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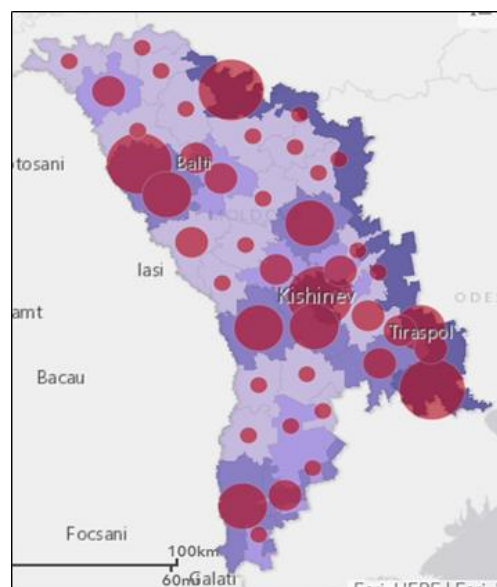
## Coronavirus Disease – Covid 19 Situation Report No. 8 (14 April 2020)

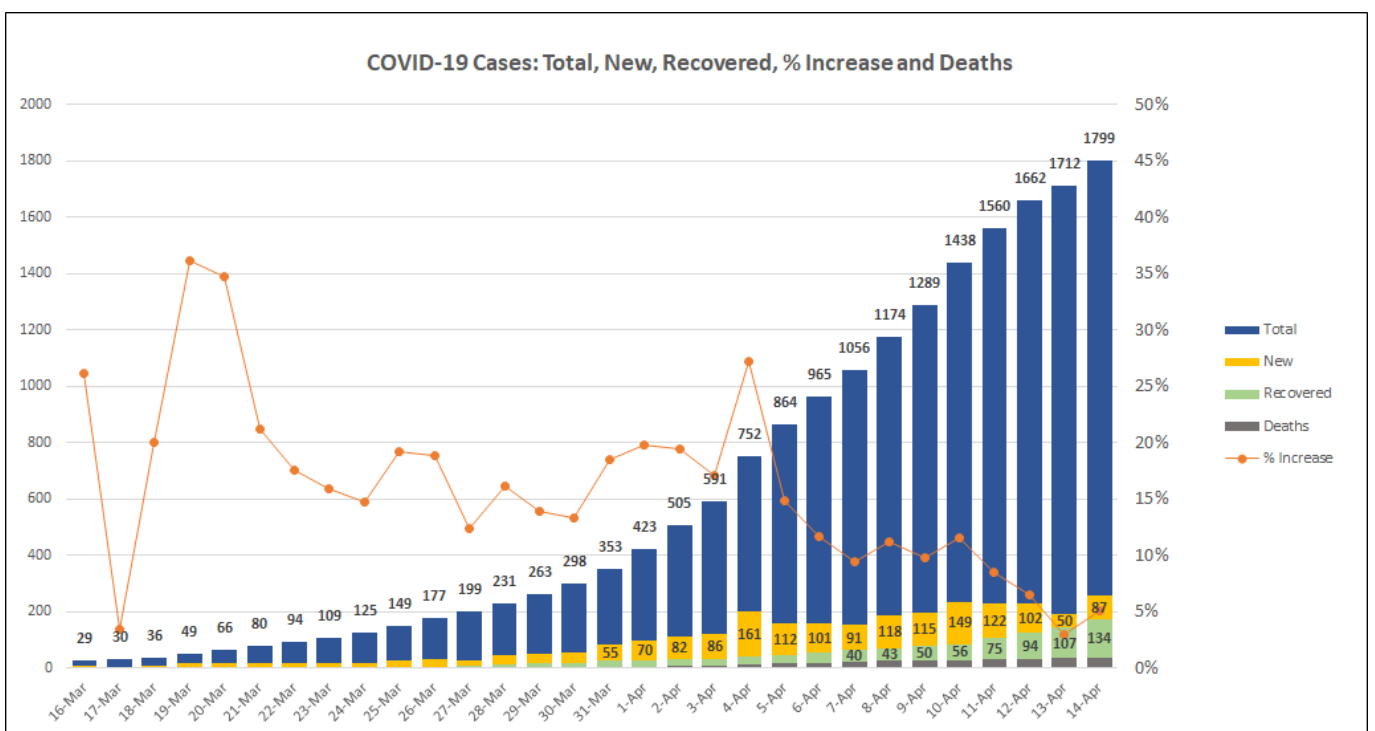
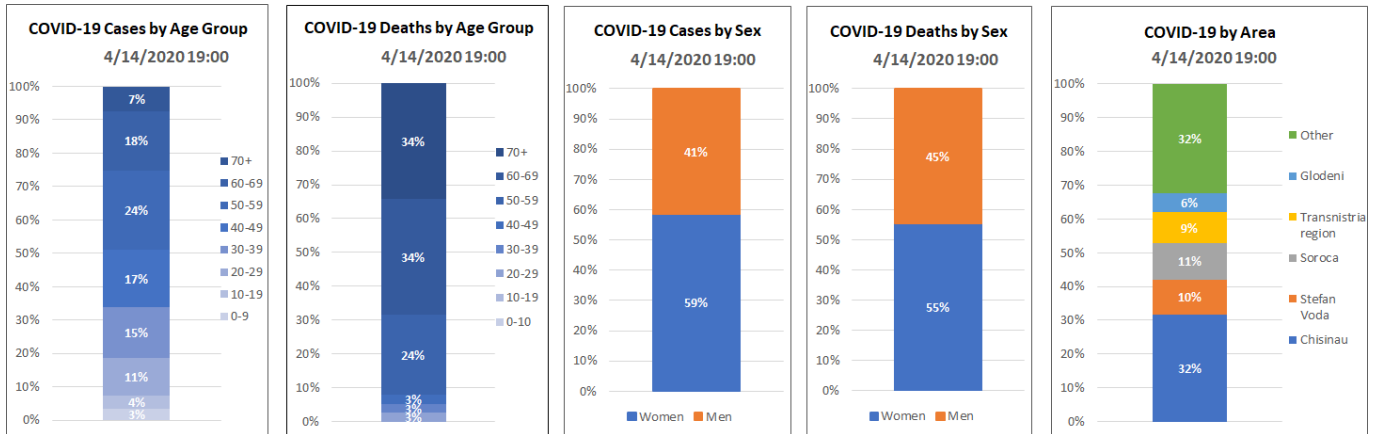


