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

Inter-agency refugee HEALTH AND NUTRITION working group meeting

28 June 2023

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Partners who reported for the period May– June: WHO, EMTs, IOM, INTERSOS, Danish Refugee Council

Situation at borders during the last 24 hours
(as of 27 June2023)

7 029

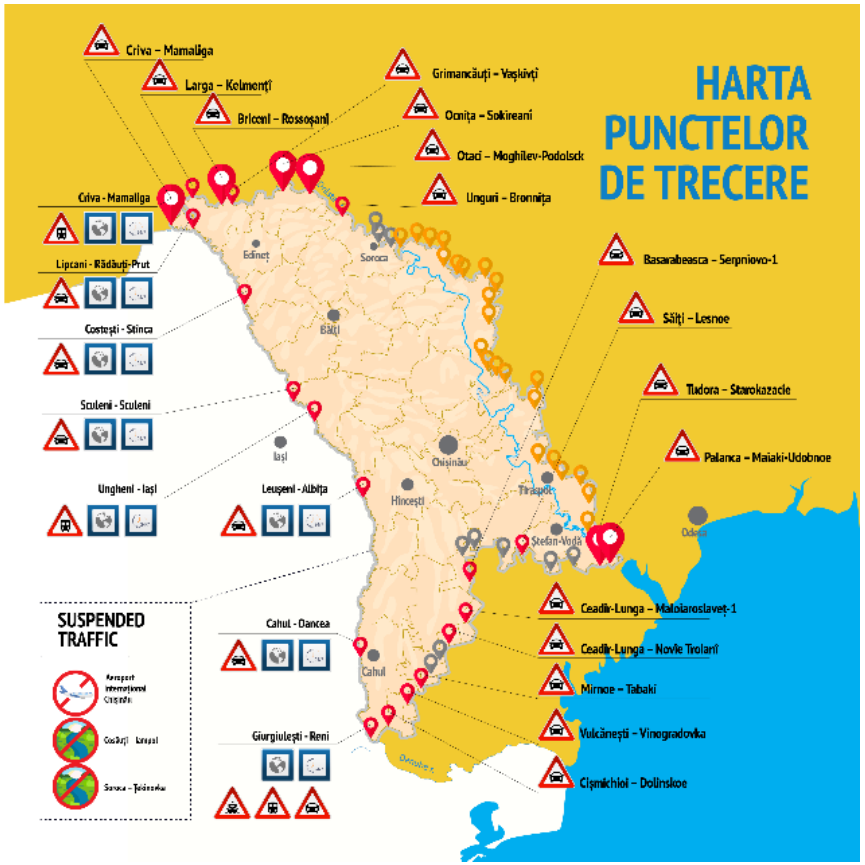
Ukrainian citizens among
total bord 27 853 per entries

6 972

Ukrainian citizens among
30 990 total border exists

2 829

Ukrainian children entered
and exited the country



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

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The UN Refugee Agency

DAILY POPULATION TRENDS - REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Report Date: 28/06/2023

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN MOLDOVA

103,786
Individual Ukrainian Refugees

83,381
arrived from Ukraine

20,405
from Romania & Airport

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

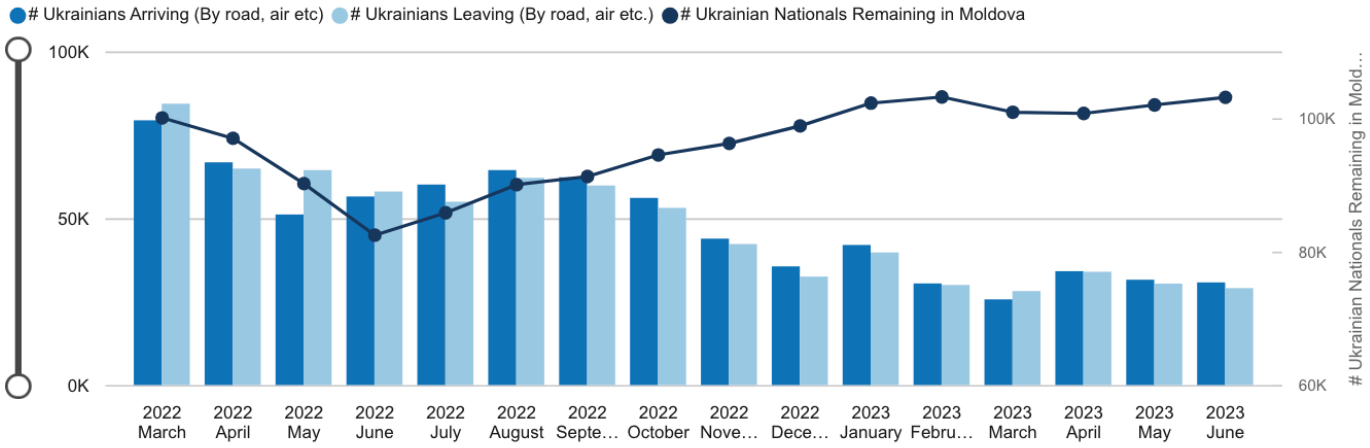
THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS IN MOLDOVA

