
Update on the Health system response to the Refugee emergency in the Republic of Moldova

Inter-agency refugee HEALTH AND NUTRITION working group meeting
17 May 2023

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Partners who reported for the period April – May: WHO, UNICEF, IOM, EMTs, INTERSOS

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Situation at borders during the last 24 hours (as of 20 JUNE 2023)

6 994

Ukrainian citizens among
total bord 26 748 per entries

6 927

Ukrainian citizens among
27 226 total border exists

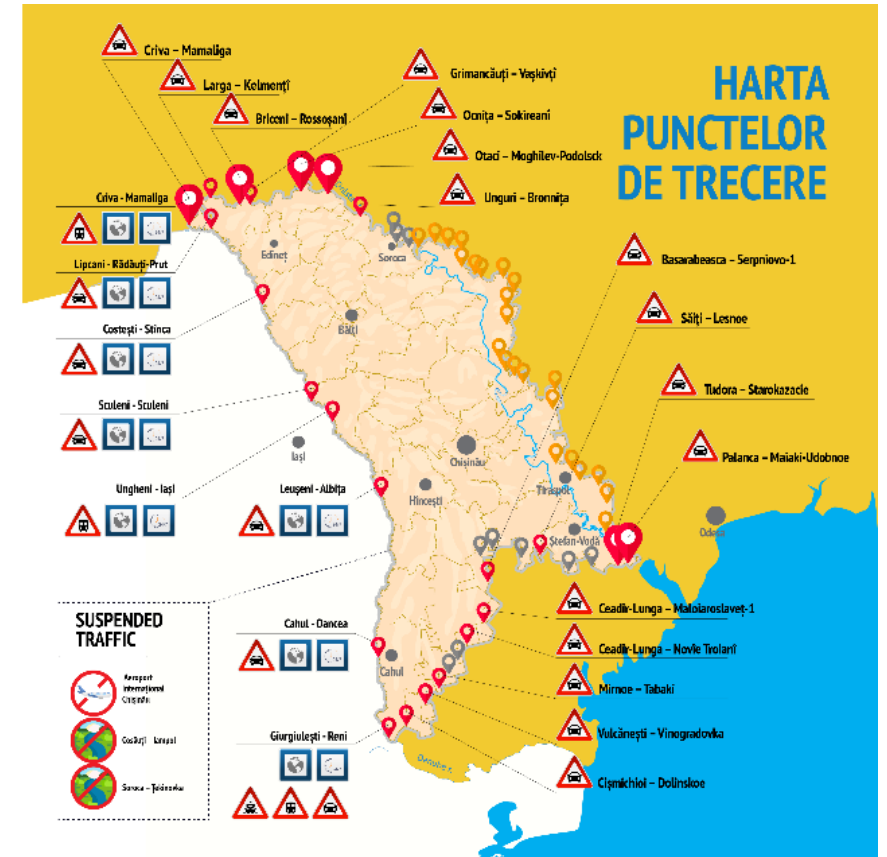
2 586

Ukrainian children entered
and exited the country

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Source: Government of the Republic of Moldova (Border Police)

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN MOLDOVA

103,786
Individual Ukrainian Refugees

83,381
arrived from Ukraine

20,405
from Romania & Airport

Men 17% (17,945)	Boys 24% (24,749)
Women 37% (37,822)	Girls 22% (23,270)

THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS IN MOLDOVA

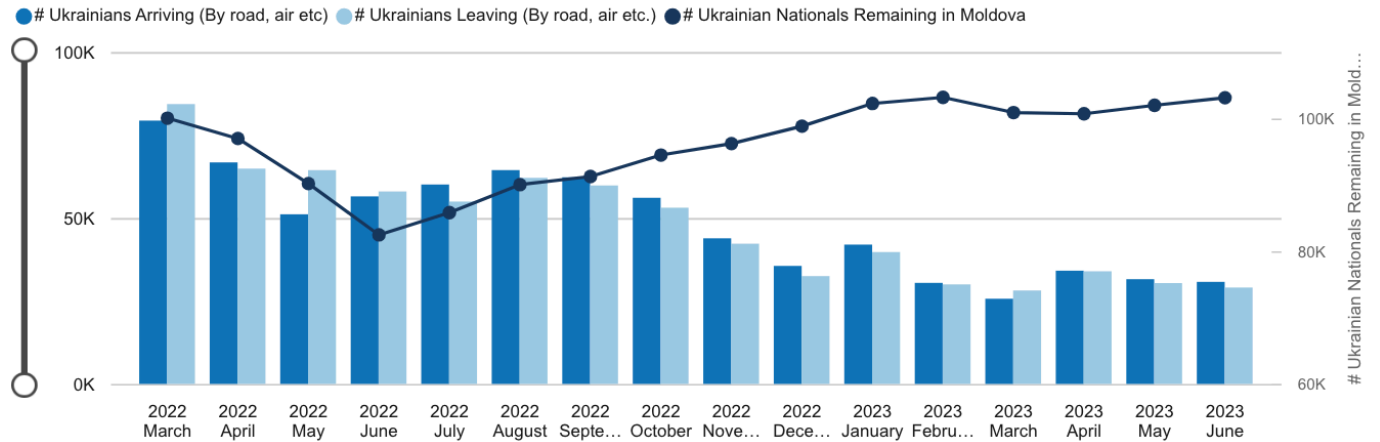
7,068
of ind. Third Country Nationals from Ukraine

Men 55% (8,941)	Boys 7%
Women 32%	Girls 6%

11/03/2022 18/06/2023



UKRAINIAN ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES OVER TIME



ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES¹ - CUMULATIVE FIGURES (11 MARCH 2022 TO PRESENT)

ARRIVALS

848,831
Arrivals from Ukraine (All Nationalities)

757,749 **91,082**
Ukrainians # TCNs

305,719
Arrivals of Ukrainians from elsewhere

DEPARTURES²

498,165
Cumulative Departures of Ukrainians to Ukraine

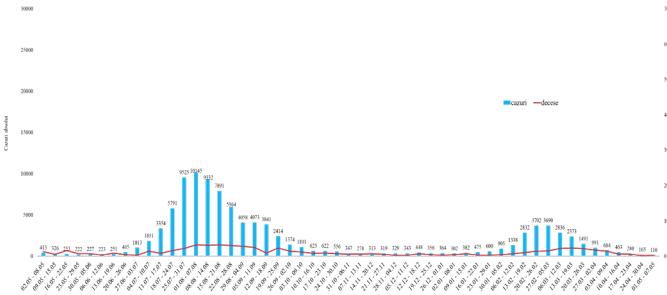
461,517
Departures of Ukrainians to elsewhere

¹ Arrival and Departure figures could potentially include multiple occasions of crossing the border by one individual.
² Data on departures does not include the movement of third country nationals that arrived from Ukraine

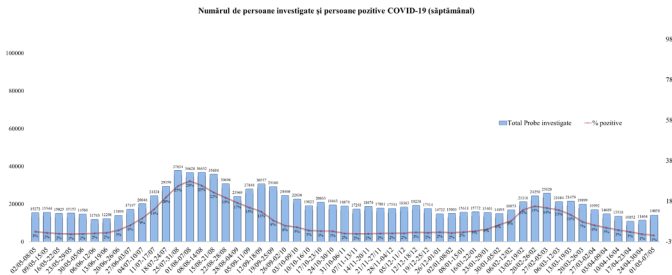
Ongoing public health risk assessment, EPI surveillance

COVID-19 surveillance

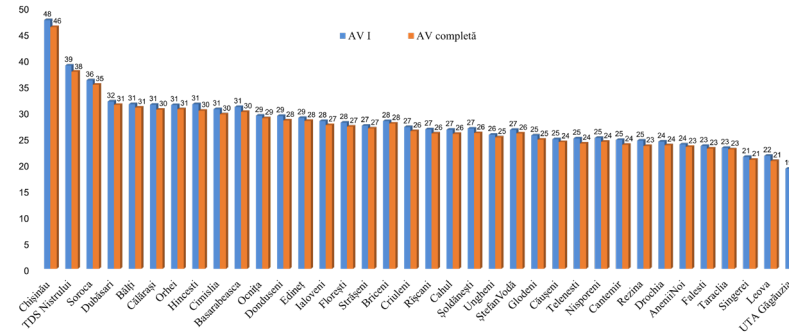
Weekly distribution of COVID-19 cases, deaths. Nr of COVID-19 cases – increased - 26,5%. Reproductive number **1,09**



