

Better Healthcare Services for All Children and Mothers

In order to address the needs of pregnant women, new-borns and their families and to improve the capacities of health workers in the Transnistrian region, European Union, Swiss Development Cooperation Agency (SDC) and UNICEF joined efforts and launched the two-year project “Strengthening the perinatal system and immunization chain in the Transnistrian region”.¹

OVERVIEW

The project works to improve access to and quality of the perinatal care and immunization services in the Transnistrian region. The activities focus on the well-being of pregnant women and safe delivery, emergency obstetrical services, assistance for the new-borns, and increased knowledge of child health for families and medical staff.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 56 health professionals from Tiraspol, Bender, Ribnita and Slobozia are better prepared to act in emergencies due to 4 four-day simulation trainings on obstetrical emergencies organized in Chisinau between November 2013 and April 2014;
- 64 health professionals from Tiraspol, Bender, Ribnita and Slobozia have increased knowledge on neonatal resuscitation thanks to 4 one-day trainings delivered in Chisinau in December 2013 and April 2014;
- The “*Future Mother’s Guide*”, an important information tool for mothers, was revised, adapted and translated into Russian language for distribution (10, 000 copies);
- 15 clinical protocols for medical staff were revised, translated into Russian language and submitted to Transnistrian partners.

NEXT STEPS

- All health professionals from seven maternities in the Transnistrian region will be trained in simulation courses on obstetrical emergencies and neonatal resuscitation;
- Two to three maternities will benefit from a training course on *Effective Perinatal Care* planned for June 2014;
- Health managers will attend a basic course on *B.A.B.I.E.S. and Total Quality Management* planned for June 2014;
- Assessment of cold chain equipment for immunization will be completed;
- Procurement of equipment and supplies for cold chain;
- Training of professionals responsible for the cold chain;
- Development of information materials on promotion of immunization: Leaflet on “*Child’s Immunization*”, “*Practical Guide on Immunization for primary health care professionals*” and other materials;
- Training of health professionals on immunization;
- Printing and dissemination of 15 clinical protocols to medical staff.

Project Card

Duration: March 2013

– October 2015;

Total budget: 502,300 USD;

Focus areas: Perinatal care and immunization;

Beneficiaries: Pregnant women, new-borns, their families, health workers;

Targeted areas: Transnistrian region;

Donors: European Union, SDC;

Main implementer: UNICEF;

Partners: Local Transnistrian health authorities, Association of Perinatal Medicine.



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Health workers from Transnistrian region learn how to address emergencies at the Simulation Centre hosted by the Institute of Mother and Child in Chisinau.

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