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

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

11/03/2022 18/06/2023

UKRAINIAN ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES OVER TIME



ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES[1] - CUMULATIVE FIGURES (11 MARCH 2022 TO PRESENT)

ARRIVALS

848,831
Arrivals from Ukraine (All Nationalities)

757,749
Ukrainians

91,082
TCNs

305,719
Arrivals of Ukrainians from elsewhere

DEPARTURES[2]

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*

Data Source: Government of the Republic of Moldova.

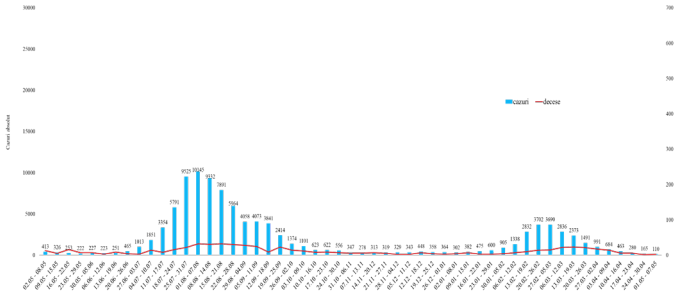
For more information, question and feedback, please contact mdachim@unhcr.org

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

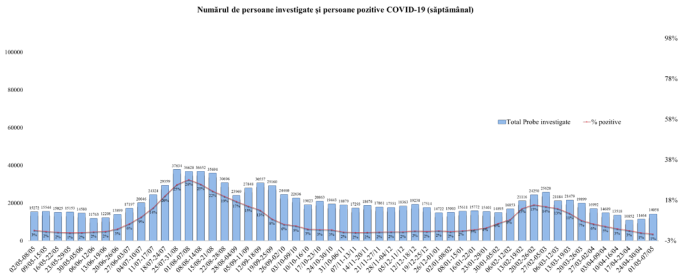
Ongoing public health risk assessment, EPI surveillance

COVID-19 surveillance

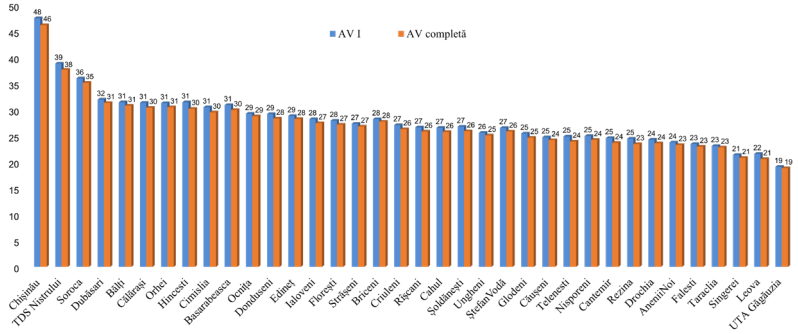
Weekly distribution of COVID-19 cases, deaths. Nr of COVID-19 cases – increased - 26,5%. Reproductive number **1,09**



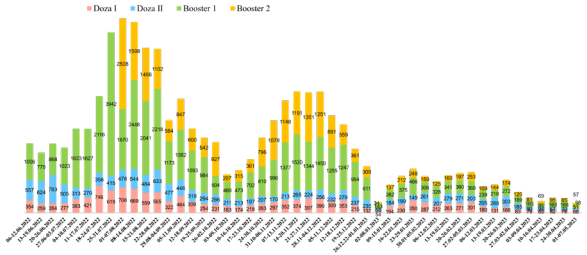
Weekly distribution of tests performed and confirmed COVID-19 cases



