

Coronavirus Disease – COVID 19

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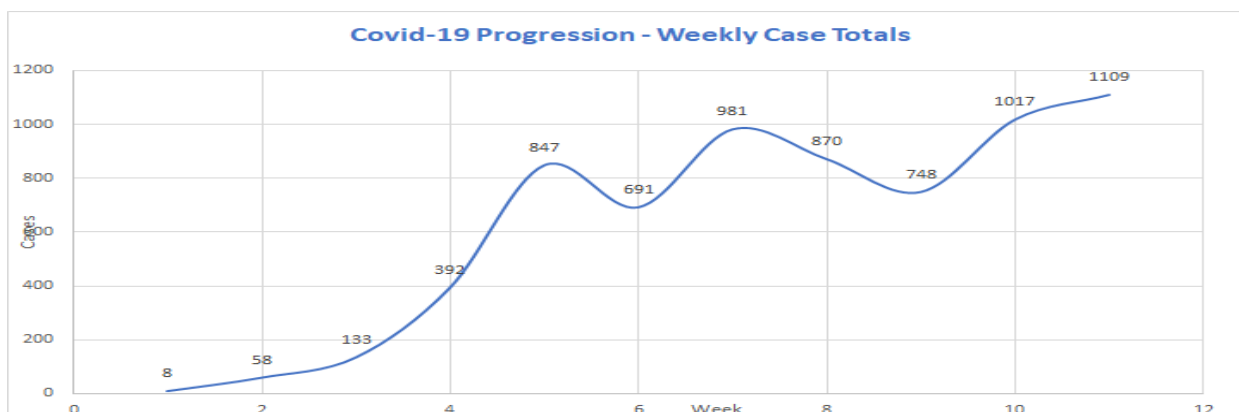
COVID-19 RESPONSE



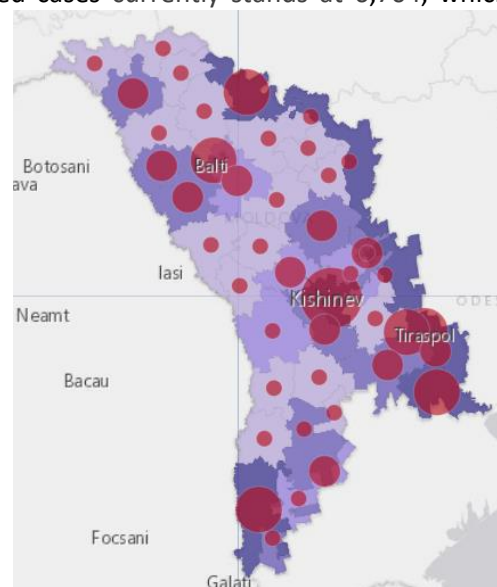
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Highlights – data as reported by national authorities*

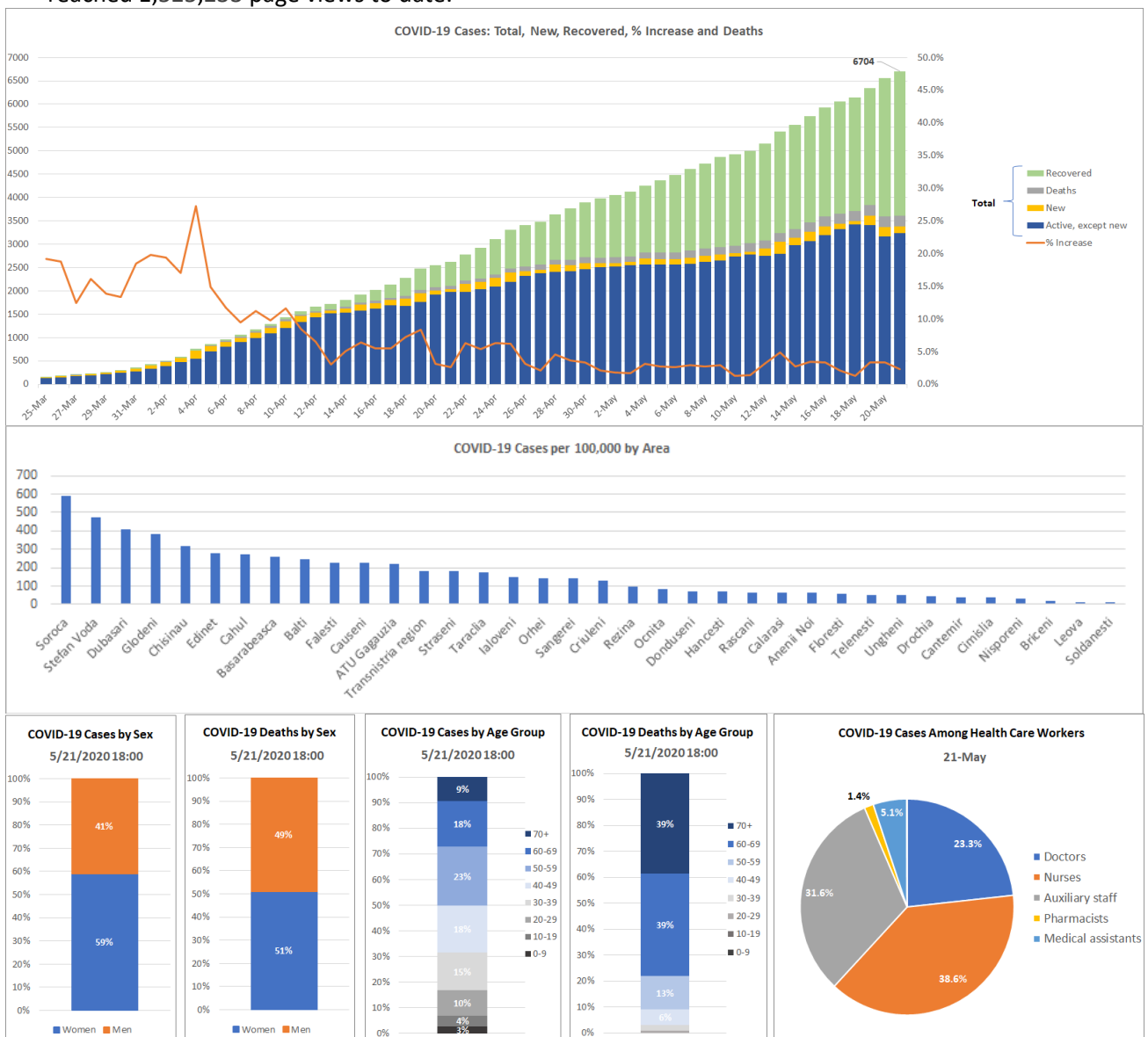
- Yesterday marked the highest global daily infection rate to date with 107,000 cases and 4,300 deaths. In Moldova, the last two weeks have seen the highest consecutive weekly totals (May 9-15 with 1,017 cases and May 16 -21 with 1,109 in six days)
- The total number of deaths continued to grow, reaching 233 today. The case fatality rate currently stands at 3.5%.



