



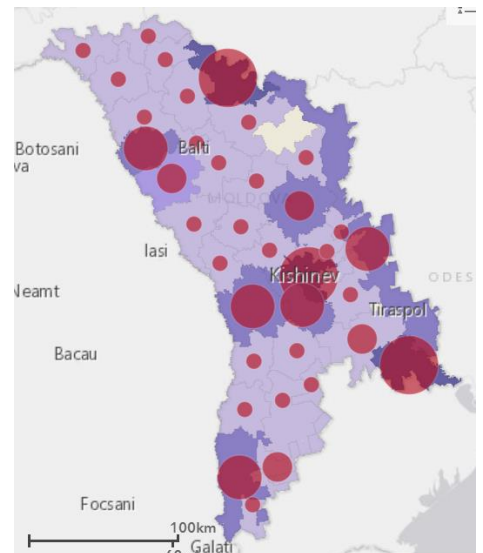
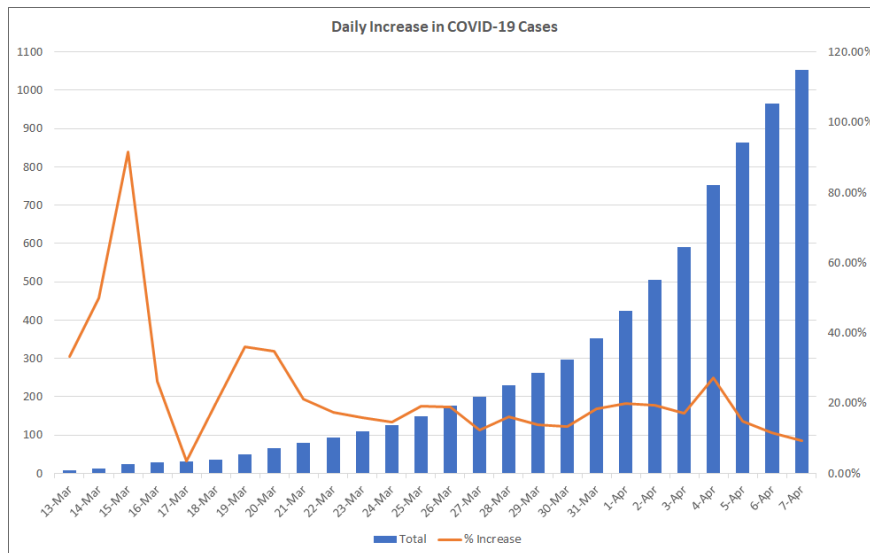
## Coronavirus Disease – Covid 19

