Ukraine Situation Refugee Response

Inter-agency refugee HEALTH AND NUTRITION working group meeting

10 April 2024

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Regional Refugee Response for the Ukraine Situation

Agenda

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:45-14.00	Connection and registration details: Join Zoom Meeting https://lcmagency-eu.zoom.us/j/83138523554?pwd=WZhDHulytwoZbJbbHbIyuw6d0xg8K9.1 Meeting ID: 831 3852 3554 Passcode: LCM2024	
14:00-14:10	Welcome words (MOH). Presentation of the Agenda items	MoH representative, WHO
14:10 -14:30	Interventions in the Health system response and needs to the Refugee emergency in the Republic of Moldova. Health Benefit Package for beneficiaries of Temporary Protection Updates	MoH, WHO, UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF, IOM, NGOs
14:30 -14:40	Measles Outbreak Updates	Dr. Dumitru Capmari, WHO
14:40 -14:50	Updates from the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)	Mr. Andrei Esanu, MHPSS TWG co-chair
14:50-15:00	Updates from the Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA)	Mrs. Giulia di Porcia PSEA TWG co-chair, WHO
15:00-15:20	Inter-Agency Health and Nutrition Working Group's Dashboard Presentation	Mrs. Daniela Martini, WHO
15:20-15:30	Action points. Conclusions and next steps	All participants

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Health Sector Response: Operational update

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Situation at borders during the last 24 hours
(as of 9 April 2024)

5 116

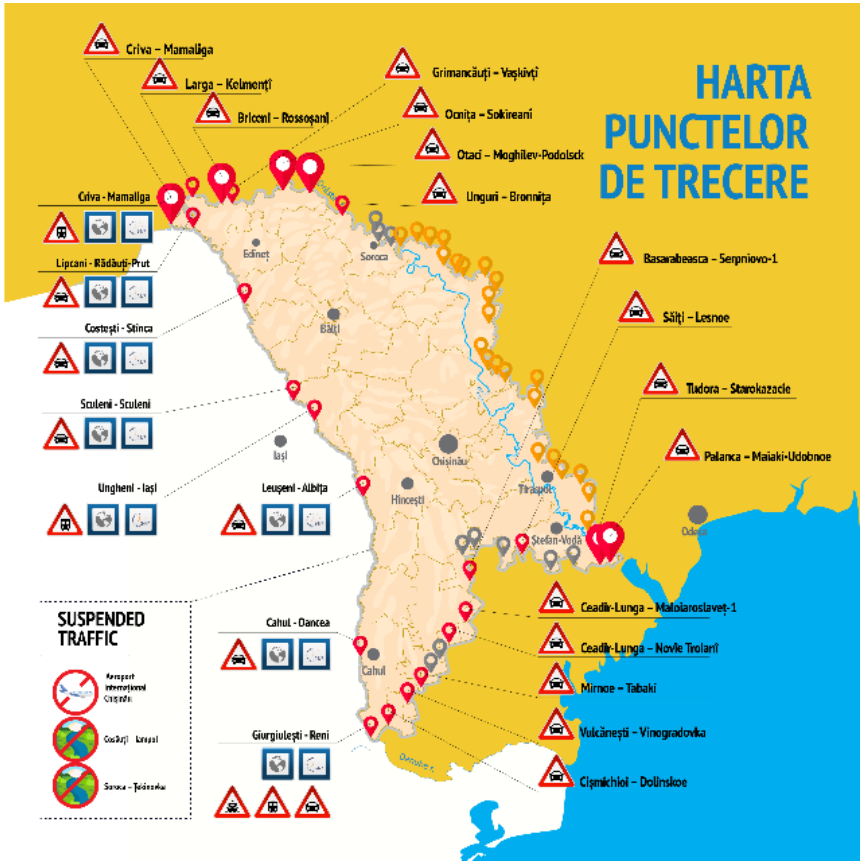
Ukrainian citizens among
total bord 21 130 per entries

5 946

Ukrainian citizens among
19 296 total border exists

1 555

Ukrainian children entered
and exited the country



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

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DAILY POPULATION TRENDS - REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Report Date: 09/04/2024