- Although lower compared to the previous couple of days, which saw the second and third highest number of new daily cases reported since the beginning of the outbreak (213 on May 20 and 202 on May 19), the number of new cases continued to remain high, with another 151 cases being reported today following the processing of 1,046 tests. The total number of confirmed cases currently stands at 6,704, which represents a 2.3% increase compared to yesterday. The average daily growth rate over the past 7 days stands at 2.7%.
- The share of health care workers in the total number of cases decreased slightly from 25% at the beginning of May to approximately 22% now. Overall, nearly 1,450 doctors, nurses, medical assistants and other staff from the health care sector have been infected with the virus since the beginning of the outbreak.
- Out of the total number of confirmed cases, 3,089 patients have recovered, which represents over 45% of all cases. At the same time, 266 patients are in serious condition. The number of active cases currently stands at 3,382.
- In terms of geographical distribution, Chisinau, with more than 30% of all confirmed cases, remains the most affected area if the number of cases is considered. The Transnistria region accounts for another 13% of all cases. Soroca, ATU



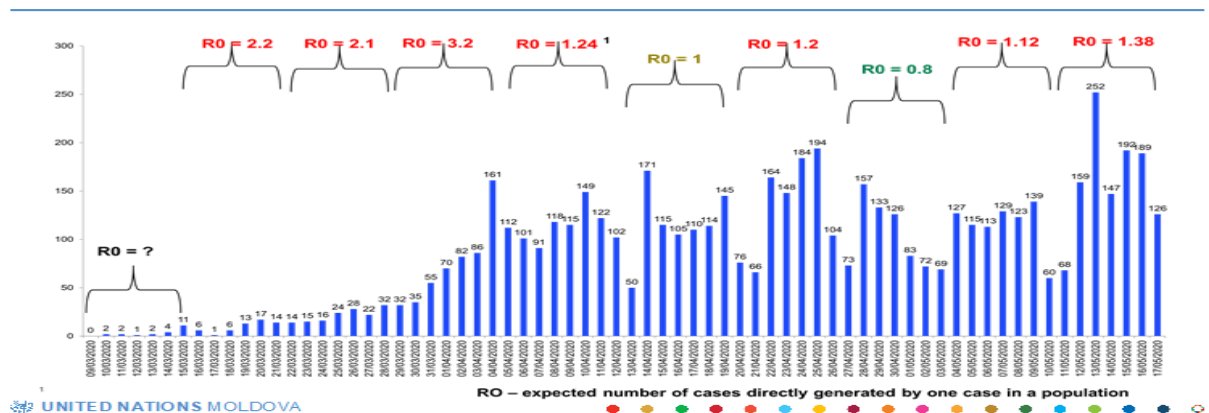
- Gagauzia, Stefan Voda, Cahul and Balti follow in the list of most affected areas, accounting for 4-7% of all cases each. Overall, two in three cases are from the areas mentioned above. If the size of the population is considered, however, Sorooca, Stefan Voda, Dubasari, Glodeni and Chisinau, in the order listed, have been most affected by the disease.
- The distribution of cases by age has remained largely unchanged. Individuals in the 50-59 age group continue to be most affected by the disease, accounting for approximately a quarter of all confirmed cases. Those in the 40-49, 60-69 and 30-39 age groups follow, accounting for 15%-18% of all cases each. If the number of deaths is considered, older adults remain at a much higher risk of being seriously affected by the disease. While only 9% of all confirmed cases are people older than 70, about 40% of deaths from the disease have occurred in this age group. Also, over 3 in 4 deaths have occurred in people over 60, and over 90% of all deaths have been reported in patients 50 years of age and older. The average age of patients who have died from the disease is 66.2.
- More women continue to be infected with the virus than men, 59% vs. 41%, and a slightly higher percentage of women have died from the disease compared to men, 51% vs. 49%. However, the case fatality rate among men is higher than among women, 4.2% vs. 3.0%.
- The number of suspected cases stands at 178, and over 40,000 people are quarantined at home.
- Real time figures and graphs can always be accessed [here](#) in Romanian and in Russian [here](#). This site has reached 1,525,233 page views to date.