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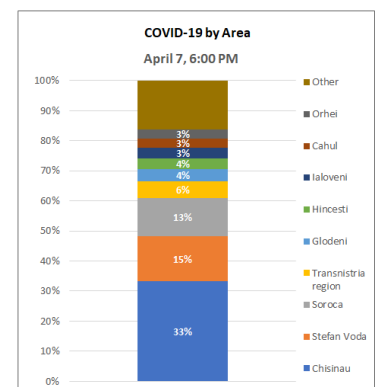
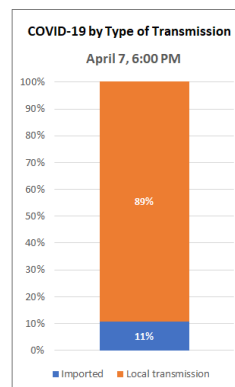
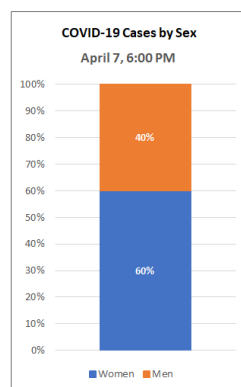
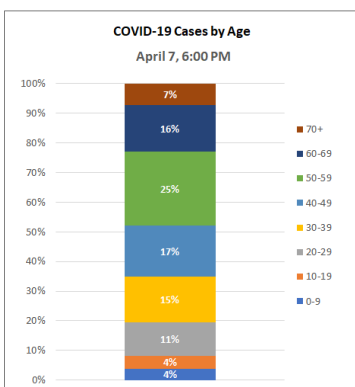
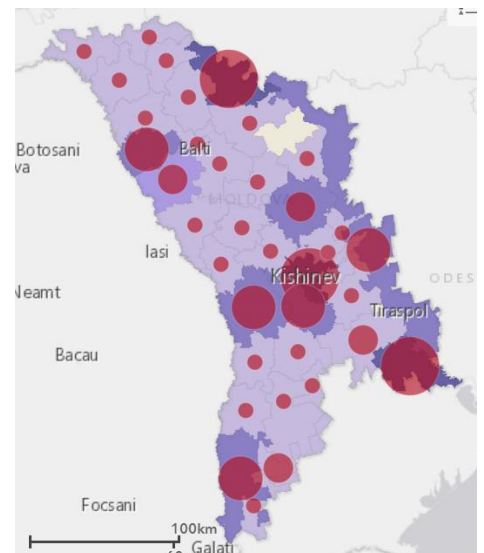
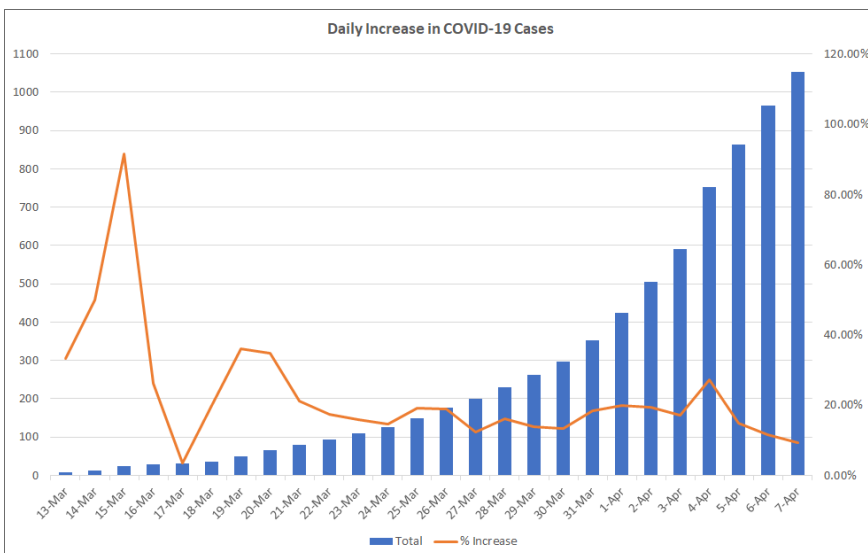
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## Highlights – data as reported by national authorities\*



- Three more coronavirus-related deaths have been reported today, bringing the total number of reported deaths to 22. The patients were a 54-year-old woman who was admitted to the hospital on 4 April and two men, both 68 years of age, admitted to the hospital on 3 April and 6 April in critical condition.
- The total number of confirmed cases continued to grow over the past few days but at a slower rate. Today, 91 new cases have been reported after the processing of 510 tests, which is the highest number of tests performed in a day since the beginning of the outbreak. Currently, there are 1,056 confirmed cases in the country, which represents an approximately 9.5% increase in cases compared to yesterday.
- Out of the total number of confirmed cases, 40 patients have recovered. At the same time, according to the latest information available, 77 of the existing patients with Covid-19 are in serious condition.
- The share of local transmission cases continued to grow further in the total number of cases, with nearly 9 out of every 10 cases now being of the local transmission type.
- The share of women in the population infected with the virus has also increased since the last report. Until now, 632 women have been infected with the virus vs. 424 men (60% vs 40%).

