Ensuring a rapid and safe deployment of COVID-19 vaccines

Republic of Moldova

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

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

Project impact: February 2021–November 2023

Strengthening vaccine distribution and administration capacities

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Increasing health-care workers’ knowledge and skills

Electronic versions of job aids on COVID-19 vaccination disseminated to

292 regional primary health-care facilities

6000 health-care workers (HCWs)

1189 community leaders from ten administrative territories trained and mobilized to promote vaccination uptake at the local level, resulting in

1.4 x increase in measles-mumps-rubella vaccinations of children

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

292 regional primary health care centres provided with anaphylaxis response kits

100% of HCW coordinators, general practitioners and nurses from all 37 districts received training on reducing missed opportunities for vaccination and reducing inequity

National warehouse and 10 regional vaccine warehouses equipped with cold chain storage, transportation and supply equipment to work at full capacity and ensure robust routine immunization services delivery

Implementation of territorial microplans supported in 100% of all districts

Vaccination coverage rates

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

COVID-19 complete vaccination series

COVID-19 1st booster dose

88% (2022)

35.2% (01 Oct 2023)

13.2%

Free vaccination services ensured for refugees

3305 doses of COVID-19 vaccines administered

2118 doses of routine vaccines administered

Handouts on COVID-19 vaccination and routine immunization developed in three languages and made available in

292 primary health-care facilities

1935 refugee accommodation centres

Supporting accurate data collection for pharmacovigilance

232 primary health-care facilities across all 37 administrative territories supplied with computers to submit data to the immunization information system, enabling adverse events following immunization (AEFI) data collection and reporting into the global database

Factsheets provided on how to communicate in a crisis, especially in response to an AEFI case

6000+ HCWs trained on vaccine-preventable disease (VPD) surveillance to timely detect, report, and investigate VPD cases

25 district level managers trained on conducting supportive supervision visits to ensure HCWs can receive assistance and guidance in implementing best practices at work

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