Ukraine Situation Refugee Response

Inter-agency refugee HEALTH AND NUTRITION working group meeting

6 December 2023

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Regional Refugee Response for the Ukraine Situation

Agenda

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:45-14.00	Connection and registration details: Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83491051701?pwd=ZDZWc0d4RHc2OUJCNXVwb29DdWRLUT09 Meeting ID: 834 9105 1701 Passcode: 145724	
14:00-14:10	Welcome words (MOH). Presentation of the Agenda items	MoH representative, WHO
14:10 -14:20	2024 Refugee Response Plan (RRP) development updates	WHO
14:20-15:00	Interventions in the Health system response and needs to the Refugee emergency in the Republic of Moldova. Deep dive on Health Promotion, Patient Education, Awareness and Communication Activities Undertaken in 2023	MoH, WHO, UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF, IOM, UNAIDS, NGOs
15:00-15:10	Updates from the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)	Mrs. Maura Reap MHPSS Coordinator, WHO
15:10-15:20	Updates from the Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) workstreams	Mrs. Julia Dixon, PSEA Task Force chair, WHO
15:20-15:30	Action points. Conclusions and next steps	All participants

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2024 Refugee Response Plan Update

Detailed Planning Phase

Completed

- Project activities and budget submission
- Detailed Planning, deduplication of Activities
- Health Sector RRP Narrative Submission
- 2024 RRP Moldova – final draft

Ongoing

- Detailed Planning - final overview of total funding requirements and targets

Health Sector Response: Operational update

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Situation at borders during the last 24 hours
(as of 4 December 2023)

4 716

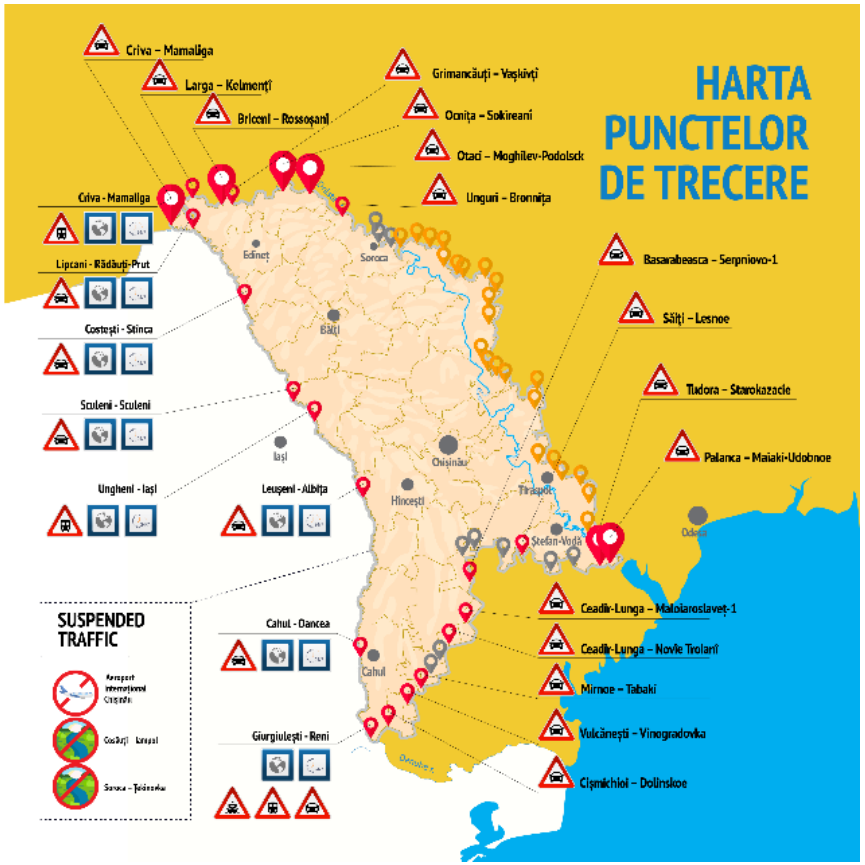
Ukrainian citizens among
total bord 19 792 per entries

