

# VACCINATION SAVES LIVES

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



PROJECT IMPACT:  
FEBRUARY 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2022

## REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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

### TRAINED



**6490** health-care workers  
**44** immunization managers  
**50** national experts and local authority representatives  
**1000** leaders mobilized

### DISTRIBUTED



**3** awareness-raising campaigns  
**47** awareness-raising videos



### PROCURED

**8** walk-in refrigerator rooms  
**3** freezers, **4** refrigerators, **2** refrigerated vehicles  
**15** cars  
**440** computers, **195** printers

#### Supporting national vaccination systems and data management

- National Deployment and Vaccination Plan developed and fast-track procedures established for approval of COVID-19 vaccines.
- 40 national experts trained on assessment of medicine and vaccine quality, safety, and efficacy.
- Pharmacovigilance mechanisms strengthened to detect, report, and respond to vaccine safety events, including adverse events following immunization (AEFI).
- All local vaccination coordinators trained for planning, organization, and coordination of the COVID-19 vaccination roll-out.
- Immunization Information system (IIS) developed with digital vaccination registration platform and a downloadable vaccination certificate, and 597 health institutions given access.

- 440 computers distributed to National Agency for Public Health, primary health-care facilities, and mobile vaccination teams for COVID-19 vaccination and AEFI data recording.
- 195 printers distributed to health-care facilities for vaccination certificates.
- 10 local authority representatives trained in immunization process-organizing and debunking myths.
- National risk assessment of vaccine-preventable diseases and COVID-19 in the context of the Ukrainian refugee crisis, guidance material for catch-up vaccination, and national guidance on COVID-19 immunization, developed.

#### Providing health professionals with capacity-building opportunities

- 1600 family doctors and 3500 nurses trained on safe and effective administration of vaccines.
- 67 vaccination teams, made up of 2 physicians and 2 nurses each, trained

for vaccination in hospitals.

- 44 immunization managers from all 44 districts trained on performing supportive supervision visits.
- 597 vaccination centres equipped with guidelines on COVID-19 vaccines in Romanian and Russian.
- 400 health-care workers (HCWs) and immunization coordinators from all 37 territories trained to increase their knowledge and build confidence around COVID-19 vaccines.
- 12 national trainings conducted jointly with UNICEF for primary health-care coordinators to boost COVID-19 and routine vaccinations campaigns.



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## VOICES FROM THE GROUND



I urge everyone to get vaccinated and observe the protective measures that are in place so we can overcome these difficult times.

- Irina Ringaci,  
World Wrestling Champion



The actions carried out within the information campaign will help pharmacists be better prepared in promoting vaccination against COVID-19.

- Ion Zgircu, President of the Association of Pharmacists

- 62 000 HCWs provided with guidelines on COVID-19 vaccines.
- HCWs from 282 primary health-care facilities trained in waste management processes.
- 60 vaccination centres from primary health-care institutions assessed to ensure quality performance.
- 40 family doctors trained in anaphylactic shock management.

### Risk communication and community engagement

- 100 senior nurses trained as trainers for the national vaccine promotion campaign held with the National Association of Nurses and Family Doctors.
- 300 pharmacists and 110 pharmacies mobilized in national immunization information campaign.
- 4 rounds of behavioural insight surveys conducted for tailored communication interventions.

- 12 training sessions for spokespersons of public health institutions, 5 in-person media trainings, and 26 conferences held on promoting COVID-19 vaccine-related information.
- 47 videos on COVID-19 vaccination promoted, with one receiving nearly 750 000 views.
- 3 awareness-raising campaigns implemented with engagement of students from 21 universities, football players (featuring 15 sports events), and restaurant owners.
- Over 1000 official and non-official leaders from 10 administrative territories trained to boost COVID-19 vaccination uptake.

### Strengthening vaccine cold-chain storage

- National vaccine warehouse fully refurbished and equipped with 3 walk-in refrigeration rooms, 1 walk-in freezer, 4 refrigerators, 2 ultra-low temperature freezers,

1 forklift, and 2 warehouse trolleys.

- 2 refrigerated vehicles provided for effective distribution of vaccines.
- 15 regional vaccination warehouses equipped with 5 walk-in refrigeration rooms and fully sustainable back up energy supply in case of emergency.
- 100 mobile vaccination teams equipped with personal protective equipment, including 50 000 masks, 100 thermometers, and 100 blood pressure measuring devices.
- 15 cars for COVID-19 and routine immunization supportive supervision visits delivered.



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