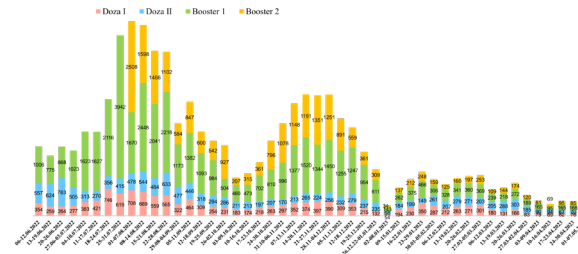
Weekly distribution of tests performed and confirmed COVID-19 cases



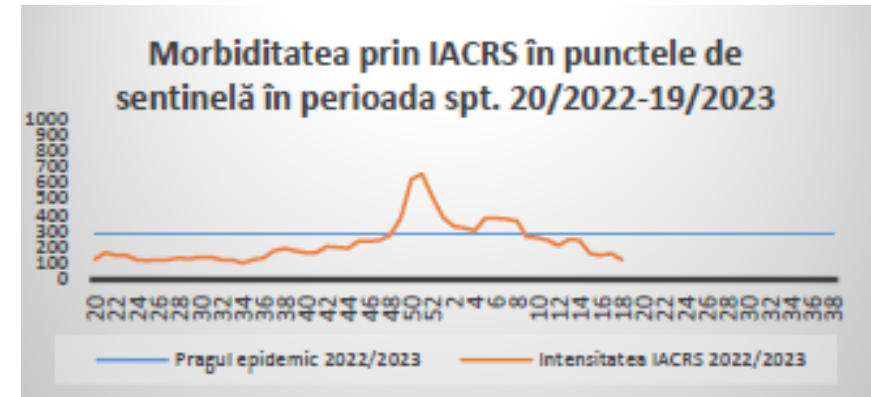
COVID-19 immunization



COVID-19 vaccination campaign (June 2022 – 07 May 2023)



ILI, ARI sentinel surveillance, Week 19 2023



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Pillar 1: Coordination, governance and leadership

completed during

APRIL - MAY 2023

the MoH Order nr. 398/2023 created the Working Group on coordination the Temporary Protection and Health Services

11th of May meeting - MoH, NHIC, UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, IOM

Start of the local immunization campaign Vaccinated = Protected in Balti with participation of 150 heads of local authorities (WHO)

A project collaboration agreement has been signed among IOM and National Health Insurance Company in terms of provision of dialyses services (IOM)

ongoing

Ongoing consultation with NHIC and MoH on financing of health services for refugee children in the context of the TP (UNICEF)

'Mainstreaming a disability inclusive humanitarian response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis'. WHO and four other coordinating UN agencies in Moldova and Georgia - OHCHR, UNICEF, UN Women and UNFPA.

Coordination with National Health Insurance Company regarding reporting in general and on Health services procurement from health facilities provided to refugee children (UNICEF).

planned

Temporary Protection and Health Services Working Group meeting regarding health financing in TP and non-TP mechanisms

To develop and awareness campaign and information materials on TP and health services

National coordination meeting with Government and State Chancellery regarding impact of vaccination catch up campaign and 2023 plans (WHO)

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new
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reported before

Pillar 2: Needs assessments, data collection and management for decision making

completed during
APRIL - MAY 2023

Disaggregation of data to address immunization inequities in Balti district by each sector from district and developed the detailed local plan (WHO)

Draft report on assessment of the training needs shared with partners for consultation (UNICEF).

MCM – SimEX – 3 line hospitals (WHO)

Exploratory visits to Cahul and Causeni hospitals on identification of capacity building needs in mother and child area in partnership with WHO and CUAMM (UNICEF)

ongoing

Disability legal framework and desk review

Evaluation of the serilization/decontamination equipment in the hospitals

7 regional hospitals follow-up missions (WHO)

planned

Data collection on access and availability of health services in refugees

MHPSS situational analysis and needs assessment (WHO)

MSNA 2023 – health indicators

PHC assessment data

Qualitative data analysis to summarize the findings on enabling and hindering Factors for exclusive breastfeeding (Actions Against Hunger)

SOP update and capacity building
new

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Pillar 3: Health service delivery to refugees

Refugee health care provision in the Republic of Moldova
(since 24 February 2022 as of 21 February 2023)