Overview of Key Decisions & Announcements

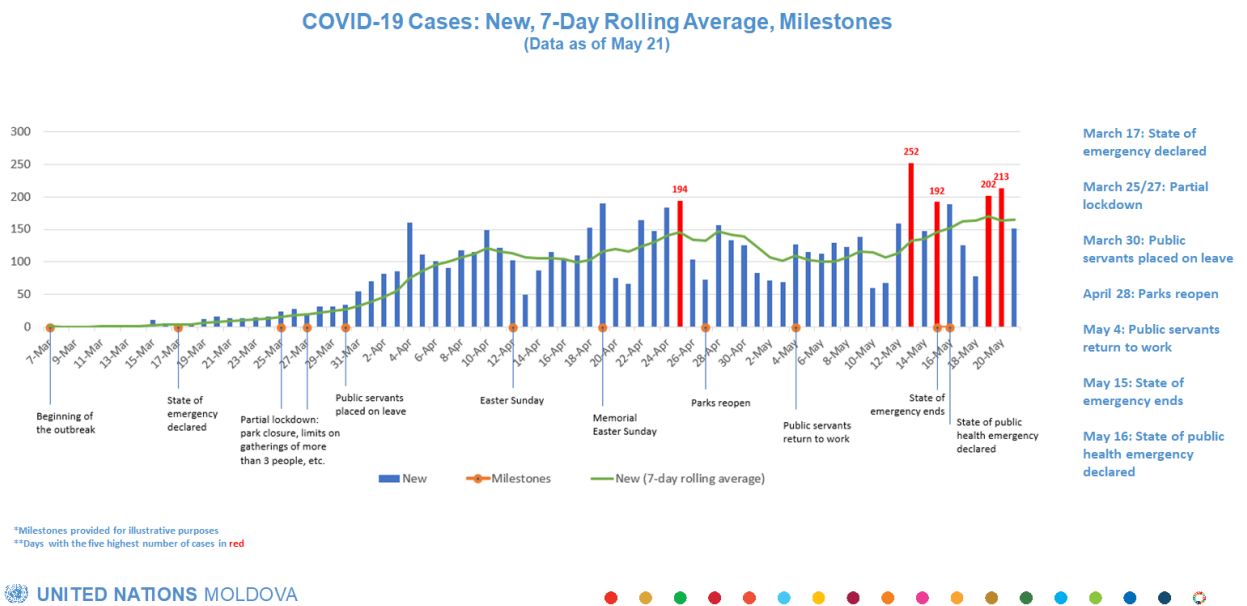
- A National Public Health Emergency has been declared from 16 May to 30 June, this follows on from the expiration of the National State of Emergency on 15 May. The government will continue to remain at **Red Code Alert** which is defined as “imminent risk of triggering a public health emergency (activation level 3), which includes public health events with major risk (national and/or international with high transmission potential) affecting population health and it requires, first and foremost, concomitant measures of control, surveillance and information.” As stated by the government: “The end of the state of emergency does not mean lifting the restrictions imposed in the process of managing the epidemic and the authorities demand strict observance of social distance and health hygiene by every person. If the statistics of confirmed cases show increases, the authorities will impose further restrictions.
- The last two weeks have seen the highest consecutive weekly totals of confirmed cases (May 9-15 with 1,017 cases and May 16 -21 with 1,109 in six days).

COVID-19 contagious rates (RO) by weeks



- The Office of the Resident Coordinator is working to finalise the UN Moldova Covid-19 Socio-Economic Response and Recovery Plan which we hope to be able to consult and share with partners shortly.