5 213

Ukrainian citizens among
18 554 total border exists

1 179

Ukrainian children entered
and exited the country



Source: Government of the Republic of Moldova (Border Police)

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UNHCR
The UN Refugee Agency

DAILY POPULATION TRENDS - REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Report Date: 06/12/2023

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN MOLDOVA

112,811
Individual Ukrainian Refugees

87,720
arrived from Ukraine

25,091
from Romania & Airport

Men	Boys
18%	23%
(21,390)	(25,930)
Women	**Girls**
37%	21%
(41,307)	(24,184)

THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS IN MOLDOVA

8,577
# of ind. Third Country Nationals from Ukraine

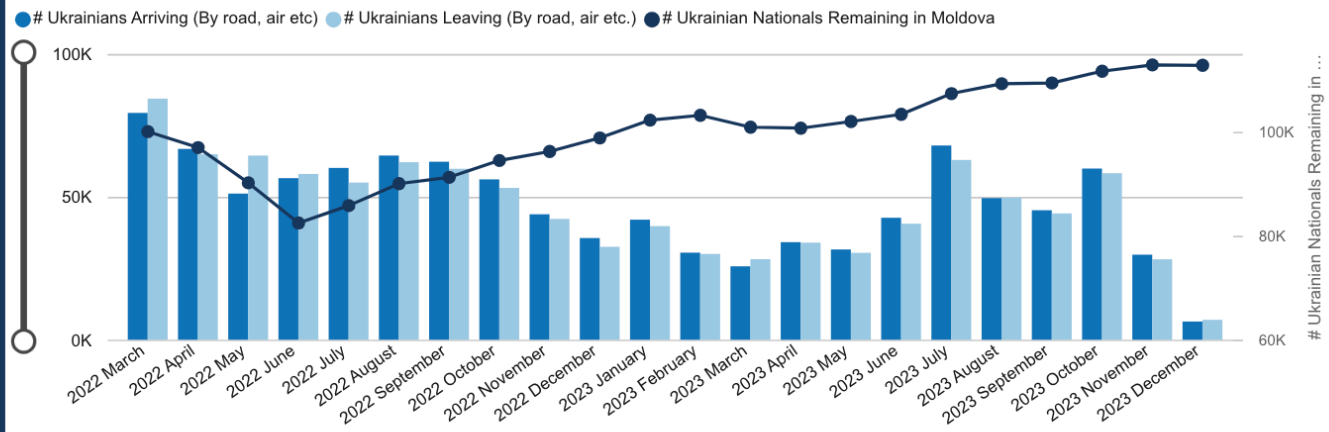
TEMPORARY PROTECTION[1]

24,958
# of individuals benefiting from TP

1 Temporary Protection data presents is available only since the 27th of March 2023

11/03/2022 03/12/2023

UKRAINIAN ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES OVER TIME



ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES[2] - CUMULATIVE FIGURES (11 MARCH 2022 TO PRESENT)

ARRIVALS

984,644
Arrivals from Ukraine (All Nationalities)

860,690
Ukrainians

123,954
TCNs

473,482
Arrivals of Ukrainians from elsewhere

DEPARTURES[3]

697,504
Cumulative Departures of Ukrainians to Ukraine

523,857
Departures of Ukrainians to elsewhere

[2] *Arrival and Departure figures could potentially include multiple occasions of crossing the border by one individual.*

[3] *Data on departures does not include the movement of third country nationals that arrived from Ukraine*

Data Source: Government of the Republic of Moldova.

For more information, question and feedback, please contact mdachim@unhcr.org

Republic of Moldova: Daily Population Trends (unhcr.org)

Pillar 1: Coordination, governance and leadership

completed during

25 October – 5 December 2023

2024 RRP development – Review and validation of activities submitted by Health WG partners (WHO)

Start of the local immunization campaign Vaccinated = Protected in Balti with participation of 150 heads of local authorities (WHO)

A project collaboration agreement has been signed among IOM and National Health Insurance Company in terms of provision of dialyses services (IOM)

MoH Order nr. 398/2023 created the Working Group on coordination the Temporary Protection and Health Services

ongoing

Development of information materials and campaign to raise awareness about the Temporary Protection Status (TPS) health component.

