

COVID-19 Response and Recovery Monthly Bulletin

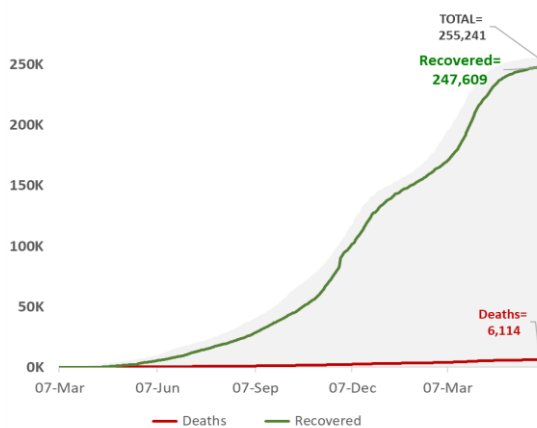
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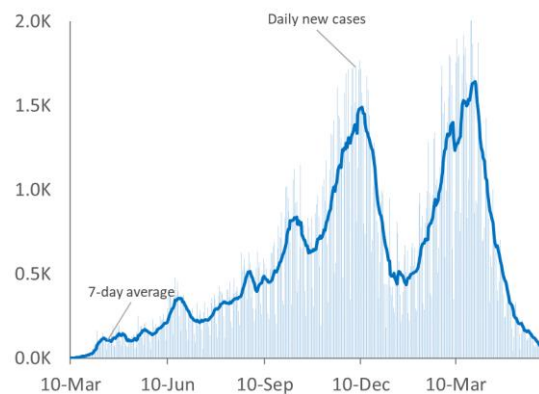
1 COVID-19 Epi and Health situation update (data as of June 1, 2021, unless stated otherwise)

Total Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



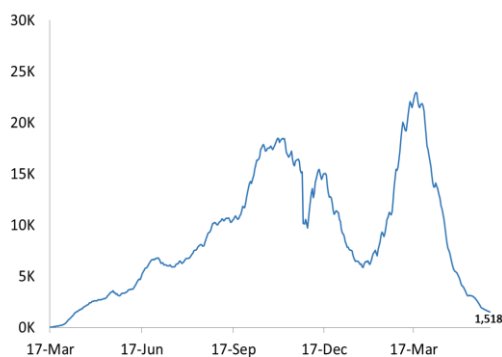
The total number of COVID-19 cases in the country has continued to increase and reached 255,186 at the end of May. The number increased further on the first day of June and now stands at 255,241.

New Infections



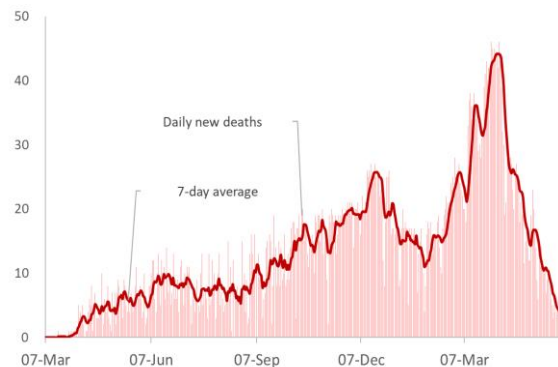
The number of new cases has decreased substantially and reached a 7-day average of 64 at the end of May compared to 225 at the beginning of the month.

Active Cases



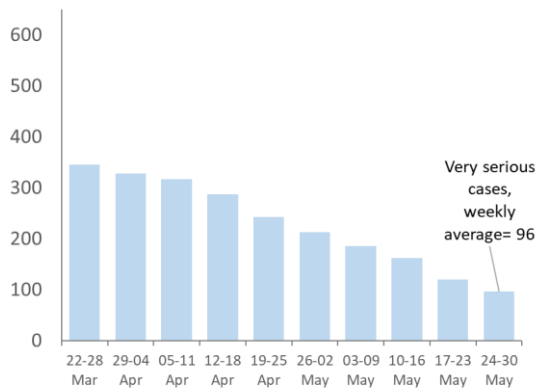
The number of active cases has decreased steadily over the past month and stood at 1,572 on May 31. It declined further during the first day of June and currently stands at 1,518.

New Deaths



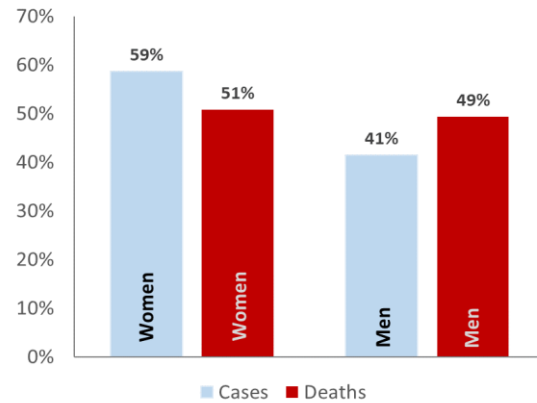
The 7-day average for the number of deaths has decreased substantially in May and by the end of the month it stood at 3.9 but increased slightly to 4.3 on the first day of June. The total number of deaths at the end of May was 6,107.

Very Serious Cases



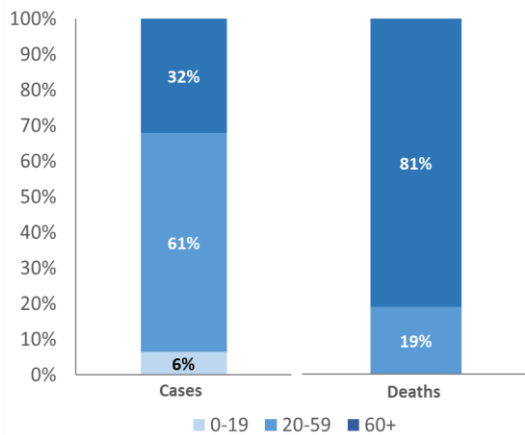
The average number of very serious cases decreased in May, reaching 96 in the week of May 24-30. The total number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 at the end of the month was 507, out of which 79 were in a very serious condition.

