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COVID-19 – Europe & Eurasia

FACT SHEET #3, FISCAL YEAR 2022

November 30, 2021

KEY FIGURES*

84.9

MILLION

Total Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Region

1.5

MILLION

Total Number of Deaths Related to COVID-19 in Region

4.2

MILLION

Total USG-donated vaccine doses to the region**

1.1

BILLION

Total Number of Vaccine Doses Administered in Region

Sources:

* Johns Hopkins University and Our World in Data, to date as of November 30, 2021

**Kaiser Family Foundation, as of November 30, 2021.

Figures are subject to change due to periodic adjustment and updating.

KEY MESSAGES

- USAID works in more than 120 countries to fight against COVID-19, including efforts to address the social and economic effects of the pandemic, mitigate its wide-ranging impacts, and support recovery from COVID-19. USAID works with partner governments, multilateral institutions, non-governmental organizations and civil society to deliver and distribute vaccines, protect and train health workers, disseminate key public health information, provide emergency food and critical humanitarian services and supplies, support continuity of basic services and social and economic support, and sustain education for millions of students. [USAID's response](#) is guided by the [U.S. COVID-19 Global Response and Recovery Framework](#). USAID's work is helping to meet the targets introduced by the September 2021 Global COVID-19 Summit convened by President Biden.
- The White House supports the World Health Organization's goal of vaccinating 70 percent of the global population by September, 2022 and pledged that the United States will be the world's vaccine arsenal. USAID plays a pivotal role in U.S. contributions to this goal. Over the next year, USAID will continue to support the donation of more than 1.2 billion U.S.-made doses to low- and lower-middle-income countries. USAID will also continue to provide financial and technical assistance to vaccine delivery and administration in more than 100 countries worldwide, helping to prepare and strengthen vaccination programs to ensure COVID-19 vaccines get into the arms of those who need them.
- COVID-19 surged in Europe and Eurasia (E&E)¹ in the fall of 2021. USAID supported national governments to develop vaccination and response plans, provided ultra cold chain infrastructure to store vaccines, and worked to expand access to and demand for vaccines. USAID continued to help central and eastern European countries address historic weaknesses in their health systems to better respond to the pandemic. Across the region, USAID has trained health care workers, improved laboratory and hospital capacity, distributed hygiene commodities and medical supplies, and improved access to essential services.

TOTAL USAID FUNDING FOR THE COVID-19 RESPONSE IN E&E²

USAID Bureau for Europe & Eurasia (E&E)	\$18,260,000
USAID Bureau for Development, Democracy and Innovation (DDI)	\$10,000,000
USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA)	\$61,376,234
USAID Bureau for Global Health (GH)	\$58,313,132
	\$147,949,366

¹The Europe and Eurasia region includes Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, the U.K., and Ukraine.

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KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- After a decline in daily case counts and deaths during the summer months, central and eastern Europe entered a new, protracted wave of COVID-19 infections and deaths fueled by the Delta variant, with daily cases peaking at levels higher than the previous wave in March 2021. Georgia, Serbia, Romania and Ukraine were particularly hard hit. In Ukraine, the surge led to an unprecedented number of daily deaths—among the highest in the world—and resulted in hospitals reaching capacity and health care workers struggling to keep up. Although cases started to decline in November, Georgia has had one of the longest extended surges in cases of the pandemic.
- Vaccine confidence remains low in the region and vaccination rates still lag behind those of Western Europe. However, an increase in vaccination uptake in October and November coincided with the latest surge in cases. Many governments in the region have started to institute vaccination or testing requirements to enter workplaces, restaurants and other public spaces, and some are also testing the distribution of cash and other incentives to get vaccinated. Azerbaijan, Kosovo, Montenegro, and Serbia have fully vaccinated over 40 percent of their population.