Policy dialogue on assessment and revision of the essential package of health services available to refugees (WHO)

'Mainstreaming a disability inclusive humanitarian response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis'. WHO and four other coordinating UN agencies in Moldova and Georgia - OHCHR, UNICEF, UN Women and UNFPA.

Coordination with National Health Insurance Company regarding reporting in general and on Health services procurement from health facilities provided to refugee children (UNICEF).

planned

Round table discussion to present recommendations and service models for refugees with disabilities - OHCHR, UNICEF, UN Women and UNFPA.

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Pillar 2: Needs assessments, data collection and management for decision making

completed during

25 October – 5 December 2023

The report on the assessment of the accessibility at essential health services for refugees on the territory of the Republic of Moldova (Ombudsman)

Rapid review of the legal framework and needs assessment on accessibility of health care services for persons with disabilities (WHO, Center for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)

Joint analysis workshop for inter-agency PSEA risk assessment (WHO, UNHCR)

ongoing

In-depth review of access and availability of healthcare to refugees in Moldova

Data analysis of the rapid review of the legal framework and needs assessment on accessibility of health care services for persons with disabilities (WHO)

Data collection on issues and barriers in access to health services TP/non-TP refugees

MSNA 2023 – health indicators

Disability legal framework and desk review

planned

MHPSS situational analysis and needs assessment (WHO)

PHC assessment data

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Pillar 3: Health service delivery to refugees

Emergency Medical Teams

EMT coordination in de-activation phase:

- 16 EMTs are on standby

Health Service Provision

- 2 Partners provide health services to the refugees and vulnerable host population (primary healthcare, referrals)
  - INTERSOS
  - CUAMM
- Over 12’000 beneficiaries assisted by 8 partners (as of January 2023)

MDS Daily Reporting:

- Daily reporting – 2 EMTs.
- The EMT Minimum Data Set (MDS) daily report has been officially activated on 2nd July 2022
- Key information which are essential for coordinating EMT was collected by **715** daily reports, which includes data of **7 313 c**onsultations (from 11th March 2022 – to 1st July)

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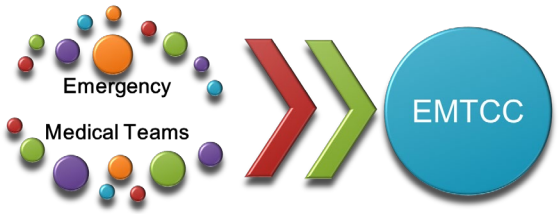

Pillar 4: Health financing and financial protection

completed during

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Agreement signed with CNAM on financing health services for refugee children with and without TPS (UNICEF)

UHC/H3 package of essential services mission

Meetings with NHIC on health financing in TP and non-TP with agreeing on alternate mechanisms of funding

A project collaboration agreement has been signed among IOM and National Health Insurance Company in terms of provision of dialyses services (IOM)

Ongoing consultation with NHIC on financing of health services for refugee children in 2023 (UNICEF)

Collaboration agreement signed with 5 primary health care facilities (INTERSOS)

ongoing - planned

Policy dialogue – access to medicines for refugees with diabetes

Policy dialogue with health authorities on cash vouchers for health services and medicines for refugees from Ukraine

Awareness raising among healthcare providers on the health financing mechanism for TP

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Pillar 5: Procurement and Supply Management

