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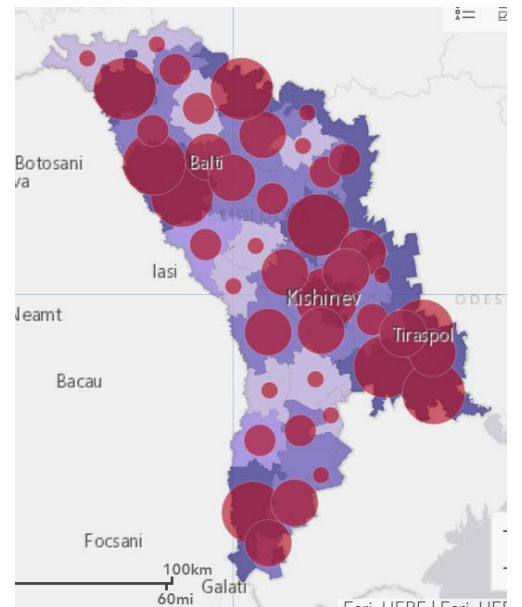
## Coronavirus Disease – Covid 19 Situation Report No. 13 (30 April 2020)



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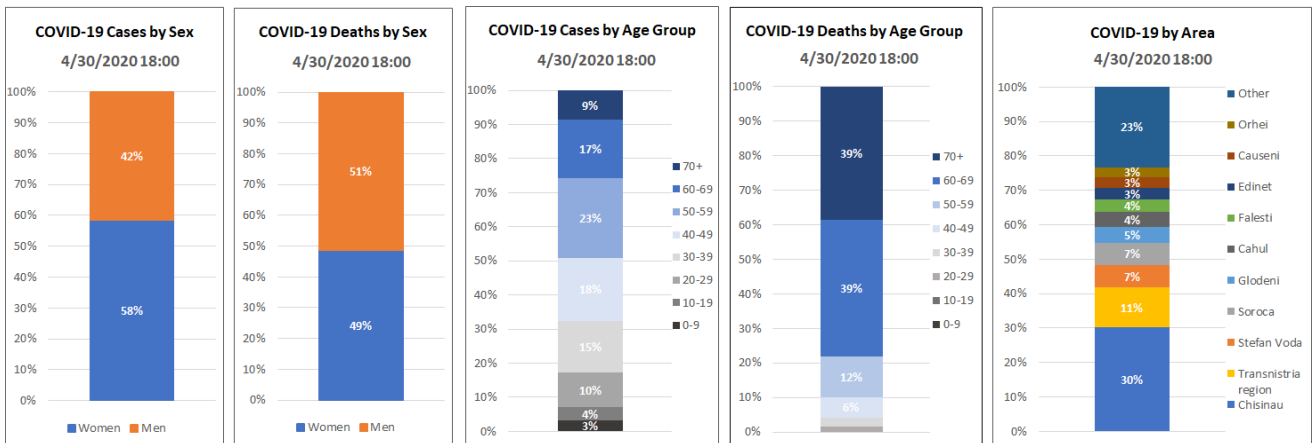
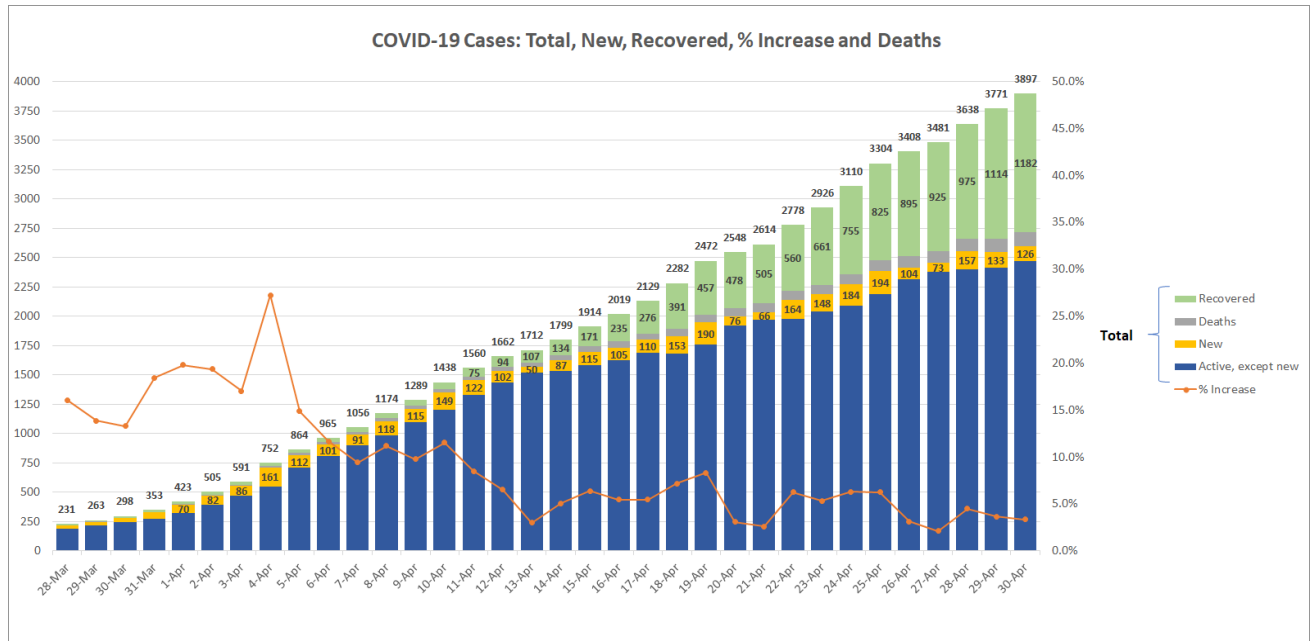
## Highlights – data as reported by national authorities\*