USAID RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

FACILITATE ACCESS TO SAFE AND EFFECTIVE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

- The United States has committed to share more than 1.2 billion vaccines with the world, including with countries in the Europe and Eurasia region. Three countries in E&E are eligible to receive donated commodities through COVAX: Kosovo, which has received 739,000 doses; Moldova, which has received 535,000 doses; and Ukraine, which received four million doses. Most other countries in the region have self-financed vaccines through COVAX—securing roughly 21 million doses—and have purchased vaccines from other sources. As of November 2021, inadequate supply is not hindering vaccine administration for the E&E region; but addressing concerns with specific populations about the importance of getting a vaccine, and administering doses.
- USAID is partnering with UNICEF, WHO and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to support national vaccination campaigns in most countries in the region, with an emphasis on strengthening communications and expanding vaccine delivery to ensure that all people, including the most vulnerable and remote populations, have access to COVID-19 vaccines. USAID is also helping countries in the region acquire ultra cold chain storage to increase their capacity to store and transport mRNA vaccines. Low vaccine confidence is a pervasive issue throughout the region. To address this critical issue and promote effective vaccine delivery, USAID is undertaking efforts that focus on understanding and addressing the reasons underlying low confidence, as well as ways to counter misinformation and disinformation. USAID is also working on these issues with multinational organizations in three countries with low vaccine uptake where USAID does not have Missions: Romania, Bulgaria, and Montenegro.
- In Kosovo, USAID is working with UNICEF to expand access to information about COVID-19 vaccines and the reach of the Government of Kosovo's vaccination campaign to the hardest-to-reach communities through temporary vaccination sites in particularly marginalized communities with low vaccine uptake. Over 8,000 volunteers engaged in door-to-door campaigns in marginalized Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities in 13 Kosovo municipalities to raise awareness, address concerns, and increase vaccine confidence and uptake. Community-level efforts have helped Kosovo increase its vaccine coverage, with 42 percent of the total population now fully vaccinated.

REDUCE MORBIDITY, MITIGATE TRANSMISSION, AND STRENGTHEN HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

- In Moldova, USAID is working with partners to provide critical laboratory equipment to increase capacity for COVID-19 testing and genomic sequencing to detect variants of the virus in circulation. The ability to sequence COVID-19 variants not only helps the country with their own response, but can also feed critical information about the spread of existing variants and the emergence of new strains of the virus to the global response. Updated laboratory capacity will help Moldova strengthen its

health system beyond COVID-19, to include giving them the ability to distinguish between bacterial and viral infections— a critical step to decreasing the unnecessary use of antibiotics that contribute to antibiotic resistant infections.

- In Azerbaijan, USAID has partnered with UKAid and WHO to provide primary health care services to residents in rural villages through mobile clinics. These mobile clinics help address reduced access to health care resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. USAID previously helped establish 12 medical training centers, equipped with medical and information technology equipment, and trained 3,000 local health care workers.

ADDRESS ACUTE NEEDS DRIVEN BY COVID-19

- Throughout the recent surge in Ukraine, USAID has been working in conflict-affected areas to strengthen the country’s COVID-19 response capacity, including through infection prevention and control and risk communication and community engagement activities, and by providing logistical and training support to health care facilities. Partners are also distributing essential medical supplies and improving the capacity of healthcare centers in conflict-affected areas to detect, prevent, and control transmission of COVID-19. USAID programs also conduct sanitation and hygiene awareness activities, distribute hygiene commodities to vulnerable populations, and install handwashing stations and water points in public venues in eastern Ukraine. USAID partners in Ukraine are also offering mental health psychosocial support services to children, gender-based violence survivors, persons with disabilities, and older people who have been particularly vulnerable to the impacts of the pandemic.

BOLSTER ECONOMIES AND OTHER CRITICAL SYSTEMS

- In Armenia, USAID is boosting economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic by assisting farmers, agricultural cooperatives, and small businesses to overcome challenges, sustain their market share, and regain footing for future economic recovery and growth. USAID is also creating jobs and livelihood opportunities in disadvantaged communities impacted by the pandemic.
- In Bosnia and Herzegovina, USAID is bolstering access to education, hard hit by the pandemic, by helping learning institutions develop new technologies to adapt to online learning and by building the capacity of social welfare institutions to strengthen social protection programs.
- An emergency program in Italy that USAID launched in early 2020 is coming to a close. USAID assisted small businesses to develop the capacity to manufacture PPE and other medical equipment and provided support for medical NGOs to train health care workers and equip facilities to respond effectively to this and future pandemics.

