

# 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

## UKRAINE

PROJECT IMPACT  
APRIL 2020 - AUGUST 2021

### Keeping COVID-19 frontline responders safe

- More than 1.8 million items of personal protective equipment delivered to 90 hospitals across the country.
- 300 hand hygiene stations in 20 COVID-19 designated hospitals established.

### Strengthening responders' skills

- 7460 health-care providers trained on rational use of personal protective equipment in COVID-19 hospitals.
- 471 Ukrainian hospitals assessed on their oxygen supply capacity.
- 255 hospitals modernized to scale up oxygen therapy capacities.
- 5800 health-care specialists reached through 17 webinars on clinical management of COVID-19, with social media reach of 190 000 people.
- Toolkit on clinical care for severe acute respiratory infection and guidance on occupational health and safety of health

workers developed and distributed to 445 health-care facilities across the country.

- New courses in Ukrainian developed and made available through the OpenWHO global learning platform.

### Infection prevention and control

- 7460 health-care providers trained on infection prevention and control (IPC).
- More than 300 health-care facilities assessed on IPC measures and response plans developed for 23 hospitals.
- 51 health-care facilities received direct technical support, including recommendations on hand hygiene practices and development of standard operating procedures.
- To identify size and model that best fits individual health-care workers, on-site respirator fit-testing organized for more than 150 health-care providers and fit-testing equipment delivered to an additional five health-care facilities.

### THE NUMBERS

**1.8 million**

personal protective items

**287**

health facilities benefitted from supplies

**28**

laboratories supported with supplies

**12 800**

lab supplies and equipment delivered

**150**

labs assessed on biosafety requirements

**20**

lab PCR and biosafety & biosecurity trainings conducted

**500**

lab workers reached through webinars



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## Delivering essential supplies and health services for patient care

- 213 oxygen concentrators available for more than 44 frontline hospitals to help patients recover from severe COVID-19 symptoms.
- 350 case management units – patient monitors, ventilators, pulse oxymeters – delivered to hospitals.
- 220 health-care facilities in 12 regions and 300 health workers in managerial positions reached with a mental health and psychological support programme for health-care practitioners, including 114 online training sessions.
- 5 primary health-care centres trained on identifying, referring and managing patients with common mental health conditions.
- 21 primary health-care facilities assessed, and recommendations developed for their COVID-19 primary care response capacity, triage and clinical management, testing, and IPC measures.
- 3 community mental health-care teams provided essential mental health services to 67 people with moderate to severe mental health conditions in Kherson, Zhytomyr and Chernihiv regions.

- 52 participants from 7 penitentiary facilities trained and supervised in the provision of care for people with depression, suicide and self-harm, disorders from substance use, psychosis and other mental health complaints.

## Ensuring continuation of essential health services

- A survey on primary health care during the COVID-19 pandemic conducted in more than 250 health-care facilities.
- 2 rounds of the survey to monitor the enforcement of public health social measures conducted in all regions of Ukraine.
- Support and strategic guidance provided to the Government of Ukraine in planning, assessment, mitigation and response to HIV and TB during COVID-19.

## THE NUMBERS

**7460**

healthcare providers trained on IPC

**5800**

healthcare workers reached with clinical management trainings

**300**

hand hygiene stations

**213**

oxygen concentrators

**350**

case management units delivered to hospitals (patient monitors, ventilators, pulse oxymeters)

**400**

IT solution items for EPI surveillance procured



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### Scaling up testing capacity and supporting national laboratories

- Online and on-site training on COVID-19 testing, laboratory biosafety and biosecurity held for more than 500 laboratory specialists.
- Supplies delivered to speed up and scale up testing capacity in 28 COVID-19 laboratories across the country, enabling testing to increase from 300 tests to more than 50 000 per day.
- 9860 packs of consumable goods and PCR kits for quality-assured testing delivered.
- 700 samples of laboratory supplies for sequencing procured to cover the needs of the Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics.
- 17 laboratories involved in COVID-19 PCR testing were assessed on basic quality and biosafety requirements.

### Improving data collection and reporting

- 200 epidemiologists and assistant epidemiologists trained and COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing piloted in the two regions of Chernivtsi and Odessa, a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country.
- 400 units of IT solutions procured for EPI surveillance to improve disease control.
- More than 900 people trained on data collection and analysis.

### Increasing public compliance with health measures

- Fourteen waves of a national study conducted to provide insights into public knowledge, risk perceptions, behaviours and trust towards COVID-19 measures. Results were used to develop risk communications actions addressing more than 10 million people's perceptions and behaviours.
  - 27 events in 9 different regions of Ukraine reached over 13 million people through press and social media.
- ### Country-level coordination and preparedness
- An external evaluation of WHO's support on COVID-19 preparedness and response in Ukraine initiated.
  - An e-platform launched to systematically monitor implementation of COVID-19 public health policies across the country.
  - Country preparedness and response plan updated.

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### THE NUMBERS

**300**

frontline healthcare workers from

**220**

health care facilities reached with mental health training

**60 000**

tests per day enabled

**30 660**

sample collection kits

**14**

waves of behavioural insights study conducted



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