Supplies from partners **since 24 February 2022**

$ 1 322 149	**$ 3 678 312**	**$103 000**
Medicines and kits	medical devices and consumables	Infant formula
Medical equipment (Oncology Institute)- $309.000 (IOM) 20-TESK 1A Antidote for CBRN risks, 2000 vials of Trastuzumab, a batch of 24 items of drugs, 1000 vials of Tocilizumab, 2 NCDK and 1 communicable diseases Kit - $624.103 (WHO) 50 types of essential medicines, IV fluids for the hospital - $6 082 (MTI) 80 First Aid Kits $ 2 660 (INTERSOS) Reproductive Health kits - $255.000 (UNFPA) 2 Batches of 10 items of drugs and 12,000 bottles of Amoxycilinum, 5,500 bottles of Amoxiclav, 80 peripheral kits, antibiotics - $125.304 (UNICEF)	Various medical devices and consumables (incl. 12 sets of DIAGNOSTIC SET, Ophthalmoscope + Otoscope, 5 Intraosseous infusion kit, 15 with consumables for 6 months, 280 First Aid Bag kit Blood gas analizers , 10 000 kits (of 25 tests) of RDT test COVID-19 3 KIT, MAJOR TRAUMA, backpack, complete , 12 sets of glucometers, innlc consumables , 300 pcs SpO2 senzor, 20 Automated External Defibrilator, 550 Intraosseous, Needle, various sizes, 25 set, First aid kit, 45 CAT tourniquet; 200 Faceshield (200), 20 tonometeres, 20 pulse oximetry, 300 Laringoscope, pediatric & adult, 40 modules of WHO Trauma Kits , 30 sets of High Flow Nasal Canula, 3 WHO Trauma BackPack , 70 Automated external defibrillator (AED), 300 Anaphylaxis kits , 12 000 kits (of 25 tests) of RDT test COVID-19)- $3 760 133 (WHO) 3 defribilators (INTERSOS) ECGs, spirometers, tonometers, Pulsoximeters, thermometers, examination table, vital signs monitors for ICU - $40 000 (IOM) 16 tons of Inter- Agency Reproductive Health kits - $300.000 (UNFPA) BP machines, glucometers, thermometers - $250 (MTI) 9,000 pulsoxymeters - $356.400 (UNICEF)	infant formula and complementary food (UNICEF)

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Pillar 5: Procurement and Supply Management

Supplies from partners **since 24 February 2022**

$7 882 902	**$2 754 695**	**$962 374**	**$1 644 235**
medical equipment	laboratory equipment and consumables	Vehicles and IT equipment	PPE and WASH items
incl. 2 Infusion pumps with patient-controlled analgesia, 1 Pressotherapy Device , 16 ICU beds, 1 Autoscanning epi fluorescent trinocular microscope for FISH , 1 Plasma sterilizer, 1 Binocular microscope with 5 binocular heads, 1 Autostainer,) - $ 4 313 414 (WHO) Medical equipment (Oncology Institute) - $237.160 (IOM) Neonatal and perinatal equipment - $96.500 (UNICEF) Medical equipment (incl. equipment for mother and neonates emergencies) - $2 243 878 (UNFPA) Neonatal respirators , Portable Ultrasound Scanner- $182.900 (JICA) First aid kits for RACs -$50 (MTI) Hospital beds - $815.000 (Czech Republic)	Incl. **15000 ELISA reagents: Leptospira IgM; Leptospira IgG; Sampling kit with virus transport medium(15000); Bordetella pertussis IgM (10), lab consumables for the Sensititre, 10 Water distiller, 8200 PCR test kits for ENTEROVIRUS and SARS-CoV-2,** 21478 Lab consumables for Polio (Disinfectant, Gauze, Gloves, robe, plastic bags etc), 12 Plates for dignostics , 3 Automated Preparator for culture media BACT alert reagents, 1 Trinocular biological microscope with camera , 4 Cat Air sampling device for microbiological investigations, 650 lab consumables, 6 PCR Test System, 44656 Culture media, 1 ELISA-Reader; **2 417 180 (WHO)** Various items of lab equipment (UNFPA)	2 ambulance type A – $164 125(IOM) 3 servers 3 vehicles, 90 Tablet, 550 PCs All in One, 2 machines (clean) for the medicines warehouse, 6 handling equipment , 2 Refrigerated vehicles for transportation of vaccines, 15 vehicles for immunization supervision visits, 49 laptops, 16 printers, 11 powerbanks, 17 Desktops, all in One, various IT equip (protective case, printer color; digital camera; laminating machine, Interactive smartboard, Conference system) - $ 758 249 (WHO) 1 vehicle - $40.000 (UNFPA) 2 vehicles in use by INTERSOS team	2 decontamination tent showers, incl equipment, Disinfectants, gloves, masks, respirators, bottles of hand sanitizers, Chemical PPE kits - $ 1 431 423 (WHO) Diapers, disinfectants and hygiene supplies, mobile WCs, supplies for perinatal care institution - $212. 812 (UNICEF)

