# WHO Romania Monthly Newsletter

**June 2024 Highlights**

- The TB mural at Marius Nasta Institute of Pneumology, raising awareness on TB and air pollution, was unveiled with Dr. Carmen Orban, State Counselor at the Prime Minister's Office, and Dr. Valeria Herdea, President of CNAS in attendance.
- The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Romania, represented by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Rim Kap-soo, and the WHO Country Office in Romania signed a donor agreement which aims to enhance healthcare access for Ukrainian refugees.
- 53 health professionals in Cluj and Iași benefited from GBV trainings organised by WHO Romania with the aim to enhance the health system's response to Intimate-Partner Violence (IPV) and Non-Partner Sexual Violence.

# Emergency Response

## Donation Agreement with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea and WHO Romania official signed a donor agreement on 27 June. The donation will ensure the continued availability of the UKR-ROM translation hotline for medical consultations, ensuring language barriers do not negatively impact healthcare access, and support the procurement of essential medical equipment for refugee centres.

This partnership underscores the Republic of Korea's commitment ***"to support the efforts of the international community to bring the Ukrainian people back to healthy and normal lives"***. WHO would like to take this opportunity to thank H.E. Mr. Rim Kap-soo and the people for Korea for their generosity.

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## Mural Raising Awareness on TB & Air Pollution

**The *Marius Nasta Institute of Pneumology and* WHO Romania officially unveiled a TB mural raising awareness on TB and air pollution in Bucharest on 27 June.**

The event drew notable attendees including Dr. Carmen Orban, State Counselor at the Prime Minister's Office, and Dr. Valeria Herdea, President of CNAS. Created by art student Theia Catrina Mirodot and five of her contempoaries, this mural is painted with **air-purifying paint to neutralise pollutants**. Reproductions of the mural have also been prominently displayed on buses and billboards in Bucharest, Iași, and Craiova—cities with tuberculosis and pollution rates.

This initiative aligns with the WHO's commitment to stop TB by 2023 and follows a recent donation of diagnostic equipment.

## GBV Trainings for Health Managers

**WHO Romania, in collaboration with ANES and EEIRH, conducted training sessions for 53 senior health professionals in Cluj and Iași to strengthen the health system response to Intimate-Partner Violence (IPV) and Non-Partner Sexual Violence.**

The trainings covered first-line support, facility readiness, and clinical management of rape and IPV (CMR-IPV) care, based on evidence-based WHO guidelines.

Participants appreciated the critical the national health system plays in addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and this being a public health issue.

## World Refugee Day

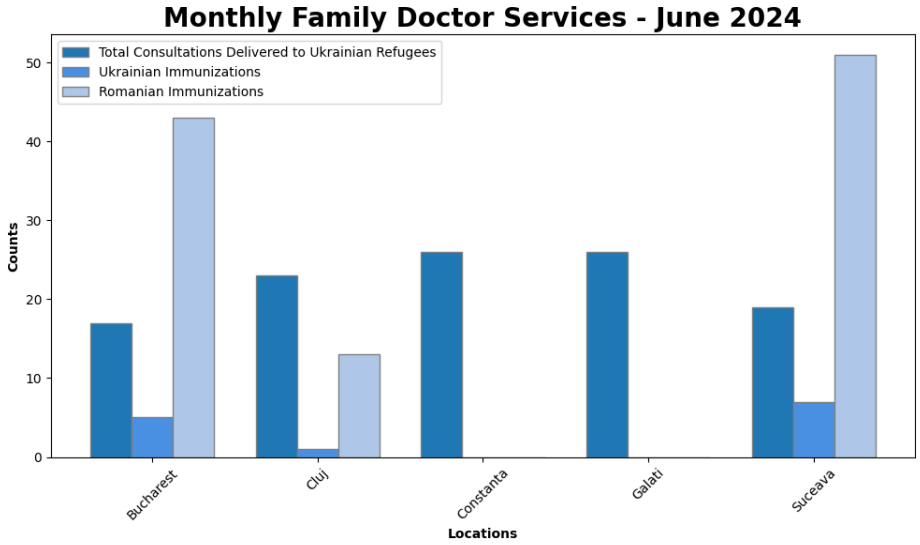
WHO Romania joined UNHCR and other national and international partners to celebrate World Refugee Day on 20 June, which in 2024 focused on upholding health and wellbeing of refugees through their inclusion universal health coverage.

Throughout the Ukrainian crisis, WHO Romania, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health and (sub)national authorities, has supported access to essential health services for Ukrainians by addressing any barriers to healthcare uptake.

Through this link[1], you can hear WHO Health Operations Manager, Dr. Silvia Gatscher discussing the health interventions launched by WHO Romania in support of Ukrainian refugees in the country.

## Data Insights June 2024

- WHO cultural mediators delivered 41 individual psychosocial support sessions and organised 14 art, music and cultural group therapy sessions for Ukrainians.
- WHO cultural mediators supported 56 Ukrainians with accessing national healthcare services.
- The new WHO translation hotline provided 78 translations for medical consultations.
- WHO supported family doctors in Bucharest, Suceava, Galati, Constanta, Cluj and Brasov delivered 111 primary healthcare consultations and 13 vaccinations to Ukrainians.