~ 25

PHC consultations per day

10 697

patients received primary health care

3 072

hospitalizations

309

pregnant women received primary health care

~ 40%

children among all PHC consultations

4 278

children received primary health care

1 487

children hospitalized

97

pregnant women hospitalized

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Refugee health needs and services delivered (as of 21 February 2023)

48

patients with caregivers
evacuated to EU countries
for treatment of cancer
and rare diseases

[Re-launch](#)

512

patients need
oncological treatment

215

deliveries

257

COVID-19 cases

1 300

dialyses sessions provided

55

diabetes patients hospitalized

23

Deaths in the hospitals

80

children diagnosed with COVID-19

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Pillar 3: Health service delivery to refugees

Beneficiaries reached by partners since 24 February 2022

68 285

people received basic health care

50 169

people received mental health care and psychosocial support

1 705

adults vaccinated against COVID-19

1 264

doses against routine antigens administered for children

19 655 (ground transportation to Romania: Air transfer to EU MS and associated countries, predeparture stabilization treatment, cancer care and treatment individuals, dialysis) (IOM)

31 887 (UNICEF)

7 439 (INTERSOS)

900 (MTI)

96 (SDC)

578 (Emergency NGO)

1 000 Basic health care (UNFPA)

6 730 (EMTs) **Inter-Agency Refugee**

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24 889 Socio-relational activities, psychosocial counselling and mental health specialized services. Capacity building for front line responders (IOM)

16 579 through Blue dots, Help line and youth clinics (UNICEF)

5 529 (first line responders) counselling on war trauma, PFA and stress management and burnout prevention (INTERSOS)

400 (MTI)

517 Individual

and group counselling (MDM)

107 (Emergency NGO)

1 748 (Caritas)

400 (UNFPA)

553

GBV cases managed

415 (UNICEF)

137 (UNFPA, EMTs)

1 (Emergency NGO)

10

Physical rehabilitation (IOM)

57 021

3 591- (IOM)

1 650 – immunization (WHO)

44 467 - health promotion activities (UNICEF)

5 923- health promotion activities (INTERSOS)

395 - (individual and group sessions) (MTI)

371 - health promotion activities (MDM)

215 - health education activities (Emergency NGO)

82 (Caritas)

Pillar 3: Health service delivery to refugees

Emergency Medical Teams

EMT coordination in place:

- 16 EMTs are on standby and 3 EMTs in the field:
- INTERSOS
 - CUAMM
 - Adventist Help
 - Medical Teams International

MDS Daily Reporting:

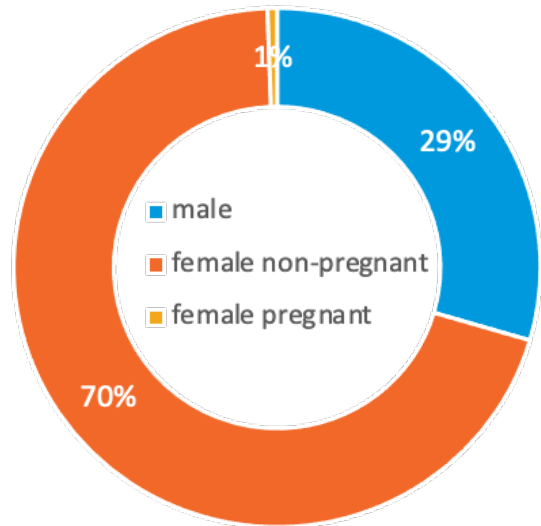
- Daily reporting – 3 EMTs.
- The EMT Minimum Data Set (MDS) daily report has been officially activated on 19th March 2022
- Key information which are essential for coordinating EMT was collected by **710** daily reports, which includes data of **7 142** consultations (from 11th March – to 13th May 2023)



Pillar 2: Health service delivery to refugees

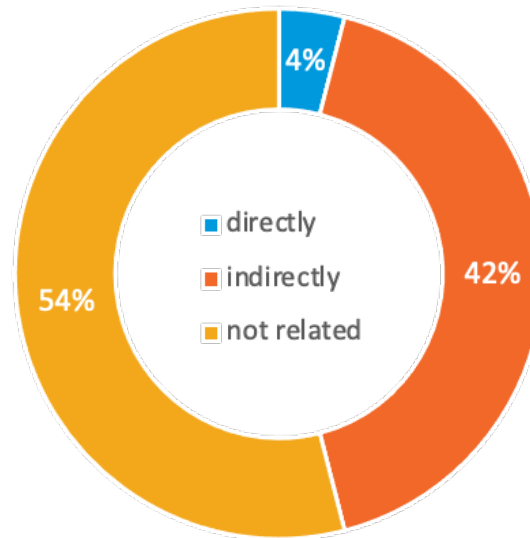
Emergency Medical Teams: Minimum Data Set (MDS) as of 13 May 2023