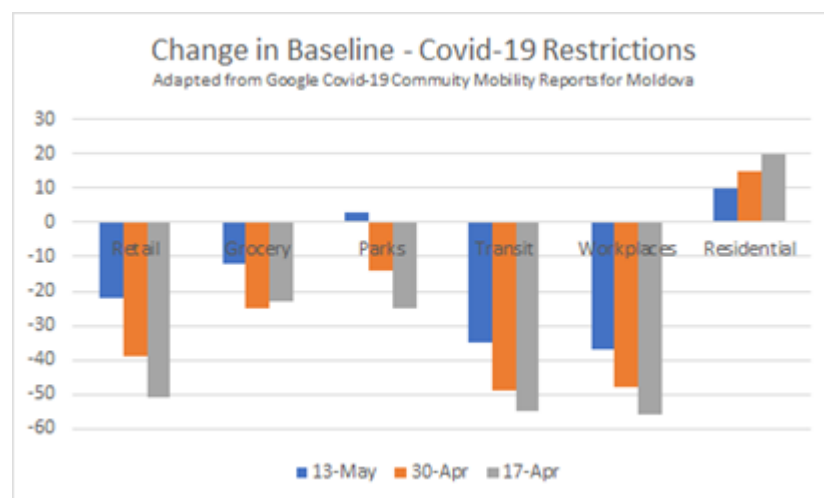
Update on Restrictions*



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- The National Public Health Emergency Committee issued Decision Number 11: note the below is for information and guidance only, the exact measures can be found [here](#). There must be strict observance of the following measures:
 - Social distance of at least one meter, except for the cases when, under special provisions, the observance of a larger distance between people is established or in the case of the rules of carrying people in public transport;
 - observance of the rules of hand hygiene;
 - observance of the rules of respiratory hygiene;
 - wearing of masks in public transport, commercial spaces and closed public spaces, in the situation when the social/physical distance cannot be observed. The mask must cover both the mouth and the nose.
- Ensuring the protection of the staff which carries out the transport routes, through: (1) protection equipment (masks, gloves); (2) disinfectants (for hands and surfaces); (3) daily sorting of the staff employed at the beginning of the work shift (measuring the body temperature, health condition).
 - Limiting of the number of people in the railway and road transport in the district, inter-district traffic proportionally to the number of chairs available in the transport means and for the road transport in urban traffic – within the limit of 60% of the embarking capacity;
 - Mandatory wearing of the protection masks by passengers;
- Additionally, to the provisions of the point 1, the retail trade units will ensure the strict observance of the following measures:
 - Social distance of at least one meter and eased access inside;
 - Supply with disinfectants for hands at the entrance;
 - Access of visitors with masks in closed space;
- The stay in public places (woods, parks, alleys, beaches, etc.) in groups with more than 3 people is banned till 30 June 2020, with possibility of extending the term of the prohibition, depending on the epidemiological situation. The observance of the social/physical distance of one meter remains compulsory, no matter the number of people present in public places;

- The stay of people older than 63 years outside the home and in public places without urgent need is banned till 30 June 2020, with possibility to prolong the interdiction term, depending on the epidemiological situation.
- Stay of people on playgrounds, sports fields and leisure areas is prohibited till 30 June 2020, with the possibility of extending the interdiction, depending on the epidemiological situation.
- The organization and carrying out of all activities/sports and cultural competitions, as well as other measures/events in closed spaces/buildings is banned till 30 June 2020.
- The work of the entertainment, leisure units, sports halls, sports centres, swimming pools, theatres, movie theatres, concert halls, museums and other units for entertainment and leisure is banned till 30 June 2020.
- The education process is suspended in the general education institutions, vocational and higher education institutions (for private and public institutions) till 30 June 2020, with possibility to extend the term of ban, depending on the epidemiological situation.
- The ceasing of the work of the commercial markets from Chisinau and Balti is maintained till 31 May 2020.
- The Commission maintains until 30 June 2020, the ceasing of the commercial centres nationally, with the ensuring of the normal work of the units for the sale of food products and pharmaceutical products, placed at their headquarters.
- We can see a rapid return to baseline in Chisinau over the course of the last month, e.g. a reduction in residential areas and a steady increase in commercial and communal areas. This has Chisinau on track to return to normal level of community movement, however if this is not accompanied by social distancing and appropriate hygiene practices it could lead to increasing cases as we are currently seeing.



Political Situation

- On 12 May, deputies from the Moldovan parliament and the Gagauz regional legislature, who are members of a working group on Gagauzia, held an informal on-line meeting. They discussed the priorities for the current year, a long-term strategy, and a communication strategy. The participants decided to reconvene these meetings on a more regular basis. The joint working group was set up to codify the competencies of the Gagauz autonomy in Moldova's legislation per the 1994 Moldovan law on Gagauzia's special legal status but has not met in a number of months. In 2018, they drafted three bills that were introduced into Parliament that would have clarified the autonomy status. Two of the bills were passed by Parliament but were later vetoed by the President. The third law never made it out of Parliament. The three bills were returned to Parliament and then to the working group for review. To date, there has been no further progress on the three bills. Hopefully, with the working group now meeting there might

be some new progress, but given the challenging dynamics developing ahead of the Presidential election, it is unlikely.