- In terms of geographical distribution, nearly all areas of the country have been affected by the outbreak. However, some areas have been affected more than others. If absolute numbers are considered, Chisinau, with 351 registered cases, which represents one third of all confirmed cases, has been the most affected area in the country. Stefan Voda and Soroca follow in the list of areas with the highest number of cases with 158 and 135 confirmed cases, respectively. Taken together, these three areas account for a little over 60% of all confirmed cases. Another 59 confirmed cases were registered in the Transnistria region, which represents 6% of all cases. Glodeni (42) and Hincesti (38) account for about 4% of all cases each, and Ialoveni (36), Cahul (34) and Orhei (31) account for approximately 3% of all cases each. All other districts have fewer than 30 cases and account for the remaining approximately 15% of all confirmed cases.
- The number of suspected cases stands at 215 and about 37,000 people are quarantined at home.
- Individuals in the 50-59 age group continue to be most affected by the disease. One quarter of all confirmed cases fall in this group. Those in the 30-39, 40-49 and 60-69 age groups account for 15%-17% of all cases each. Taken together, these four groups account for approximately 75% of all confirmed cases. Those in the 20-29 age range account for another 11% of all cases. Children, adolescents and adults over 70 years of age continue to be the least directly affected groups.



## Overview of Key Decisions & Announcements

- The MoH has increased the number of hospitals that will treat Covid-19 cases to 27, the number of ventilators and ICU has also been increased. The preparation of the MoldExpo to triage cases is in progress and will likely be opened by 8 April.
- The Moldova 2030 Multi-Donor Trust Fund Covid-19 window should go live on 9 April. An information package regarding this will be shared in the next sitrep.
- The UN Secretary-General has launched a UN Covid-19 Response & Recovery Fund which is expected to have \$1bn in the first 9-months. In case Moldova is selected to participate, the UN Country Team will begin to develop concept notes that we can pull together to create a larger multi-agency programme. The fund ToR can be found [here](#)
- Education, Social-Economic, Migration Task and Big Data for Covid-19 Response Teams are meeting virtually regularly. More information below of ongoing interventions.
- According to Google's Community Mobility Report on Moldova (updated 29 March), since 8 March, the mobility trend for places like restaurants, cafes, shopping centers, theme parks, museums, libraries, and movie theaters has decreased by 67%, for grocery stores and pharmacies a 44% decrease and a 68% decrease for public transport. For more information, see [here](#).

## 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

- **New Measures of note from the Commission on Emergency Situation**
  - The days of April 7 - April 17, 2020 are days off for all units in the public sector and public institutions/local authorities, with exception:
    - Health-care institutions, public health and logistical 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 at all levels (early education, institutions of primary, secondary, technical, higher education, extracurricular education and special education), learning will be done on line/remotely
  - The recovery of these days will be carried out in the manner established by the Government, after lifting the state of emergency.
  - The unique allowance in the amount of 16 thousand lei is established for the employees from the budgetary authorities/institutions and the public medical-sanitary institutions, which over time in the exercise of the duties of service were infected with Covid-19.
  - The unique allowances will be allocated from the fund Government intervention.
  - The unique allowances established shall not apply to tax income, compulsory state social insurance contributions, individual contributions of compulsory state social insurance, compulsory health insurance premiums.
  - The National Insurance Company in Medicine will insure in full volume financing the costs of nutrition needed for patients in the Medical Institution -Public Sanitary Center COVID-19 Chisinau (state identification number (IDNO):1020600013951), from the account of the compulsory insurance funds.
  - It is suspended for the period April 7, 2020 - April 20, 2020, the activity of the Public Medical-Sanitary Institution Rayon Hospital Stefan Voda (state identification number (IDNO): 1003608150228), in connection with the establishment of the quarantine regime for the city of Stefan Voda and based on the approach of the local public administration authorities.

**Transnistria Region:**

- As of Tuesday morning, there have been 54 cases of Covid-19 registered in the Transnistria Region, 43 people are undergoing treatment at the Slobodzey Hospital, and three individuals from the region have died.
- In the Transnistria Region, the hotline at the Operational Headquarters continues to function and to date has received 19,000 requests, including over 700 in the past day. In addition to providing consultation assistance, the residents of the region may also apply for material support through the hotline. Together with the de facto Ministry of Social Security and the administrations of local cities, a list of people in need of food is being developed. The mechanism for the targeted delivery of the food packages will be centralized, but the de facto leader also urged the heads of local administrations not to wait for decisions from Tiraspol but to initiate support measures at their level, relying on their own internal reserves.