Demographics (total: 7 152)



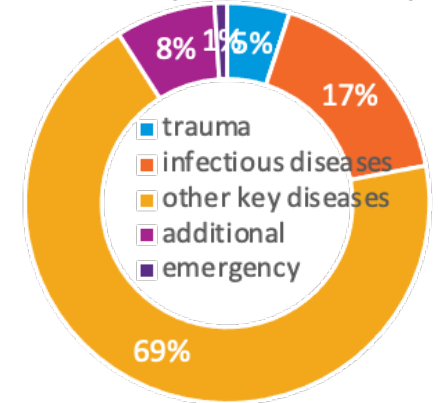
No	Age Categories	<1 y.o.	1-4 y.o.	5-17 y.o.	18-64 y.o.	65- y.o.	Total
1	Male	34	263	599	842	382	2112
2	Female non-preg.	53	197	611	2767	1390	4998
3	Female pregnant			0	40	2	42

Relation to event (total: 6 256)



Classification by the EMT MDS.		
MDS44	Directly	Patient visit with injury or illness directly caused by an emergency event.
MDS45	Indirectly	Patient visit caused or worsened by situational change after an emergency event. e.g.) Environmental exposure
MDS46	Not related	Patient visit not caused by the event. e.g.) NCD

Health events (total: 6 786)



No	Health Events	<5 y.o.	>=5 y.o.	Total
9	Acute respiratory infection	198	739	938
10	Acute watery diarrhea	24	132	157
11	Acute bloody diarrhea	0	0	0
12	Acute jaundice syndrome	0	0	0
13	Suspected measles	0	0	0
14	Suspected meningitis	0	0	0
15	Suspected tetanus	0	0	0
16	Acute flaccid paralysis	0	0	0
17	Tuberculous Bronchitis (susp/confirmed)	0	3	3
18	Fever of unknown origin	20	61	81

No	Health Events	<5 y.o.	>=5 y.o.	Total
4	Major head / spine injury	0	0	0
5	Major torso injury	0	0	0
6	Major extremity injury	1	4	5
7	Moderate injury	2	32	34
8	Minor injury	28	301	329

EMT MDS Gateway <https://www.mdsgateway.net/mda>

- Forms & Brief Instruction (PowerPoint)
- MDS Maker (Windows Excel Tool)

Pillar 4: Health financing and financial protection

ongoing

A project collaboration agreement has been signed among IOM and National Health Insurance Company in terms of provision of dialyses services (IOM)

Development of 2023 WP with NHIC – UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM, ...

A contract collaboration has been signed with AMT Riscani of Chisinau to provide financial coverage for non-urgent specialized services provided within the AMT (specialist consultations, paraclinical investigations) that are currently not covered by CNAM (INTEROS)

Financial coverage on an individual basis for out-patient patient services provided by other institutions (Republican diagnostic center, Mother & Child institute, etc) (INTEROS)

Working group meetings with NHIC for setting up the health financing mechanisms for refugees in 2023.

Ongoing consultation with NHIC on financing of health services for refugee children in 2023 (UNICEF)

Collaboration agreement signed with 5 primary health care facilities (INTEROS)
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planned

Working groups meetings with NHIC on health financing in TP and non-TP with agreeing on alternate mechanisms of funding

MoH discussions technical meetings health financing

Signing of collaboration agreements with national health facilities to cover the cost of non-urgent specialized health care services for refugees (INTEROS)

Working meeting with the National Health Insurance Company in order to have a more depth discussion on health financing and financial protection

Discussion with NHIC on the medicine's accessibility and affordability (multisectoral) MH medicines & treatment of the people with disabilities.

