Reducing health inequities and supporting the uptake of COVID-19 and other vaccines

A 3-year, €40 million project of the European Union and WHO Regional Office for Europe in six countries of the Eastern Partnership – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine

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The Vaccination is Care campaign

2+ million people reached with vaccine-promoting messages via social media channels, TV broadcasts, published articles, door-to-door activities, and mobile vaccination teams

15 000+ copies of printed materials distributed to health-care facilities and distributed in high footfall areas informing about COVID-19, infection prevention and control measures, routine vaccines, vaccination of priority groups and vaccination during pregnancy

3000+ students completed all modules of the Immune Patrol learning platform, which teaches children about infectious diseases, the immune system and vaccines

1/3 of all regional National Institute of Public Health hubs supplied with IT equipment, including un-interruptible power supply units (UPS)

1000 anaphylaxis kits delivered to health-care workers (HCWs) to manage any adverse reactions

Ensuring a rapid and safe deployment of COVID-19 vaccines

Integrated digital platform developed for COVID-19 vaccination, and e-health system set up with linkages to patients’ health profiles, enabling tracking of vaccination coverage and adverse events following immunization (AEFI) cases, supporting data-driven decision-making

2000 HCWs trained on AEFI case detection, investigation and management

2000 HCWs trained on vaccinating older people and those with underlying medical conditions

100% of all HCWs across the country received online access to key materials on COVID-19 vaccines

Vaccination coverage rates

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<td>Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis-containing vaccine, 3rd dose</td>
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<td>COVID-19 complete vaccination series</td>
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