Cases and Deaths by Sex



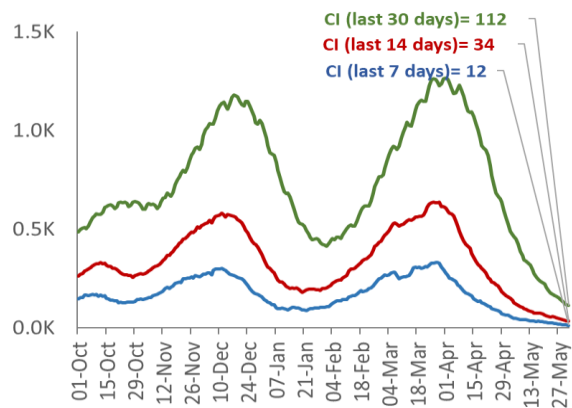
Overall, fifty-nine percent of all cases have been recorded among women and 41% among men. Moreover, women (51%) account for a slightly higher proportion of all deaths than men (49%).

COVID-19 Cases/Deaths by Age Group



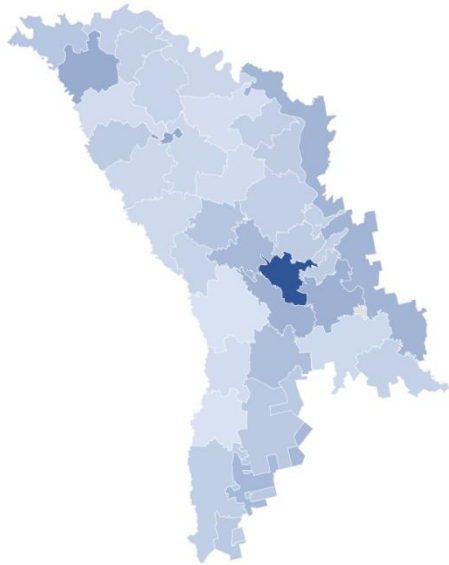
Even though, as of May 31, infections among people aged 60 and over accounted for 32% of the total number of cases, 81% of all deaths were registered in this age group. The average age of patients who have died from the disease is 67.8.

Cumulative Incidence per 100,000 over the Last 7, 14, and 30 Days



At the end of May, the crude cumulative incidence of cases per 100,000 population for the last 7, 14, and 30 days was 13, 35, and 116, respectively. All these numbers registered a significant decrease over the past month and declined further on the first day of June to reach 12, 34, and 112, respectively. The overall crude cumulative incidence of cases stood at 7,346 per 100,000 on the last day of May.

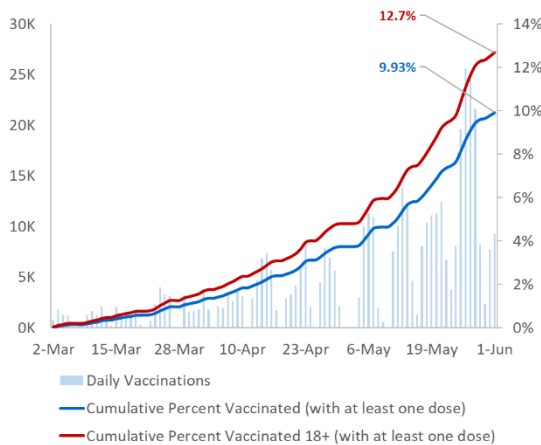
Cases per 100,000 Population by District



Chisinau is the most affected area with 16,050 cases per 100,000 population. Thirteen other areas have also passed the 5,000 cases per 100,000 population mark.

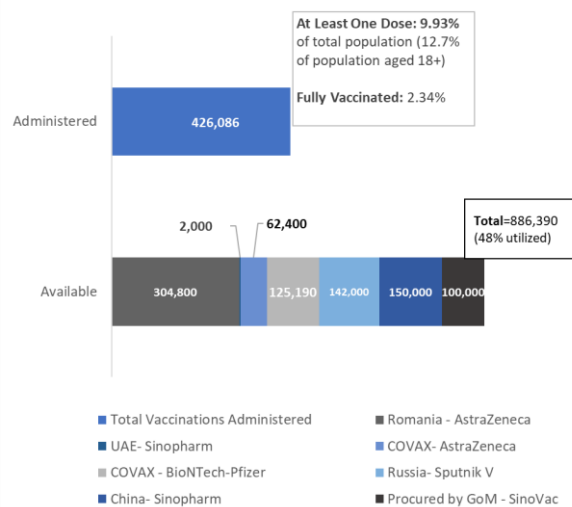
Chisinau	16,050
Balti	8,217
Edinet	7,912
Anenii Noi	7,437
Ialoveni	7,380
Transnistria region	7,120
Taraclia	6,743
Straseni	6,672
Cimislia	6,179
Calarasi	5,501
Briceni	5,435
ATU Gagauzia	5,172
Basarabasca	5,158
Glodeni	5,029

Daily Vaccinations and Percentage Vaccinated



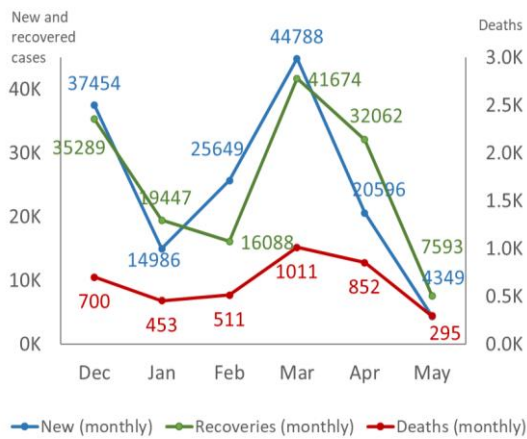
The number of vaccinations administered in the last seven days of May was 110,204 marking a 73% increase compared to the previous period. As of June 1, an estimated 9.9% of the country's population or 12.7% of the population aged 18+ has received at least one vaccine dose.