USAID FUNDING FOR THE E&E COVID-19 RESPONSE³

BUREAU	PARTNERS	AMOUNT
Albania		
USAID/E&E	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Health Organization (WHO)	\$1,375,500
USAID/GH	UNICEF, WHO	\$2,050,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN ALBANIA		\$3,425,500
Armenia		
USAID/E&E	ICARE Foundation, Smithsonian Institution, UNICEF	\$1,700,000
USAID/GH	American University of Armenia Fund, IFRC, UNICEF, WHO	\$4,650,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN ARMENIA		\$6,350,000
Azerbaijan		
USAID/E&E	Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture	\$1,000,000
USAID/GH	IFRC, UNICEF, WHO	\$4,000,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN AZERBAIJAN		\$5,000,000
Belarus		
USAID/E&E	WHO	\$2,800,000

USAID/GH	UNICEF, WHO	\$1,700,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BELARUS		\$4,500,000
Bosnia-Hercegovina		
USAID/E&E	IBTCI, UNICEF, WHO	\$2,600,734
USAID/GH	UNICEF, WHO	\$2,150,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA		\$4,750,734
Bulgaria		
USAID/E&E	IFRC	\$2,600,000
USAID/GH	IFRC	\$500,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN BULGARIA		\$3,100,000
Eastern European Regional		
USAID/E&E	German Marshall Fund of the United States	\$5,000,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN EASTERN EUROPEAN REGIONAL		\$5,000,000
Georgia		
USAID/E&E	IFRC, UNICEF, ZINC	\$3,900,000
USAID/GH	IFRC, UNICEF, WHO	\$2,650,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN GEORGIA		\$6,550,000
Italy		
USAID/DDI	DAI	\$10,000,000
USAID/E&E	AVSI,COMUNITA SANTEGIDIO, CRS - USCCB,IBTCI,MEDICI CON LAFRICA,ROTARY FOUNDATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, THE, SALESIAN MISSIONS, INC.,SAMARITANS PURSE,UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER ITALY SRL,	\$20,000,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics	\$20,000,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN ITALY		\$50,000,000
Kosovo		
USAID/E&E	UNICEF	\$2,500,000
USAID/GH	Chemonics, UNICEF, WHO	\$2,113,132
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN KOSOVO		\$4,613,132
North Macedonia		
USAID/E&E	UNICEF, WHO	\$2,700,000
USAID/GH	UNICEF, WHO	\$1,500,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN NORTH MACEDONIA		\$4,200,000
Moldova		
USAID/E&E	UNICEF, WHO	\$2,800,000
USAID/GH	UNICEF, WHO	\$4,150,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN MOLDOVA		\$6,950,000
Montenegro		
USAID/E&E	WHO	\$2,700,000
USAID/GH	IFRC	\$300,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN MONTENEGRO		\$3,000,000
Romania		
USAID/E&E	IFRC, UNICEF	\$2,400,000
USAID/GH	IFRC	\$800,000

USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN ROMANIA		\$3,200,000
Russia		
USAID/GH	Chemonics	\$5,600,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN RUSSIA		\$5,600,000
Serbia		
USAID/E&E	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), WHO	\$3,700,000
USAID/GH	UNICEF, WHO	\$2,050,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN SERBIA		\$5,750,000
Turkey		
USAID/BHA	World Food Program (WFP)	\$1,760,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN TURKEY		\$1,760,000
Ukraine		
USAID/BHA	Implementing Partners, UN-OCHA, UNICEF, WHO	\$16,500,000
USAID/E&E	Implementing Partners, WHO	\$3,600,000
USAID/GH	Implementing Partners, UNICEF, WHO	\$4,100,000
USAID FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN UKRAINE		\$24,200,000
TOTAL USAID FUNDING FOR THE E&E COVID-19 RESPONSE⁴		\$147,949,366

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⁴ This total does not include funding for USAID operating expenses (OE). Of the \$95 million in CAREs Act appropriated for COVID-19-related OE, approximately \$73 million had been obligated as of November 30, 2021. In addition, USAID transferred \$7 million in ESF-COVID funding (Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act) to the USAID OE Account. Of the \$41 million appropriated in ARPA OE, USAID has obligated \$13 million.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to organizations that are conducting relief operations. USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed; can be transferred quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietarily, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at USAID Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org.
- USAID has established an inbox (covid-pse@usaid.gov) to coordinate private sector engagement around the COVID-19 response. In addition, the UN supports an initiative for businesses seeking to donate money, goods or services. Please visit connectingbusiness.org for more information.
- Finally, USAID reminds the public that it may accept unsolicited applications and proposals. The Agency has set up a COVID-19 Concepts portal at: <https://www.usaid.gov/coronavirus/funding-requests-unsolicited-proposals>