



WHO Romania Newsletter

August 2024

August 2024 Highlights

- WHO Romania, in cooperation with HQ and EURO colleagues, organised and participated in the *Sub-Regional Workshop on Health and Care Workforce Data, Evidence and Knowledge*, on 29 & 30 August.
- Health Operations Manager Dr. Silvia Gatscher met with the Constanta Public Health Directorate to discuss upcoming WHO health initiatives in the region and to get an update on the health needs of both the Romanian population and Ukrainian refugees in the county.
- WHO Romania, supported by a colleague from WHO EURO, met with the President of the Asociația Serviciilor de Ambulanță din România (ASAR) Dr Cristian Grasu to assess the need for capacity building of national prehospital services providers.

Emergency Response



Official Opening of Summer Camp for Ukrainian Children

WHO Romania CO participated in the official opening of the Constanta summer camp for Ukrainian children currently living in Romania.

Local authority representatives were also in attendance, as was the Ukrainian ambassador to Romania and the Romanian ambassador to Ukraine. The camp offers Ukrainian children a range of fun activities, whilst also providing some respite for their parents.



Further Activities

Clinical Management Trainings for Emergency Readiness

WHO Romania, supported by Dr. Vitalii Stetsyk from WHO EURO, assessed the activity portfolio on clinical management training for emergency readiness with the aim to evaluate the need of clinical trainings for pre-service providers and to meet national stakeholders including the Head of the Romanian Ambulance Services, Dr Grasu.

COVID-19 Survey

WHO Romania participated in the WHO EURO survey¹ on COVID and respiratory diseases. The survey found a general agreement with the statement "No one knows your risk like you do," with 38% strongly agreeing and 47% agreeing.

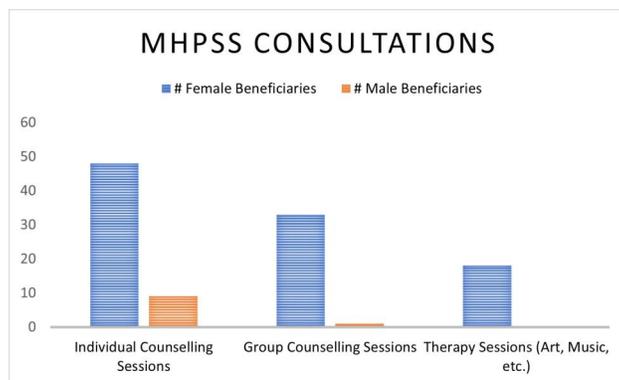
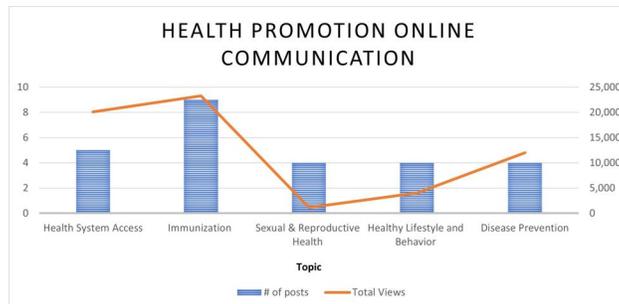
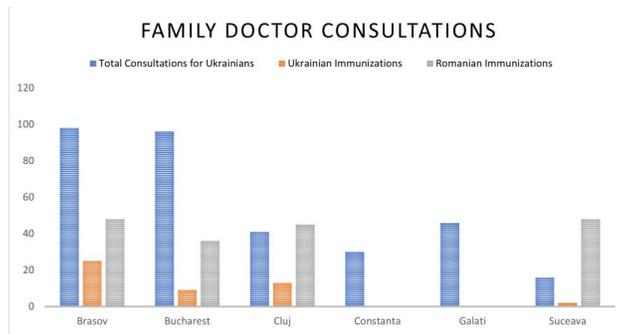
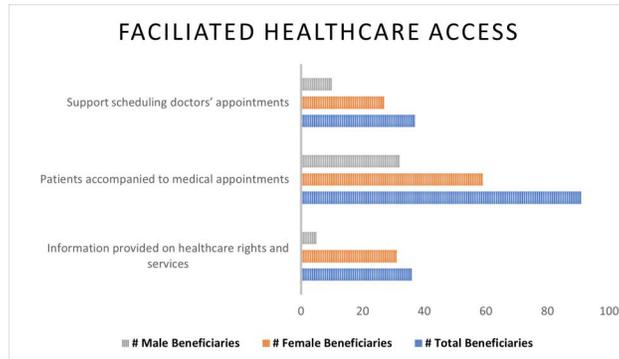
Key reasons cited included a personal understanding of health, self-protection, and experiences with COVID-19 and/or respiratory infections

