

VACCINATION SAVES LIVES

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



PROJECT IMPACT:
FEBRUARY 2021 - SEPTEMBER 2022

UKRAINE

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



95% of all vaccinators

26 national health partner specialists

DISTRIBUTED



1 mil. + informational material

125 educational and promotional videos

PROCURED



150 computers with software

2 buses

8 mil. + personal protective equipment

Supporting national vaccination systems and data management

- National Deployment and Vaccination Plan developed; regular technical assistance provided to national health partners: on developing an application to receive emergency stock of cholera vaccines; on maintaining the vaccine cold chain system during power outages caused by the war; and facilitating the approval of new COVID-19 vaccines.
- WHO global guidance on monitoring COVID-19 vaccination translated and provided to the Ministry of Health (MoH).
- Technical assistance provided to ensure immunization is reflected in the national recovery plans.
- 150 computers and software distributed to regional hubs and immunization units.

Providing health professionals with capacity-building opportunities

- 95% of all health-care workers (HCWs) involved in COVID-19 vaccination services trained in all aspects of COVID-19 vaccination.
- 170 000 copies of factsheets on the COVID-19 vaccines available in Ukraine and 38 000 copies of informational material on vaccine administration and cold chain system distributed.
- 350 regional trainers regularly supervised and continuously supported with technical assistance to help them pass on knowledge to peers.
- Over 250 health professionals trained and in-person on communicating in times of crisis, interacting with media, working with spokespersons, and reducing the risk of misinformation.
- 287 000 personal protective equipment items distributed to HCWs.
- 8300 attendees at the IVth International Congress of the Ukrainian Academy of Pediatric

Specialties trained on various issues related to vaccination during a conflict.

- Courses for HCWs made available on the OpenWHO and the MoH's platform: on vaccine safety, COVID-19 vaccines, and cholera outbreak response.
- 31 educational videos on immunization adapted reaching more than 5000 HCWs on the MoH platform.
- 26 specialists from the Regional Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) trained to improve public speaking skills on immunization.



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VOICES FROM THE GROUND



Local volunteers know where the older people live, what diseases they suffer from, their relatives. They can gain people's trust, that is why it is important to work with them.

— Liubov Sapunkova, family doctor



I'm grateful for the training provided for our health workers. The acquired knowledge and skills help us organize our work more efficiently, provide accurate and clear information, and generate demand for immunization.

— Natalya Yanko, Head of the Volyn CDCP

Delivery of immunization services

- 2 buses handed over to medical facilities to assist older people, people living in rural areas, and other people living in vulnerable situations, in accessing vaccination centres.
- 5 million medical masks and 3 million gloves distributed for COVID-19 vaccinations across the country.
- Field visits to promote COVID-19 vaccination among Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) launched during European Immunization Week 2022.
- 941 IDP centres visited, hosting nearly 120 000 people, to provide information on vaccine-preventable diseases.
- Over 13 000 vaccinations administered directly in IDP centres.
- Vaccination status verification procedure developed to ensure continuity of care for IDPs.
- Informational video developed and 845 000 copies of a leaflet distributed to increase vaccination uptake among IDPs.

Risk communication and community engagement

- 93 videos from the WHO Collaborative Centre on Vaccine Safety adapted and Q&As published answering over 100 questions, reaching some 9 million people. To facilitate access to information in remote places, 23 500 copies of Q&As printed and distributed to healthcare providers.
- 25 000 copies of awareness-raising materials distributed.
- Awareness-raising campaign working with volunteers implemented in the Poltava region to reach priority groups, specifically older people, with COVID-19 vaccines information and outreach vaccination services: mobile vaccination units, vaccination at marketplaces, and extended work schedules for fixed vaccination sites.
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