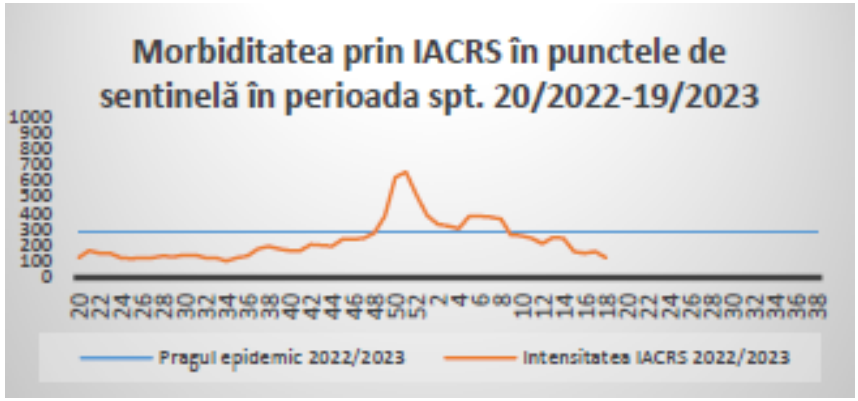
COVID-19 immunization



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

18 MAY – 27 JUNE 2023

Working Group meeting to develop information materials and a campaign to raise awareness about the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) health component.

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)

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

'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

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

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

completed during

MAY – JUNE 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

Needs assessment for Winterization planning

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

66 001

people received basic health care

19 901 (ground transportation to Romania: Air transfer to EU MS and associated countries, predeparture stabilization treatment, cancer care and treatment individuals, dialysis) (IOM)
4 909 (INTERSOS)
31 887 (UNICEF)
900 (MTI)
96 (SDC)
578 (Emergency NGO)
1 000 Basic health care (UNFPA)
6 730 (EMTs)

45 341

people received mental health care and psychosocial support

25 288 Socio-relational activities, psychosocial counselling and mental health specialized services. Capacity building for front line responders (IOM)
143 (Danish Refugee Council)
16 579 through Blue dots, Help line and youth clinics (UNICEF)
400 (MTI)
517 Individual and group counselling (MDM)
159 (first line responders) counselling on war trauma, PFA and stress management and burnout prevention (INTERSOS)
107 (Emergency NGO)
1 748 (Caritas)
400 (UNFPA)

1 705

adults vaccinated against COVID-19

553

GBV cases managed
415 (UNICEF)
137 (UNFPA, EMTs)
1 (Emergency NGO)

10

Physical rehabilitation (IOM)

1 264

doses against routine antigens administered for children

56 175

4 950- health promotion activities (INTERSOS)
143 (Danish Refugee Council)
3 591 (IOM)
1 650 – immunization (WH0)
44 467 - health promotion activities (UNICEF)
395 - (individual and group sessions) (MTI)
371 - health promotion activities (MDM)
215 - health education activities (Emergency NGO)
82 (Caritas)

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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

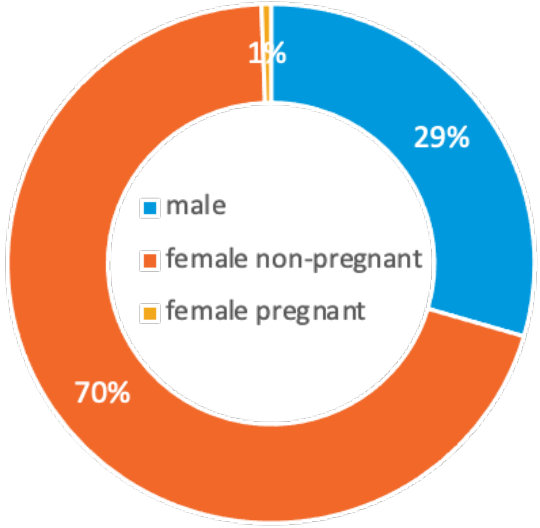
MDS Daily Reporting:

- Daily reporting – 3 EMTs.
- The EMT Minimum Data Set (MDS) daily report has been officially activated on 24th June 2022
- Key information which are essential for coordinating EMT was collected by **715** daily reports, which includes data of **7 313 c**onsultations (from 11th March 2022 – to 24th June2023)

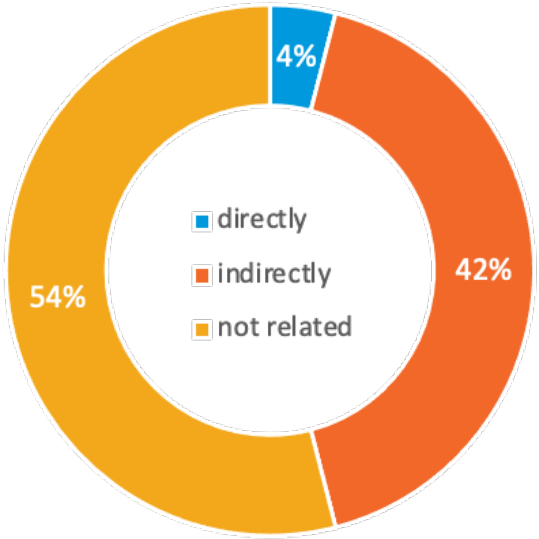
Pillar 2: Health service delivery to refugees