Administered and Available Vaccines



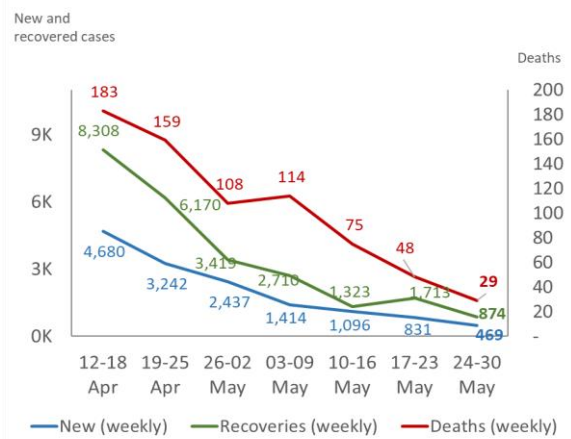
As of May 31, a total of 416,814 COVID-19 vaccines had been administered and an additional 9,272 doses were given on the first day of June. Overall, 9.9% of the country's population has received at least one dose and 2.34% have received two vaccine doses. As of June 1, over 460,304 vaccine doses remain available for use.

Monthly Data: New Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



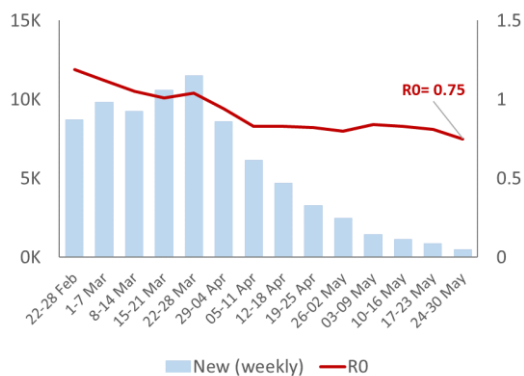
The number of cases in May decreased by 79% compared to the previous month and reached 4,349. The number of deaths decreased by 65%. The monthly number of recoveries also reflected the reduction in cases and decreased by 76%.

Weekly Data: New Cases, Recoveries and Deaths



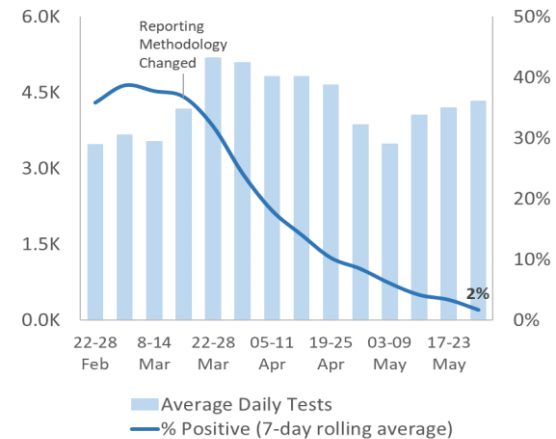
The number of weekly cases declined continuously throughout the entire month and reached 469 for the week of May 24-May 30. This represents a 44% decrease compared to the previous period. The number of deaths and recoveries has paralleled the overall reduction in cases.

COVID 19 Weekly Cases and Contagion Rate (R0)



The contagion rate remained below 1 throughout the entire month of May. As of May 30, the contagion rate stood at 0.75. Currently, the rate is uneven across regions, with the lowest rates being registered in Cantemir (0.00) and the highest in Glodeni (1.26). The contagion rate in Chisinau stood at 0.73.

Average Daily Tests and Positivity Rate



The percentage of positive cases has continuously decreased over the course of the month. This decrease has also coincided with a change of the reporting methodology on Mar 19. Starting then, reporting has no longer disaggregated tests on whether they were primary or subsequent.

1.1 Restrictions*

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

- Two amendments and changes to restrictions were introduced through the latest [Decision No. 55 from 31 May 2021](#) of the National Extraordinary Commission on Public Health, i.e. completion of the rules for masks wearing - masks are obligatory, covering nose and mouth, in all closed public spaces, including public transport, where social distancing is not possible, and the inclusion in the list of exceptions from the border crossing rules of the minors and accompanying persons with Hungarian citizenship, possessing a confirmation of the COVID-19 vaccination.
- The Chisinau Municipal Extraordinary Commission for Public Health issued its [Decision No. 39 from 27 May 2021](#), which introduces the following changes to previous restrictions:
 - Change of the Orange Code to Yellow Code of infection risks in Chisinau
 - Continued obligatory wearing of masks (covering nose and mouth) in all closed public spaces, including public transport and stations
 - Wearing of masks is not compulsory in open and non-crowded places, and is compulsory in open air during public events with mass gatherings
 - All municipal vaccination centers are open for any Moldovan citizen regardless of place of residence
 - Kindergartens are allowed to merge the groups inside and with outside institutions (if they close) during summertime
 - Summer camps are allowed only with groups of up to 15 children and only with day presence
 - Public catering is allowed with max 50% occupancy and compilation of lists of attendants
 - Theaters and concert halls are allowed to activate with observance of epi rules
 - Discotheques and night clubs will remain closed
- Romania updated the [List of countries on epi classification on 27 May 2021](#). Moldova is placed in the List of GREEN ZONE of countries, thus Moldovan citizens can travel to Romania without the need for self-quarantine or any other restrictions.
- Given the gradually decreasing incidence of daily coronavirus cases the de-facto authorities have decided to ease the imposed restrictions until July 1, 2021, people will be able to enter the left bank without the need to get any special permit, or to present a negative PCR test for Coronavirus.