- On Monday, the Moldovan authorities said they were scrapping the concession agreement for Chisinau international airport and moving to take it back into state ownership. The Prime Minister stated that the government had started the procedure of declaring the concession holder, Avia Invest, insolvent, which would mean the cancellation of the agreement. The main airport in the country was rented in a concession in 2013 for 49 years to Avia Invest, largely owned by a Cyprus-based Russian business who is seen as a front for the fugitive tycoon and politician Ilan Shor. Avia Invest for its side has rejected the government's interpretation of the facts and has condemned the entire process of forced bankruptcy.
- On Monday, the Prosecutor General (PG) announced that Vlad Plahotniuc, the former leader of the Democratic Party, had illegally received USD100 million dollars from the banking system. He added that Plahotniuc was helped in this action by a group of companies belonging to Ilan Shor, the leader of the Sor Party, which is in opposition in the Moldovan parliament. They also stated that Veaceslav Platon's case, who was convicted in connection to the theft, was based on intentionally misleading statements and incorrect interpretations of facts, which were based on Sor's accusations. As a result, the PG said, Platon was sentenced in an illegal manner and is being illegally detained. The prosecutor's office will initiate a procedure to revise his sentence and will insist on the equitable examination of the case, with a guarantee for all of his procedural rights, which he was deprived of previously.
- Two more deputies have left the Democratic Party and joined Pro Moldova. The head of Democratic Party has said that the Democratic Party is the subject of an intense attack from abroad, implying that the former head of the party, Plahotniuc, was behind the moves. The Democrats now have 15 M.P.s left in Parliament and the Socialist/Democratic ruling coalition now has 52 M.P.s.
- The Socialist Party has asked the Constitutional Court to rule on whether early legislative elections and presidential elections can be held on the same day. The party has said that a Court decision on December 2015 says that if no cabinet is appointed in the last six months of the President's term, the head of state can dissolve parliament and call early legislative elections.
- WatchDog.MD and CBS Research conducted a survey from May 5-11 that 60 percent of respondents have not yet decided for whom they wanted to vote for or whether they even wanted to vote in the presidential election. Of those that have decided, 14.3 percent would support Igor Dodon, followed by Maia Sandu (11.8 percent), Our Party head Renato Usatii (3.7 percent), PCRM head Vladimir Voronin (2.5 percent), and Andrei Nastase (2.5 percent). With regard to parties in a parliamentary election, about 10.7 percent said they would support the Socialists, followed by PAS (10.5 percent), Democrats (4.1 percent), Our Party (2.2 percent), and PPDA (2.2 percent). About 46.1 percent said they have not decided which party to support and 18 percent said they would not support anyone. Of those who have decided, the Socialists would get 29.8 percent, followed by PAS (29.2 percent), Democrats (11.4 percent), Our Party (6.1 percent), PPDA (6.1 percent), and Communists (5.3 percent).
- The Head of OSCE Mission spoke with the Deputy Prime Minister for Reintegration about the situation in the Security Zone. During the current Covid crisis, Chisinau has requested on several occasions the assistance of the OSCE Mission to monitor the Security Zone and address incidents. Since mid-March, the Mission has noted 18 additional posts were set up by the de facto authorities in connection with the state of emergency that was imposed by the de facto leader. The OSCE feels that it is of utmost importance that the restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 are lifted once the pandemic is under control and any additional posts and patrols should be dismantled. The OSCE also believes a return to direct constructive dialogue between the Sides without mutual accusations is imperative.
- On 20 May, the Ukrainian Government ordered 66 checkpoints on the border with the European Union and Moldova to resume work. The checkpoints on the border with Russia and Belarus will remain closed in light of the epidemiological situation.
- The Socialist Party has proposed a law to remove an element from article 123 of the Electoral Code that bans a President from being a party member before his mandate is validated by the Constitutional Court. Currently, a president is not allowed to officially be a member of a party. The legislative legal, appointments, and immunities committee approved the report on the law on 20 May.

- The Constitutional Court has rejected a request from the former head of the court that his dismissal be reexamined and that the appointment of Domnica Manole as a replacement on 23 April, 2020 be revised.

Security:

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Transnistria Region:

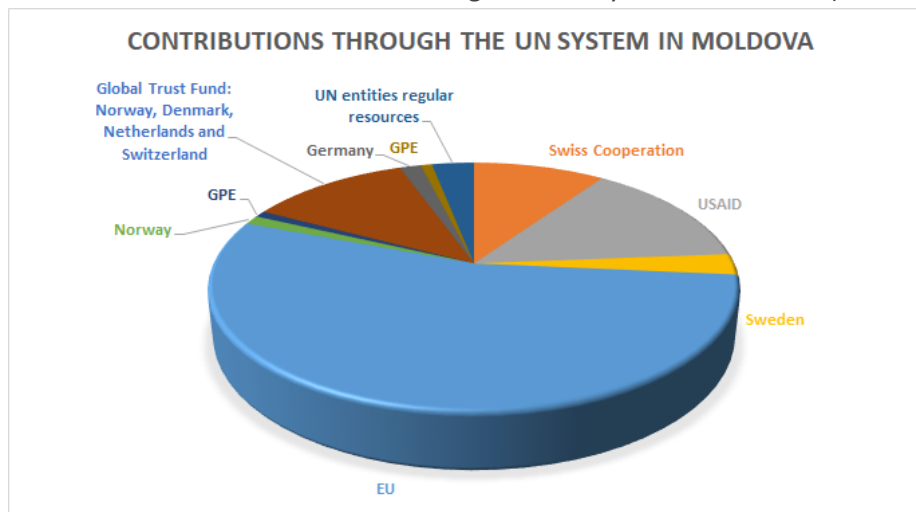
- As of 20 May, according to left bank sources, 833 cases of Covid-19 infected patients were registered on the left bank, out of 5'737 tests performed in local laboratories. 418 patients have recovered, and 34 deaths were registered. Most of the patients who died had other serious underlying health issues. These quoted numbers are slightly different from Moldovan government sources. The state of emergency in the region is in place until 1 June. However, markets and public places are open for customers, while respecting the sanitary and healthcare norms that have been put in place during the pandemic. Starting from 25 May, public services, such as notary bureaus, real estate agencies, transport registration offices, and passport and ID offices will be opened. Public transportation will be available but only for medical personnel.