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

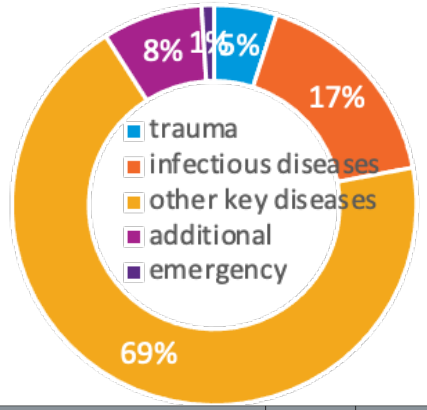
Demographics (total: 7 323)



Relation to event (total: 6 427)



Health events (total: 6 957)



No		Age Categories	<1 y.o.	1-4 y.o.	5-17 y.o.	18-64 y.o.	65- y.o.	Total
1	Sex & Age	Male	35	265	614	872	386	2164
2		Female non-preg.	54	210	629	2823	1421	5117
3		Female pregnant			0	40	2	42

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

No		Health Events	<5 y.o.	>=5 y.o.	Total
9	Infectious disease	Acute respiratory infection	205	765	971
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	Trauma	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	304	332

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, ...

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 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.

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Pillar 5: Procurement and Supply Management

Supplies from partners **since 24 February 2022**

$ 1 322 149	**$ 3 675 002**	**$103 000**
Medicines and kits	medical devices and consumables	Infant formula
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 Amoxycilinum, 5,500 bottles of Amoxiclav, 80 peripheral kits, antibiotics - $125.304 (UNICEF)	Various medical devices and consumables (incl. **5 Intraosseous infusion kit, 15 with consumables for 6 months, 280 First Aid Bag kit Blood gas analizers , 10 000 kits (of 25 tests) of RDT test COVID-19** **3 KIT, MAJOR TRAUMA, backpack, complete , 12 sets of glucometers, innlc consumables** , 300 pcs SpO2 senzor, 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 Defibrilator, 550 Intraosseous, Needle, various sizes, 25 set, First aid kit, 45 CAT tourniquet; 200 Faceshield (200), 20 tonometeres, 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)- **$3 756 823 (WHO)** 3 defribilators (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)	infant formula and complementary food (UNICEF)

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Pillar 5: Procurement and Supply Management

Supplies from partners **since 24 February 2022**

$5 839 512	**$2 179 449**	**$930 686**	**$1 582 887**
medical equipment	laboratory equipment and consumables	Vehicles and IT equipment	PPE and WASH items
Medical equipment (inc. 10 portable pulmonary ventilation systems, FALCO 202 EVO, 5 Patient Ventilator Mindray SV600, 1 Computed Tomography Unit, 15 Anasthesia Machines, WATOEX-65, 5 patient ventilators, 5 USG portable, 50 ECG portable, 40 units patient monitors, 10 units Operating Light and 30 units Operating Tables**) - $ 2 264 025 (WHO)** Medical equipment (Oncology Institute) - $237.160 (IOM) 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 (UNICEF) First aid kits for RACs -$50 (MTI) Hospital beds - $815.000 (Czech Republic)	Incl. **98 220 Lab pipettes, various sizes 7 Device to measure the density of the inoculum (Densichek), 4 325 reagents (culture media),** 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 (WHO) Various items of lab equipment (UNFPA)	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	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)

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Pillar 6: Health workforce capacity strengthening

completed during

17 May – 27 June 2023

Basic Life Support Course for 12 health workers (WHO)

2-day workshop on MHPSS Capacity building in Tiraspol (IOM)

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)

ongoing and planned

Development of Standard Operational Procedures of vaccine management at the national and local levels (WHO)

Basic Instructor Course for Basic Life Support for 8 beneficiaries planned for 30th June (WHO)

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

new
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Pillar 7: Risk Communication and Community Engagement

completed during
17 May – 27 June 2023

Working group meeting, at the request of MOH to plan the development of information material and campaign on health benefits and rights of the TPS (UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM)

Ongoing- planned

Development of of information material and campaign on health benefits and rights of the TPS under the coordintation of MoH and jointly with UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM

126 500

People reached with awareness raising campaigns

200 people reached during World Refugee Day – a Day in the Park, 200 children reached with healthy nutrition and physical activity activities, 300 people reached World Food Day: Adding value to your food 250 people reached with breastfeeding awareness campaign (WHO)