2 General situation update

2.1 Vaccination campaign updates

- According to the government portal on vaccination (<https://vaccinare.gov.md/>) as of June 2nd, a total of 426,086 doses of vaccine were administered (81,260 people received 2 doses); adverse reactions: Moderate = 0.01% (66 cases) / Mild = 0.3% (1,285 cases); The MoHLSP also announced the vaccination rate of the general population is nearing 10%, 80% of all medical personnel is vaccinated
- Between 20-24 May, Moldova is [received](#) another batch of 100,620 Pfizer-BioNTech and 45,600 AZ doses of vaccines through the COVAX platform. [Another](#) batch of AZ vaccine is expected to arrive in Moldova through COVAX this week.
- The Chisinau municipal Extraordinary Commission for Public Health [allowed](#) access to all primary healthcare institutions for COVID-19 vaccination to all citizens, regardless of their formal place of residence;

- Two Vaccination Marathons were organized in May, whereby more than 10,000 person got the vaccine. The authorities announced they plan to continue organizing the vaccination marathons, including through mobile vaccination units.

2.2 Political update

- In the context of the parliamentary snap elections the Central Electoral Commission has solicited a total budget of 125-Million Lei from the Government. By the end of May only 70-Million Lei have been identified, so now the government is looking at option for covering the funding gap. Among the analyzed options are the reduction of costs for non-essential activities or means, but also the involvement of volunteers especially for the diaspora poll stations. An increased interest was observed from the diaspora for the snap elections, with a total of 100'000 Moldovans, from abroad (most of which are from Italy, UK, Germany) having registered for the snap elections, which is 40'000 above the record number registered for the presidential elections in the fall of 2020. In this regards the Central Electoral Commission said that the number of poll stations will be significantly increased.
- 9 parties and electoral blocs were registered at CEC by 31st of May, and other 7 dossiers are under consideration. Despite the efforts of the political forces to establish new alliances and to revise their communication strategies, according to the last polls performed from 3 to at most 5 parties and blocs have the chance to accede to the next parliament, among them: PAS, the Socialists and Communists bloc, Sor, Renato Usatyi and DA Platform.
- According to the Promo-Lex observations some of the election contenders and potential contenders started to campaign before the legal time. Out of the total number of violations 120 cases refer to the involvement of public sector employees in campaigning and one case to the taking of merits for services provided with public funds.
- Promo-LEX NGO will deploy 780 observers for the early parliamentary elections on 11 July.
- Ministers of foreign affairs of Ukraine, Georgia and the acting Prime Minister of Moldova have met in Kiev to discuss the ways to step-up the political dialogue and sector cooperation within the Eastern Partnership. The three states signed a joint memorandum pledging to reform and modernize their countries to European standards in order to move towards membership of the EU.
- On 14 of May, the President of the Republic of Lithuania Gitanas Nauseda had an official visit in Chisinau to discuss with the Moldovan President the reforms and the European agenda of Moldova, including the structural issues in justice, combating of the corruption, ensuring stability in the banking and insurance industries, and the overall improvement of the business environment.
- President Sandu paid an official visit to Berlin on 19-20 May, to discuss with President Frank-Walter Steinmeier and Chancellor Merkel a new impetus to bilateral relations between the two states, political and security situation in the country and the region, the needed support to mitigate the consequences pandemic, a stronger economic cooperation, and improving conditions for the Moldovan diaspora in Germany.
- In the frame of an official visit to Moldova the Special Representative of the Swedish OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transnistria Settlement Process, Thomas Mayr-Harting, has met the Moldovan President, the Acting Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister for Reintegration. In Tiraspol, he met Vadim Krasnoselsky, and Vitaly Ignatiev. In the meetings each side was encouraged to consolidate their efforts for a result-oriented 5+2 meeting in Stockholm. The official has reviewed the current situation and stressed the need to advance this process, as well he prepared the ground for the visit of the mediators and observers to Moldova. The human rights in the Transnistria region, the freedom of movement of

people between the two banks and ensuring the security in the region were the areas to which special attention was paid. The talks with the de-facto authorities have focused on aspects related to the further steps for the joint Moldovan-Ukrainian customs-border control at the Cuciurgan checkpoint and about the ban on the entry of vehicles with Transnistria license plates into Ukraine from September 1.