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Pillar 6: Health workforce capacity strengthening

completed during

25 October - 5 December 2023

2 Advanced Trauma Life Support provider courses delivered in October, November and December for a total of 32 beneficiaries (WHO)

Basic Emergency Care Provide training for 22 healthcare workers in Balti (WHO)

Training on PSEA to MSNA Enumerators for 27 beneficiaries (WHO, REACH)

Basic Instructor Course for BLS for 16 Instructors from CUSIM and CNAMUP training center (WHO)

Basic Emergency Care Provide training for 50 healthcare workers (WHO)

Follow up visits MCM Simulations- Soroca District Hospital, Causeni District Hospital (WHO)

Mass Casualty Management (MCM) for the hospital trainings and SimEX (WHO)

Basic Life Support Course for 12 health workers (WHO)

2-day workshop on MHPSS Capacity building in Tiraspol (IOM)

ongoing and planned

1 Advanced Trauma Life Support provider courses are planned in October, November and December for a total of 20 beneficiaries (WHO)

2 Hostile Environment Surgical Trainings . Anaesthesia are planned for December a total of 24 beneficiaries (WHO)

1 Basic Emergency Care Course (BEC) in Balti Hospital (WHO)

Training on RN clinical management (Q1 2024, WHO)

Development of Standard Operational Procedures of vaccine management at the national and local levels (WHO)

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Pillar 7: Public health activities

completed during

25 October – 5 December 2023

Mid-level Management Training on Immunization – 25 healthcare workers (WHO)

Simulation Exercise on Institutional Preparedness and Response, at Floresti District Hospital (WHO)

Training 70 beneficiaries on accessibility services, procedures for disabled Ukrainian refugees in Moldova, accessing services, obtaining temporary protection, and its benefits.(WHO, Center for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)

ongoing and planned

Initiation of an immunization awareness campaign in Balti (training activities, communication, supportive supervision visits, building partnership at local level) (WHO)

Interventions in terms of vaccination and prevention activities targeting refugees and migrants (IOM)

IEC materials that include available medical support provided by IOM and protection against COVID-19. (IOM)

To implement follow up of 20 local adjusted immunization improvement plans by 31st December 2023 (WHO).

C and R&N need assessment and procurement

Poisoning Center (WHO) - strengthening the SOPs and capacity buildings

new
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Pillar 8: Risk Communication and Community Engagement

completed during 25 October – 5 December 2023

Advanced draft of information material on healthcare access for refugees with TPS – RO, RU, UA languages
Mental Health Day – Awareness Event

Ongoing- planned

Health Benefits for TP holders refugees - animated video, script development
Working on autumn-winter campaign on respiratory viruses (influenza, Covid-19, and other respiratory viruses)

127 375 People reached with awareness raising campaigns

1 825 (incl. 800 people reached during Breastfeeding and Vaccination Awareness Campaign, 75 children reached at Health Summer Camp), 100 000 Ongoing awareness raising campaign on the importance of public health measures and immunization by distribution of key messages through religious channels, including priest preach (WHO in collaboration with the orthodox Metropolitane of Chisinau and all Moldova (WHO)

4 950 (INTERSOS)

800 Youth Manifest on Health reaching around 800 youth and adolescents with health messages, Take care of your health Campaign (UNICEF)

20 00 people reached (UNFPA)