- Eight more coronavirus-related deaths have been reported today, bringing the total number of deaths to 119. The case fatality rate currently stands at 3.1%.
- Another 126 cases were confirmed today after the processing of 878 tests, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 3,897, which represents a 3.3% increase compared to yesterday. The average daily growth rate over the past 7 days stands at 4.2%.
- Approximately a quarter of all cases continue to be health care workers. Nearly 1,000 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, 1,182 patients have recovered, which represents 30% of all cases. At the same time, 237 patients are in serious condition. The number of active cases currently stands at 2,596.
- In terms of geographical distribution, Chisinau, with approximately 30% of all confirmed cases, remains the most affected area in the country if the number of cases is considered. Transnistria region, Stefan Voda and Soroca follow in the list of most affected areas, accounting for approximately 7-11% of all cases each. Glodeni, Cahul, Falesti, Edinet, Causeni and Orhei, which have also surpassed the 100-case mark, account for another 3-5% of all cases each. Overall, about three in four cases are from the ten areas mentioned above. All other areas have fewer than 100 cases each and account for the remainder of cases.
- If the number of cases per 100,000 people is considered, Stefan Voda, Glodeni, Soroca, Edinet, Falesti and Chisinau, in the order listed, continue to be most affected by the disease. Stefan Voda has 2.3 times more cases per 100,000 than Chisinau while Glodeni and Soroca have close to double the number of cases compared to the capital if the size of the population is considered.
- 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. Children and adolescents continue to be the least directly affected groups. However, 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 39% of deaths from the disease have occurred



in this age group. Also, more than 3 in 4 deaths have occurred in people over 60, and approximately 90% of all deaths have been reported in patients 50 years of age and older.

- More women continue to be infected with the virus than men, 58% vs. 42%. However, the percentage of men who have died from the disease is slightly higher than that of women, 51% vs. 49%. The case fatality rate among men is also higher than among women, 3.8% vs. 2.5%.
- The number of suspected cases stands at 139, and about 39,000 people are quarantined at home.
- Real time figures and graphs can always be accessed [here](#) in Romanian and in Russian [here](#).



## Overview of Key Decisions & Announcements

- While some restrictions have eased and will continue to be eased, it is not a time to be complacent. Physical distancing and all forms of hygiene remain as important as ever. The UN in Moldova will continue to operate through distance working for the foreseeable future.
- The Ministry of Health Labour and Social Protection has [announced](#) the start of weekly online press conferences where there will be an interactive Q&A
- UN Moldova has shared a policy brief on Covid-19 Impact on the Agriculture and Food Value Chains
- UN Moldova has released a Covid-19 Initial Review of Moldova Economic Vulnerabilities

## 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

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### Security:

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### Transnistria Region:

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### Economic Impact:

- Please see attached UN Moldova Covid-19 Initial Review of Moldova Economic Vulnerabilities.

## Aid Coordination

- The Romanian Government has [sent](#) a team of 52 people on a support mission, of which 41 are medical specialists who will work together with the Ministry of Health, the mission will last 15-days. The team has also brought with them a consignment of PPE's.
- Three embassies have contacted the UN Resident Coordinator office showing interest in contributing to the Moldova 2030 (Covid-19 Response window). Projects are being developed.
- RCO and WHO are updating the mapping of all contributions to the Covid-response in order to share with the Aid Coordination Center.
- *Development Partners who are supporting the Covid-19 response are invited to share information about their bilateral support with the Center [asistent@un.org](mailto:asistent@un.org). 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](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 so that contributions can be mapped and the requirements kept up to date.