Economic Update:

- NTR

Aid Coordination

- The UN, with the leadership of WHO, has launched an online [COVID-19 Supply Portal](#) to facilitate procurement of PPEs and medical equipment. Requests in the portal can be made by UN entities and recipient governments. This new facility will allow quality control, time saving and coordinated efforts of the UN System.
- Current status of Covid-19 contributions to through the UN System in Moldova (total: \$8,509,097)



**additional contributions are being discussed, particularly for the MLD 2030 Trust Fund COVID window.*

Development Partners who are supporting the Covid-19 response are invited to share information about their bilateral support with the Center asistenta.covid19@gov.md. The UN will continue to work in close cooperation with the Center in order to avoid duplication of efforts. Focal person in RCO: laura.fiorotto@un.org and christine.petre@un.org

WHO Partnership Platform <https://covid-19-response.org/> All partners are invited to participate so that contributions can be mapped and the requirements kept up to date.

Response of UN System in Moldova

Procurement support and equipment

- UNICEF allocated funds to procure PPE in an amount of around \$215,000 (MDL 3.8M) including procurement of 100,000 surgical masks, 50,000 masks FFP2/N95, 20,000 face shields and 500,000 gloves as part of UN SG support to Strengthening the National Response to Covid-19 Crises.
- UNICEF, as part of the USAID supported intervention, procured WASH supplies as follows:
 - worth \$2,500 (MDL 45K) to the National Penitentiary Administration, to prevent Covid-19 spread in the penitentiary institutions, including the facilities where children in conflict with the law, as well as women with young children are detained.
 - worth \$28,500 (MDL 500K) to the Institute of mother and child, as part of the USAID supported intervention. The supplies will cover the needs of medical professionals, pregnant women, mothers and newborns.
 - worth 82K USD (MDL 1.4M) to be distributed to the health centers nationally next week.
- UNICEF initiated the procurement under the GPE Catalytic fund of IT devices in an amount of \$45,000 (MDL 787K) to be provided to schools for distance learning.
- The UNDP order for ventilators could encounter small delays, given that the ventilators contain lithium batteries - the freight forwarder had to get certificates and additional documentation. Based on this they had to verify the options as some airlines do not accept lithium batteries. This is now in place and they are currently awaiting the booking confirmation ex China to Amsterdam.
- The preliminary UNDP order for medical devices was placed for:
 - Medical Device - Monitor system (C-50 Multi parameter Patient Monitor)
 - Medical Device - Electrocardiogram (ECG ie 300)
 - Medical Device - Defibrillator (S8 Defibrillator/Monitor)
 - Medical Device - Oximeter (Oximeter SP 20)
 - Medical Device - Infusion pump
 - Medical Device - Injection pump

The order is awaiting endorsement from the Regional Procurement Advisor and migration and confirmation on the new platform Corporate Covid-19 Procurement Response (CCPR).

Assessment and Data

- As elderly constitute a high-risk group for the Covid-19, the National Bureau of Statistics has released data on the concentration of elderly across the Republic of Moldova. The maps present the data of several age groups and is part of an effort by the authorities to support those most vulnerable. For more information, see [NBS press release](#).
- Needs Assessment of the Health System in Moldova to respond to the Covid-19 crisis (RCO-WHO)
- Rapid assessment of front line workers needs in non-health related public agencies (police, border police, penitentiaries, Transnistria Region) (RCO, IOM, UNODC, WHO)
- Rapid assessment for organizations supporting vulnerable people - NGOs HR task force (OHCHR)
- Assessment of the Covid- 19 crisis on women (UNWOMEN)
- Rapid assessment of women's needs, affected by gender-based violence and of the systemic response to cases of violence (UNWOMEN)
- Assessment of the impact of Covid-19 on education (UNICEF)
- Rapid assessment for organizations supporting people with HIV (UNAIDS)
- Social Economic Impact Assessment (UNDP leading and in collaboration with the UNCT)
- Moldovan's economic vulnerabilities to the consequences to the coronavirus pandemic (RCO)
- The impact of Covid-19 on unemployment, MSEs and agriculture. (RCO)
- Survey to evaluate the impact of Covid-19 on social cohesion (RCO)
- Assessment of the Covid-19 crisis policy responses in Moldova. Effects and needs for further inclusive recovery (ILO, late 2020)
- Implications of Covid-19 on intergenerational economy (UNFPA)

- Implications of Covid-19 on older people (UNFPA)
- Assessment of impact of Covid-19 on refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless people (UNHCR)
- UNDP continues to support the PM office with analysis of available big data to inform Covid-19 related decisions; next steps in this work is to develop a dashboard with access for the CPA to include several services and indicators related to human mobility and Covid-19 spread in Moldova.
- UNDP will collect additional thick data (through micro narratives) on perceptions of people around the impact of Covid-19 on their livelihoods and communities. Such georeferenced thick data will be analyzed in triangulation with admin statistics and available big data.

