



WHO Romania Newsletter Q2-2025

## Summary



### Highlights for Q2-2025

- On 7 April, WHO Romania and the National Public Health Institute (INSP) organised a joint event celebrating World Health Day under the motto "Health beginnings, healthy futures".
- On 9–10 April, WHO Romania, in collaboration with colleagues from WHO HQ, conducted a 2-day training on WHO Global Competency Standards to enhance healthcare workers' skills to provide culturally sensitive, equitable care for refugees.
- On 1 June, WHO promoted children's road safety at 1uniFEST through fun, educational activities focused on helmet use and health prevention.
- Throughout June, WHO Romania, together with INSP and local DSPs, conducted stakeholder roundtables in Braşov, Timișoara, and Covasna to discuss the results from the qualitative study on barriers to childhood vaccination and to formulate recommendations and strategies to improve vaccination coverage and reduce disparities.



## Emergency Response



### *Global Competency Standards for Health Workers*

WHO Romania, in cooperation with colleagues from the WHO HQ Health and Migration Unit, organised a 2-day training for its Health and MHPSS partners as well as healthcare staff from 6 refugee centres across Romania on WHO's Global Competency Standards for Refugee and Migrant Health, equipping participants with the core competencies needed to provide culturally sensitive, equitable, and people-centred care which responds to the diverse health needs of populations on the move.





### *Stakeholder Roundtables in Braşov, Timiş and Covasna*

WHO Romania, in collaboration with the National Institute of Public Health (INSP) and local Public Health Directorates (DSPs), organised a series of stakeholder roundtables in Braşov (11 June), Timişoara (13 June) and Covasna (26 June) to advance efforts toward improving childhood and MMR vaccination coverage.

The meetings engaged local stakeholders including family doctors, community nurses, health mediators, local authorities and community leaders to explore the recent findings and recommendations resulting from the qualitative study on barriers to childhood/ MMR

vaccination. WHO Romania remains committed to facilitating dialogue and supporting joint efforts to increase childhood/ MMR vaccination coverage.







### *Health System Resilience Testing*

WHO Romania, in collaboration with the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies and IOM Romania, organised a workshop under the #EU4Health initiative, supported by the European Commission.

The event explored how health systems can better adapt and respond to major crises, highlighting resilience as a critical factor in ensuring access to essential health services during emergencies. The simulation brought together representatives from key institutions involved in crisis response and concluded with a set of key lessons learned.

Discussions underscored the importance of interoperable public services, robust and sustainable social systems, inclusive and flexible decision-making processes, functional and responsive infrastructure and, above all, mutual respect and clear communication in times of crisis.

### *Strengthening Refugee Health Services in Constanța*

WHO Romania supported several key initiatives in Constanța to improve healthcare access and inclusion for Ukrainians.

On 21 May, in partnership with the county National Health Insurance House (NHIH), WHO offered guidance on CID registration, chronic care and vaccination and promoted its UKR-ROM interpretation hotline.

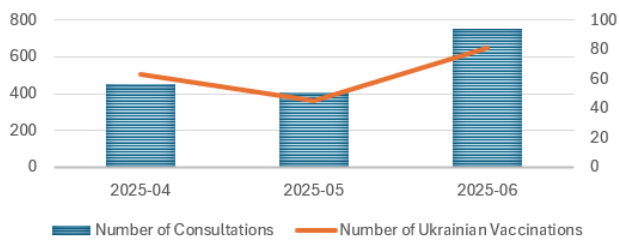
On 28 May, WHO co-hosted a women's health session on menopause with Dr Anna Taifas.

WHO also joined local events for Children's Day (1 June) and World Refugee Day (20 June), celebrating unity and diversity with over 200 participants.

