

**Statement by the Republic of Moldova
to EUR/RC70/8 (K) Progress report on implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan
for Refugee and Migrant Health in the WHO European Region**

Migrants' health is an important issue for the Republic of Moldova, which requires an integrated approach with the implementation of an adequate migration policy, in line with the policy promoted at the level of the European Union.

The cooperation of the Republic of Moldova with international structures specialized in the field of migration (International Organization for Migration, International Labour Organization, High Commissioner for Refugees) contributed to the development of a new Concept in the field of providing medical services and health care for migrants. Thus, on the one hand, it promotes the distribution of the country's internal human resources, according to needs, with employment of migrant contingent resources, and on the other hand, the protection of people involved in migration, against the danger to health and exposure to harmful factors.

In recent years, a number of measures have been taken in the Republic of Moldova to streamline the social integration mechanisms of migrants, by facilitating the access to medical services and ensuring the same rights and obligations for foreign nationals as for citizens of the Republic of Moldova in the system of compulsory health insurance.

In order to implement the provisions of Law No. 274/2011 on the integration of foreigners in the Republic of Moldova, a number of legislative acts have been amended. Thus, according to the new provisions, the Government has the status of insured for foreign beneficiaries of a form of protection, included in a programme of integration, during its implementation period.

Foreigners officially employed in the Republic of Moldova on the basis of an individual employment contract, foreigners with a permanent residence permit in the Republic of Moldova, as well as refugees and beneficiaries of humanitarian protection, have the same rights and obligations in the field of compulsory health insurance. Foreigners, who have been granted the right of temporary residence in the Republic of Moldova for family reunification, studies, humanitarian or religious activities, enjoy the right to individual insurance by paying contributions for compulsory health insurance in a fixed amount unless international treaties provide for otherwise.

As part of the compulsory health insurance, insured persons benefit from medical assistance in the amount set forth in the Single Programme of Compulsory Health Insurance, developed within the funds of compulsory health insurance.

In order to provide protection measures to children without parental care due to migration, activities are carried out by paying special attention to preventive medical examinations, creation of individual educational programmes and, when necessary, organization of appropriate treatment and rehabilitation, provision of services to prevent alcohol and drug addiction among children without parental care, promoting a healthy lifestyle, etc.

Measures have been taken by the Government to improve the management of the mobility of medical workers, including: analysis of the situation in the field of human resources in the system of medical assistance, informing the medical staff in the country and abroad, through the website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection, regarding the availability of vacancies in the national system, development of modules for remote learning courses for doctors and nurses who plan to return home.