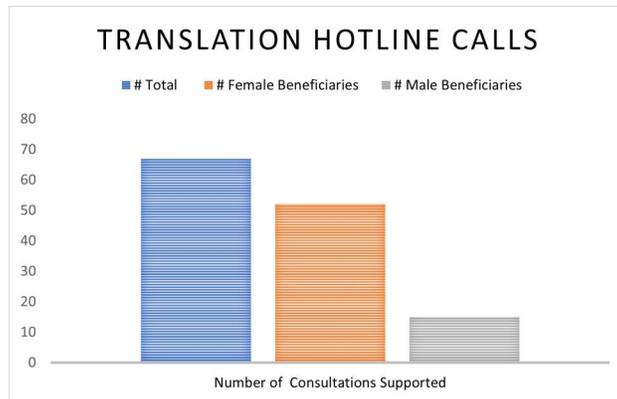
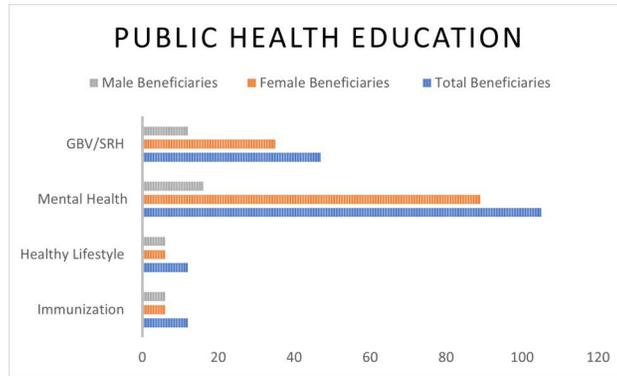
Data Insights August 2024

- WHO cultural mediators delivered 57 individual psychosocial support sessions and organised 4 art, music and cultural group therapy sessions attended by 60 Ukrainians in August.
- WHO cultural mediators also directly supported 164 Ukrainians with accessing national healthcare services.
- The WHO translation hotline provided 67 translations for medical consultations throughout August, with total call time of >1,300 minutes.
- WHO supported family doctors in Brasov, Bucharest, Cluj, Constanta, Galati and Suceava delivered 372 primary healthcare consultations to Ukrainian refugees including 49 essential childhood vaccinations.

¹<https://app.stickybeak.co/polls/d0b771f5-fbb9-40cf-afd0-be9d90c788f6/results>

- The WHO County team conducted educational health campaigns on immunization, healthy lifestyles, mental health and GBV for 176 beneficiaries, whilst over 60,000 Ukrainians were reached with online communication on health promotion.





Meeting with Constanta DSP Director

WHO Romania met with the Director of the Constanta Public Health Director on 9 Augusts to discuss upcoming WHO health initiatives in the region.

Other key discussion points included the continued support for Ukrainian refugees and supporting Romanian national health workers with stress management, among other issues. The DSP director also expressed interest in WHO's dental health education program for children and a healthy eating initiative.

National Recovery & Resilience Plan (NRRP)



NRRP Communication Campaign

A communication campaign promoting the reforms and investments made in Health under the NRRP continued on TV, radio, outdoor billboards and social media. Implemented by the Ministry of Health with the support of WHO, this campaign aimed to raise awareness on the impact the reforms the NRRP activities have on strengthening the Romanian health care system.



Country Office Events & Communications



Sub-Regional Workshop on Health and Care Workforce Data, Evidence and Knowledge



The WHO Country Office in Romania together with HQ and EURO colleagues as well as the Romanian Order of Nurses and Midwives, hosted the Sub-Regional Workshop on *Strengthening Implementation of National Health Workforce Accounts (NHWA 2.0)* on 29 & 30 August in Bucharest.

The event included a data quality review for the upcoming State of the World Nursing Report 2025 and aimed to enhance the availability and quality of health workforce data across the region to better support workforce planning.

Accurate data is crucial for monitoring progress in strengthening the nursing and midwifery workforce, which includes improving education and training, enhancing retention and recruitment efforts, advancing policy and clinical leadership, and regulating the professions effectively.



WHO Romania Annual Report

The 2023 Annual Report of the WHO Country Office in Romania is now available on the WHO Romania Country Office webpage:

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