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## Highlights – data as reported by national authorities\*

- Another 87 new Covid-19 cases have been reported today after the processing of 465 tests, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 1,799. This represents a 5.1% increase compared to yesterday. The daily growth rate of confirmed cases has slowed down over the past few days, reaching an all-time low of 3% since the beginning of the outbreak yesterday. The average daily growth rate over the past 7 days represents 7.9%.
- Since the last report, 9 more coronavirus-related deaths have been officially reported, out of which 2 today, bringing the total number of deaths to 38. Hence, the case fatality rate currently stands at 2.1%. Two additional cases have been confirmed (2030hrs and are not included in the below graphs)
- Health care workers continue to represent approximately one in four cases.
- Out of the total number of confirmed cases, 134 patients have recovered. At the same time, 188 patients are in serious condition.
- In terms of geographical distribution, Chisinau, with over 30% of all confirmed cases, remains the most affected area in the country, followed by Soroca and Stefan Voda, which account for approximately 10% of all cases each. Transnistria region and Glodeni have surpassed the 100-case mark since the last report, registering 161 and 104 cases or approximately 9% and 6% of all cases, respectively. Taken together, these five areas account for 68% of all cases. All other areas have fewer than 100 cases each and account for the remaining 32% of confirmed cases.
- If the number of cases is considered, individuals in the 50-59 age group continue to be most affected by the disease, followed by those in the 60-69, 40-49 and 30-39 age groups. Children, adolescents and adults over 70 years of age continue to be the least directly affected groups. If the number of deaths is considered, however, older adults have been disproportionately affected by the disease. Approximately 90% of all deaths have been reported in patients over 50, nearly 70% have been reported in patients over 60, and about 35% have been reported in patients over 70 years of age.
- More women continue to be infected with the virus than men, 59% vs. 41%. More women have also died from the virus compared to men, 55% vs. 45%. However, the case fatality rate among men is slightly higher than among women at the moment.
- The number of suspected cases stands at 136, and over 39,000 people are quarantined at home.
- Real time figures and graphs can always be accessed [here](#).