## Resource and Mobilisation

- 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, etc
SIDA	\$32,800	One UN	Risk communication
EU	4,300,000	WHO	TBD (project in progress)
Norway	100,000	WHO	Lab Support
	<b>\$6,402,713</b>		

- Germany has offered support to procurement PPEs to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection for Euro 50,000.
- EUBAM and IOM have supported the Border Police with 12,000 Euro to purchase PPA
- For the new Covid-19 Centre at MoldExpo the Resident Coordinator's Office, UNDP, the US Embassy, USAID, StarNet, and Foundation Youth Development for Innovation have come together to ensure the administration block has all the necessary IT equipment and network service to manage patient records.
- The World Bank is working with the authorities on a US\$57 million Moldova Emergency Covid-19 Response Project. The objective of the project is to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by Covid-19 and strengthen the national system for public health preparedness. In addition to US\$34 million for health response, the project will provide US\$24 million to channel social assistance to the poor. The project is expected to be approved by mid April 2020.
- UNFPA, WHO and RCO defined the needs in PPE for 2 maternities (Institute for Mother and Child and Maternity Nr 2) which amount 906,278 USD and the needs of PPE for the network of Youth Friendly Health Clinic in the amount of 50,000 USD - which remain to be a funding gap.

- UNCT in Moldova is soon to open a window for financing and contributions for a pooled funding mechanism targeted for COVID-19 related actions. For this purpose the UNCT will update an active UN Multi Partner Trust Fund to include this window. The Trust Fund will offer the possibility for development partners to contribute funds in a pooled mechanism and then be able to quickly disburse and implement actions and procurements. The Fund is a flexible tool offering a range of advantages in terms avoiding multiple interactions between donors and implementing partners, reduced costs of transactions, provision of integrated services throughout the life cycle of pooled funds and programmes etc. More information here ([www.mptf.undp.org](http://www.mptf.undp.org))
- **WHO Partnership Platform** <https://covid-19-response.org/> has been launched. All partners are invited to participate. For more information send an email to [laura.fiorotto@un.org](mailto:laura.fiorotto@un.org). This will shortly move to also covering social and economic requirements.
- Global: The World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF last week announced an agreement to work together on Covid-19 response, through the historic Covid-19 Solidarity Response Fund powered by the United Nations Foundation and Swiss Philanthropy Foundation.

*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)*

## Preparedness & Response of UN System in Moldova

### Procurement support and Equipment

- Based on the urgent request received from newly established Covid-19 Triage Center (MoldExpo), on Saturday 4 April, IT equipment and supplies have been handed over by UNDP to the focal person. Two multi-functional copying machines, switches, connectors, LAN testers, so as cable were offered.
- Until 7 April, 19,000 units of protective gowns were delivered to the MoH. A contract amendment was signed for additional 17,400 units out of which 4000 units were already delivered. The total quantity of gowns to be procured is 36,400 units.
- UNDP has placed a PO for Mobile 10 ICU Ventilators for critical care by GPU Health Unit. The supplier has confirmed that the first units will only be available on the 15 April (FCA Beijing). Based on the information received from the MoHLSP regarding the planned air cargo charter, the information was shared with colleagues to seek the possibility of including the ventilators on this flight. At this point, it seems not feasible, given that the flight is on 15 April, however we will continue to follow up with the supplier for at least one production day earlier. Information regarding the shipment (supporting documents, weight, cubic capacity, etc.) was provided to MoHLSP and based on the common agreement it was allocated space on the charter for the first batch.
- UNICEF placed the order for the procurement of PPEs (to be cleared by Office of Emergency Programmes (EMOPS) in the amount of around 120,000 USD and equipment needed for Covid-19 response with the UNICEF Supply Division in Copenhagen. UNICEF initiated discussion with WHO and MHLSP to agree on transportation of PPEs from Shanghai to Moldova with Moldova Gt airplane on 15 April.
- UNICEF facilitated the process of procurement of medicines for Covid-19 treatment and ARV for HIV control (that are at risk of stockout) through UNICEF Supply Division from GFATM funds.
- UNFPA is looking at procurement options and funds to support procurement of PPEs for Mother and Child Institute, Maternity nr 2 and the network of Youth Friendly Health Clinics.
- More requests continue to come in from various agencies and departments (Police, Border Police, Prison Service, individual hospitals, etc). This is being monitored and collated by UN Moldova, however this is a difficult task given the number of 3rd parties inside and outside the country that have received similar requests.