Socio-Economic Support

- UNICEF supports the convening of a Covid-19 related working group consisting of representatives of the MHLSP and NGOs active in child protection. The findings and recommendations of a rapid assessment on Covid-19 related challenges faced by social workers, families and children at community level, initiated under the WG, will become available by the end of May 2020.
- The Socio-Economic Task force was held yesterday with the participation of the National Statistics Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce. Both entities gave an overview of their plans to assess and address Covid-19 impact. NBS noted the collaboration with UNDP and the World Bank on the ad-hoc module to the Household Budget Survey and the Labor Force Survey.
- UNDP has initiated the work on the socio-economic impact assessment.
- UNDP developed a blog on the contribution of the private sector to fighting Covid-19 pandemics in Moldova. It includes several lessons learned from our experience in collaborative innovation work with corporate citizens and SMEs, as well as includes several areas of new opportunities to spur collaboration with the private sector in Moldova. UNDP is planning in the upcoming 2-3 weeks to ignite dialogues with the private sector around the post-Covid-19 emerging opportunities and new business models.

Education and youth

- [MoHLSP](#) has highlighted the result of a recent WHO (Regional Office for Europe) report on adolescent health and well-being with extensive data (2014-2018) on the physical health, social relationships and mental well-being of 227,441 pupils aged 11, 13 and 15 years old, from 45 countries, including the Republic of Moldova. According to the report, school bullying in the Republic of Moldova is more common than in most of the other countries with students reporting that 16% were harassed at school at least twice in the last two months of 2018, compared to 11% in 2014.
- UNICEF conducted the training of 70 TOTs based on the first regional “LearnIn” webinar on how to support students’ learning during Covid-19 lockdown. That was done based on the Emergency Teacher Manual that was developed as part of the LearnIn initiative in collaboration with the participants and based on their needs to guide teachers’ actions during Covid-19 pandemic. The participants learnt how to support meaningful learning out of school, create learning opportunities at home, use tools and strategies to support learners out of school.
- With UNICEF support, the national task force for LearnIn participated in the second regional webinar on pedagogy “Welcoming students back to school in time of uncertainty” focusing on the actions and coherent approaches schools and teachers can take to support students’ learning and progress when returning to school. The participants could learn about how to understand learners’ situation after lockdown, ensure learner participation back in school, use students’ experiences as a starting point for learning, support transitioning from home to school environments, use tools and strategies to initiate learning in school.
- With UNICEF support, 8,796 educators and preschool managers (73.5%) were trained online on positive parenting during pandemics and recovery periods. The remaining 440 early education professionals (26.5%) will be trained by mid-June.
- UNFPA, in collaboration with the MoECR, continues implementation of the psychological assistance program for youth in the context of Covid-19 - ["My choice is to be OK"](#). In total 11 live stream sessions were organized so far (9 in RO & 2 in RU). *Young people were guided about techniques in coping with*

stress during the lockdown period, how to maintain good relations with friends and family members, prevention of cyber-bullying and ensuring online safety, access to youth-friendly health services, how to cope with anxiety during exams period and manage the negative feelings caused by Matura exam cancelation. Young people were consulted for the subjects to be discussed for the next sessions. To reach more young people and teachers, the recorded sessions are disseminated through learning platforms www.studii.md & www.educatieonline.md.

- [Six short video messages](#) (from a total 24 planned) were developed by UNFPA with key recommendations from psychologists to support the mental health and well-being of young people during the Covid-19 outbreak.

Gender

- UN Women Moldova and Sweden supported an online round table session under the generic [#DemocracyTalks: 'Women's leadership in pandemic context: a perspective of women leaders at local level'](#) on 15 May, during which more than 50 women leaders from across the country discussed a gender-focused response to the COVID-19 crisis and shared the experiences on combating immediate and long-term effects of the pandemic at the grassroots level. The roundtable provided a space for women leaders to deliver their key strategies, concerns and experience, recalling their critical role as front liners in the crisis. A narrative of the experiences and challenges women leaders are dealing with at the local level will be developed.
- Informative materials for people with disabilities (in audio and in easy-read format) in Romanian and Russian about maintaining mental health, developing harmonious relationships and overcoming tensions in families, especially during crisis situations, such as the pandemic situation of COVID-19 is at final stage to be developed.
- The draft briefs on Care crisis during COVID-19 and Transition to work during the pandemic were developed by UN Women, in partnership with Center Partnership for Development and CBS-Axa, based on the needs assessment exercise conducted on a sample of 1,003 people from across the country.
- UN Women, in partnership with IFIS, launched on-line psychological counselling services and the short video on how to overcome crisis situations was posted on the UN [Women Facebook](#) page. The series live sessions will be launched next week.
- UN Women organized in partnership with the Information and Documentation Centre on NATO from Moldova the online session ['COVID-19 and gender perspective: impacts on the Agenda Women, Peace and Security'](#) on 14 May.
- UN Women was part of the online seminar "Reconciling family and professional life in the context of COVID-19" organized jointly by the State University of Moldova, MoHLSP, Platform for Gender Equality and Gender-Centru in the context of the International Day of Families, on 15 May.
- On 22 May, the UN Women will hold a Virtual dialogue with heads of National Women's/Gender Equality Machineries from Eastern Partnership and Central Asia countries, led by Åsa Regnér, Assistant Secretary General and UN Women Deputy Executive Director, Alia El-Yassir, UN Women Regional Director for ECA and UN Women heads of offices. The Republic of Moldova will be represented by Ms. Djulieta Popescu, the State Secretary and Ms Lilia Pasal, Head of Department of equal opportunities between women and men.