## Overview of Key Decisions & Announcements

- While we have seen some decrease in the % per day number of cases, which is a very positive sign - we cannot be complacent - additional analysis of the data and methodology is required
- The Aid Coordination Centre in the State Chancellery is now functional. Normal mechanisms remain in place for ODA through the Ministry of Finance, including all negotiations and coordination with International Financial Institutions.
- WHO has updated the advice on the use of masks in the context of Covid-19, which can be found [here](#).
- RC and WHO held a round table with the US Ambassador and private sector business associations to discuss possible contributions and local production
- The UN System in Moldova has opened a [Covid-19 Response and Recovery Window](#) in an already operational Multi-Donor Trust Fund

## Update on Restrictions\*

\*these are subject to changes and amendment and should be viewed as an overview and not as a definitive source for decision making

- The days of April 21 - April 24, 2020 are declared days off for all units in the budgetary sector and public institutions/authorities in self-management, except:
  - medical-sanitary, public health and ancillary services for public health institutions, rescue, emergency and social assistance services;
  - administrative authorities in the field of national defense, public order and national security;
  - educational institutions of all levels (early education, primary, secondary, professional, technical, higher education, extracurricular and special education), which will ensure continued distance learning.
- The recovery of these days will be carried out in the manner established by the Government, after the lifting of the state of emergency.
- The days of April 21 - April 24, 2020 are included in the table of records of working time and salary calculation for April, as working days.
- The heads of the units in the budget sector and the heads of the institutions/local authorities, between April 21 and April 24, will attract the personnel strictly necessary to ensure the functionality of the processes, including from a distance.
- The day of April 27, 2020 is declared a working day, and the day of June 08, 2020 is declared a day off.
- Annex no. 3 to the Provision no. 10 of March 31, 2020 of the Commission for Exceptional Situations of the Republic of Moldova shall be supplemented by points 5 and 6, with the following content:
  - Exceptions to this procedure are taxi, private and business routes, which carry a limited number of people on board.
  - The Civil Aeronautical Authority shall submit for approval the National Commission for Exceptional Situations the requests for additional specific charter flights.
- The quarantine regime in the city of Glodeni is introduced, from April 14, 2020, at 8:00 am.

### Security:

- NTR

### Transnistria Region:

- The latest statistics from the Transnistria Region, as highlighted in the media, is as follows: 140 confirmed cases in the Transnistria Region; 122 of those are being treated in the Slobodzeya Hospital, one patient has recovered, one is in a Chisinau hospital, and seven people have died.
- The shortage of personnel and the lack of respirators are two problems that were highlighted in a recent meeting between the heads of all medical institutions and the de facto leader.
- The de facto Ministry of the Interior, in its summary report, informed the TN de facto leader about a decrease in crime rates in the region as a whole by 5% compared to the first quarter of last year, and by 9%, if compared to March 2020 with this month of 2019. Noticeably - by 40% - the number of especially serious crimes decreased, whilst the number of thefts decreased by a third.

### Economic Impact:

- According to NBS, the annual rate of inflation in March constituted 5.94% which stays within the NBM target corridor (3.5-6.5%). During Q1 2020 consumer prices grew by 0.70 percent being affected by the increase in food products (by 1.71%) and services provided to the population (by 0.79%). Amongst food prices the biggest increase was on the account of fruits and vegetables (prices increased by 12.5% and 10.8% respectively), while prices for non-food items and services were characterized by increase in prices for liquified gas (+4%), automobiles (+3.3%), public transportation (+25%), mandatory automobile insurance (+9.4%) and kindergarten fees (by 3%). At the same time, the first quarter witnessed reduction in prices for fuel (by 5.7), airfares (by

- 4.2%), for railway passengers transportation (by 2%) while prices for various apparel items decreased within the range of 1.8% to 4.1%. Food items witnessed price decrease only for pork meat (7.2%) and eggs (26.4%).
- In January of 2020 Moldova recorded a trade deficit of 160.50 USD Million primarily on the account of imports.
- The World Bank released an economic outlook with economic projections for 2020. In the context of Covid-19 the WB is projecting contraction of the economy by 0.1 per cent provided that the public health crisis will end by summer and consumers and businesses will have confidence in economic prospects and resume their activity fairly fast. It is expected that the 2020 budget will increase its deficit twofold (from 1.5% of GDP in 2019 to est. of 3% of GDP in 2020). Poverty is expected to increase due to reduction in disposable income as a result of lower level of remittances, large share of informal economy, and lower economic activity as a result of disease containment measures in the context of relatively small share of middle class. Reduced trade and business activity at regional and global level, and the impact of potentially prolonged crisis could deepen the recession to above 2 percent (WB, ECA Economic Outlook 2020).
- The NBM released a report on the assessment of legitimacy of allocation of emergency credits and state guarantees to the three banks during 2014-2015 that did not identify illegal or inappropriate actions in the context of available information by NBM. The link to the [full report \(Romanian\)](#).

