

# 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*

## AZERBAIJAN

PROJECT IMPACT  
APRIL 2020 - AUGUST 2021

### Keeping COVID-19 frontline responders safe

- 10 000 face shields, 10 000 protective goggles, 140 000 respirators, 8000 isolation gowns, and 987 000 examination gloves delivered to over 60 health facilities across the country, including those that provide care for prison detainees.

### Infection prevention and control

- First OpenWHO course on leadership and programme management in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), launched in Azerbaijani to support hospital IPC committees, and 56 hospital IPC committee members from 29 hospitals trained over multiple sessions.

- 16 hospitals in Baku, Shamakhi, and 5 districts affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict assessed on IPC measures.

- Over 1400 medical and nursing students from 7 medical faculties and 11 nursing schools trained on hand hygiene and sterile glove use practices in medical facilities.

- 5 primary health care facilities from 5 districts assessed on IPC measures, 400 posters on hand hygiene practices disseminated.

### Supporting national laboratories

- 98 lab technicians from 12 laboratories and sample collection sites across the country trained in quality assurance and biosafety measures for sample collection, storage, and transportation.

- Webinar held on COVID-19 variants for their rapid identification and diagnostic.

### Enhancing national coordination, surveillance and laboratory capacity

- Based on an assessment of the COVID-19 response capacity in the country, recommendations provided to national health partners to improve the surveillance and contact tracing system, laboratory capacity, coordination, planning, and monitoring.

- Technical support provided to help the government adjust and implement public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19.

### Maintaining essential health services

- 60 health professionals trained on mental health and psychosocial support.

### THE NUMBERS

DELIVERED:

10 000

face shields

10 000

protective goggles

140 000

respirators

8000

isolation gowns

987 000

examination gloves

ASSESSED:

21

hospitals

5

primary health care facilities



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## Strengthening responders' skills

- 56 health care professionals trained to become trainers on COVID-19 surveillance, IPC, and management of COVID-19 cases.
- 900 health care workers trained on IPC measures, ventilator-associated pneumonia, prevention and management of COVID-19 infection risk in health care facilities, and hand hygiene.
- 1870 health care workers trained on clinical management of COVID-19, including for cases of COVID-19 among children, pregnant women, patients with diabetes, and with thrombotic complications.
- 5 hospitals in four districts assessed for COVID-19 case management capacity to identify areas in need of support.

## Delivering essential supplies for patient care

- 129 oxygen concentrators, 52 patient monitors, 258 nasal tubes to deliver supplemental oxygen and 258 venturi masks to deliver oxygen to patients on oxygen therapy, distributed.
- 183 pulse oximeters to estimate the saturation of oxygen in a patient's blood delivered to more than 60 health care facilities.

## Risk communication and community engagement

- 3 rounds of behavioural insight surveys conducted to adapt communication about COVID-19 response measures based on gained insight.
- 20 media representatives trained on reporting of COVID-19 news and WHO's guidance disseminated among journalists.
- More than 20 spokespersons from 12 organizations involved with the pandemic response trained on working with the media and handling queries.
- 150 health care workers trained on communicating with patients with COVID-19, patients' relatives, and addressing questions about COVID-19 vaccines.

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TRAINED:

**3100**

health care workers

**1400**

medical and nursing students

**98**

laboratory workers

**40**

media representatives and spokespersons

DELIVERED:

**129**

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nasal tubes

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venturi masks

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pulse oximeters



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