

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

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PROJECT IMPACT
APRIL 2020 - JUNE 2022

Delivering essential equipment and supplies

- **521** medical equipment including **6** ventilators for invasive and a BiPAP device for non-invasive oxygen therapy, **81** patient monitors, **141** oxygen concentrators, **229** pulse oximeters with spare parts distributed
- **10 000** face shields, **10 000** protective goggles, **140 000** respirators, **8000** isolation gowns, and **1 million** examination gloves delivered to keep COVID-19 frontline responders safe
- **100** tablets, **5** laptops, and **5** modems with internet and network support delivered to hygiene and epidemiology centres to support the digitalization of surveillance and contact tracing for COVID-19
- **1** Rotor-Gene - a thermal cycling system for real-time high-precision PCR and **2** GeneXpert Molecular Diagnostic testing system delivered
- **1100** hand hygiene stations, **6500** litres of hand disinfectant, **5000** small hand disinfectants (100ml) along with **5000** retractable belt clips delivered to improve hand hygiene practices among healthcare workers (HCWs)

Capacity building activities

- In total, **7800** healthcare workers, spokespersons, media representatives, and nursing students trained in person and online on COVID-19 response
- **2** new training centres established, one in Barda (conflict-affected region), and one in a tertiary hospital in Baku
- **56** HCWs trained to become trainers on COVID-19 response in two separate on-site sessions at the WHO Collaboration Centre in Türkiye
- **2400** HCWs trained on COVID-19 case management and basic and advanced life support at **6** training centres across the country
- **160** hospital Infection Prevention Control (IPC) committee members from **80** hospitals trained on WHO's core components for IPC
- Launched the Azerbaijan page of the OpenWHO platform
- The number of enrolments on the platform increased tenfold to **18 000** by March 2022

THE NUMBERS

DELIVERED:

7

ventilators and BiPAP

81

patient monitors

141

oxygen concentrators

229

pulse oximeters

17600

hand hygiene supplies

ASSESSED:

35

healthcare facilities

16

laboratories



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- Translated course on Leadership and Programme Management in Infection Prevention and Control, over **2000** HCWs enrolled

- Trained **60** mental health professionals (**32** at Columbia and Queen Margaret Universities) on mental health and psychosocial support

Technical support for COVID-19 response

- IPC capacity assessed in **23** facilities including **16** hospitals, **2** long-term care facilities and **5** primary health care centres

- Establishment and operations of National Working Group on IPC supported

- Case management capacity in **5** hospitals assessed and technical support provided to update the national guidelines on COVID-19 case management

- Oxygen supply network and oxygen use in **7** COVID-19 hospitals assessed

- **3** psychologists and **3** social workers provided mental health and psychosocial support to two of the biggest mental health facilities

- **181** lab technicians trained and **16** laboratories and sample collection sites across the country assessed on quality assurance and biosafety measures

- Based on assessment missions of the COVID-19 response capacity in July 2020 and May 2022, recommendations provided to national health partners

Risk communication

- **5** waves of behavioural insights survey carried out to inform national health partners and to help adapt communications about COVID-19 response measures

- Household survey conducted to assess the disruption of essential health services during pandemic

- **60** media representatives and spokespersons, **150** HCWs and **100** public relations specialists of healthcare facilities trained on COVID-19 infodemic management and risk communication

- **1418** students from **18** medical faculties and nursing schools trained in handwashing and sterile glove use

- **16 000** posters on infection prevention and control measures disseminated to healthcare facilities

THE NUMBERS

TRAINED:

6200

health care workers

1400

medical and nursing students

60

mental health professionals

160

media representatives and spokespersons

DELIVERED:

10 000

face shields

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protective goggles

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