## Partner Support

- The Moldova 2030 SDGs Fund now includes a Covid-19 Response and Recovery Window with the aim to support the Government of the Republic of Moldova and its people to successfully overcome the immediate and long-term adverse health, social and economic consequences of the pandemic. It has two main outputs: 1. The healthcare system and other relevant authorities and stakeholders in Moldova have improved capacities, means and instruments for a rapid response to the gaps, needs and priorities in connection with the outbreak of the pandemic; and 2. The social and economic consequences of the outbreak of the pandemic on affected sectors, areas and vulnerable groups are effectively addressed through targeted policy, technical assistance and support. Non-earmarked contributions are encouraged, however, donors may earmark their contributions to a specific output or project/need, if required.
- The Aid Coordination Centre in the State Chancellery is now functional. Normal mechanisms remain in place for ODA through the Ministry of Finance, including all negotiations and coordination with International Financial Institutions.

- Summary of contributions through the UN System for Covid-19 response:

Contributions through the UN System			
Source of funding	Contributions	Implementing partner	Areas of support
Swiss Cooperation	\$200,000	UNDP	PPEs (gowns)
Swiss Cooperation	\$569,913	WHO - UNDP	WHO: Risk communication, monitoring, materials for the laboratory, among others. UNDP: ventilators.
USAID	\$1,200,000	WHO - UNICEF	Risk communication, surveillance, capacity building, sanitizers, WASH, etc
Sweden	\$32,800	One UN	Risk communication
EU	4,300,000	WHO	Project in progress (PPEs and equipment for hospitals, among others)
Norway	100,000	WHO	Training, equipment, monitoring, PH Emergency Center
GPE	70,000	UNICEF	Education
	<b>\$6,472,713</b>	Total	
Re-programming of existing resources			
EU4Moldova Focal Regions Project	\$20,000	UNICEF	PPE for Cahul and Ungheni
Sweden	\$200,000	UN Women	Sanitizers, food and PPEs. The support will be offered to shelters/NGOs and social assistants in all districts and Transnistria.
Swiss Cooperation Migration and Local Development Project	\$37,000	UNDP	Basic medical equipment/protection kits for 35 target communities
EU4Moldova Focal Regions Project	\$81,000	UNDP	Basic medical equipment/protection kits for 70 target communities
EU - Confidence Building Measures Programme	\$22,000	UNDP	Basic medical equipment/protection kits for communities from both banks of the Nistru and awareness materials
UN Resources			
UNICEF	\$150,070	UNICEF	PPE (international procurement)
UNICEF	\$21,851	UNICEF	10 Oxygen concentrators (international procurement)

- [Statement by Henrietta Fore, UNICEF ED:](#) "To reduce disease transmission and prevent further economic catastrophe, UNICEF wholeheartedly joins The World Bank President and IMF Managing Director in their call for debt relief and debt restructuring for countries in need."

*Development Partners supporting the Covid-19 response are invited to share information about their bilateral support with the Resident Coordinator's Office in order to map all supports and avoid duplication of efforts. Focal person in RCO: [laura.fiorotto@un.org](mailto:laura.fiorotto@un.org) and [christine.petre@un.org](mailto:christine.petre@un.org)*

**WHO Partnership Platform** <https://covid-19-response.org/> All partners are invited to participate. For more information send an email to [laura.fiorotto@un.org](mailto:laura.fiorotto@un.org).

## Preparedness & Response of UN System in Moldova

### Procurement support and Equipment

- UNICEF initiated consultations with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research on the utilization of the GPE 70,000 USD for the response to Covid-19, including the procurement of IT equipment, as well as procurement and distribution of packages for support for preschool and primary school age children.
- UNICEF initiated the procurement of WASH supplies under the USAID-Funded Covid-19 Response Project for health facilities. The Institute of Mother and Child has assessed the needs of the institution and MoHLSP is currently compiling the Covid-Centre and (sub)- regional WASH needs.
- UN Women, with support from Sweden, will be sending the second package of items that has been procured. This includes 32,790 masks and 3,279 liters of disinfectant solution . These will be distributed this week in all districts for women in shelters, as well as social assistants including in the Transnistrian region. The third package is also under final stages of procurement and will be distributed as soon as the supply has been provided, potentially next week.
- UNDP: Updated production time for ventilators: 30 April – 5 units, 15 May – 2 units and 31 May – 3 units.
- UNDP: PPE (coverup gowns) ongoing deliveries from the second batch of 17,400 units (pending 1,000 units delivery); 80 units delivered to the National Penitentiary Administration.