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN MOLDOVA

118,061
Individual Ukrainian Refugees

91,168
arrived from Ukraine

26,893
from Romania & Airport

Men	Boys
19% (22,743)	23% (26,777)
Women	**Girls**
37% (43,634)	21% (24,907)

THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS IN MOLDOVA

9,548
# of ind. Third Country Nationals from Ukraine

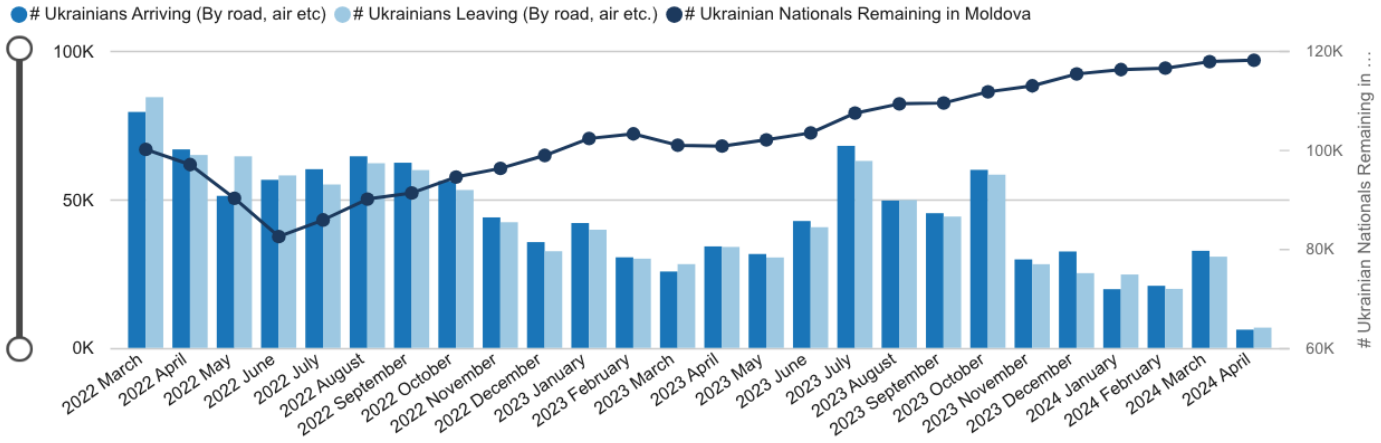
TEMPORARY PROTECTION[1]

43,089
# of individuals benefiting from TP

1 Temporary Protection data presents is available only since the 27th of March 2023

Date: 11/03/2022 – 07/04/2024

UKRAINIAN ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES OVER TIME



ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES[2] - CUMULATIVE FIGURES (11 MARCH 2022 TO PRESENT)

ARRIVALS

1,050,430
Arrivals from Ukraine (All Nationalities)

910,684
Ukrainians

139,746
TCNs

528,923
Arrivals of Ukrainians from elsewhere

DEPARTURES[3]

762,786
Cumulative Departures of Ukrainians to Ukraine

558,760
Departures of Ukrainians to elsewhere

2 *Arrival and Departure figures could potentially include multiple occasions of crossing the border by one individual.*

3 *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)

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Coordination, governance and leadership

completed during

January 2024 – March 2024

TP was extened until March 2025- *Government Decision No. 21 of 18.01.2023 on the provision of temporary protection to persons displaced from Ukraine (amended by Decision No. 141 of 28.02.24)*

Measle outbreak response coordination

Distribution of Information materials and campaign to raise awareness about the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) health component.

Inter Agency Health and Nutrition WG Working Plan development

2023 Inter Agency Health and Nutrition WG End Year Report development

Policy dialogue on assessment and revision of the essential package of health services available to refugees

ongoing

Immunization activities in RACS against measles and polio

2024 RRP Activities reporting for Q1 in Activity Info Platform

Inter Agency Health and Nutrition Working Group Q1 report development

'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. – reporting phase

Disability legal framework and desk review

planned

Round table discussion to present recommendations and service models for refugees with disabilities - OHCHR, UNICEF, UN Women and UNFPA.