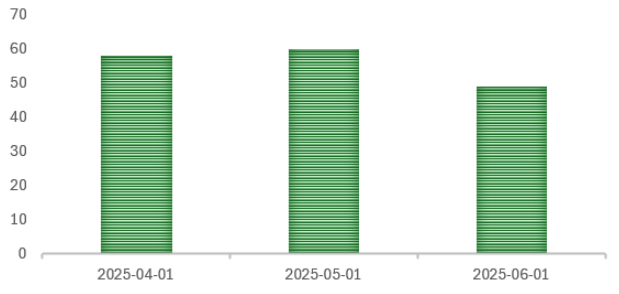




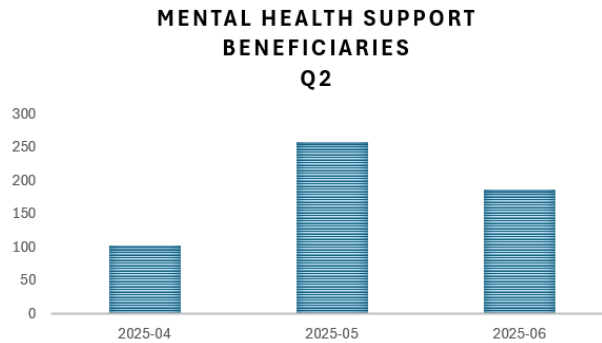
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## National Recovery & Resilience Plan (NRRP)



### *Human Resources for Health*

The HRH team supported the Ministry of Health with the development and launch of the "*Guideline for Good Practices for the Attraction and Retention of Healthcare Workers*" which marks a key step towards strengthening Romania's health and care workforce. The event was attended by then Minister of Health Professor Dr Alexandru Rafila, Professor Vlasdescu from INMSS, representatives from G6 Medical Schools and >80 hospital managers from across the country.

During the launch, Prof Rafila, G6 representatives and INMSS Director Professor Vlasdescu also signed the contract for the trainings of 5,000 health care professionals, a continuation of the Training of Trainers program developed by WHO in 2023 and 2024.



MINISTERUL SĂNĂTĂȚII

Acest ghid a fost elaborat cu sprijinul Organizației Mondiale a Sănătății, Biroul Regional pentru Regiunea Europeană, în cadrul Planului Național de Redresare și Reziliență.



Planul Național de Redresare și Reziliență



### *Healthcare Financing*

The Health System Financing team, in partnership with the French Embassy and the EHESP School of Public Health, supported the organisation of a national workshop on Healthcare Financing on 26–27 May. The event brought together key national stakeholders and offered a platform for dialogue and exchange on sustainable financing strategies for the Romanian healthcare system.



### *Health Service Management*

The Health Services Management team and WHO EURO facilitated the attendance of nine representatives from the Ministry of Health, the National Health Insurance House and the National Institute of Health Services Management (NIHSM) at the *EHMA European Health Management Conference 2025* in Rennes. Participants explored a wide range of topics including health management, environmental sustainability, change management, leadership, vaccination strategies and global clinical best practices.





## Country Office Events & Communications



### *World Health Day 2025*

The National Public Health Institute and WHO Romania country office jointly organised an event to celebrated 2025 World Health Day. This year's theme, “Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures”, puts a focus on protecting the health rights of mothers and children and the event highlighted the need for access to quality healthcare as well as education and prevention services related to maternal and neonatal care. Participating key national health leaders also emphasised the importance of collaboration to strengthen public health in Romania.







### *Promotion of Children's Road Safety at 1uniFEST*

The WHO Country Office in Romania, in collaboration with the National Institute of Public Health (INSP), promoted child safety, health and well-being during the 1uniFEST. The event featured interactive and educational activities focused on injury prevention, including the importance of wearing helmets while riding a bike, scooter or skating — a habit that can reduce the risk of head injuries by up to 85%. In a joyful and engaging setting, WHO and INSP teams also shared key health messages on vaccination and other prevention topics, encouraging families to build healthy habits from an early age. The event underscored the importance of early education in shaping safer, healthier futures for children.









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