

# SOLIDARITY FOR HEALTH INITIATIVE

Addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and building a resilient health sector in the Eastern Partnership



A two-year, €35.2 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

X-ray machines

# ARMENIA

**PROJECT IMPACT**  
APRIL 2020 - AUGUST 2021

## Keeping COVID-19 frontline responders safe

- 28 000 isolation gowns and 20 000 medical masks distributed.

## Scaling up testing capacity

- 20 000 tests delivered, allowing for more efficient and faster testing, increasing the capacity from 2000 to 4000 tests per day.

- 78 laboratory technical workers trained in biosafety and diagnostic measures.

- 25 laboratories' capacity, efficiency and accuracy assessed.

## Delivering essential supplies for patient care

- 200 oxygen concentrators to assist patients with severe symptoms to breathe, as well as 2193 oxygen masks, 2300 nasal oxygen cannula and 3600 venturi masks delivered.

- 20 electrocardiogram machines delivered to monitor heart activity.

- 11 patient monitors delivered to record vital signs.

- 22 ventilators supporting patients with COVID-19 to breathe.

- 7 state-of-the-art X-ray machines supplied to obtain and analyse high-definition images of lung function in patients with COVID-19.

## Improving data collection and reporting

- To better monitor the spread of the virus, mortality rates and hospital occupancy, a roadmap for tracking health data through visualization technology provided to the Ministry of Health.

- Public Health Emergency Operation Centre to be established, guided by a working group and roadmap of activities.

- 200 physicians trained on new variants of COVID-19 and their diagnostic and prevention mechanisms, to support national contact tracing strategies and epidemiological evaluation.

## THE NUMBERS

DELIVERED:

**28 000**

isolation gowns

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## Risk communications and community engagement

- To help strengthen public compliance with COVID-19 measures, a behavioural insight study, with more than 1000 interviews conducted, to develop and adjust communication campaigns based on public knowledge, risk perception, behaviours, and trust towards COVID-19 vaccination.

- The communications teams of the Ministry of Health and the national center of disease control and prevention trained on COVID-19 response.

- Over 30 000 risk communication products on proper mask wearing and incorrect use of antibiotics printed and distributed to health care facilities.

## Strengthening responders' skills

- 230 primary health care providers and 350 hospital health care workers trained in infection prevention and control (IPC) measures.

- 552 health care workers trained in COVID-19 patient care and rehabilitation.

- 2080 nurses trained during 6 webinars on treatment of patients with COVID-19.

- 177 specialists trained in IPC measures on the WHO online platform.

- Assessment of 4 health care facilities' management capacity for COVID-19 carried out, based on which national protocols, including for post-COVID-19 rehabilitation, are in development.

## Infection prevention and control

- 4 hospitals assessed and recommendations provided to improve IPC measures.

- Based on WHO assessment and recommendations, banners and posters on IPC measures are up at six points of entry to the country, including Zvartnots International Airport and the ground border crossings.

## Essential health services and systems

- Improved guidelines on the management and treatment of 7 common infections, including COVID-19, developed and adopted by the Ministry of Health.

- Nearly 1600 primary health care specialists and paediatricians trained on management and treatment of 7 infections, including COVID-19.

## THE NUMBERS

TRAINED OR IN TRAINING:

**4989**

health care workers

**78**

laboratory workers



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