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new
continuing
reported before

Needs assessments, data collection and management for decision making

completed during

January 2024 – March 2024

WHO's Operational review of how Moldova addressed NCDs, with a focus on cancer, in their response to the large displacement of refugees from Ukraine in 2022

ongoing - planned

MSNA 2024 – health indicators

MSNA 2024 data collection has been completed, preliminary analysis carried out and now revised by UN Agencies. The official version should be released within one month.

Preliminary findings MSNA. Access to health care: 28% of all household members reported needing to access health care in the 30 days prior to the survey. Of those who required health care, 89% were able to access health services without problems while 11% reported an unmet health care need. . Self-reported barriers to accessing health services included the inability to make an appointment (38% of those who reported barriers), language barriers (27%), and lack of knowledge on how to access health services (19%).

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Health financing and financial protection

completed during

January 2024 – March 2024

New Health benefit package for refugees with TP- approved *(Gov Dec. No.141 of 28.02.24 and MoH Order No. 222 of 01.03.24)*

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

A project collaboration agreement has been signed among IOM and National Health Insurance Company in terms of provision of health services to women 55+ y.o. and men with TP (IOM)

Agreement has been signed among UNICEF and and National Health Insurance Company in terms of provision of health services for children with TP

Agreement has been signed among UNFPA and and National Health Insurance Company in terms of provision of health services for women 18-55 y.o. with TP

Meetings with NHIC on health financing in TP and non-TP with agreeing on alternate mechanisms of funding

ongoing - planned

Policy dialogue – financing of health services for refugee children without TP in 2024

Awareness raising among healthcare providers on the health financing mechanism for TP

Technical Discussion– improving access to health services including, compensated medicines for refugees with TP

new
continuing
reported before

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Health benefit Package 2024

- *Government Decision No. 21 of 18.01.2023 on the provision of temporary protection to persons displaced from Ukraine (amended by Decision No. 141 of 28.02.24).*
- *Order of the Ministry of Health No. 143 of 28.02.23 on medical services provided to persons benefiting from temporary protection (amended by Order of the Ministry of Health No. 222 of 01.03.24).*

Starting with March 2024:

- **Emergency pre-hospital medical assistance** –
- **Primary health care**
- **Hospital medical assistance** - is offered in the case of medical surgical emergencies,
- **Emergency dental care**
- **Outpatient Specialized care**
- **Compensated drugs and medical products**:
- **Oncology medical services, including diagnosis and treatment**
- **Outpatient and inpatient dialysis services**
- **Mental and psychosocial services**
- **Medical examinations for public health reasons** (prevention and control of communicable diseases: sexually transmission infections, HIV, tuberculosis, COVID-19, viral hepatitis B and C).

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Registration with a Primary Health Care Doctor

- The first point of contact between the patient and the healthcare system is represented by the family doctor.
- Temporary protection status beneficiaries who apply for services for the first time in medical institutions, have to register with a family doctor in order to be able to benefit from the health benefit package
- 5150 persons were registered to family doctor as of 29th of February 2024.
- A family physician provides services:
  - Diagnosis and treatment, including prescribing compensated drugs and medical products;
  - Prevention and prophylaxis, including health education on risk factors, early detection programmes (cervical, breast, colon cancer screening, etc.);
  - Auxiliary services such as sick leave, health certificates, including those issued to persons before marriage, caring for a sick child, medical and death certificates.

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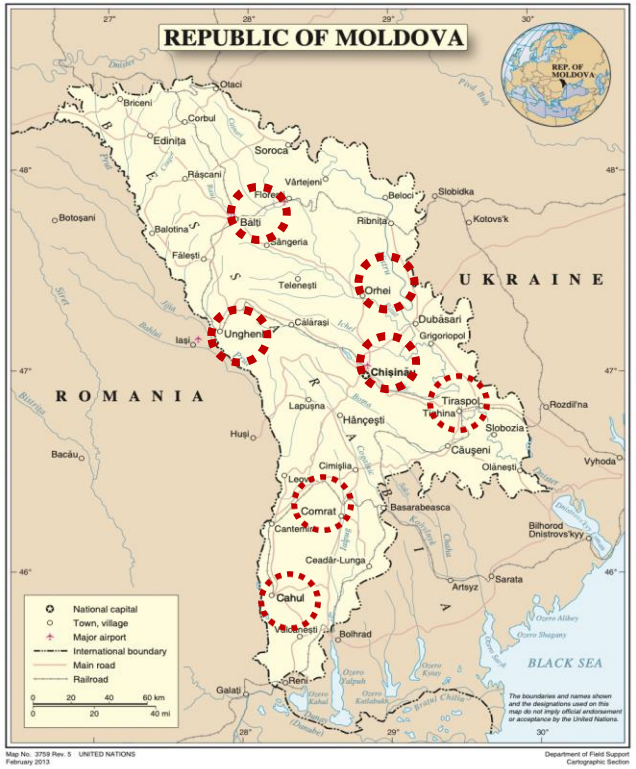
Compensated Medicine and Medical Products