### Response

- UNICEF Moldova allocated \$21,850 for procurement of ten oxygen concentrators and all the consumables needed for a 12 months period, that can support breathing of 8 adults and 10 children in Moldova in an ICU simultaneously.
- UNICEF submitted the forecast for procurement of 20,000 tests for Covid-19 to UNICEF Supply Division in Copenhagen.
- UNICEF initiated consultations with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research on the identification of the general education institutions who will benefit in the next couple of months from hygiene supplies under the USAID-Funded Covid-19 Response Project, as well as boarding and special education institutions, early childhood and medical institutions to benefit from hygiene packages in the coming weeks.
- 300 women and men over the age of 65 from the Republic of Moldova will receive packages of hygienic products and essential food, as well as information materials on protection measures against Covid-19, as part of an action launched by UNFPA, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection. Older persons will also receive emotional support from a team of 15 young volunteers from Youth Centers and the National Youth Council Network.

## Assessment and Data

- UNFPA conducted a rapid assessment to identify most deprived old people with the aim to deliver hygienic kits and food products to support old people during pandemic. The analysis was based on correlation of two main indicators: the small area deprivation index, that includes 48 indicators for 8 domains (economic activity and agriculture, physical infrastructure, education, health, demography, social services, public finances, environmental conditions) and the share of lonely people (65 years old and over). As a result, 16 villages have been identified from Singerei, Telenesti, Rezina, Soldanesti.
- The assessment on the gendered impact of Covid-19 on women and girls was embarked on yesterday, 13 April and will take approximately two weeks. The sample will also include the Roma population.
- UNDP convened the Big Data task force on Monday and shared the outcomes of the technical team work developed for the Prime Minister's office.
- UNDP Moldova has conducted several needs assessments within its on-going projects to identify emergency needs of the beneficiaries and, in consultation with donors, re-align activities accordingly to address these emergency needs:
  - Swiss Cooperation funded Migration and Local Development Project: Procurement of basic medical equipment/protection kits for 35 target communities; 37,000 USD
  - EU funded EU4Moldova Focal Regions Project: Procurement of basic medical equipment/protection kits for 70 target communities; 81,000 USD
  - EU funded EU Confidence Building Measures Programme: Procurement of basic medical equipment/protection kits for communities from both banks of the Nistru and awareness materials; 22,000 USD.

## Education and youth

- The UN Coordinated Education Task Force chaired by UNICEF took place on 9 April. The members were informed that the Ministry of Education has been working hard on trying to map their needs, there are also some numbers available right now (18,000 students and 1,200 teachers in need of IT equipment). It still must be clarified when and in what manner the Ministry wishes to present the needs to the donors, though the Minister had welcomed UNICEF's suggestion to use the Education Sector Council mechanism. The next UN Coordinated Education Task Force meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 16 April, 14:30.
- MECCR and UNICEF are organizing on April 21-23 an online training on developing parental competencies for parents of young children (0-7).
- More than 2,000 young people have participated in a U-Report poll dedicated to remote learning. The results and comments made by the participants were shared with the Ministry of Education and the UN Education Task Force.
- UNFPA, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the network of Youth Centers, is continuing to implement a digital communication campaign #We Stay Home Because We Care, And What About You?. The campaign aims to engage young people in online dialogue and support the Government's effort to convince and motivate people to stay at home and to take preventive measures. As part of the campaign, a series of video messages from influencers, bloggers, TV presenters and young entrepreneurs are being promoted.
- UNFPA launched an intergenerational programme to connect young people and old people. The programme includes: Grandchildren/grandmother's marathon - Marathon in the kitchen; Teach your grandma' how to use a gadget!, and more activities yet to come under this programme. One video with two famous grandparents was launched on 3 April with the key message #Stay home, #Grandparents stay home etc. which is popular in online networks (youth centers, youth councils etc.).

