

Access to viral hepatitis services by refugees from Ukraine in the WHO European Region

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Addressing Viral Hepatitis Among Europe's Migrant and Refugee Population: lessons learnt and the way forward

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Methods

- UNHCR, Eurostat, WHO, CDAF data, EMCDDA and HRI reports
- 10 countries in the Ukrainian Refugee Response Plan + Russian Federation
- National Strategic Plans on viral hepatitis and substance use disorder treatment and care
- Official guidance issued to health workforce and/or refugees after full-scale invasion of Ukraine
 - Decree/orders issued by Ministry of Health, sanitary authorities or disclosed in dedicated portal for refugees from Ukraine
- Search in English and country language:
 - “(recommendation OR guidance OR guidelines OR orientation) AND (“Ukrainian refugees” OR “refugees from Ukraine” OR (Ukraine AND refugee) AND (viral hepatitis OR hepatitis) AND (Poland OR Czechia OR “Czech Republic” OR Slovakia OR “Slovak Republic” OR Moldova OR Romania OR Bulgaria OR Hungary OR Latvia OR Lithuania OR Estonia OR “Russian Federation” OR “Russia”))”



Ukraine refugee situation and host country response to hepatitis

Member State	Refugees from Ukraine recorded in country	Refugees from Ukraine who applied for Asylum, TP or similar protection	(per 1,000 population)	National Strategic Plan for viral hepatitis	Date of last NSP	Recommendation for testing refugees from Ukraine for VH
Poland	956 635	1 640 510	44.2	No	N/A	?
Czechia	381 400	589 285	55.2	No	N/A	Yes (28/03/2022)
Slovakia	117 265	139 955	25.8	No	N/A	Yes (27/04/2022)
Republic of Moldova	116 855	42 435	16.7	Yes	2017—2021*	Yes (03/03/2022)
Romania	77 250	159 315	8.4	Yes	2019—2030	Testing is available
Bulgaria	72 775	179 290	27.7	Yes	2021	Yes (01/04/2022)
Hungary	66 135	41 810	4.3	No	N/A	No [†]
Latvia	47 615	53 750	28.6	Yes	2018—2020	No [‡]
Lithuania	41 490	84 695	29.9	No	N/A	No [‡]
Estonia	38 020	58 210	43.1	No	N/A	No [‡]
Russian Federation	1 212 585	34 265	0.2	Yes	2022	?

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Member State	Access to health services	Childhood and/or catch-up Hep B immunization	HR & Policy (EMCDDA, HRI)	OAMT (EMCDDA, HRI)	Mental Health (refugees from Ukraine)	Patient support (refugees from Ukraine)
Poland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Czechia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slovakia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Republic of Moldova	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Romania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bulgaria	Yes	Yes	Not operational	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hungary	Yes [§]	?	No	No	?	Yes [§]
Latvia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lithuania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Estonia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Russian Federation	?	?	No	No	?	?