2.3 Economic and social update

- Annual inflation continued its upward trend reaching 2.83% in April 2021. The average consumer's prices grew by 1.48% in April compared to March 2021 being affected by an increase in prices for food products by 3.18%, while prices for non-food went up by 0.63% and services rendered to population - by 0.34%. Further information can be found [here](#).
- Producers prices for agricultural products in Q1'21 went up by roughly one quarter compared to same period 2020, while prices for vegetable products went up by 29.4%, prices for animal products went up on average by 23.3%. Additional information is available [here](#).
- External trade intensified in Q1'21: exports grew by 5.6%, while imports grew more dynamically - by 13.6% versus the same period of 2020. Exports of domestically produced goods grew in Q1'2021 by 3.5% while re-exports went up by 12.5% versus Q1'21 of 2020. Noteworthy that exports to the EU-27 went down by 4.7 p.ps compared to similar period of 2020, while exports to the CIS on contrary grew by 1.7 p.ps. The main destination countries are Romania (25.7% of total exports), Germany (10%), Turkey (9.6%), Russia (9.3%), Italy (5.7%). In Q1'2021 there was a decline for imports from the EU-27 (by 0.2 p.ps) and the CIS declined, (by 1.8 p.ps), yet the imports from the rest of the world increased by 2%. The top import countries are Russia (12.6%), Romania (12.2%), China (11.8%), Germany (8.5%) and Ukraine (8.3%). Additional information is available [here](#).
- Tourism sector showed a small sign of recovery in the first quarter 2021 the tourism agencies provided more services (by 5.6%) than in the same period of 2020 being stimulated by the growth in internal tourism. At the same time, the share of inbound (-68.4%) and outbound (-20.4%) tourism reduced versus similar period 2020. Further information can be found [here](#).
- Industrial activity in the Q1'2021 (seasonally adjusted series) grew by 1.7% primarily due to the increased output in energy, hot water and air conditioning (+17.6%), however, extractives and manufacturing sectors declined by 5.8% and 4.2% respectively. Further information can be found [here](#).
- In April 2021 producer's prices went up by 7% versus April 2020 (and by 0.6% versus March 2021). The prices for extractives grew by 1.5% in April versus March 2021, while these are higher by 5.4% versus April 2020. Prices for manufacturing went up slightly (by 0.6%) versus March but are substantially higher than April 2020 (by 7.6%). The prices for energy remained at the same level as in March and did not change compared to same period last year. Further information can be found [here](#).
- The gross average salary in Q1'2021 grew by 10.9% versus the same period of 2020 and amounted to 8,468.6 MDL. The highest salaries are in ICT sector 19,915 MDL, finance and insurance - 15,429 MDL, production and supply of energy, heating, hot water, air-conditioning – 12,243 MDL; the lowest salaries are in agriculture 4,836 MDL, art and recreation – 5,908 MDL, accommodation and catering – 5,105 MDL. The salaries in health sector more than doubled in Q1'2021 versus the same period of 2020, however the salaries in ICT and finance sectors grew by 12% on average. Further information can be found [here](#).
- The World Bank released the Moldova economic update which can be found [here](#) with special notes on [water security and exposure on natural hazard and climate related risks](#).

2.4 Gender and Human Rights

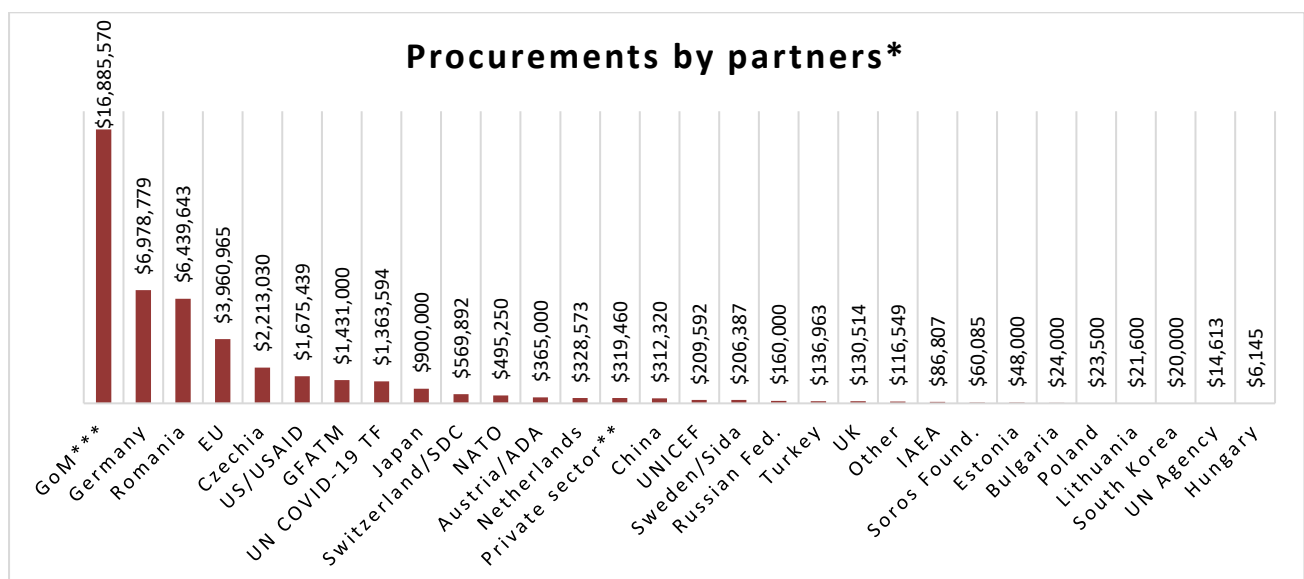
- OHCHR at the end of May presented the findings of an extensive assessment on the impact of COVID-19 on Human Rights in Moldova including Transnistria region to authorities and Civil Society Organisations. The aim of the meetings was to present the findings and consult the draft recommendations. While a very brief presentation was conducted for development partners in a development partners meeting, a more elaborate presentation will take place on 8 June at 14.00.

2.5 Transnistria region

- In a public speech the U.S. Ambassador to Moldova Dereck J. Hogan said that Chisinau needs to work out a uniform strategy for resolving the Transnistria dispute and that after the snap elections the process may receive a new impulse. Moscow has reiterated its readiness to continue to facilitate the search of a fair solution for the Transnistria settlement process, where an agreement shall be reached with a reliable and guaranteed status for the region, while ensuring the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Moldova. pointing out that they communities from both banks are built upon traditions of friendship and common spiritual values, Vladimir Putin said.
- To cover the needs for vaccines for the left bank citizens the de-facto authorities intend to procure the Chinese Sinovac vaccine for a total amount of 1 M USD.
- A tragic incident with the participation of people in uniform from the left bank, happened in the Security Zone on 11 of May. As a result of the incident a citizen from the right bank has drowned. The Bureau for Reintegration Policies took notice of the incident following the operative information obtained on the ground. The law enforcement bodies continue the investigation. Mediators and observers in the "5+2" format were also informed about this case.