## Socio Economic

- The Socio Economic task force last convened on 8 April. The socio-economic impact assessment proposal submitted to UNDP headquarters was approved. The scope of the assessment is to assess the socio-economic impacts of the pandemic on most vulnerable groups of population and local businesses. TOR is currently being developed and consultation with the respective UN agencies and development partners in process. The next meeting of the task force will be held Wednesday 15 April, 10:00 am in the presence of the Government counterparts.
- UNICEF and ILO have globally developed an interim guidance note *“Family-friendly policies and other good workplace practices in the context of Covid-19: key steps employers can take.”* The guide was drafted in a fast-evolving situation and the Romanian version for a larger dissemination is under way. The guide provides general recommendations that aim to help employers strengthen support for workers and their families in crisis situations as the one triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Gender

- Gender Working Group: Coordination meetings with the gender group continues and the next meeting will be convened next week (date to be confirmed shortly) virtually. Based on the consultation with the Group, it will be decided if the external development partners can be invited as observers in some of the gender group coordination meetings.
- As part of the joint efforts on gender and Covid-19, among UN agencies, both UN Women and UNFPA will be working on issuing a regular Alert on Gender and Covid-19. The Alert will focus on a) provide observations on gender issues in the country context; b) it will compile available secondary data into one reference point; c) Consolidate guidance and programmatic tools related to gender issues and d) offer recommendations to support a more gender equitable response to Covid-19.
- “Artemida” NGO launched on-line psychological sessions for women survivors of violence involving positive champions from Drochia district. The support will be offered to up to 50 women victims of domestic violence for a two-month period with the support of UN Women.
- The recommendations on how to better respond to cases of violence against women and girls within Covid-19 was approved and posted on the official [MoHS’s page](#). As well, a formal communication with recommendations was sent to all territorial units (social assistance departments) for implementation with the support of UN Women.
- A webinar on “Informative video sessions on exchanging the good practices between Civil Society Organizations, members of the Coalition “Life without Violence” from the Republic of Moldova and Civil Society Organizations from Romania” will be held on 17 April, 10:00-12:00 with the support of UN Women. The focus will be on sharing good practices in strengthening support for women survivors in shelters.

## Communications

- On [social media](#), UN Women continues posting messages on women’s contributions for Covid-19 response, stressing the existent inequalities.
- UN Women is posting a series of quotes from beneficiaries of the Covid-19 response offered by UN Women and UNFPA to support women affected by gender-based violence.
- The statement by Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women [“Violence against women and girls: the shadow pandemic”](#) was translated to Romanian and Russian and [disseminated](#) to [media](#).
- UNICEF organized a [LIVE webinar for U-Reporters](#) on cyber hygiene, fake news recognition and reporting with the participation of Press Council and StopFals experts.
- WHO and UNICEF organized a [LIVE webinar on breastfeeding](#) during the Covid-19 pandemic together with Mamica Alapteaza NGO and on the platform of the Ask a Mom community. The LIVE transmission was viewed by 13K people.
- UNICEF continued to engage with youth and adolescents to produce a series of [videos with young people](#) sharing their experiences on learning at home while on self isolation.



- UNICEF reached out with information on the coming USAID support for WASH on its digital platforms, and initiated the printing of the related visibility materials.
- UNICEF reached out to Russian speaking audiences by distributing the children's [book on Covid-19 "You are my hero"](#) on its digital platforms.
- UNFPA is further promoting the #StayHome message through the online mobilization campaign of young people. [New video](#) was created and promoted by [Straseni Youth Centre](#) and subtitled in Romanian, Russian and English. More than 5,000 young people and nine (9) Youth Centres actively engaged in the campaign.
- UNFPA is printing the WHO-Ministry of Health [infographics](#) targeting the older population, to be distributed jointly with hygienic kits to more than 300 older persons from 4 rayons of Moldova.
- UNFPA started targeted online communication for pregnant women - [9 cards with questions and answers](#) (Romanian and Russian) produced to reach those more than 7,800 women who are currently pregnant in Moldova and need information support.
- UNFPA, UN Women and WHO shared [social media](#) materials praising the efforts of midwives and nurses in the fight against Covid-19 in the context of World Health Day (7 April).
- UNFPA launched a [testimonial](#) about a nurse from Cosauti village, North of Moldova and her work in the frontline against Covid-19. The material reached more than 30 K people on [Facebook](#) and over 10K impressions on [Twitter](#).
- Graphic illustrations on human rights impact of Covid-19 were produced in Romanian and Russian by UNDP, as part of joint UN-Sweden human rights programme.
- The Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection, in partnership with WHO, UNDP and CALM started on Monday, 13 April, a series of webinars with mayors and district presidents, on epidemiological situations at district level and measures to contain Covid-19. The online conferences shall be conducted during 13-15 April.

## Gaps/Needs Identified

- UNICEF is still looking for 600,000 USD for procurement and transportation of Covid-19 tests.
- UNFPA is looking for 900,000 USD for procurement of the PPE for two maternity hospitals.



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