new
continuing
reported before

Pillar 5: Procurement and Supply Management

Supplies from partners since 24 February 2022

\$ 1 322 149

Medicines and kits

Medical equipment (Oncology Institute)- \$309.000 (IOM)
20-TESK 1A Antidote for CBRN risks, 2000 vials of Trastuzumab, a batch of 24 items of drugs, 1000 vials of Tocilizumab, 2 NCDK and 1 Malaria Kit - \$624.103 (WHO)
50 types of essential medicines, IV fluids for the hospital - \$6 082 (MTI)
80 First Aid Kits \$ 2 660 (INTERSOS)
Reproductive Health kits - \$255.000 (UNFPA)
2 Batches of 10 items of drugs and 12,000 bottles of Amoxicilinum, 5,500 bottles of Amoxiclav, 80 peripheral kits, antibiotics - \$125.304 (UNICEF)

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\$ 3 672 068

medical devices and consumables

Various medical devices and consumables (incl.300 pcs SpO2 sensor, 22000 vanturi mask, 22000 Nasal Oxyen canullas, 22000 Mask Oxygen, 248 Spare part for Oxygen concentrator O2 Canta V8, 8 sets Intraosseous fluid administration set, 6 Intraosseous infusion kit 20 Automated External Defibrillator, 550 Intraosseous, Needle, various sizes, 25 set, First aid kit, 45 CAT tourniquet; 200 Faceshield (200), 20 tonometers, 20 pulse oximetry, 300 Laringoscope, pediatric & adult, 40 modules of WHO Trauma Kits , 30 sets of High Flow Nasal Canula, 3 WHO Trauma Backpack , 70 Automated external defibrillator (AED), 300 Anaphylaxis kits , 12 000 kits (of 25 tests) of RDT test COVID-19)- **\$2 975 418 (WHO)**
3 defibrilators (INTERSOS)
ECGs, spirometers, tonometers, Pulsoximeters, thermometers, examination table, vital signs monitors for ICU - \$40 000 (IOM)
16 tons of Inter- Agency Reproductive Health kits - \$300.000 (UNFPA)
BP machines, glucometers, thermometers - \$250 (MTI)
9,000 pulsoxymeters - \$356.400 (UNICEF)

\$103 000

Infant formula

infant formula and complementary food (UNICEF)

Pillar 5: Procurement and Supply Management

Supplies from partners since 24 February 2022

\$4 790 193

medical equipment

Medical equipment (Oncology Institute) - \$237.160 (IOM)

Medical equipment (inc 5 patient ventilators, 5 USG portable, 50 ECG portable, 40 units patient monitors,

10 units Operating Light and 3 units Operating Tables) - 1 214 706 \$ (WHO)

13 USG machines (INTERSOS)

Neonatal and perinatal equipment - \$96.500 (UNICEF)

Medical equipment (incl. equipment for mother and neonates emergencies) - \$2 243 878 (UNFPA)

Neonatal respirators , Portable Ultrasound Scanner- \$182.900 (JICA)

First aid kits for RACs - \$50 (MTI)

Hospital beds - \$815.000 (Czech Republic)

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\$2 055 033

laboratory equipment and consumables

Incl. 700 BACT Alert reagents , 18 Elisa regents, 100 packs Lab paper filter, 4 Laboratory Fridge 3 CBRN Consumables for Gas

Cromatograph, 100 VITEK cards and reagents, 19 190 IDEXX cards and reagents

11 Biological Safety Cabinets, 7 Densicheks , 25 PCR reagents, 5 Inoculators, 1 Electrophoresis system, 1 Sensititre, Automated Reading and Incubation System for AST

Lab supplies: Lab Consumables for 12 000- RDT test COVID-19, Polio, Cholera, Malaria and Syphilis, Hepatitis C and HIV1-2 kits, 13 Microcentrifuges, 5 Thermoshakers; 18 RDT,

Lab equipment: pipettes, 13 units of Vortex, 4 units of UV recirculator, 6 reagent kits, 122 water microbiological testing lab consumables, 3 Thermocycler PCR (WHO)

Various items of lab equipment (UNFPA)

\$930 686

Vehicles and IT equipment

2 ambulance type A – \$164 125(IOM)

3 vehicles, 90 Tablet, 550 PCs All in One, 2 machines (clean) for the medicines warehouse, 6 handling equipment , 2 Refrigerated vehicles for transportation of vaccines, 15 vehicles for immunization supervision visits, 49 laptops, 16 printers, 11 powerbanks, 17 Desktops, all in One, various IT equip (protective case, printer color; digital camera; laminating machine, Interactive smartboard, Conference system) - \$ 726 561 (WHO)