Compensated drugs and medical devices are prescribed by family physicians for temporarily protected persons registered with a family physician

- **Fully compensated for the treatment of chronic diseases**: diabetes mellitus, epilepsy, treatment of Parkinson's disease and syndrome, mental disorders (dementia, schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder, epilepsy with psychotic disorders), autism spectrum disorders, bronchial asthma, rare diseases (epidermolysis bullosa, multiple sclerosis, cystic fibrosis, myasthenia gravis, Duchenne's dystrophy), systemic and autoimmune diseases, glaucoma, breast cancer, anaemia of pregnancy.
- **Partially compensated for chronic diseases**: cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases (chronic obstructive bronchopneumonia, bronchial asthma), depression, dementia (Alzheimer's disease), musculoskeletal diseases (osteoarthritis, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis), endocrine diseases, gout, digestive system diseases (hepatitis and cirrhosis), psoriasis.
- **Fully compensated for children from 0 to 18 years, partially compensated for adults/for the treatment of acute diseases:** Pneumonia, bronchitis, bronchial asthma, gastritis, gastric ulcer, duodenal ulcer, arthritis, chronic pancreatitis, reactive pancreatitis in children, acute and chronic pyelonephritis, liver fibrosis and cirrhosis, gout, myelopathy, complications of diabetes mellitus, acute viral respiratory disease in children, treatment of Covid-19 infection, treatment in palliative care settings.

Training for health mediators - 25 March 2024



REGIONS WHERE ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIED OUT

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Health mediators	10
Chisinau	3
Balti	2
Ungheni	1
Cahul	1
Comrat	1
Orhei	1
Tiraspol	1

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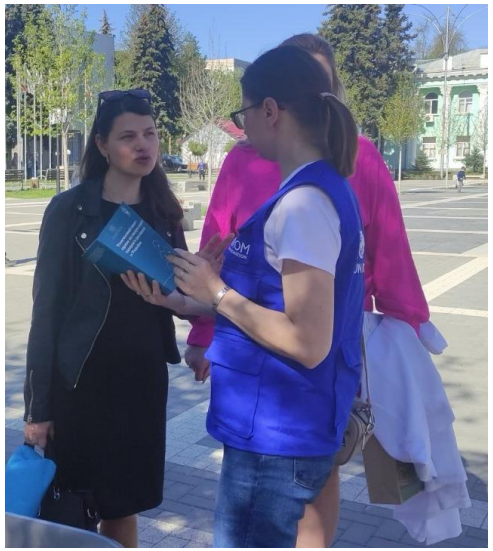

The goal of this action is to bridge the gap between healthcare services and refugees from Ukraine

- Provide accurate information, support, and guidance as well as improving access to healthcare by addressing barriers and other obstacles refugees may face when seeking medical assistance
- Facilitate the access to the healthcare system, registration with a family doctor
- Improving patient pathways, the package of healthcare services available to refugees and displaced people from Ukraine with temporary protection
- Providing support in accessing medicines and compensated devices

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Information campaign on health entitlements and list of health services

- **Updating the of messages for information campaign on health benefits & rights –** jointly MoH, UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM
- Working on social media tiles of health benefit package
- Preparation phase of trainings **health workers – planned 10 regional trainings**
- **Ongoing Social Media Campaign**
- **NHIC (CNAM) Website: communication of health services available to refugees:** http://cnam.md/refugiatii-din-ucraina/