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84 927 Leaflets distributed

24 200 leaflets and educational materials on vaccination, nutrition, mental health, breastfeeding, COVID-19 VACCINATION My health booklet – information material approved by MoH (WHO)

6 729 Leaflets on cancer care, COVID-19, medical care provided distributed in RACs and communities (IOM)

40 624 Leaflets on breastfeeding (local campaign in 12 districts), IYCF, immunization (UNICEF)

3 728 (INTERSOS)

10 000 Leaflets (UNFPA)

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38 728 People reached with social media posts

30 000 (UNICEF)
3 728, (WHO)
5000 people reached with social media posts (UNFPA)
World Refugee Day Facebook post, Post COVID-19 symptoms Facebook posts, World Patient Safety Day, Facebook posts, Mobile Laboratory training, Facebook posts, (WHO)
Video Breastfeeding Caravane 2022
(WHO): https://business.facebook.com/OMSMoldova/videos/661519781864242/

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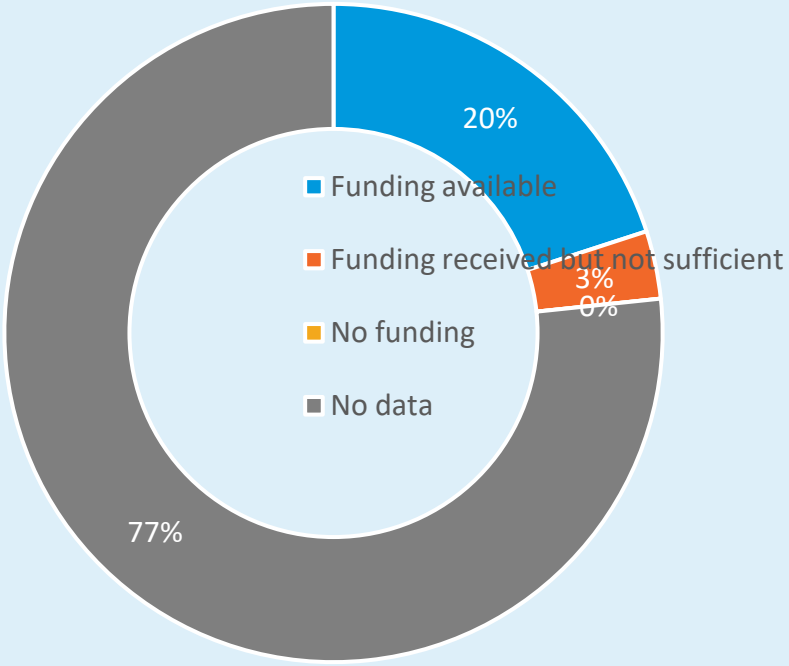
Funding

partners reported:

- EU (ECHO, DG NEAR, DG SANTE etc)
- US (USAID, PRM etc)
- Japan Fund
- PRM
- SDC
- UK
- German, Stichting Vluchteling and German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO)



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2023 Health Promotion, Patient Education, Awareness and Communication Activities

Deep Dive

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UNICEF: Awareness, Education and Communication Activities

Past Activities

- 2022-23 Community engagement (a.k.a. Health Bus) to increase demand for Covid-19 Vaccination
- Dissemination of health and nutrition messages and information to refugees through Blue Dots, accommodation centres and health facilities
- 288 communication specialists at local public authorities were trained on fact checking
- The digital version of the training course "Public Communication in Cases of Crisis and To Combat Disinformation" for public service communicators has been developed and launched

Ongoing and Planned Activities

- 2023-24 Community Engagement to increase demand for Childhood Immunization including among refugees
- Behavioural Insight Study to identify barriers to childhood immunization and Covid-19
- Balti communication initiative to raise demand for immunization in the district (jointly with WHO and Balti LPA)
- Strengthening communication capacities of health providers – Introduction of Interpersonal Communication in the curriculum of medical colleges
- Social Listening for Immunization
- Increase the demand for health services among Ukrainian refugees through the partnership with the National Congress of Ukrainians of Moldova

IOM: Awareness, Education and Communication Activities

Past Activities

A national information and community-based awareness-raising campaign was carried out targeting health workers and migrant women and men.
Three awareness-raising campaigns were conducted with the slogan “Let's stop TB with joint efforts” on 24 March 2021, 18 December 2021, and 24 March 2022. The purpose of the campaigns was to ensure effective communication among circular migrants on the availability of TB treatment.