## Response of UN System in Moldova

### Procurement support and Equipment

- On-going UNDP distribution of the PPEs and other items for centralized procurement within the Inclusive Growth Cluster projects for Covid-19 to beneficiaries.
- UNDP placed an order with GPU for ARVs (AntiRetroVirals) for the Unit of Implementation, Coordination and Monitoring of Health Projects (MoHLSP).
- The UNDP procurement process of Mobile ICU Ventilators for critical care is being finalized (FCA Beijing), currently undergoing the QA check and preparation for the export and handling to the freight forwarding company. Delivery date TBD.
- UN OMT has initiated the development of the on-line Covid-19 procurement platform, which can be accessed both by UN Agencies and external users.

### Assessment and Data

- The 11th big data work report was finalized and submitted to the Office of the Prime Minister.
- Assessment of the economic impact of Covid-19 in Cahul and Ungheni regions ongoing (by EU4Moldova Focal Regions Programme): survey phase (more than 40 entrepreneurs filled in the questionnaire), to be

followed by on-line focus groups discussion. Questionnaires promoted on targeted social media pages and groups, on [www.eu4cahul.md](http://www.eu4cahul.md) and [www.eu4ungheni.md](http://www.eu4ungheni.md). Furthermore, the programme will adjust activities in order to provide support in managing the Covid-19 impacts and ensure a fast recovery in the post-Covid-19 times. This is a joint action of a group of UNDP implemented projects, funded by the EU, Sweden and Switzerland.

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### Socio-Economic Task Force

- The socio-economic taskforce meeting was held on Wednesday (29 April) with the participation of the Ministry of Finance. Presentations were made by the MOF on the Ministry's plans and measures to address Covid-19 impact and by EBRD on the Covid-response plan in Moldova.

### Health

- UNICEF supported a second training for family doctors on child care and growth monitoring and re-starting of immunization services reaching 250 medical staff from primary health care.
- An immunization webinar was organized with support of WHO, UNICEF, Institute of Mother and Child and National Agency of Public Health.

### Labour

- ILO marked on 28 April the World Day for Health and Safety at Work. This year the focus was on the Covid-19 pandemic and how to integrate, prepare and manage occupational safety and health (OSH) systems. For this purpose, ILO developed a [report](#) In the face of a pandemic: Ensuring Safety and Health at Work, addressing the ways the pandemic affects the world of work, OSH risks and protective measures, and responses to pandemic. The ILO and WHO related highlights both in [English](#) and [Romanian](#) have been made public in Moldova.
- ILO and UNICEF have issued new guidelines for businesses, to help them support working families during the Covid-19 pandemic. The preliminary guidance provides for 7 ways employers can support working parents during the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) outbreak. It urges employers to consider the impact of business decisions on workers' families, and to support greater social protection wherever possible. Finding safe childcare, juggling work and care responsibilities at home, and coping with a loss of income, are among the challenges facing families. The entire list of general and specific recommendations can be found at the following links [English](#) and [Romanian](#).
- ILO has published an [updated](#) Monitor on the Covid-19 and the world of work. Employment contraction continues on a large scale in many countries. In the absence of other data, changes in working hours, which reflect both layoffs and other temporary reductions in working time, give a better picture about the dire reality of the current labour market situation. Lockdown continues to severely impact enterprises and workers. Workers and enterprises in the informal economy are the most vulnerable.

### Gender

- Based on the weekly reports provided by "La Strada NGO", the number of appeals to the national hotline decreased during the Covid-19 in the first weeks of March by 50% compared to the same period in 2019. While in the last two weeks of March - the number of calls doubled in comparison with the first week. From the total number of appeals, received during March, 61% were related to domestic violence including five cases of sexual violence. As per available data from [General Police Inspectorate](#), in the first three months of 2020, the police also registered 267 offences related to domestic violence which is 15,5% higher than the same period of last year (231 offences). Police protection orders were applied in 173 cases in the first three months of 2020, up by 10.2 % to the same period of 2019.

## Education and youth

- UNICEF has convened the 7th UN Education task force chaired by UNICEF. The Minister of Education drafted the Covid-19 response plan to be shared with all agencies for comments and suggestions. The plan is expected also to strengthen the resilience of the overall education system in Moldova and will be used for the completion and submission of the expression of interest for the GPE multiplier fund.
- UNICEF developed new [guidelines](#) on the safe reopening of schools, in partnership with UNESCO, WFP and World Bank, warning that the widespread closures of educational facilities in response to the Covid-19 pandemic present an unprecedented risk to children's education and wellbeing, particularly for the most marginalized children who rely on school for their education, health, safety and nutrition.

