VACCINATION SAVES LIVES
Supporting the deployment of COVID-19 vaccines and routine vaccination systems in the Eastern Partnership

Belarus
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

Supporting national vaccination systems and data management
• National Deployment and Vaccination Plan reviewed, and recommendations provided to the Ministry of Health (MoH).
• WHO recommendations and informational material on COVID-19 vaccination distributed to national health partners.
• 2 servers for strengthening immunization data collection and monitoring systems procured.

Providing health professionals with capacity-building opportunities
• 5500 views registered of a webinar on COVID-19 vaccines and recording of webinar developed and distributed to health-care workers (HCWs).
• Recommendations on COVID-19 vaccination and vaccines for health professionals and for general public developed and posted on the MoH website.
• 858 HCWs trained on how to communicate with patients about COVID-19 vaccination and on COVID-19 vaccine efficacy and safety.

Risk communication and community engagement
• 14 videos posted on the MoH website and YouTube channel providing scientific evidence related to COVID-19 vaccination.
• 200 media representatives and agency spokespersons from across the country instructed on the role of media in communicating about COVID-19 vaccines.

Trainings on how to communicate about COVID-19 vaccines are essential to learn how to best address patients, to find the arguments that will motivate them to get vaccinated.
• Anastasia Dubina, Senior nurse at Dzerzhinsk Central District Hospital
• Irina Glinskaya, Deputy chief doctor for epidemiology at the Republican Centre for Hygiene, Epidemiology and Public Health

Strengthening the vaccine cold-chain
• 7 temperature monitoring systems procured for refrigerators and freezers for vaccine storage.

I learned that a certain temperature regime is essential to store the COVID-19 vaccines. The monitoring system allows us to control the temperature within the acceptable parameters.
• Anastasia Dubina, Senior nurse at Dzerzhinsk Central District Hospital

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HCW: Health-care worker

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