WHO Romania Newsletter Q1-2025

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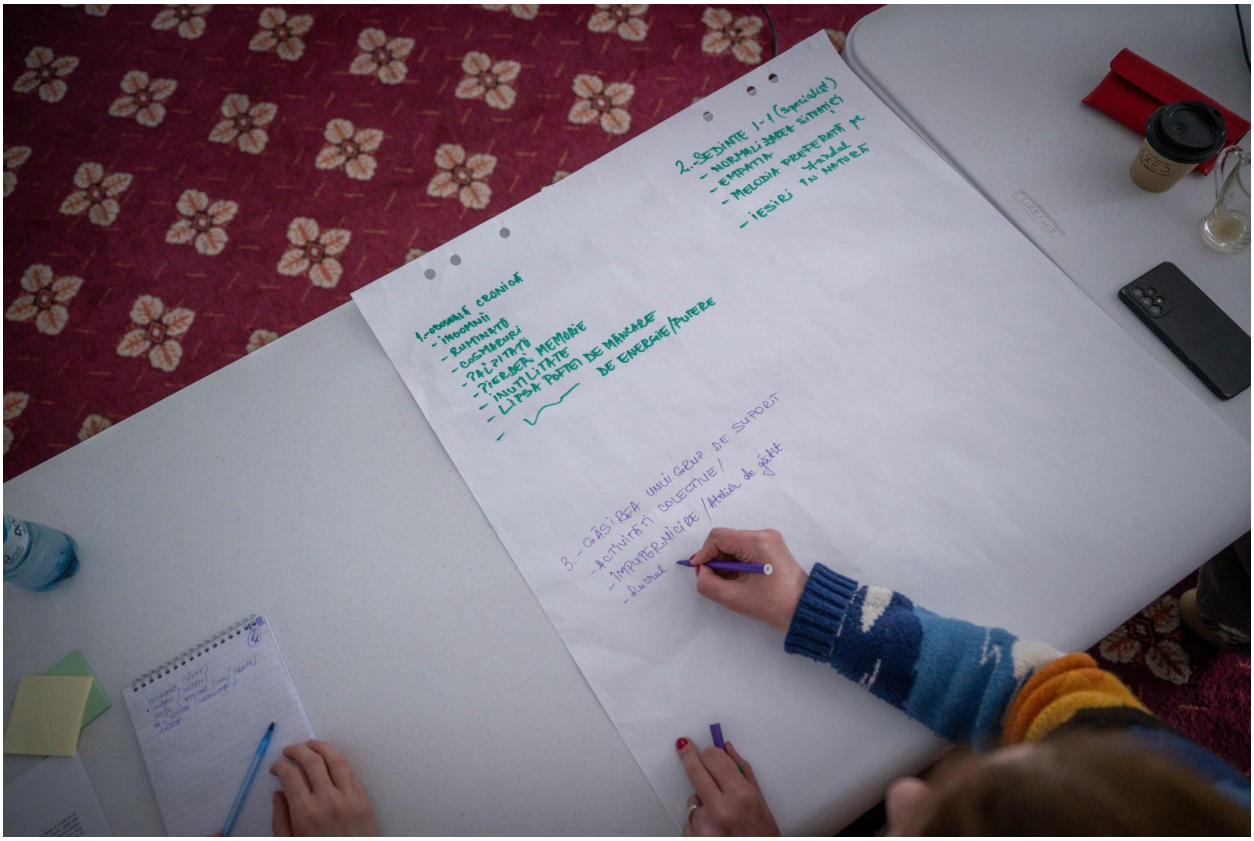

Highlights for Q1-2025

- On 8 February, WHO Romania convened a Strategic Network Meeting in Brașov, bringing together family doctors, Ministry of Health and key partners to discuss achievements and challenges in healthcare delivery for Ukrainian refugees.
- On 18-19 February, WHO Romania co-hosted an Inter-Country Workshop with EU4Health and IOM, sharing best practices on how to integrate refugees into national health systems and improve vaccination coverage among displaced populations.
- On 13-14 & 17-18 March, WHO Romania conducted capacity-building workshops for 50 immigration center staff on infection prevention control, gender-based violence and mental health.
- In March, WHO Romania also led roundtables with the National Institute of Public Health and Ministry of Health on barriers to childhood vaccination and healthcare access for Ukrainians.

Ukraine Emergency Response

Achievements & Challenges - Health Services for Ukrainians

On 8 February 2025, marking three years since the start of the war in Ukraine, WHO Romania hosted a strategic meeting with its supported family doctors, the Ministry of Health, the National Health Insurance House, the College of Physicians, and DSP Brașov with the aim to assess progress and challenges in providing healthcare services to Ukrainians. Key achievements included >165,000 medical consultations delivered via national health services and >3,000 refugees registered in the national system. Participants also identified barriers such as complex registration processes and technical issues in the PIAS system, agreeing on actions to improve communication and streamline procedures.