## Communications

- UNFPA launched a [press release](#) about the implications of Covid restrictions on women's reproductive health. Several [media reported](#) that more than 47 million women could lose access to modern contraception in the following months resulting in 7 million unplanned pregnancies.
- UNFPA promoted in social media ([Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)) the intergenerational solidarity initiative, demonstrating the example of young people who call older persons to provide emotional support.
- UNFPA launched a new global technical brief on [Implications of COVID 19 for older persons](#).
- UNFPA continued #StayHome mobilization campaign among young people. The Nisporeni Youth Center's specialist, Doina Vitte, participated in a live interview on [Radio Moldova](#) and [Radio Moldova Tineret](#) and promoted the initiative.
- UNFPA released a [new short video](#) under the "My Choice is to be OK" program. This time, the psychologist Sergiu Toma is explaining to young people how to cope with stress during the pandemic.
- UNICEF [live streamed](#) the immunization webinar organized with support of WHO, UNICEF, Institute of Mother and Child and National Agency of Public Health.
- UNICEF [live streamed](#) a webinar on safe abortion and contraception during covid-19, organized jointly with WHO.
- UNICEF launched a [press release](#) on the school closures during covid-19 depriving children of school meals, jointly with WFP.
- UNDP published on 29 April a press-release on new data dashboards revealing huge disparities among countries in ability to cope with Covid-19 and recover. The report covers also Moldova and is available at [hdr.undp.org](http://hdr.undp.org)
- UNDP published on 30 April a press-release on Switzerland and UNDP support for 35 local communities to prevent and control the spread of novel coronavirus. These communities have diaspora hometown associations created under the "Migration and Local Development" project of the Swiss Cooperation Office in partnership with UNDP. 26,800 respiratory masks, 37,500 pairs of gloves, 1,785 liters of sanitizer, as well as 81 non-contact infrared thermometers, purchased from Swiss funds, are being provided to communities to protect medical staff, local public authorities, as well as local volunteers and vulnerable groups.
- UNDP supported the organization on 30 April of a webinar about the experiences of companies on both banks of the Nistru river about distance work and ways to improve work efficiency, as part of its EU Confidence Building Measures Programme.
- UNAIDS and UNDP have produced, and distributed posters targeted for persons living with HIV, which advises on how to cope with the pandemic, as part of the UN-Sweden human rights programme.
- Frontline video with doctors, police officers, military etc. was produced and disseminated with the support of the Resident Coordinators Office, WHO, MoHLSP and Sweden. Main messages sent: thank you for staying at home and being healthy and only united we can go through this. As of April 30 (one week since launch), the video has reached 278.000 views.
- The animated video about healthy way of #stayinghome has been produced and disseminated through social media channels, but also TV ones. Action implemented by the Resident Coordinators Office, WHO, MoHLSP and supported by Sweden.







- TV screens with general recommendations on how to protect yourself from coronavirus have been produced. Action implemented by the Resident Coordinators Office, WHO, MoHLSP and supported by Sweden. The screens were sent for dissemination to TV channels. Additionally they will be disseminated in all primary health care offices and centres (LED screen) throughout the country.

### Human Rights









- OHCHR completed the fourth two-pager on human rights, this last one being directed towards communicators of state authorities, although other media professionals and communicators may also find it useful, on the topic of human rights compliant crisis communication. The three two-pagers which were finalized earlier include the right to health, right to work and limitations under International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

### Transition Planning

**Six conditions should be used as the basis to implement/adapt transitioning of measures:**

	<p>1. Evidence shows that COVID-19 transmission is controlled</p>		<p>4. Preventive measures are established in workplaces, with physical distancing, handwashing facilities and respiratory etiquette in place, and potentially thermal monitoring</p>
	<p>2. Sufficient public health and health system capacities are in place to identify, isolate, test and treat all cases, and to trace and quarantine contacts</p>		<p>5. Manage the risk of exporting and importing cases from communities with high-risks of transmission</p>
	<p>3. Outbreak risks are minimized in high-vulnerability settings, such as long-term care facilities (i.e. nursing homes, rehabilitative and mental health centres) and congregate settings</p>		<p>6. Communities have a voice, are informed, engaged and participatory in the transition</p>

<p><b>Four key components to managing transitions and modulating restrictive measures:</b></p>  <p>1. Public health and epidemiological considerations must drive the decision-making process</p>  <p>2. Available capacity for dual-track health system management to reinstate regular health services, while at the same time continuing to address COVID-19</p>  <p>3. Leveraging social and behavioural perspectives as tools for responsive engagement with populations</p>  <p>4. Social and economic support to mitigate the devastating effects of COVID-19 on individuals, families and communities</p>	<p><b>Four cross-cutting mechanisms are essential enablers throughout the transition process:</b></p>  <p>1. Governance of health systems</p>  <p>2. Data analytics to inform decisions</p>  <p>3. Digital technologies to support public health measures</p>  <p>4. Responsive communication with populations</p>
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