



WHO Romania Monthly Newsletter

June 2023 Highlights

- *WHO Romania appoints county coordinators in Constanta, Galati and Iasi and introduces them to local authorities.*
- *WHO Romania conducts workshop for family doctors to improve vaccination coverage for Ukrainian refugees.*
- *WHO Romania hosts in-person health working group meeting for health partners in Bucharest.*

- WHO Romania hosts Ministry of Health delegation at Bucharest office.
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Emergency Response



Family Doctor Immunization Workshop

- WHO Romania conducted a hybrid vaccination information day for GPs at the Parliament Palace in Bucharest, in cooperation with the Romanian Association for Pediatric Education in Family Medicine (AREPMF) and the patronage of the MoH with Prof Rafila in attendance.
- The hybrid event was attended by 248 participants, including family doctors and representatives of MoH, NIPH, NHIH and UN agencies including UNICEF.

- The workshop aimed to promote vaccination delivery by family doctors to the Ukrainian population and addressed barriers to refugee vaccination coverage, such as differences in routine vaccination schedules between the two nations and misinformation surrounding vaccinations within the Ukrainian population.



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1 - WHO Representative Dr. Clarival and MoH Prof Rafila speak at WHO vaccination event for GPs, 29 June



2 - The in-person event was attended by 92 participants

Health Working Group

- WHO Romania hosted an in-person health working group attended by 27 health partners on 22 June.
- 27 health partners attended the meeting, which provided an opportunity to discuss shared challenges and avenues for increased cooperation.
- The discussions highlighted key challenges included a shortage of family and general practitioners registering Ukrainian refugees, language barriers, funding gaps and limited budget allocation for sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and mental health & psychosocial support (MHPS) services.



Further Activity Highlights

- WHO Romania conducted a country wide field trip to meet the county Public Health and National Insurance House (NIH) directorates as well as health partners in Constanta, Galati, Cluj, Iasi, Suceava, TG Mures and Brasov. Key objectives of the mission were to introduce the newly recruited WHO county coordinators and to identify key challenges and gaps within the refugee response.
- WHO Romania attended the SRH Working Group at the Ministry of Health and contributed to first draft of legislation for provision of family planning and reproductive health services.
- WHO Romania launched a Ukrainian & Russian language Viber chatbot. The platform will provide health related information and support to Ukrainians seeking to access national healthcare services in Romania.



3 - The SRH working group was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Health, EEIRH, family doctors providing family planning services, family support agencies and members of NGOs.



4 - WHO Romania speaks to Ukrainian refugees in Cluj

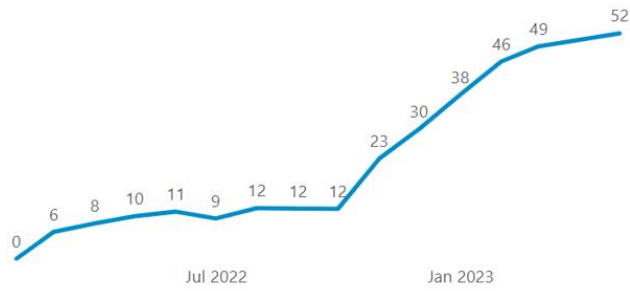
Monthly Data Insights

- WHO Romania supports seven family doctor clinics in Suceava, Bucharest, Galati and Brasov to register and treat Ukrainian refugees. Between December 2022 and June 2023, over 2000 Ukrainian refugees were registered by supported clinics.
- In collaboration with the Romanian Government, MoH and UN agencies, a national call center was established in March 2023, providing Ukrainian refugees with information regarding health, education, housing, and employment. The hotline has received a total 2,151 calls since its launch, 75 of them primarily health related.
- As of May 2023, 5.2% of Ukrainian refugees in Romania had used family medicine clinics, outpatient services, hospitals, pharmacies and dentistry services.
- As of May 2023, a total of 16,751 people had accessed family medicine services in Romania.



5 - Use of family medicine services by people from Ukraine per 1000 Ukrainians registered for temporary protection.

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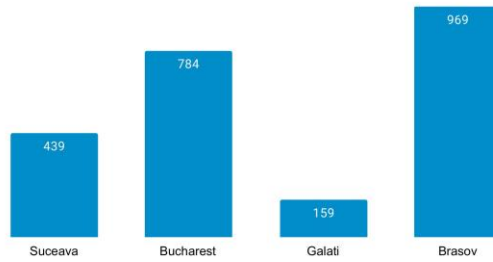


6 - Use of all services by people from Ukraine per 1000 Ukrainians registered for temporary protection.

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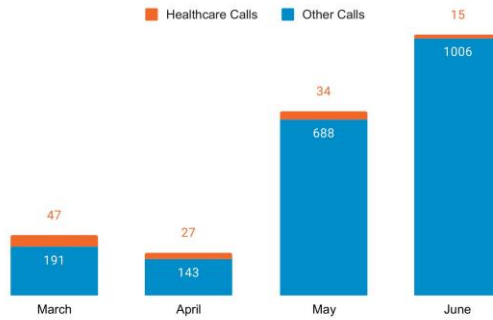
Refugees Registered at WHO-support GPs

December 2022 - June 2023



Calls to the Refugee Hotline

Healthcare Calls Other Calls



National Recovery & Resilience Plan (NRRP)



Activity Summary

- WHO Romania and WHO Athens team have moved into the second phase of a quality-of-care provisional study, which aims to measure healthcare quality across six selected hospitals.
- WHO Romania attended the Health Systems Management Consortium to discuss results of a qualitative survey conducted with hospital managers.
- E-health consultants conducted a mission to WHO Romania. Key mission objectives were to continue technical assistance for the RRP and to discuss and develop the National Digital Health Strategy.



7 - WHO Romania attended the WHO EURO regional meeting on fit-for-purpose hospitals in Azerbaijan.5-7 June



8 - WHO Romania hosted MoH delegation, including the MoH, Prof. Alexandru Rafila to discuss continued collaboration within the NRRP project, 27 June



9 - WHO Romania met with EC representatives to discuss health system strengthening and NRRP progress, 26 June

Biennial Collaborative Agreement (BCA)



Activity Summary

- The National Institute of Public Health (NIPH) published the results of the WHO funded Hepatitis B and C sero-prevalence study. The study was conducted under the technical guidance of WHO EUR and ECDC experts
- WHO Romania and TB experts from WHO EURO meet with representatives from the MoH and the National TB Institute to discuss medium- and long-term activities for TB prevention and control
- Fetoscopes procured by WHO Romania and installed at Bucharest Filantropia hospital. The equipment replaces an old broken fetoscope and is essential for the treatment of pregnancies with life threatening complications



10 - WHO Romania delivers Fetoscopes to Bucharest Filantropia hospital.

Country Office Events



Activity Summary

- WHO Romania organized an archival photo exhibition at the University Carol Davila to mark WHO's 75th birthday. The event celebrated WHO's health achievements in the past 75 years and provided an opportunity to discuss ongoing health challenges. The event was attended by representatives of the Presidential Administration and MOH, including Health Minister Dr. Alexandru Rafila, as well as representatives from UN agencies, NGOS and other local health partners.
- WHO Representative Dr. Caroline Clarinval and Technical programme manager, Dr. Silvia Gatscher, attended the National Day of Italy celebrations and met with several ambassadors and international organization representatives.



11 - WR, Dr. Caroline Clarinval meets the Health Minister, Prof. Alexandru Rafila, during the WHO 75 photo exhibition on 8 June. Dr Caroline Clarinval and MoH, Prof. Alexandru Rafila delivered speeches at the event, reiterating their commitment to collaboration on #HealthforAll

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