

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.



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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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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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