1 vehicle - \$40.000 (UNFPA)

2 vehicles in use by INTERSOS team

\$1 582 887

PPE and WASH items

Disinfectants, gloves, masks, respirators, bottles of hand sanitizers, Chemical PPE kits - \$1.370.075 (WHO)

Diapers, disinfectants and hygiene supplies, mobile WCs, supplies for perinatal care institution - \$212. 812 (UNICEF)

Pillar 6: Health workforce capacity strengthening

completed during

APRIL - MAY 2023

1st aid during disaster courses in the context of Ukrainian Refugee Emergency Preparedness for 16 health workers (WHO)

Advanced Trauma Life Support course for 16 health workers (WHO)

7 training workshop for 250 health care workers from Balti, PHC, Hospitals and Public Health Centers) on false contraindications and close immunization gaps with support of Paediatric association (WHO)

3 training workshops on implementation of Immunization Logistic Information System for 44 national and local coordinators from Public Health Center (WHO)

180 health workers trained in interpersonal communication for immunization in Balti municipality (UNICEF)

Neonatal Resuscitation and Neonatal Stabilization training for health professional planned in 7 districts (UNICEF)

52 health workers trained on Basic Emergency Care (WHO)

113 health workers trained on Mass casualty management simulation drill from Hincesti, Soroaca and Causeni Hospitals (WHO)

Training in risk communication and how to effectively promote Covid-19 and routine immunization for 3,110 health professional from 24 districts (UNICEF)

Inter-Agency Refugee Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counselling trainings for counsellors that will provide services within Mother-Babies Corners (static and mobiles) in partnership with ACF Spain (UNICEF)

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ongoing and planned

Development of the MCH training package for district hospitals based on the findings of the exploratory visits to Cahul and Causeni hospitals (UNICEF)

Mass Casualty Management for the hospital trainings and SimEX (WHO)

new
continuing
reported before

Pillar 7: Risk Communication and Community Engagement

125 078

People reached with awareness raising campaigns

200 children reached with healthy nutrition and physical activity activities (WHO)

3 728 (INTERSOS)

300 people reached World Food Day: Adding value to your food (WHO)

Take care of your health Campaign (UNICEF)

250 people reached with breastfeeding awareness campaign (WHO)

100 000 Ongoing awareness raising campaign on the importance of public health measures and immunization by distribution of key messages through religious channels, including priest preach (WHO in collaboration with the orthodox Metropolitan of Chisinau and all Moldova) (WHO)

800 Youth Manifest on Health reaching around 800 youth and adolescents with health messages (UNICEF)

20 000 people reached (UNFPA)

6 729 Leaflets on cancer care, COVID-19, medical care provided distributed in RACs and communities (IOM)

40 624 Leaflets on breastfeeding (local campaign in 12 districts), IYCF, immunization (UNICEF)

500 bookmarks with recommendations on healthy lifestyle for children, 20 800 Breastfeeding , COVID-19 VACCINATION My health booklet – information material approved by MoH (WHO)

3 728 (INTERSOS)

10 000 Leaflets (UNFPA)

82 027

Leaflets distributed

30 000 (UNICEF)

3 728, social media posts and telegram group: "behealthyinmoldova" that provides common messages on the health system (where to find your family doctor, how to register in the clinic etc") (INTERSOS)

Mental Health Awareness Week 3-5 Nov., Facebook posts, (WHO)

5000 people reached with social media posts (UNFPA)

Post COVID-19 symptoms Facebook posts, (WHO)

World Patient Safety Day, Facebook posts, (WHO)

Mobile Laboratory training, Facebook posts, (WHO)

Video Breastfeeding Caravane 2022

(WHO): <https://business.facebook.com/OMSMoldova/videos/661519781864242/>

38 728

People reached with social media posts

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Pillar 8: Nutrition activities



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ongoing

Distribution of infant formula for non-breastfed infants through primary health care facilities (UNICEF)

IYCF counselling in RACs, community and MBC (UNICEF)

Workshops and activities on healthy nutrition and lifestyle for school children, including refugees (WHO)