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Health workforce capacity strengthening

completed during January March 2024

- Training on RN clinical management (Q1 2024, WHO)
- Basic Life Support Course for CNAMUP (2 trainings held in March 2024, WHO)
- Basic Life Support Course for IMU (1 training held in April 2024,WHO)
- Basic Emergency Care Course (1 training completed in March 2024, WHO)
- Advanced Airway Management Train of Trainers Course (1 training completed in March 2024, WHO)
- PSEA/GBV basic training (completed in March and April 2024)
- PSEA GBV Victim's assistance protocol training (completed in March 2024)

ongoing and planned

- Basic Life Support Course for CNAMUP (2 trainings planned for April one in May, WHO)
- Basic Life Support Course for IMU (1 training planned in April, 2 in May, 1 in June)
- Basic Emergency Care Course (2 planned in April and May 2024, WHO)
- Advanced Airway Management Train of Trainers Course (1 planned in May 2024)
- Advanced Trauma Life Support (1 planned for April and 1 for June 2024)
- Focused Assessment with Sonography for Trauma (3 planned for June 2024)
- Critical Care Ultrasonography (1 planned for June 2024)

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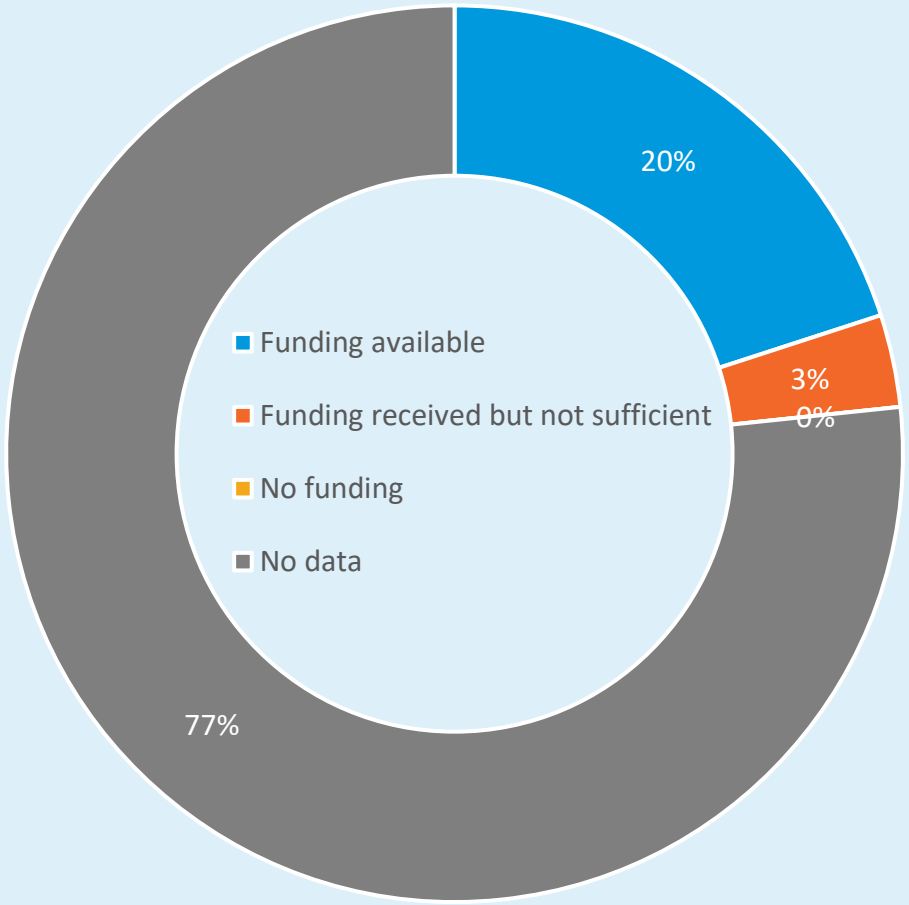
UNFPA: Capacity building activities in 2024