## Assessment and Data

- The [real time monitoring dashboard on Covid-19](#) developed with UNFPA, WHO and RCO support has reached 818,800+ views (number of times the site is accessed) as of 7 April 2020. In addition, UNFPA is working to make the dashboard available in Russian language.
- A UN task force on Big Data convened on Monday, 30 March to explore possibilities of supporting the Government on Covid-19 response, under the leadership of UNDP. The taskforce will be convened early next week to discuss progress and next steps.
- Emergency package of support has been agreed upon with the EU and SDC based on the needs assessment conducted at the local level by the following UNDP managed projects – MiDL, EUCBM, EU Focal Regions (EU4Moldova).

## Migration

- The UNCT's Migration Task Force continues to meet and is currently looking at how Covid-19 and Moldova's migration profile will affect vulnerability and development in the country. The Task force will be fundraising for support to households that stop receiving remittances and short-term migrants that return jobless as the gig economy evaporates in Europe.
- The Task Force has submitted a \$2m proposal to the Migration MPTF this week with IOM, UNDP, UNICEF and ILO participating.

## Education and youth

- UNICEF is leading the UN coordinated Task Force on Education for Covid-19, incl. membership of WB, UNDP, UN Women, UNFPA and OHCHR. Third meeting of the UN Coordinated Education Task Force was held on 2 April. The members of the Task Force debriefed on the support planned and provided for the organization of continuity of learning.
- UNICEF met the Minister of Education, Culture and Research to discuss issues including the coordination of efforts of all partners and organization of the Coordination Council for External Assistance in the Education Sector; continuity of learning; planning of activities under the 70,000 USD catalytic funds received from GPE to answer to the challenges determined by Covid-19; UNICEF support for information and work with parents of young children; provision of nutrition to children from most vulnerable households during school closure etc.
- UNICEF included in the project proposal to donors the support for IT equipment for most deprived children.
- UNFPA in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research is developing an online programme for adolescents and youth on how to maintain mental health and psycho-social wellbeing in the context of the Covid-19 crisis which led to the closing of schools and moving to distance learning from home. The launch is planned for 15 April.

## Socio Economic Task Force

- The UNDP socio-economic impact assessment proposal has been approved by the UNDP HQ Rapid Response Facility. It will be implemented in the coming six months. UNDP will initiate the planning process which will be shared with UNCT and the SE taskforce. The conduction of this assessment is expected to complement and capitalize on existing ongoing efforts.
- The proposal focuses on: 1) impact assessment and design of recovery measures for the most vulnerable groups, men and women in the context of (rising) urban-rural divide as well as income and non-inequalities, faced by most vulnerable; 2) impact of the crisis on local private sector, existing supply and sales chains, on trade and competitiveness of the enterprises of all types and size, by prioritized sectors and locations of the companies, in coordination with development partners and using newly available evidence from alternative sources of data.
- The PM office confirmed the support to the Economic and Social Impact Task and assigned a focal point (Adrian Ermurachi, Deputy Secretary General of the Government). It has also supported the development of an impact assessment to be carried out by UNDP.



- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 April at 10.00 am. Membership has been expanded to include additional development partners (USAID, Council of Europe, OSCE).

## Gender

- [On 4 April](#), UNFPA and UN Women with support from Sweden, joined efforts to deliver essential preventive materials and items to women survivors of violence, including those with children across the country. Through the partnership with the Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection and the National Coalition “Life without Violence” the two UN agencies collaborated with 15 public associations, public institutions and placement centers from different regions of the country to deliver these items to the vulnerable women. Materials included hygienic kits, masks and disinfectants as well as other essential products such as staple foods, liquid soap, menstrual hygiene products and baby diapers. The 15 organizations were also equipped with prevention resources/ information materials about Covid-19 prevention. There will be continuous follow up on cases of violence against women, and UN Women, UNFPA and other UN agencies will provide support to CSOs and national entities to ensure that the survivors of violence continue to access essential services including during the outbreak.