2.6 Aid Coordination - data on procurements for COVID-19

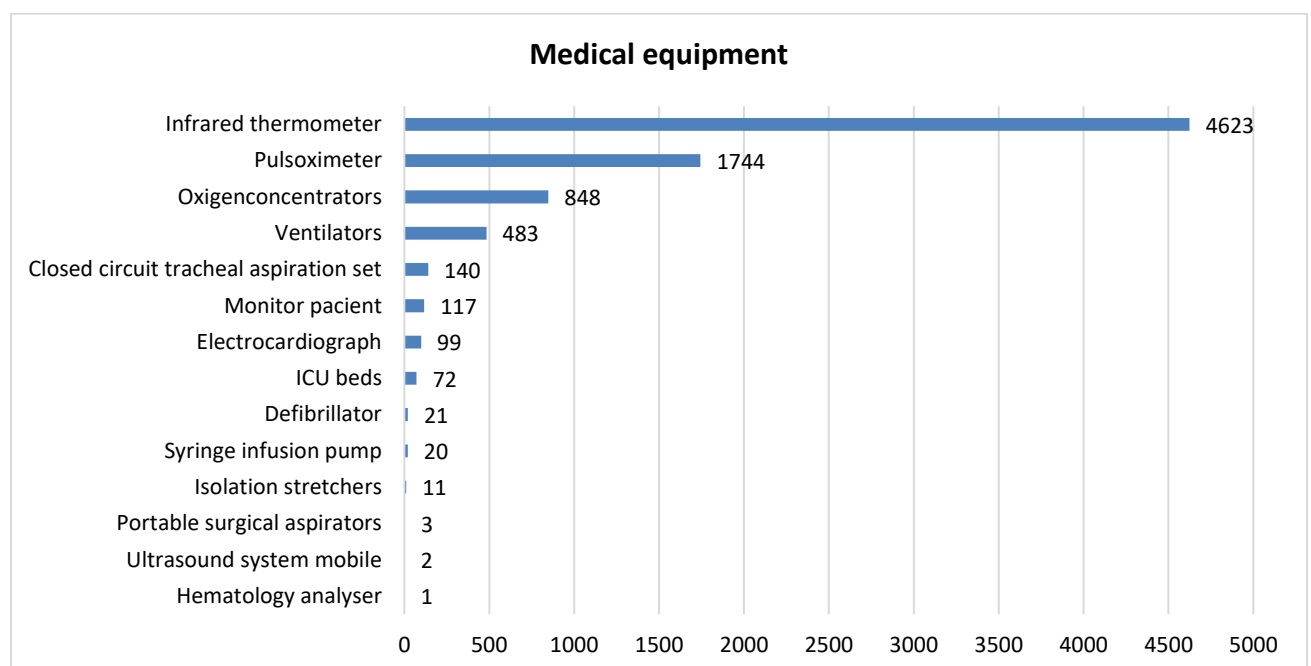
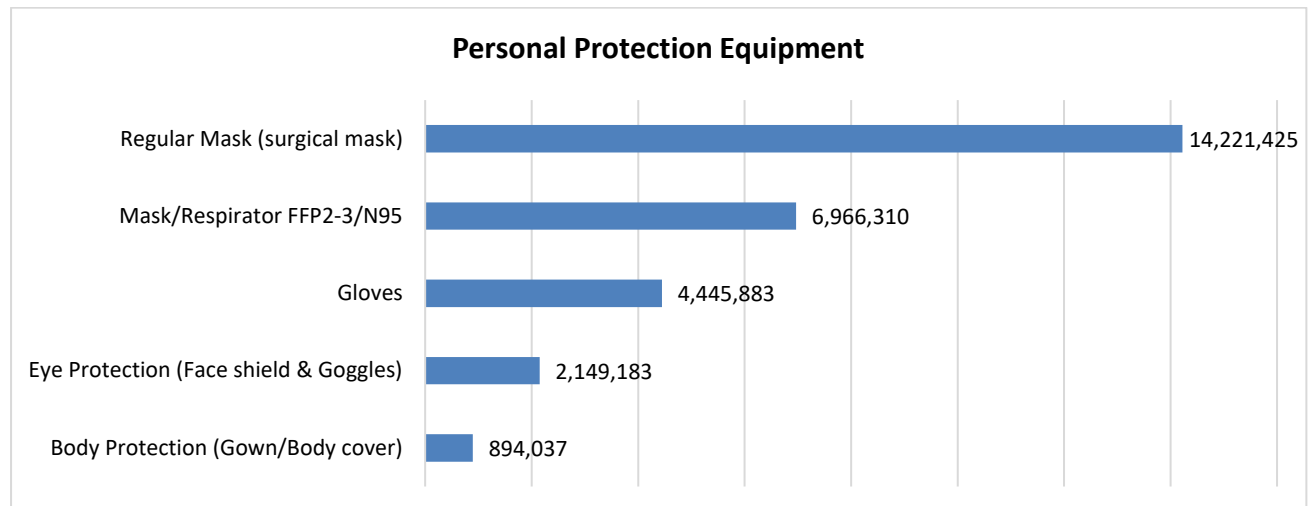
Mapping of contributions to the Health System for COVID response in Moldova



*Note - data only for contracted/procured PEEs, medical equipment and technical assistance COVID related. Committed and/or pledged contributions are not reflected. Data are captured from various sources, i.e. media and may not be accurate. The process of reflecting donors/contributions is ongoing, and data is updated once details of procured items are confirmed. For more information, please send an email to veaceslav.palade@un.org and/or garami@who.int

** Private sector companies: Endava, Orange Moldova, Lismedfarm SRL, Moldretail Grup SRL, Kaufland, Moldcell Moldova, Starnet SRL, Gedeon Rihter, Farmacia Familiei SRL, Svibmagtex SRL, Miso Textile SRL, Zernoff SRL, Aromcom SRL, Art Vest SRL, Dita Est Farm SRL, Tetis International Co SRL, Rihpangalfarma SRL, Sonaris Com

*** The procurements of the Government of RM include the materials and supplied procured from the WB loan: Moldova Emergency COVID-19 Response Project



3 UN Social and Economic Response and Recovery Portfolio update

Please access <https://covid19response.un.md/> to see the Plan and the Project Portfolio in more detail, including on-going projects and initiatives still requiring financing.