- **Trainings on logistics management for forecasting and supply of contraceptives to vulnerable groups** March – April 250 primary healthcare providers
- **ToT Workshop on Human-Rights Based Intranatal Care for Positive Childbirth Experience** 18 - 19 April 30 healthcare professionals / staff of medical education institutions and staff of some perinatal centers
- **On the job training on Application and Management of New Technologies in Ensuring the Quality Management of Medical Devices and Transfusion Safety** 23 April – 20 May - 90 medical and technical staff members from blood transfusion cabinets of Level II perinatal centers and IMC
- **Training on Clinical Management of Rape** June - 84 healthcare professionals / staff of the National Centre for Pre-Hospital Emergency Care
- **ToT on Management of obstetrics and gynecological emergency** September – October 25 professionals/teaching staff of the medical education institutions and of the Simulation Centers within USMF "N. Testemutanu", perinatal centers level II, IMC

Funding

Partners reported:

- EU4MDA
- UHC-P
- Austrian
- CVCA
- USAID (rehab)
- BPRM (USDOS)
- NORAD
- EUVPI
- Pandemic fund
- SDC
- Ireland



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Measles Outbreak

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Measles

- Measles is a highly contagious, serious airborne disease caused by a virus that can lead to severe complications and death.
- Measles can affect anyone but is most common in children.
- Measles infects the respiratory tract and then spreads throughout the body. Symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose and a rash all over the body.
- Being vaccinated is the best way to prevent getting sick with measles or spreading it to other people.
- The vaccine is safe and helps your body fight off the virus.
- The vaccination is made for free at the ages of 12 months, 6-7 and 15-16 years.

Measles Cases Detected in RAC T6

First, suspected case: 14th of March

As of 10th of April:

- # of Measles cases :
  - # of confirmed cases: **16***
  - # of suspicious cases: 1
  - # of disproved cases: **5** (1 negative and 4 confirmed other diagnosis)

# of individuals **hopsitalised : 1**
# of individuals **in outpatient care** : **15**
# of individuals **residing in RAC T6: approx. 150 out of which approx. 60 children**

- **Demographic characteristics of patients:**
  - Age: 2-41 y.o.
  - Measles Vaccine: Unknown
  - Nationality: Roma, Ukraine
- **Vaccination**
  - Measles: **53**
  - Polio: **67**
  - Vaccinated previously with measles: **18**
- **Authorities involved:**
  - **Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, National Agency for Public Health**

World Health Organization

*According to the national case definition, **Confirmed case =** Any person who has not been recently vaccinated and meets the clinical and laboratory criteria.

Measures Taken by Health Authorities

- Isolation of suspect and confirmed cases in health facilities;
- Quarantine established in RAC
- 21 days starting from last suspected case registered
- Isolation of RAC, ensured by the security services of the General Carabiniers Inspectorate 24/24;
- Contact tracing in the RAC;
- Establishing the immune status of refugees in the RAC;
- Informing residents about the anti-epidemic measures required to be taken in the outbreak (room ventilations, room cleaning 2-3 times a day);
- Informing national and district health authorities regarding the registration of the registered cases of measles;
- Specialists from National Agency for Public Health come to the RAC every 2-3 days.
- A nurse from the Center Territorial Medical Association is present in the RAC during working hours. Surveillance is done with active contact monitoring.
- RAC additionally received: soap, shampoo, sanitary napkins and disinfectants.
- At all visits, both the center's employees and the beneficiaries were trained and urged to respect the hygiene rules. And medical workers have been urged to wear personal protective equipment.
- INTERSOS Medical Team has received an official request from the RAC to provide assistance with medication (not only related to measles). INTERSOS will provide the necessary medication as requested.
- Communication: official update information on NAPH website:
  - **https://ansp.md/informatii-actualizate-privind-focarul-de-rujeola-inregistrat-intr-un-centru-de-plasament-temporar-pentru-refugiati-din-chisinau/**

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Action Points

- Partners to complete an online document with activities and plans they wish to undertake in response to the measles outbreak, to better coordinate activities and help health authorities know whom to contact if they require support.
- Meeting is planned with MoH, MoLSP, MoIA, IGM, NAPH, WHO, UN Agencies, Health Partners to agree on a common plan of action.
- Awareness and Communication to increase measles vaccination.
- Vaccination campaign in RACs against measles and polio.
- WHO to inform regularly on the outbreak updates.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

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Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA)

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