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
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

Source: Government of the Republic of Moldova (Border Police)
Inter-Agency Refugee HEALTH and NUTRITION Technical Working Group

Republic of Moldova: Daily Population Trends ( unhcr.org )

Ukrainian Refugees in Moldova

103,786
# Individual Ukrainian Refugees
83,381
arrived from Ukraine
20,405
from Romania & Airport

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

Ukrainian Arrivals & Departures Over Time

100K
50K
0K

11/03/2022 16/06/2023

1. Arrivals and Departures 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.

Third Country Nationals in Moldova

7,068
# of ind. Third Country Nationals from Ukraine

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

Arrivals & Departures1 - Cumulative Figures (11 March 2022 to Present)

Arrivals

848,831
# Arrivals from Ukraine (All Nationalities)

757,749
# Ukrainians

91,082
# TCNs

Departures2

498,165
# Cumulative Departures of Ukrainians to Ukraine

461,517
# Departures of Ukrainians to Elsewhere

305,719
# Arrivals of Ukrainians from elsewhere

Data Source: Government of the Republic of Moldova.

For more information, question and feedback, please contact: mdachim@unhcr.org

Republic of Moldova: Daily Population Trends ( unhcr.org )
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

ILI, ARI sentinel surveillance,
Week 19 2023

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

Partner coordination meeting, 17 May 2023
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
# Refugee health needs and services delivered

(As of 21 February 2023)

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<td>48 patients with caregivers evacuated to EU countries for treatment of cancer and rare diseases</td>
<td>512 patients need oncological treatment</td>
<td>215 deliveries</td>
<td>257 COVID-19 cases</td>
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<td>1300 dialysis sessions provided</td>
<td>55 diabetes patients hospitalized</td>
<td>23 Deaths in the hospitals</td>
<td>80 children diagnosed with COVID-19</td>
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**Pillar 3: Health service delivery to refugees**

**Beneficiaries reached by partners since 24 February 2022**

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- **People received mental health care and psychosocial support**
  - 50,169 people received mental health care and psychosocial support
  - 5,923 health promotion activities (INTERSOS)
  - 44,467 health promotion activities (UNICEF)
  - 3,591 immunization (WH0)

- **Adults vaccinated against COVID-19**
  - 1,705 adults vaccinated against COVID-19
  - 4,467 health promotion activities (UNICEF)
  - 44,467 health promotion activities (INTERSOS)

- **Doses against routine antigens**
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**Other Services**

- **Physical rehabilitation (IOM)**
  - 400 (UNFPA)
  - 107 (Emergency NGO)
  - 517 Individual and group counselling (MDM)

- **GBV cases managed**
  - 553 GBV cases managed
  - 415 (UNICEF)
  - 5,529 (first line responders) counselling on war trauma, PFA and stress management and burnout prevention (INTERSOS)
  - 395 (individual and group sessions) (MTI)

- **Other activities**
  - 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)
  - 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)
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  - 1,748 (Caritas)
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**Partner coordination meeting, 17 May 2023**
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)

Relation to event (total: 6,256)

Health events (total: 6,786)

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

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

**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 technical agreements with national health facilities to cover the cost of non-urgent specialized health care services for refugees (INTERSOS)
- 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.
# Pillar 5: Procurement and Supply Management

## Supplies from partners since 24 February 2022

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<td><strong>Medicines and kits</strong></td>
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<td>Medical equipment (Oncology Institute)</td>
<td>$309,000 (IOM)</td>
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<td>20-TESK 1A Antidote for CBRN risks</td>
<td>2000 vials of Trastuzumab, a batch of 24 items of drugs, 1000 vials of Tocilizumab, 2 NCDK and 1 Malaria Kit</td>
<td>$624,103 (WHO)</td>
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<td>50 types of essential medicines, IV fluids for the hospital</td>
<td>$6,082 (MTI)</td>
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<td>80 First Aid Kits</td>
<td>$2,660 (INTERSOS)</td>
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<td>Reproductive Health kits</td>
<td>$255,000 (UNFPA)</td>
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<td>2 Batches of 10 items of drugs and 12,000 bottles of Amoxicillin, 5,500 bottles of Amoxiclav</td>
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<td>$125,304 (UNICEF)</td>
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<td><strong>Health and Nutrition Technical Working Group</strong></td>
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<td>Infant formula and complementary food</td>
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<td><strong>Medical devices and consumables</strong></td>
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<td>Various medical devices and consumables (incl. 300 pcs SpO2 sensor, 22000 vnturi mask, 22000 Nasal Oxygen canulas, 22000 Mask Oxygen, 248 Spare part for Oxygen concentrator O2 Canta V8, 8 sets Intraosseous fluid administration set, 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 &amp; 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)</td>
<td>$2,975,418 (WHO)</td>
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<td>3 defibrillators</td>
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<td>ECGs, spirometers, tonometers, Pulsoximeters, thermometers, examination table, vital signs monitors for ICU</td>
<td>$40,000 (IOM)</td>
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<td>16 tons of Inter-Agency Reproductive Health kits</td>
<td>$300,000 (UNFPA)</td>
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<td>BP machines, glucometers, thermometers</td>
<td>$250 (MTI)</td>
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<td>9,000 pulsoxymeters</td>
<td>$356,400 (UNICEF)</td>
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Partner coordination meeting, 15 March 2023
### Pillar 5: Procurement and Supply Management

**Supplies from partners since 24 February 2022**

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<td>Medical equipment</td>
<td>$4,790,193</td>
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<td>Laboratory equipment and consumables</td>
<td>$2,055,033</td>
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<td>Vehicles and IT equipment</td>
<td>$930,686</td>
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<td>PPE and WASH items</td>
<td>$1,582,887</td>
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**Medical equipment**
- Oncology Institute: $237,160 (IOM)
- 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)
- Neonatal and perinatal equipment: $96,500 (UNICEF)
- First aid kits for RACs: $50 (MTI)
- Hospital beds: $815,000 (Czech Republic)

**Laboratory equipment and consumables**
- 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

**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)
- 1 vehicle - $40,000 (UNFPA)

**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)

**Partner coordination meeting, 17 May 2023**
Pillar 6: Health workforce capacity strengthening

completed during
APRIL - MAY 2023

I-st 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, Soroca 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)

Infant and Young Child Feeding (NYCF) counselling traingings for counsellors that will provide services within Mother-Babies Corners (static and mobiles) in partnership with ACF Spain (UNICEF)

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)

Partner coordination meeting, 17 May 2023
## Pillar 7: Risk Communication and Community Engagement

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<th>People reached with awareness raising campaigns</th>
<th>125,078</th>
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<td>People reached with social media posts</td>
<td>38,728</td>
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<td>Leaflets distributed</td>
<td>82,027</td>
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### Pillar 7: Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- **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 Metropolitane of Chisinau and all Moldova) (WHO)**
- **800 Youth Manifest on Health reaching around 800 youth and adolescents with health messages (UNICEF)**

### Leaflets distributed

- **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)**

### People reached with social media posts

- **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)
- **5,000 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)**

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**Partner coordination meeting, 17 May 2023**
Pillar 8: Nutrition activities

**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)

**continued**

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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)

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)
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)
Thank you

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