4 950 (INTERSOS)

Take care of your health Campaign (UNICEF)

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)

20 00 people reached (UNFPA)

83 927

Leaflets distributed

400 leaflets on vaccination, mental health, and salt consumption awareness, 2000 bookmarks with recommendations on healthy lifestyle for children, 20 800 Breastfeeding , COVID-19 VACCINATION My health booklet – information material approved by MoH (WHO)

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)

3 728 (INTERSOS)

10 000 Leaflets (UNFPA)

38 728

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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)

5000 people reached with social media posts (UNFPA)

World Refugee Day Facebook post, Post COVID-19 symptoms Facebook posts, World Patient Safety Day, Facebook posts, Mobile Laboratory training, Facebook posts, (WHO)

Video Breastfeeding Caravane 2022 (WHO): https://business.facebook.com/OMSMoldova/videos/661519781864242/

Pillar 8: Nutrition activities

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completed- ongoing

World Refugee Day – Nutrition Workshops and Consultations for Ukrainian refugees and host community (WHO)

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

IYCF counselling in RACs, community and MBC (UNICEF)

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

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

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

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

planned

Breastfeeding Caravan – 10 public education events promoting the benefits of breastfeeding aimed for Ukrainian refugees and host community (WHO)

Training for Healthcare workers on improving Breastfeeding counselling capacities (WHO)

new
continuing
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Pillar 9: Public health activities

completed during

17 May – 27 June 2023

Immunization and Nutrition activity in communities integrated with Age Friendly Communities visit on 25th of May, Viisoara, Edinet (WHO).

Presentation of Immune Patrol game, which will be piloted in 10 schools on more than 650 children aged 10-12 years (WHO)

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

Initiation of an immunization awareness campaign in Balti (training activities, communication, supportive supervision visits, building partnership at local level) (WHO)

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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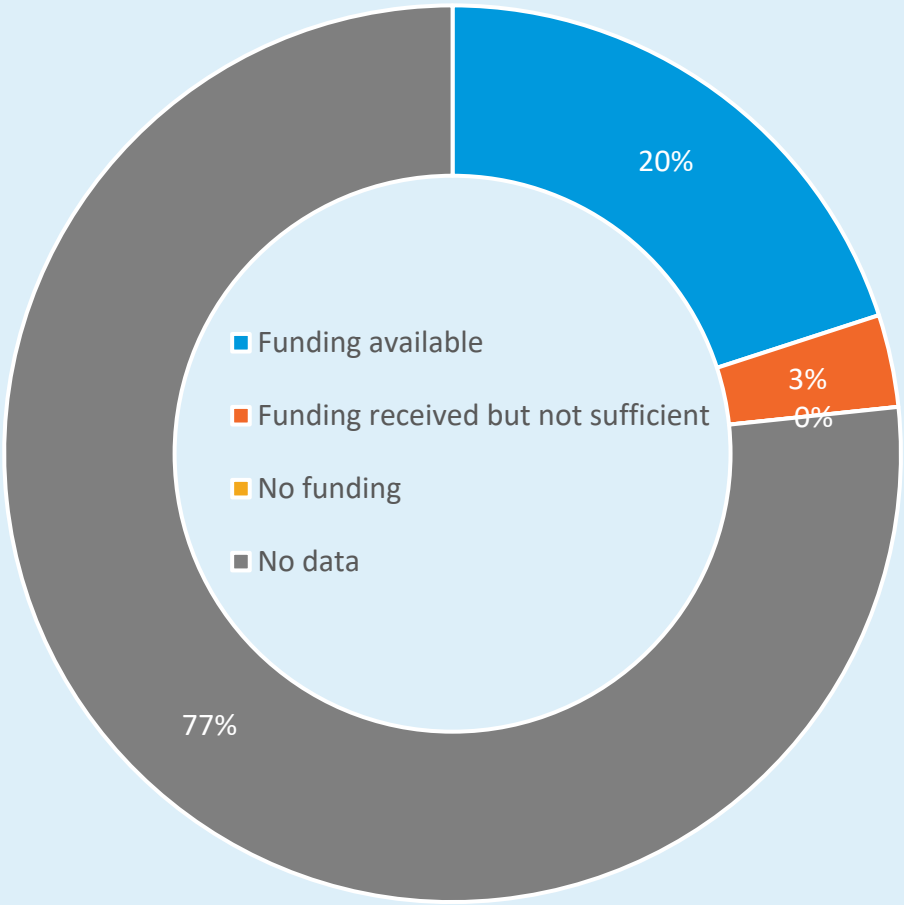
Funding

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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