

# 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

## BELARUS

PROJECT IMPACT  
APRIL 2020 - AUGUST 2021

### Keeping COVID-19 frontline responders safe

- 2.4 million medical masks, 1 282 000 medical gloves, 1 075 000 respirators, 85 000 isolation gowns, 51 000 face shields, and 50 000 protective goggles delivered to health facilities across the country.

### Strengthening responders' skills

- WHO guidelines and COVID-19 case investigation protocols made available for health-care workers and policy-makers via the WHO Academy mobile app and social media.

- Laboratory diagnostics specialists from more than 150 laboratories across the country trained on biosafety and clinical and laboratory aspects specific to COVID-19.

- 448 doctors and nurses trained on intensive care for COVID-19 patients in five different regions, where they will pass their knowledge on to colleagues and peers.

- 24 general practitioners trained on diagnosis and treatment of mental and behavioural disorders in the COVID-19 pandemic, upskilling and enabling them to pass the knowledge on to colleagues.



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protective goggles

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laboratories' capacity strengthened

**472**  
health care workers trained



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## Ensuring patient care and continued health services

- 20 000 COVID-19 rapid tests, 5482 oxygen masks, 160 high-flow cannula devices, 6 real-time PCR testing machines, and 1 patient ventilator delivered.

- Remote consultation with general practitioners piloted, reducing the need for in-person visits.

- 25 tablets procured for the Belarusian Deaf Society to improve access to health care services for people with hearing impairment.

## Public health guidance

- 3 waves of a behavioural insights survey conducted to understand people's perceptions and behaviours related to COVID-19 and to inform risk communications.

- National communication strategy for COVID-19 response developed.

- Guidance on personal protection and public health measures for the detection and prevention of COVID-19 disseminated to the public.

- 20 journalists from diverse media outlets trained on principles of risk communication, including on how to disseminate information about COVID-19 and risk-mitigating behaviours.

- 17 300 brochures on self-rehabilitation and recovery management distributed in hospital and health-care facilities in Minsk, via the Red Cross, the Belarusian Deaf Society and Minsk Health Committee, to assist patients recovering from COVID-19.

- 15 000 posters on COVID-19 printed for distribution by the Minsk Health Committee and the Belarusian Deaf Society.

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