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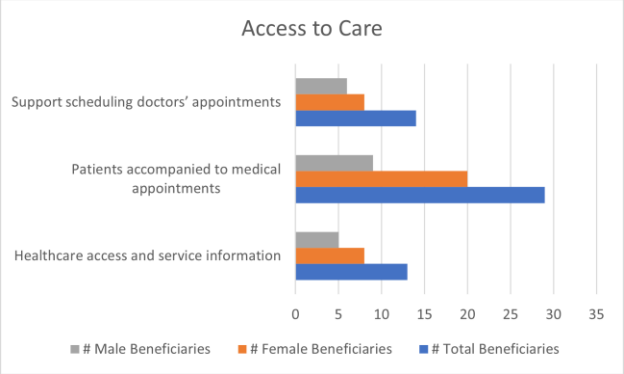
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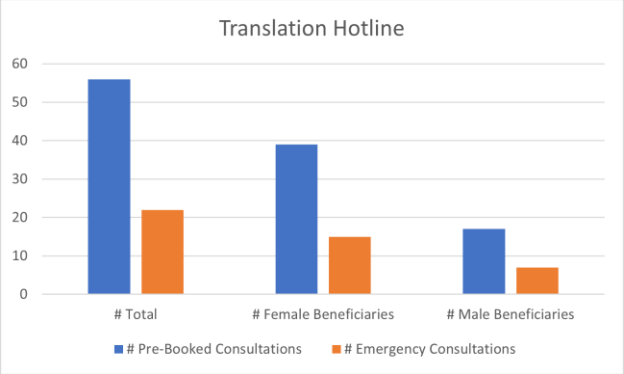
Translation Hotline
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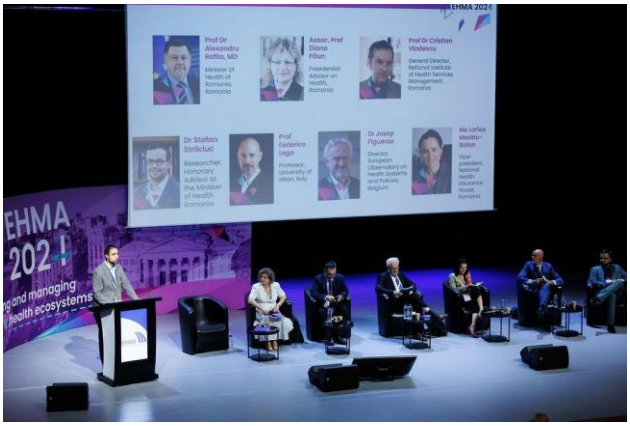
# Pre-Booked Consultations
# Emergency Consultations

# National Recovery & Resilience Plan (NRRP)

## Health Service Management

**European Health Management Conference 2024**

The 29th edition of the European Health Management Conference, organised by the European Health Management Association (EHMA), in partnership with the Romanian Ministry of Health and the National Institute of Health Services Management (INMSS) took place in Bucharest, 5-7 June 2024. With the theme "Shaping and Managing Innovative Health Ecosystems", the agenda ranged from digital transformation of health care systems to the ever-growing importance of sustainability, and the evolving skillsets required by the healthcare workforce. Over 400 delegates from academia, research, hospital / community care discussed latest trends and speakers included Dr Tomas Zapata, WHO EURO Unit Head Health Workforce and Service Delivery, and Dr Josep Figueras, EU Observatory Director.



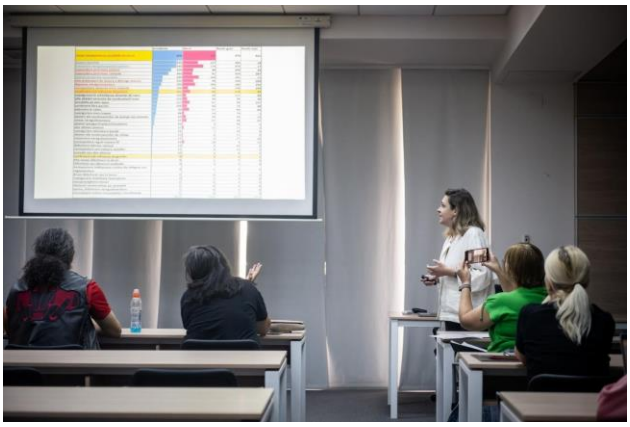

## Country Office Events & Communications

### Road Safety Course

**WHO Office in Romania, in collaboration with Titi Aur Academy, organised a special session to address the urgent issue of road safety on Romanian roads.**

The event, held at the Titi Aur Academy autodrome, focused on **prevention and responses to road hazards**, as well as raising awareness about the main risk factors for road accidents. Participants and media representatives had the opportunity to use a series of emergency situation simulators and engage in circuit exercises.

These practical activities helped to reinforce information presented on prevention techniques for anticipating and proactively responding to critical situations.



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