3.1 Pillar 1: HEALTH FIRST: protecting health services and systems during the crisis

- To ensure quality of perinatal care during the pandemic, with UNICEF support, accreditation criteria for perinatal institutions at all levels are currently being updated with the relevant COVID-19 specific measures and protocols. Similarly, the Perinatal Card (document for out-patient antenatal /perinatal care to pregnant women and mothers) is being updated in accordance to the standards of antenatal care, including in the context of COVID-19.

- UNICEF with USAID financial support organized a series of simulation capacity building trainings for medical specialists in perinatal centers on both banks of Nistru river. Over 100 OBGYN, neonatologists and nurses learnt about emergencies in neonatal and perinatal care in condition of SARS-CoV-2 pandemics.
- At the request of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection, UNICEF with financial support from USAID launched a large-scale procurement tender, for supplying around 1300 Primary Health Centers nationwide with essential hygienic products.
- UNICEF procured and transported to the State University of Medicine “Nicolae Testemitanu” equipment and medical furniture for organizing the first Vaccination Marathon. The three-day event reached more than 4,000 persons with the first dose of COVID 19 vaccine. The same equipment was used for the second 3 days Vaccination Marathon organized by Chisinau Municipality reaching more than 5,000 people with COVID19 vaccine.
- During the reporting period, the fifth edition of the national protocol on COVID-19 management developed with WHO support and approved by MoHLSP was promoted. At current stage the following activities are planned: national protocol is going to be printed and distributed to the institutions during the training sessions. As well, the development of the concise treatment algorithms is planned to ease access to those during the medical procedures.
- Within the EU-CBM programme implemented by UNDP, the cross-river health and education thematic platforms equipped professionals from both banks with operational knowledge in the pandemic context - on youth reproductive health issues associated with the pandemic and developing critical thinking skills in the hybrid learning process, respectively.
- The IT solution for reporting and monitoring hospital capacities developed with WHO support was launch in the entire country starting with 5th May 2021. All public hospital providers are reporting in the IT systems the situation related to COVID-19 patients, beds, human resources for health involved in COVID-19 response, as well as medical devices and PPE used in COVID-19 case management. The IT solution is helping MoHLSP to monitor in terms of geographical distribution of hospital system resources and they're use in order to mobilize the available ones and ensure provision of healthcare services according to the needs and available forecasts.
- WHO offers support to the MoHLSP to conduct the assessment of hospitals capacities (infrastructure, human resources for health, devices, including oxygen sources and human resources) in response to COVID-19 pandemic. WHO have provided expert input to the methodology and assessment tool, which have been approved by MoHLSP order. The collection of data will be performed during June and the findings of the assessment will be used for further MoHLSP policies and interventions to ensure efficient response of hospital system to COVID-19 pandemic, rational use of capacities, identification and designation of referral facilities for care of patients with COVID-19, as well as revision of intensive care unit (ICU) capabilities and infrastructure.
- 300,000 respirators FFP2 arrived in Moldova on 6 May 2021 as part of the humanitarian shipment, supported by the WHO. The donation was funded by the Federal Republic of Germany. Overall cost of received equipment is USD 507,000. Respirators are distributed by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection into municipal and regional hospitals and Primary Health Care institutions, including left bank.

3.2 Pillar 2: PROTECTING PEOPLE: Social protection and basic services

- UNICEF and Child, Community, Family (CCF) Moldova NGO, continued their partnership in providing training for teachers and school managers to ensure prevention of infectious diseases in schools in the context of COVID-19 pandemics. To this end, UNICEF and CCF, in coordination with Ministry of Education, Culture and Research (MECR) and National Agency for Public Health (NAPH), rolled out training for schoolteachers and managers in the context of school reopening (2020). Some 2300 teachers have been reached with training during the past month – and the cumulative 20,817 staff were reached in the

education sector, since the start of training in Q4, 2020. Of these 197 are staff from residential institutions, 1207 are managerial staff in schools, and 19,413 are teaching personnel. About one-fifth, in a total of 688 training sessions held during September 2020 -May 2021, were conducted in Russian. Overall, training activities reached 1245 educational institutions, cumulatively. The capacity building activities concluded at the end of May 2021.

- With UNDP support, the school management platform studii.md – the only school management system in the country used by 122 schools, was updated with two new functionalities (enabling data analysis and visualization at class and school level, as well as improved homework management), hence enhancing digital school management and distance learning process during the pandemic.
- Based on a needs assessment conducted by MECR, UNICEF partnered with the Foundation for Advancement of Moldova to strengthen digital literacy, knowledge and skills of teaching staff in the pre-primary subsector in support of on-line learning, in order to overcome the challenges imposed by the epidemiological context. The aim is to create a critical mass of preschool teachers (10,300 of professionals, representing approximately 80% teaching personnel in 1485 pre-primary institutions) who can confidently use digital skills to search, collect, receive, store and process information, thus improving their on-line educational services during the lock-downs imposed by the epidemic. The indirect beneficiaries are the 134,158 pre-school age children nationwide. The training will roll out during June-August 2021.
- 4,100 families from vulnerable groups from different regions of the country, including from left bank of Dniester, [benefited](#) from aid packages in the context of the crisis caused by COVID-19 (food packages, hygienic products, PPEs). This has been conducted under the initiative implemented by UN Women Moldova, OHCHR Moldova and ILO, with the financial support of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) with funds of Austrian Development Cooperation. A short video was developed to present the intervention and the opinions of the beneficiaries, disseminated on [Facebook page](#). In addition to this, COVID-19 related material (online and printed leaflet) was prepared, contextualized to the local situation on physical and mental health self-support during pandemic period. The material was prepared by "Federatia Familiilor Pentru Unificare si Pace in Lume din Moldova" NGO, as a support to the training organized for the NGO Task Force on COVID-19 and Human Rights, staff and volunteers of NGOs from both banks of Dniester River working at the national and local level. 1,600 units of leaflets were distributed during May to NGOs, part of the Task Force.