## Communications

- UNDP delivers communication trainings to 35 communities and the respective hometown associations for the organization of Easter online meetings with the Diaspora.
- EU Confidence Building Measures Programme, implemented by UNDP, is preparing for 11 April, with its partners from the both banks of Nistru, a digital conference on how to tackle the consequences of pandemic on local businesses.
- UNDP supports first 4 communities (out of the 35) beneficiaries of “Migration and Local Development Project” to conduct local communications campaigns in order to collect funds and goods for socially vulnerable people during the pandemic period. MoH has requested Russian translation support for the main press releases issued every day. RCO looking into potential funding.
- UNDP, as part of two EU-funded projects, coordinates the awareness raising actions targeting all communities (70) from Cahul and Ungheni districts, as well 20 communities across Nistru river, which will receive EU-funded support (respiratory masks, gloves, goggles, gowns, ultraviolet lamps, sanitizers) to prevent and control the spread of Covid-19 in these regions.
- A [video](#) emphasizing the need to stay at home has been produced with RCO, WHO and MoHLSP with the support of Sweden. It will be aired by all TV channels starting from 7 April. The video sends two important messages: 1. Celebrate Easter at home, in safety and 2. Stay home. Save lives. Additionally, Facebook covers and other related materials were developed.
- WHO is developing new informative leaflets with recommendations and restrictions during this period for Moldovans coming home.
- Frontline videos with doctors, police officers, military etc. are in the process of being produced with the support of RCO, WHO, MoHLSP and Sweden. Main messages sent: Thank you for staying at home and only united we can go through this.
- Floor stickers are being produced for 1,200 postal offices, groceries, pharmacies and health care offices in rural areas. Action supported by RCO, WHO, UNICEF, MoHLSP, Sweden.
- Preparing information materials on informing people of the phone line where they can report cases of violation of restrictions imposed.
- In process a video production on healthy way of #stayinghome. Action done by RCO, WHO, MoHLSP and supported by Sweden.
- UNDP started a #stayathome campaign with representatives of various groups (persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, elderly) from the right bank of Nistru, as part of joint UN-Sweden human rights programme.

- UNICEF continued to reach out to Russian speaking influencers and distributed (electronically) all translated Covid-19 related materials on the left bank of Nistru (incl. through contacts in the de facto authorities of Information and Telecommunications in Tiraspol).
- UNICEF worked with Special Olympics in Moldova to reach out to and engage parents of young children with disabilities in sport activities online, while in self isolation.
- UNICEF further worked on a global musical project that included 13 young people from Moldova and to disseminate a message of hope and solidarity. 140 musicians from 30 countries participated.
- As part of the Crisis Communication team UNICEF and WHO developed communication materials to inform the Moldovans who enter the country from Covid-19 affected countries on the importance of self isolation and the related administrative responsibility in case of non compliance. The leaflets will be available in the airport in two languages (Romanian and Russian).
- UNFPA continued to engage with young people as part of the StayHome campaign, with a focus on intergenerational messages. A video with older influencers [Lidia and Tudor Bejenaru](#) was elaborated and promoted in social media, including the version with [Russian subtitles](#) and English for the foreign audience on [Twitter](#).
- UNFPA jointly with UN Women and WHO translated in local language and promoted the regional social media package on the occasion of World Health Day dedicated to [Nurses and Midwives](#).

## Gaps/Needs Identified

- There is a funding gap of 906,278 USD for procurement of PPE for Mother and Child Institute and Maternity nr 2 and a funding gap of approx. 50,000 USD for procurement of PPE for the network of Youth Friendly Health Clinics. UNFPA is looking into different options for procurement and resource mobilisation.
- UNICEF is looking for funds needed for the procurement of IT equipment for students and teachers without access to online learning.
- The Moldovan General Police Inspectorate has requested support to procure PPEs materials for the Police.
- The overall funding gap on the WHO Partnership Platform for Moldova for immediate medical supply needs to support 20,000 patients stands at \$35m

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