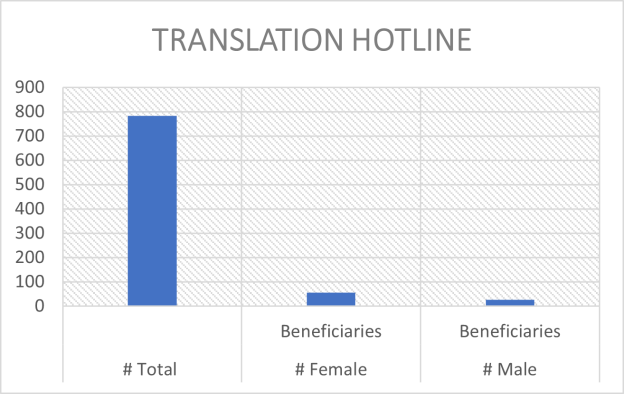
WHO cultural mediators directly supported 353 Ukrainians with accessing national healthcare services and delivered 199 individual psychosocial support sessions.

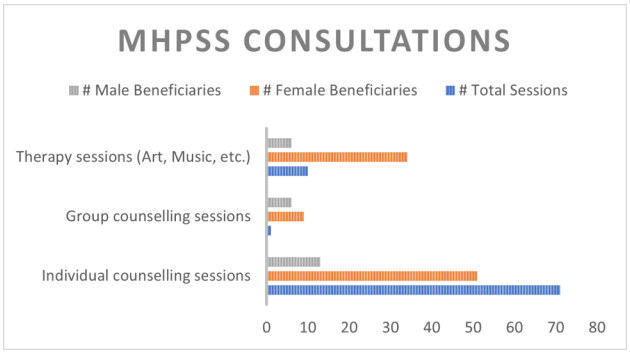
The WHO translation hotline provided 83 translations for medical consultations, including 7 emergency consultations. 56 Ukrainian women and 27 men aged from under-18 to +55 years benefited from the free-of-charge service.

WHO supported family doctors in Brasov, Bucharest, Cluj, Constanta, Galati, Sibiu and Suceava delivered 501 primary healthcare consultations to Ukrainian refugees including 33 essential vaccinations for Ukrainian children.

WHO county coordinators and cultural mediators conducted educational sessions on immunisation, healthy lifestyles, mental health and GBV and reached over 100,000 Ukrainians with online health promotion messages.

The AMI information hotline, supported by WHO Romania, provided health access information to 484 Ukrainian beneficiaries.




MHPSS CONSULTATIONS
Male Beneficiaries
Female Beneficiaries
Total Sessions
Therapy sessions (Art, Music, etc.)
Group counselling sessions
Individual counselling sessions
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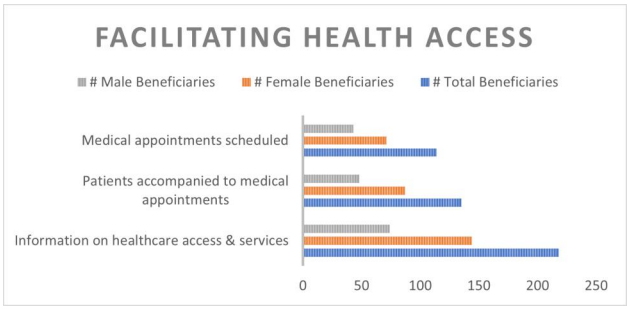
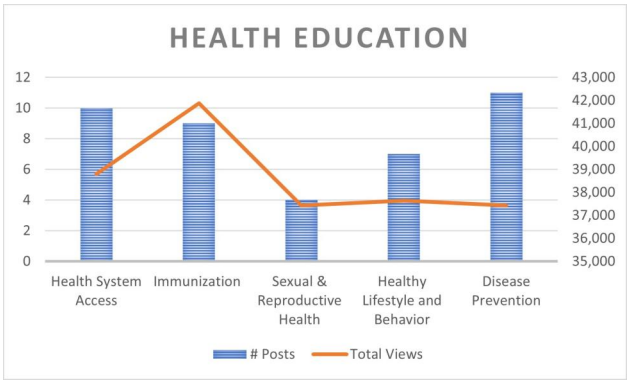

FACILITATING HEALTH ACCESS
Male Beneficiaries
Female Beneficiaries
Total Beneficiaries
Medical appointments scheduled
Patients accompanied to medical appointments
Information on healthcare access & services
0
50
100
150
200
250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43,000
42,000
41,000
40,000
39,000
38,000
37,000
36,000
35,000
Health System Access
Immunization
Sexual & Reproductive Health
Healthy Lifestyle and Behavior
Disease Prevention
Posts
Total Views

National Recovery & Resilience Plan (NRRP)

Health Service Management

- The National Institute for Health Service Management (INMSS) was officially designated as a WHO Collaborating Centre, recognising past achievements and paving the way for future collaboration.
- The National Institute of Health Service Management and WHO met to plan 2025 HSM activities, with a focus on capacity building on environmental sustainability in hospital management.

Country Office Events & Communications

Cervical Cancer Elimination Day

The National Institute of Public Health, in collaboration with WHO Romania, organised a roundtable commemorating the Global Day of Action for the Elimination of Cervical Cancer on 14 November. The event gathered (inter)national experts, policymakers and health advocates to discuss initiatives such as HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening, led by speakers from the European Cancer League and WHO EURO. The event emphasised the need for inter-sectoral collaboration and planning, fostering commitments to accelerate evidence-based interventions to eliminate cervical cancer.

Oral Health Campaign

WHO Romania partnered with the Public Health Directorate in Iasi County (DSP Iasi) to conduct an oral health campaign in schools focusing both on oral health and general hygiene as well as dental checks for children from grade 0-8.

Children who do have parental consent received a free dental check from volunteer dentists and a dental referral if required. WHO Romania contributes health awareness and general hygiene sessions and oral health kits (toothbrushes and toothpaste).

Over 1,000 children will have benefitted from this campaign by the end of 2024 and the project will continue in January 2025.

Road Safety Campaign

For World Day of Remembrance of Traffic Road Victims[1] 2024, WR Dr Clarinval took part in a video on raising awareness for safer shared roads (access here[2]). Every 33 seconds someone is killed or seriously injured on Romanian roads and traffic accidents remain a leading cause of preventable deaths, affecting drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists. In the coming months, WHO Romania will engage with national stakeholders to better understand the challenges and opportunities regarding road safety in Romania.

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[1] https://www.who.int/groups/united-nations-road-safety-collaboration/world-day-of-remembrance/2024
[2] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhylDvrYSg0

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