

Vaccination saves lives: supporting the deployment of COVID-19 vaccines and routine vaccination systems in the Eastern Partnership

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Azerbaijan



Strengthening vaccine distribution and administration capacities



Cold chain inventory system digitized to support a tightly managed, monitored and traceable cold chain



Computerized temperature monitoring system set up in cold room and refrigerated vehicles

162

epidemiologists trained on the use of the Inventory & Gap Analysis platform



576

vaccine refrigerators and voltage stabilizers



25

freezers



5376

temperature monitoring devices



622

vaccine carriers

70

cold boxes



3

refrigerated vehicles

Reducing health inequities and supporting the uptake of vaccines



260

office equipment items, including computers, printes, and uninterruptable power supply systems



>270 000

copies of educational material on COVID-19 vaccines

650 000

copies of educational material on routine immunization distributed

Campaign material distributed to

30 national service agencies

Yearly, 6 branches of one agency alone are visited by up to 200 000 people 60+ years old

3000 pharmacies

across the country, often visited by high-risk individuals

Campaigns addressing equity in immunization implemented in 7 regions, promoting COVID-19 and routine vaccines along with a life-course approach to health. This included **youth involvement** and multi-stakeholder coordination.

>500

caregivers reached during informational sessions bringing together caregivers and experts answering participants' questions about vaccines

1274

"zero" dose children and children with delayed vaccinations received missing shots.



Workshop held to foster collaboration between health agencies and civil society, strengthening country's community engagement capacity



Workshop on infodemic management with focus on immunization conducted for 30 journalists and bloggers



Increasing health-care workers knowledge and skills



National immunization guidelines for childhood immunization developed

to equip health-care workers (HCWs) with an updated vaccine contraindications table and recommendations on managing delayed vaccinations



>70%

of all HCWs involved in the vaccination process trained on COVID-19

100%

HCWs equipped with vaccine administration job aids



immunization curriculum of pre-service and in-service medical and nursing educational institutions enhanced with introduction of new courses, inclusion of latest technical recommendations, and more

652

HCWs trained on routine immunizations in nine regions



>1680

professionals trained on providing emergency care in very rare instances of allergic reaction following vaccination

60

master trainers prepared to provide this emergency care training and training on COVID-19 vaccines to peers

Vaccination coverage rates

Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis-containing vaccine, 3rd dose



(2023)

COVID-19 complete vaccination series



(31 December 2023)

COVID-19 1st booster dose