Human Rights

- OHCHR published its 5th policy paper, this time devoted to Older Persons and COVID-19. It will be shared with relevant authorities and follow-up meetings will be initiated.
- OHCHR held its first formal meeting of the NGO Task Force on Human Rights and COVID-19, during which it was agreed that 12 sub-working groups would be established on thematic issues such as right to health and right to education, and rights of vulnerable groups including ethno linguistic minorities, older persons, and persons with disabilities among others. In the sub-working groups NGOs will exchange best practices that they identified in continuing to conduct their activities, will discuss human rights concerns that they

identified and agree on any joint advocacy strategies. OHCHR will aim at facilitating the NGOs interaction with relevant authorities.

Communications

- UNFPA in partnership with the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection released a new video interview with Victoria Ciubotari, Coordinator of the *National Program on sexual and reproductive health and rights*, focusing on continuous access to contraception for vulnerable groups and options to ensure family planning services during COVID pandemic. The video was published on MoHealth [Facebook](#) page, UNFPA [page](#) & promoted in social media communities (Ask a Mom, Dear Women) and gathered more than 70,000 views.
- UNFPA produced and disseminated a [human interest story](#) on the occasion of International Family Day (15 May), promoting the message about the importance of equal involvement of men and women for a healthy and strong family, including in the context of COVID outbreak. The story was also reflected in the media: [Suntparinte.md](#), [Jurnal.md](#) & [Stiri.md](#)
- UNFPA published an Op-ed signed by the Regional Director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia: [Older people's rights and dignity must be protected amid COVID-19 pandemic](#). It was published by [Moldova.org](#) media portal and [Ziarul de Garda](#) newspaper (print and website).
- New [video](#) for young people under “[My Choice is to be OK](#)” mental health programme released. Psychologist Sergiu Toma explains in [Russian language](#) how to maintain healthy friendship relationships during COVID and beyond.
- UNFPA and UN Women continue to run the [#MenEngage initiative](#), promoting positive examples of men/fathers/partners actively involved at home during COVID outbreak. The campaign was reflected in the media by Prime TV/[Prime Stiri](#) (Min.43), [Publika TV](#) & [Canal 2 TV](#)
- UNICEF produced and disseminated a number of communication materials related to WASH supplies distribution as part of an USAID supported project:
 - The press release on the procurement of WASH supplies worth MDL 45K to the National Penitentiary Administration, taken by 16 online media outlets, broadcast and news agencies, including but not limited to [point.md](#), [tv8.md](#), [realitate.md](#), [tvr Moldova](#), [curentul.md](#).
 - The photo gallery on the distribution of WASH supplies to the National Penitentiary Administration [shared](#) on social media reached more than 100K and engaged more than 3.3K.
 - UNICEF produced a social media post on the distribution of WASH supplies for women victims of domestic violence in the transnistrian region.
- UNICEF [interviewed](#) three young U-report Ambassadors about their experiences during the isolation period and how they cope with the pressure.
- UNICEF continues to support the RCCE in developing key messages, as well as planning and implementing a communication for behavior change campaign during the next stages of COVID-19 response and following the declaration of a state of public health emergency. As part of the communication for behavior change campaign, UNICEF is currently supporting the production of six videos and 10 posters (several thousands copies each), to be distributed via the major TV stations and to the mayors offices all over the country respectively.
- UNDP, in partnership with People's Advocate Office and National Anticorruption Centre, produced a video (in Russian) and several illustrations as part of its joint campaign to promote whistleblower mechanism among health professionals. The Romanian version of the video, launched earlier, reached out to 50K persons.
- UNDP published a press-release on 20 May, on [COVID-19 crisis on human development](#). According to an estimation of UNDP, human development, which can be measured as a combination of the world's education, health and living standards – could decline this year for the first time since the concept was introduced in 1990.
- UNDP published on 21 May, a [press-release on delivery of toys for children](#) being treated for COVID-19 in hospitals from both banks of the Nistru river. The toys were crafted by EduJoc workshop, the one that

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- produced visors for doctors, thanks to European Union's support, offered through the EU Confidence Building Measures Programme, implemented by UNDP.
 - UN Women produced a new video about the local producers of PPEs: [In the COVID-19 response UN Women Moldova and Sweden support local businesses run by women.](#)