Building on this effort, WHO Romania organised a follow-up, high-level roundtable on 31 March 2025 with support from the British Embassy. The meeting brought together stakeholders from the Ministry of Health, the Immigration Directorate and the College of Physicians to tackle administrative barriers and improve refugee registration. A key outcome of the roundtable is the proposal for the Immigration Directorate to share data of refugees with temporary protection status directly with the National Health Insurance House—this will considerably ease the burden on family doctors and ensure more inclusive healthcare access.

Inter-Country Workshop WHO-EU EU4Health-IOM

On 18-19 February 2025, WHO brought together key representatives from the Ministries of Health of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania and Slovakia, together with partners from the European Union (EU), WHO and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to facilitate the exchange of communication among national health authorities on strategies to meet the health needs of Ukrainians. The event underscored the importance of collaboration and shared learning in responding to the healthcare needs of Ukrainian refugees, with a particular focus on integrating healthcare professionals into the workforce and improving service delivery.

Workshops for Immigration Centre Staff

WHO Romania, with online support from WHO EURO colleagues, organised two 2-day trainings in Brașov on 13–14 and 17–19 March. 50 staff—including health professionals, psychologists, integration specialists, administrative and security personnel—from all 7 national immigration centres in Romania participated gained the essential skills and knowledge to respond to the

health needs of refugees, migrants and asylum seekers. Core topics included mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), gender-based violence (GBV), infectious diseases, infection prevention and control (IPC) and risk communication.

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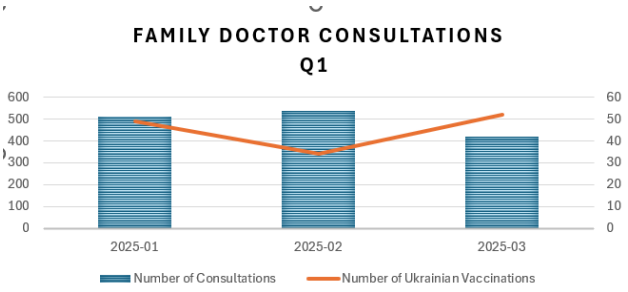

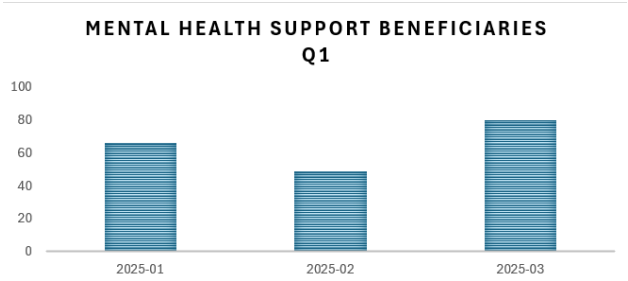

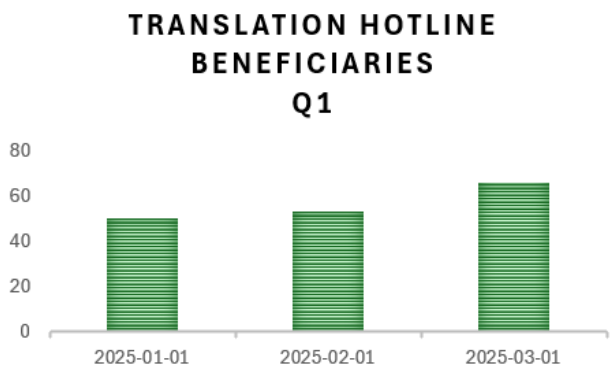

National Recovery & Resilience Plan (NRRP)

Digital Health

WHO Romania, together with HIMSS and CPS colleagues, organised 3 workshops presenting the EMRAM digital maturity evaluation to public hospitals in Iasi, Cluj-Napoca and Bucharest. 153 representatives from 84 hospitals attended the workshops. The next phase of the project is for local Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to implement the HIMSS digital maturity evaluation with pilot hospitals.

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Country Office Events & Communications

Roundtable on Barriers to Childhood Vaccination

On 21 March, WHO Romania, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the National Institute of Public Health, hosted a roundtable to present the findings of a qualitative study on barriers to MMR / childhood vaccination. The research included both healthcare providers (family doctors, nurses, community health workers and health mediators) as well as caregivers of fully, partially or non-vaccinated children in low MMR coverage areas (Brașov and Timișoara) and one high-coverage area (Covasna).National and local stakeholders, including representatives from the DSPs in Brașov, Covasna, and Timișoara, discussed the results and developed recommendations to inform strategies to improve vaccination coverage and reduce disparities.

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