3.3 Pillar 3: ECONOMIC RESPONSE & RECOVERY: Protecting jobs, small and medium-sized enterprises, and the informal sector and workers

- With the ILO support, a new Local Employment Partnership (LEP) was launched in Cantemir district. Cantemir LEP is designed and carried out under the auspices of the Territorial Commission for Collective Consultations and Bargaining (CTCNC) - a social dialogue platform that brings together the representatives of local public administration authorities, trade unions and employer's organizations. This platform acts as a catalyst for labour market stakeholders for identifying specific actions to remove the barriers to job creation and transition from informal to formal employment.
- The LEP will contribute to the creation and formalization of 70 jobs, initiation of 50 businesses in sectors with job creation potential and expansion of 45 small and micro enterprises. More than 1,100 persons from Cantemir district, including persons from categories at the risk of social exclusion, will directly benefit from the opportunities offered by Cantemir LEP and over 1,500 people from the community will benefit indirectly.

- The implementation of Cantemir LEP cost 231,319 US dollars. The International Labour Organization provides financial support amounting 138,671 US dollars, of which up to 80,000 US dollars are provided by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the operational unit of Austrian Development Cooperation.
- The UNDP-led COVID-19 Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Taskforce was convened on May 26, 2021 with the debated topic being *Moldova's National SDGs Reporting Platform – progress and lessons learned*, presented by the Deputy Director of the National Bureau of Statistics.
- With the support of UNDP, two online platforms (www.greenex.md , www.stocktextil.md) were developed and launched by business associations in partnership with IT companies from both riverbanks, as innovative business support solutions to cushion the negative effect of the restrictive measures imposed during the COVID19 to the producers and entrepreneurs from both riverbanks.
- UNDP supported 94 entrepreneurs from both riverbanks withing SIDA and EU-funded programmes – via coaching, knowledge sharing and technical assistance in digital marketing, available financial instruments, enhancing competitiveness of agri-food market to enhance their performance, while 4 agricultural producers and processors from both banks of Nistru received grants to boost their technological innovation and penetrate new expert markets.
- UNDP, within the EU-financed EU Focal regions programme, launched a new grants program of €700,000 for the private sector from Cahul and Ungheni regions, benefiting existing companies, start-ups, and social entrepreneurship initiatives to boost economic recovery from the pandemic in the respective regions.

3.4 Pillar 4: MACROECONOMIC RESPONSE AND MULTILATERAL COLLABORATION

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3.5 Pillar 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

- UNICEF contracted a research institute to repeat the Covid-19 impact assessment on remittances and families with children. This repeated survey will be adjusted to include recommendations from the first survey results; additional questions will be added to assess the impact of distance learning on children, and the survey will be expanded to the Transnistrian region. The survey work will be conducted throughout June and July and the preliminary results are expected by the end of July.

4 Communications and Advocacy

- UNICEF and WHO continue to provide support to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection and National Agency of Public Health with National communication campaign on Immunization Against COVID-19, as follows:
 - [Procurement](#) of necessary equipment for the first University Immunization Marathon in Chisinau
 - Procurement necessary IT equipment for the first National Immunization Marathon at Palatul Republicii
 - Videos ([here](#) & [here](#)) testimonials on vaccination against COVID-19 from doctors in Raional hospitals
 - An animated explanatory [video](#) for general population on how to electronically register for COVID-19 vaccination.
- UNICEF with financial support from USAID supported a [national informational campaign](#) by the Association of Intellectual Games on promotion of anti-COVID-19 measures among school children “Informed – means protected”. Boys and girls from almost all the regions of Moldova were reminded about the importance of respecting COVID-19 measures in a youth-friendly online educational game.

- More than 6,000 students in [Moldova](#) participated in an educational quiz about [COVID-19](#) organized by UNICEF. More information [here](#).
- UNICEF produced a human-interest [story](#) about Sergiu Bostan, a boiler operator in the local kindergarten, who shares his story of working during the pandemic.
- UNICEF with financial support from USAID [delivered](#) to Rehabilitation Center for Children a lot of WASH and hygiene materials.
- To promote healthy lifestyle and physical activity among adolescents even during the pandemic UNICEF supports NGO Sporter. Over the reporting period a number of motivational [videos](#) with young influencers have been produced.
- UNICEF with USAID financial support organized a [series](#) of capacity building training for medical specialists in perinatal centers on both banks of Nistru river.
- UNDP supports the Central Electoral Commission to conduct a voter information campaign about the anti-COVID-19 safety measures during Election Day on 11 July 2021.
- UNDP supports four (4) NGOs from Moldova to organize electoral education activities, develop and distribute voter information materials about the early Parliamentary Elections to be held on 11 July 2021. The Motivation Association started their project in Soldanesti and Leova districts, with the goal to inform people with different disabilities about their civil and electoral rights. Also, the media project “CU SENS” published in May a video explainer about the preliminary registration, a procedure useful for the opening polling stations abroad, for the diaspora.
- WHO with EU support initiated [a series of communication](#) activities with Youth Media Center, targeting youth, women and parents. A video on COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy and breastfeeding.
- WHO with EU support continued the video series ([here](#) & [here](#)) “I got vaccinated too”, giving examples of immunized health workers, well-known personalities.
- WHO initiated a [collaboration](#) of with Red Cross and MoHLSP to inform the population about COVID-19 vaccines and benefits. Information activities in communities will start on second week of June 2021.
- WHO with EU supports continues to maintain and keep updated the official page on COVID-19 pandemic – www.covidinfo.md/www.covidinfo.gov.md