Sports festival for children from Moldova, Ukrainian refugees and Romania (WHO)

Update of the nutrition and breastfeeding component in the educational curriculum of the collegium & university training curriculum/program (WHO)

Reimbursement of cost for preschool and school feeding of refugee children enrolled in Moldova educational system (UNICEF)

planned

Strengthening of the training capacities of the educational institutions: medical university, medical collegium and CUSIM on breastfeeding (WHO)

new
continuing
reported before

Pillar 9: Public health activities

completed during
APRIL-MAY 2023

Information immunization campaign ``Vaccinated=Protected`` through the biggest supermarket chain in Balti Cahul and Comrat for around 5500 beneficiaries (WHO)

Developed 20 local adjusted immunization improvement plans to be implemented by 31st December 2023 (WHO)

Developed and sent to all health care facilities SOP on management of power outages of the cold chain (WHO)

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ongoing and planned

Interventions in terms of vaccination and prevention activities targeting refugees and migrants (IOM)

IEC materials that include available medical support provided by IOM and protection against COVID-19. (IOM)

To implement follow up of 20 local adjusted immunization improvement plans by 31st December 2023 (WHO).

C and R&N need assessment and procurement

Poisoning Center (WHO) - strengthening the SOPs and capacity buildings

To develop the national action plan to improve vaccine safety and pharmacovigilance (WHO)

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Funding

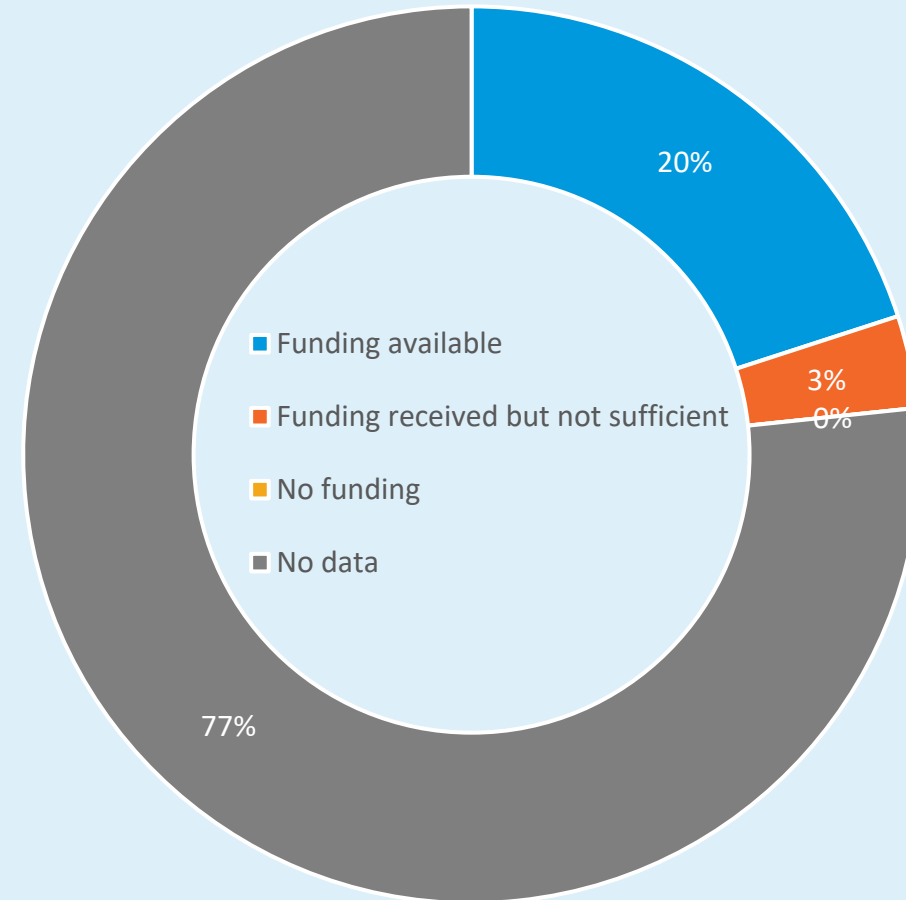
partners reported:

- EU (ECHO, DG NEAR, DG SANTE etc)
- US (USAID, PRM etc)
- Japan Fund
- PRM
- SDC
- UK
- German, Stichting Vluchteling and German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO)

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