Ongoing and Planned Activities

Breast cancer early detection campaign/ aims to increase cancer awareness and early detection of precancerous conditions in breast cancer. Four regional breast cancer early detection centers were opened in Chisinau, Balti, Ungheni, and Causeni to provide free medical consultations, information, lab tests, and diagnostics to women refugees from Ukraine in the Republic of Moldova to Moldovans and all migrants in the country.
Activities: development of IEC materials, video script, and education sessions for refugees and migrants.

Vaccine Demand and Confidence Project/CDC/ aims to increase vaccine confidence, demand, and uptake as well as to improve access to prevention and vaccination services against routine vaccination including COVID-19 for the refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers. 13 designated Vaccine Ambassadors/Ukrainian refugees conduct awareness raising sessions on the importance of the vaccination in Chisinau, Orhei, Balti and Ungheni.

WHO: Awareness, Education and Communication Activities

Past Activities

"Vaccinated=Protected" -an Information immunization campaign,conducted through the biggest supermarket chain in Balti, Cahul, Comrat, reaching almost 4500 beneficiaries, including refugees and the host community population.

World Mental Health – October 2023

In the context of World Mental Health, various organizations and associations working in mental health came together for the first time to celebrate World Mental Health Day at a fair hosted by the MoH and the WHO. Reached approx. 1000 participants.

Breastfeeding Caravan - a campaign that aims to support and promote breastfeeding through open-air public events for mothers, fathers, and families and to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week. Reached 750 + mothers-to-be and parents with young children, including refugees.

Sport Festival – 250 children and adolescents from schools across the country, including refugees from Ukraine and guests from Romania, participated in various sport competitions, showcasing their skills, teamwork, creativity, and friendship.

Nutrition workshops in schools and as as part of a health summer camp. 5000+ children including Ukrainian refugee children and children from vulnerable populations in Moldova were provided with support and education to gain essential knowledge and skills for maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Ongoing and Planned Activities

Health benefits for Ukrainian refugees campaign – information flyer and animated video, developed together with MoH, NHIC, IGM, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, IOM

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA)

Updates

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) TRG: December Updates

- **Change in MHPSS TRG Leadership:**
  - Departure of existing co-chair, Identification of new co-chair
- **TRG Holiday Gathering:**
  - Dec. 12, 13:00-17:00
  - Please register today (see link in chat)
- **End-of-year Newsletter:**
  - Achievements, best practices, innovative initiatives targeting towards hard-to-reach populations
  - Please submit stories to be included ASAP (see link in chat)

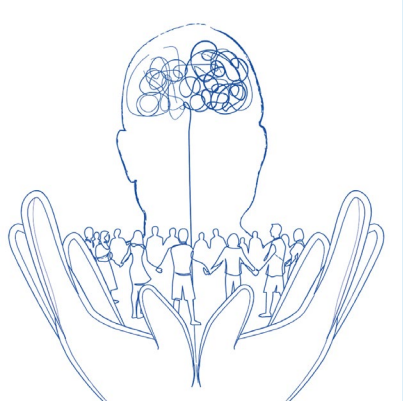
Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) TRG: December Updates

- **Capacity Building Activities**
  - *MHPSS and GBV* (UNHCR and WHO; Nov. 30 and Dec. 5)
  - *Self-Care for Frontline Workers* (IOM and WHO; Dec. 8)
- **MHPSS TRG Workplan 2024:**
  - Under development; participatory process to be led by remaining co-chairs
- **Focus Group Discussion Report:**
  - Final modifications/editing in process
  - Once cleared by relevant parties, to be released on Canva

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) TRG: December Updates

Next MTRG-MHPSS Meeting:

January 2024; date, time, format TBD



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